

THE SECONDE BOKE of the Chronicles.

THE ARGUMENT.

T*His seconde boke containeth briefly in effect that, which is comprehended in the two bokes
of the Kings: that is, from the reigne of Salomon to the destruction of Ierusalem, and the*
E*b.iii.*

II. Chronicles.

caryng away of the people captiue into Babylon. In this storie are certē things declar- ed and set forth more copiously then in the booke of the Kings; and therefore serue greatly to the vnderstanding of the Prophetes. But three things are here chiefly to be considered. First that the godlie Kings, when they sawe the plagues of God prepared against their countrey for saine, had recourse to the Lord, and by earnest prayer were heard, and the plagues removed. The seconde how it is a thing that greatly offendeth God, that suche as feare him and professe his religion, shoulde toyne in amitie with the wicked. And thirdely how the good rulers euer loued the Pro- phetes of God, and were very zealous to set forth his religion t'roughout all their dominions, and contrarie wise the wicked hated his ministers, deposed them, and for the true religion and worde of God, set vp idolatrie, and serued God according to the fantasie of men. Thus haue we hitherto the chief actes from the beginning of the worlde to the buylding agayne of Ierusalem, which was the two and thirtieth yere of Darus; and contēue in the w'ole, thre thousand, fōrtē hundred and foure score and eight yeres, and six moneths.

C H A P. I.

1 The offering of Salomōn at Gibeōn. *2* He prayeth vnto God to giue him wisdome. *11* Which he graunteth him and more. *14* The number of his charets and horsen, *15* And of his riches.

a Or, Rehb'ford, and freng. *b* King 3.1.

n That is, he proclaimed a solemne sacri- fice, and com- manded that all shoulde be at the same.

b Read 1. King 3.4. *c* So called, because that God thereby shewed cer- taine signes to the congrega- tion of his pre- sence.

d Which was for the burnt offerings, Exod. 27.1. *e* And 27.1.

1 King 4.4.

n Performe thy games made to my fa- ther concer- ning me. *f* That I may gouerne this people, read 1. Chro 27.1.

g That is, to be seued on the w' cocumers.

HÉ Salomōn the sōne of Dauid was cōfirmed in his kingdome: & y^e Lord his God was with him, & magnified him highlie. And Salomōn spake vnto all Israël, to the cap- taines of thousands, and of hūdreth and to the iudges, and to all the gouernours in all Israël, *esses* the chief fathers.

3 So Salomōn and all the Congregation with him went to the hie place that was at Gibeōn: for there was the Tabernacle of the Cōgregation of God which Mo- ses the seruant of the Lord had made in the wildernes.

4 But the Arke of God had Dauid broght vp from Kiriath-yearim, when Dauid had made preparacion for it: for he had pitched a tent for it in Ierusalēm.

5 Moreouer the *4* brazen altar * that Beza- leel the sonne of Uri, the sonne of Hur had made, did he set before the Tabernacle of the Lord: and Salomōn and the Cōgrega- tion sought it.

6 And Salomōn offred there before y^e Lord vpon the brazen altar that was in the Ta- bernacle of the Congregation: * euen a thousand burnt offerings offred he vpon it.

7 ¶ The same night did God appeare vnto Salomōn, and said vnto him, Aske what I shal giue thee.

8 And Salomōn said vnto God, Thou hast shewed great mercie vnto Dauid my father and hast made me to reigne in his steade.

9 Now therefore, o Lord God, let thy promes vnto Dauid my father be * true: for thou hast made me King ouer a great people, like to the dust of the earth.

10 Giue me now wisdome and knowledge, y^e I may go out & go in before this peo- ple: for who cā iudge this thy great people?

11 And God said to Salomōn, Because this was in thine heart, & thou hast not asked riches, treasures nor honour, nor the li-

ues of thine enemies, nether yet hast asked long life, but hast asked for thee wisdome & knowledge that thou mightest iudge my people, ouer whome I haue made thee King,

12 Wisdome & knowledge is granted vnto thee, and I wil giue thee riches and treasu- res and honour, so that there hath not bene the like among the Kings w^h were before thee, nether after thee shal there be y^e like.

13 Then Salomōn came from the hie place, that was at Gibeōn, to Ierusalēm from be- fore the Tabernacle of the Congregaciō, and reigned ouer Israël.

14 * And Salomōn gathered the charets & horsmen: and he had a thousand and foure hūdreth charets, & twelue thousand hors- men, whome he placed in the *h* charet ci- ties, and with the King at Ierusalēm.

15 And the King gaue siluer and golde at Ierusalēm as *h* stones, & gaue cedre trees as the wilde fig trees, that are abundantly in the plaine.

16 Also Salomōn had horses broght out of Egypt and * fine linen: * the Kings mar- chants receiued the fine linen for a price.

17 They came vp also and broght out of Egypt some charet, worthe six hundreth she- kels of siluer, that is an hoise for an hun- dreth and fiftie: & thus they broght horses to all the Kings of the Hittites, and to the Kings of Arām by their *h* meanes.

C H A P. II.

1 The number of Salomons workemen to buylde the Tem- ple. *2* Salomōn sendeth to Hurām the King of Tyrus for wood and workemen.

HÉ Salomōn determined to buyld an *h* house for the Name of the Lord, & an *h* house for his kingdome.

2 And Salomōn tolde our seuentie thou- sand that bare burdens, and foure score thousand men to hewe *h* stones in the moun- taine, and thre thousand and *h* six hūdreth to ouersee them.

3 And Salomōn sent to Hurām the King of Tyrus, sayig, As thou hast done to Dauid my father, & * didest send him cedre trees to buyld h^e an house to dwell in, so do to me.

4 Beholde, I buyld an house vnto the Na- me of y^e Lord my God, to sanctifie it.

1 King 10.20

h Which were cities appointed to keepe & mainteine the charets

i He caused so great plente that it was no more esteemed then stones

1 Sai. 19.9. *2* King 27.2. *k* Read 1. King 10.20.

h For houses,

h Or, palace.

a Which is to be vnderstand of all sorte of officers & ouerseeers for els the chief officers were but 3300, as 1 King 5.16. *Or, Hurām.*

2 Sam. 5. 22.

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him, & to burne swete incense before him, and for the continual shewbread, & for the burnt offerings of the morning & evening, on the Sabbath daies, & in the newe moneths, and in the solemne feastes of the Lord our God: this is a perpetual thing for Israel.

5 And the house which I buyld, is great: for great is our God about all gods.

6 Who is he that can be able to buyld him an house, when the heauen, and the heauen of heauens can not containe him? who am I then? I shulde buyld him an house: but I do it to burne incense before him.

7 Send me now therefore a cunning man that can worke in golde, in siluer, and in brasse, and in yron, and in purple, and in crimosin and blew silk, and that can graue in grauen worke with the cunning men: I am with me in Iudah and in Ierusalem, whome Dauid my father hath prepared.

8 Send me also cedre trees, firre trees, and Algummim trees from Lebanon: for I knowe that thy seruants can skill to hewe timbre in Lebanon: and beholde, my seruants shall be with thine,

9 That they may prepare me timbre in abundance: for the house which I do buyld, is great and wonderful.

10 And beholde, I wil giue to thy seruants the cutters and the hewers of timbre twentie thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twentie thousand measures of barley, and twentie thousand baths of wine, and twentie thousand baths of oyle.

11 Then Hiram King of Tyrus answered in writing which he sent to Salomon, Because the Lord hath loued his people, he hath made thee King ouer them.

12 Huram said moreover, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel which made the heauen and the earth, and that hath giuen vnto Dauid the King a wise sonne, that hath the discretion, prudence and vnderstanding to buyld an house for the Lord, and a palace for his king dome.

13 Now therefore I haue sent a wise man, of vnderstanding of my father Hurams,

14 The sonne of a woman of the daughters of Dan: and his father was a man of Tyrus, & he can skill to worke in golde, in siluer, in brasse, in yron, in stone, and in timbre, in purple, in blew silk, and in fine linen and in crimosin, and can graue in all grauen works, and broder in all broyded worke that shall be giue him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord Dauid thy father.

15 Now therefore the wheat and the barley, the oyle & the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send vnto his seruants.

16 And we wil cut wood in Lebanon as much as thou shalt nede, and wil bring it

to thee in iafres by the sea to Iapho, so thou mayest cary them to Ierusalem.

17 ¶ And Salomon nombred all the strangers that were in the land of Israel, after the nombing that his father Dauid had nombred them: and they were founde an hundred and thre and fiftie thousand, and six hundred.

18 And he set seuentie thousand of them to the burden, and fourescore thousand to hewe stones in the mountaine, & thre thousand and six hundred ouerseers to cause the people to worke.

CHAP. III.

The Temple of the Lord, and the porche are buylded, with other things thereto belonging.

1 SO Salomon began to buyld the house of the Lord in Ierusalem, in mount Moriah which had bene declared vnto Dauid his father, in the place that Dauid prepared in the threshing floore of Ornan the Iebusite.

2 And he began to buyld in the seconde moneth of the seconde day, in the fourth yere of his reigne.

3 And these are the measures, whereon Salomon grounded to buyld the house of God: the length of cubites after the first measure was threescore cubites, & the breadth twenty cubites:

4 And the porche, was before the length in the fronte of the breadth was twentie cubites, and the height was an hundred and twentie, & he ouerlaid it within with pure golde.

5 And the greater house he syled with firre tree which he ouerlaid with good golde, & graued thereon palm trees & chaines.

6 And he ouerlaid the house with precious stone for beautie: and the golde was golde of Paruaim.

7 The house, I say, the beames, postes, and walles thereof and the doores thereof ouerlaid he with golde, and graued Cherubims vpon the walles.

8 He made also the house of the moste holy place: the length thereof was in the fronte of the breadth of the house, twentie cubites, and the breadth thereof twentie cubites: and he ouerlaid it with the best golde, of six hundred talents.

9 And the weight of the nailes was fiftie shekels of golde, and he ouerlaid the chambers with golde.

10 ¶ And in the house of the moste holy place he made two Cherubims wight like children, and ouerlaid them with golde.

11 And the wings of the Cherubims were twenty cubites long: the one wing was five cubites, reaching to the wall of the house, and the other wing five cubites, reaching to the wing of the other Cherub.

b That is, to do that seruice which he hath commanded, signifying that none is able to honour & serue God in that perfectio as his maiestie desireth

c Some take it for brasil, or the wood called Ebenum, others for corall

d Of Bath

read 1 King 7:26 it is called also Ephai but Ephai is to measure drye things, as bath is a measure for liquors.

e The very heathen confessed that it was a singular gift of God, when he gaue to any nation a King that was wise & of vnderstanding, albeit it appeareth that this Hiram had true knowledge of God if it is allowed, that the was of the tribe of Naphthali, King 7:14 which may be vnderstand that by reason of the confusion of tribes, it then becometh to be, that were tribes, so that by her faith she might be of Dan, and by her mother of Naphthali.

107. in ppe. 101. upper.

1 King 7:28

a Which is the mountaine where Abraham thought to haue sacrificed his sonne, Gen 22:2.

1 Sam. 2:14

b According to the whole length of the Temple, comprehending the most holy place & the rest. c It contained as much as did the breadth of the Temple, 1 King 6:1 d From the foundation to the top for in the booke of Kings mencio is made, from the fundatio to the fifth Raze. e Some thinke it is the place which is called Peru.

Ornaments for the Temple. II. Chron.

12 Likewise the wing of the other Cherúb was five cubites, reaching to the wall of the house, and the other wing five cubites joyning to the wing of the other Cherúb.
 13 The wings of these Cherubims were spread abroad twentie cubites: they stode on their fete and their faces were toward the house.

f Which separated the Temple from the moste holy place.

g Everie one was eight cubites long but the hylt of the colde not be free for it was hid in the roundness of the chapter & therefore he guesh to euerie one but 17, and an hylt. *h* For euerie piller an hundredth, read. 1. King 7, 10.

14 ¶ He made also the vaile of blew silke and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, & wrought Cherubims thereon.
 15 ¶ And he made before the house two pillars of sixe and thirtie cubites hie: and the chapter that was vpon the top of eche of them, was five cubites.
 16 He made also chaines for the oracle, and put them on the heades of the pillars, and made an hundredth pomegranates, and put them among the chaines.
 17 And he set vp the pillars before the Temple, one on the right hand & the other on the left, and called that on the right hand Iachin, and that on the left hand Bóaz.

CHAP. III.

1 The altar of brass 2 The molten Sea 3 The caldrons. 7 The candlestickes, &c.

2. Chron. 4, 2.

a A great vessel of brass, so called because of the great quantity of water, & it contained, 1 King 7, 23
b Meaning, vnder the brim of the vessel, as 1, King, 7, 24
c In the length of euerie cubite were 1000
d In 1, King, 7, 26 mention is onely made of two thousand but the lesse number was 1000 there, & here according as the measures afterward are declared
e Euen as this should be made.

1 And he made an altar of brass twentie cubites long, and twentie cubites broad, and ten cubites hie.
 2 And he made a molten Sea of ten cubites from brim to brim, rounde in compass, and five cubites hie: and a line of thirtie cubites did compass it about.
 3 And vnder it was the facion of oxen which did compass it round about, ten in a cubite compassing the Sea about two rowes of oxen were cast when it was molten.
 4 It stode vpon twelue oxen: thre looked toward the North, and thre toward the West, & thre toward the South, and thre toward the East, and the Sea stode about vpon them, and all their hinder partes were inward.
 5 And the thickenes thereof was an hand breadth, and the brim thereof was like the worke of the brim of a cup, with floures of lilies: it contained three thousand baths.

6 ¶ He made also ten caldrons, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them, & to cleanse in them that which appertained to the burnt offerings: but the Sea was for the Priestes to wash in.
 7 ¶ And he made ten candlestickes of golde (according to their forme) and put them in the Temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.
 8 ¶ And he made ten tables, & put them in the Temple, five on the right hand, & five on the left: and he made an hundredth basens of golde.

9 And he made the court of the Priestes, & the great court and dores for the court, and ouclayed the dores thereof with brass.

f Called also the porche of Salomón Act 3, 11 It is also taken for the Temple wher Christ preached, Mat 21, 23
Or, caldrons.

10 And he set the Sea on the right side Eastward toward the South.
 11 And Hurám made pottes and besomes and basens, and Hurám finished the worke that he shulde make for King Salomón for the house of God,
 12 To wit, two pillars, & the bowles & chapters on the toppe of the two pillars, and two grates to couer the two bowles of the chapters which were vpon the toppe of the pillars:
 13 And foure hundredth pomegranates for the two grates, two rowes of pomegranates for euerie grate to couer the two bowles of the chapters, that were vpon the pillars.
 14 He made also basens, and made caldrons vpon the basens.
 15 And a Sea, and twelue bulles vnder it:
 16 Pottes also and besomes, and fleshookes, and all these vessels made Hurám his father, to King Salomón for the house of the Lord of shining brass.

g Whome Salomón reuerenced for his gifts that God had giue hi, as a father: he had the same name also that Hurám the King of Tyrus had, his mother was a Jewish & his father a Tyriat. Some read, for his father, the author of this worke
h In Ebrew, the bread of life, because they were set before the Arke, where the Lord shewed his presence.

17 In the plaine of Iordén did the King cast them in claye betwene Succoth and Zeredáthah.
 18 And Salomón made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of brass colde not be reckened.
 19 And Salomón made all the vessels that were for the house of God: the golden altar also & the tables, whereon the shewbread stode.
 20 Moreover the candlestickes, with their lampes to burne them after the maner before the oracle, of pure golde.
 21 And the floures and the lampes, and the snuffers of golde, which was fine golde.
 22 And the hookes, and the basens, and the sponges, and the ashpens of pure golde: the intire also of the house & dores thereof within, euen of the moste holy place: and the dores of the house, to wit, of the Temple were of golde.

Or, instruments of sacrifice.
i That is, couered with plates of golde.

CHAP. V.

1 The things dedicated by David, are put in the Temple. 2 The Arke is brought into the Temple. 30 What was within it 31 They sing praise to the Lord.

Or, flour daily.
or
d In 1, King, 7, 26 mention is onely made of two thousand but the lesse number was 1000 there, & here according as the measures afterward are declared
e Euen as this should be made.

30 ¶ was all the worke finished that Salomón made for the house of the Lord, and Salomón brought in the things that Dauid his father had dedicated, with the siluer and the golde, and all the vessels, & put them among the treasures of the house of God.
 31 Then Salomón assembled the Elders of Israël, and all the heades of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Israël vnto Ierusalém to bring vp the Arke of the coue-

1. King, 7, 26 & 42.

The Arke of the couenant. II.Chron. Salomons prayer. 193

^a Read 2 Sam 6, 12

^b When the things were dedicate and brought into the Temple called in E-br. w. Ezrah, concerning part of September and parte of October, 1 King 8, 2. & moneth the Jewes called ^c first month, because they say, that the world was created in 5 month, & after they came fro Egypt they began at Marche but because this opinion is vncertaine, we make Marche euer the first, as best raters do

^d Or, without the Oracle

^e For Aarons rod and Māna were taken thence before it was brought to this place.

^f Were prepared to salute the Lord.

^g They agreed all in one tune

^h This was the effect of their songs.

couenant of the Lord from the ^a citie of David, which is Ziōn.

3 And all the me of Israēl assembled vnto the King at the ^b feast: it was in the seuenth ^c monerh.

4 And all the Elders of Israēl came, & the Leuites toke vp the Arke.

5 And they caryed vp the Arke and the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tabernacle, those did the Priests & Leuites bring vp.

6 And King Salomōn and all the Congregation of Israēl that were assembled vnto him, were before the Arke, offering shepe & bullockes, which colde not be tolde nor nombred for multitude.

7 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 the Cherubims.

8 For the Cherubims stretched out their wings ouer the place of the Arke, and the Cherubims couered the Arke and the barres thereof aboue.

9 And they drewe out the barres, that the ends of the barres might be sene out of the Arke before the Oracle, but they were not sene without: and these they are vnto this day.

10 Nothing was in the Arke, saue ^d the two Tables, which Mosēs gaue at Hoirēb, where the Lord made a couenant with the children of Israēl, when they came out of Egypt.

11 And when the Priests were come out of the Situarie (for all the Priests that were present, were ^e sanctified and did not waite by couise.

12 And the Leuites the fingers of all fortes, as of Afāph, of Hemān, of Ieduthūn & of their sonnes and of their brethren, being cladde in fine linnen, stode with cymbales, & with v'oles and harpes at the East end of the altar, and with them an hundreth & twentie Priests blowing with trumpets:

13 And they were ^f as one, blowing trumpets, and singing, and made one sounde to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord, and when they lift vp their voyce with trumpets and with cymbales, and with instruments of musike, and when they praised the Lord, *singing*, & For he is good, because his mercie *lasteth* for euer) then the house, *euē* the house of the Lord was filled with a cloude,

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

CHAP. VI.

3 Salomōn blesteth the people 4 He praiseth the Lord. 14 He prayeth vnto God for those that shal pray in the Temple.

¹ Hē Salomōn said, The Lord hathe said that he wolde dwell in the darke cloude:

2 And I haue buylt thee an house to dwell in, an habitacion for thee to dwell in for euer.

3 And the King turned his face, & blessed all the Congregation of Israēl (for all the Congregation of Israēl stode *there*)

4 And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Israēl, who spake with his mouthe vnto David my father, & hathe with his hand fulfilled it, saying,

5 Since the day that I broght my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no citie of all the tribes of Israēl to buylde an house, that my Name might be there, neither chose I anie man to be a ruler ouer my people Israēl:

6 But I haue chosen Ierusalēm, that my Name might be there, and haue chosen David to be ouer my people Israēl.

7 * And it was in the heart of David my father to buylde an house vnto the Name of the Lord God of Israēl,

8 But the Lord said to David my father, Where as it was in thine heart to buylde an house vnto my Name, thou didest wel, that thou wast so minded.

9 Notwithstanding thou shalt not buylde the house, but thy sonne which shal come out of thy loynes, he shal buylde an house vnto my Name.

10 And the Lord hathe performed his worde that he spake: and I am risen vp in the ioume of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israēl as the Lord promised, and haue buylt an house to the Name of the Lord God of Israēl.

11 And I haue set the Arke there, wherein is the ^b couenant of the Lord, that he made with the children of Israēl.

12 ¶ And y King stode before the altar of the Lord, in the presence of all the Congregation of Israēl, and stretched out his hands,

13 (For Salomōn had made a brazen skafolde & set it in the middes of the courte of siue cubites long, & siue cubites broad, and thre cubites of height, and vpon it he stode, and kneled downe vpon his knees before all the Congregation of Israēl, & stretched out his hands towarde heauen)

14 And said, O Lord God of Israēl, there is no God like thee in heauen nor in earth, which kepest couenant, and mercie vnto thy seruants, that walke before thee with all their heart.

15 Thou that hast kept with thy seruant David my father, that thou hast promised him: for thou spakst with thy mouthe, & hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as appeareth this day.

¹ King 8, 28. a After he had sene the glorie of the Lord in the cloude.

¹⁰ Or, prout.

¹⁰ Or, Temple.

¹ Sam 7, 2.

¹ Or, what is was to thee becom.

^b Meaning, 3 two Tables, wherein is contained the effect of the couenant, that God made with our fathers. c On a skafolde that was made for that purpose, that he praying for the whole people might be heard of all.

^d Bothe to giue thanks for the great benefices of God & bowed vnto him, and also to pray for his seruants, that walke before thee with all their heart. ¹ Habac 2, 8.

¹ Or, in effect, so by thy prout.

Salomons prayer.

II.Chron.

26 Therefore now Lord God of Israël, keepe with thy seruant Dauid my father, that thou hast promised him, saying, Thou shalt not waite a man in my sight, that shall sit vpon the throne of Israël: so that thy sonnes take hede to their waies, to walke in my Lawe, as thou hast walked before me.

27 And now, O Lord God of Israël, let thy worde be verified, which thou spakest vnto thy seruant Dauid.

28 (Is it true indeede that God wil dwel with man on earth? behold, the heauens, and the heauens of heauens are not able to containe thee: how muche more vnabie is this house, which I haue buylt.)

29 But haue thou respect to the prayer of thy seruant, & to his supplicacion, O Lord my God, to heare the crye & prayer which thy seruant prayeth before thee,

30 That thine eyes may be open toward this house day and night, euen toward the place, whereof thou hast said, That thou woldest put thy Name there, that thou maiest hearken vnto the prayer, which thy seruant prayeth in this place.

31 Heare thou therefore the supplicacion of thy seruant, and of thy people Israël, which they praye in this place: and heare thou in the place of thine habitation, euen in heauen, and when thou hearest, be merciful.

32 ¶ When a man shall sinne against his neighbour, and he lay vpon him another to cause him to sweare, and the sweauer shall come before thine altar in this house,

33 Then heare thou in heauen, and do, and iudge thy seruants, in recompensing the wicked to bring his wayes vpon his head, and in iustifying the righteous, to giue him according to his rightousnes.

34 ¶ And when thy people Israël shall be ouerthrowen before the enemy, because they haue sinned against thee, and turne againe, and confesse thy Name, and pray, and make supplicacion before thee in this house,

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

36 When heauen shall be shut vp, and there shall be no raine, because they haue sinned against thee, and shall pray in this place, & confesse thy Name, and turne from their sinne, when thou doest afflict them,

37 Then heare thou in heauen, and pardone the sinne of thy seruants, and of thy people Israël (where thou hast taught them the good way wherein they may walke) & giue raine vpon thy land, which thou hast giue vnto thy people for an inheritance.

38 ¶ When there shall be famine in the land, when there shall be pestilence, blasting, or

mildewe, when there shall be gresshopper, or caterpillar, when their enemy shall besiege them in the cities of their land, or any plague or any sickness,

39 Then what prayers and supplicacion soeuer shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israël, when euerie one shall knowe his owne plague, and his owne distace, and shall stretche forth his hands toward this house,

40 Heare thou then in heauen, thy dwelling place, and be merciful, and giue euerie man according vnto all his wayes, as thou doest knowe his heart (for thou onely knowest the hearts of the children of men)

41 That they may feare thee, and walke in thy wayes as long as they liue in the land which thou gauest vnto our fathers.

42 ¶ Moreouer as touching the stranger which is not of thy people Israël, who shall come out of a faire cuntry for thy great Names sake, & thy mightie hand, and thy stretched out arme: when they shall come and pray in this house,

43 Heare thou in heauen thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth for vnto thee, that all the people of the earth may knowe thy Name, and feare thee like thy people Israël, and that they may knowe, that thy Name is called vpon in this house which I haue buylt.

44 ¶ When thy people shall go out to battell against their enemies, by the way that thou shalt send them, and they praye to thee, in the way toward this citie, which thou hast chosen, euen toward the house which I haue buylt to thy Name,

45 Then heare thou in heauen their prayer and their supplicacion, and iudge their cause.

46 If they sinne against thee (for there is no man that sinneth not) and thou be angry with them and deliuer them vnto the enemies, and they take them & cary them away captiue vnto a land farre or nere,

47 If they turne againe to their heart in the land whether they be caryed in captiues, and turne & pray vnto thee in the land of their captiuitie, saying, We haue sinned, we haue transgressed and haue done wickedly,

48 If they turne againe to thee with all their heart, and with all their soule in the land of their captiuitie, whether they haue caryed them captiues, & pray toward their land, which thou gauest vnto their fathers, and toward the citie which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I haue buylt for thy Name,

49 Then heare thou in heauen, in the place of thine habitation their prayer & their supplicacion, & iudge their cause, & be merciful vnto thy people, which haue sinned against thee.

40 Now

Heb. a man that sitteth out of.

1. King. 8. 27.

e That thou maiest declare in effect, that thou hast a continual care over this place.

1. King. 8. 31. f By receiving any thing from him, or els by denying that he hath left him to kepe. or do him any wrong. g Meaning, to giue him that which he hath desired.

Or, praise.

Or, toward this place.

Chap. 30. 9.

Heb. in the land of these cities.

h He declarerth that the prayers of hypocrites can not be heard, nor of any but of the, which pray vnto God with an vnfained faith and in true repentance.

i He sheweth before God there is no acceptiō of persons, but all people shall search him and worship, th rightousnes is accepted. p. 1035.

k Meaning, that no se ought to except in any warre, but it is Lords commandment, that is, it is lawfull by his worde. Or, according to the measure of the citie.

1. King. 8. 46. eccles. 7. 21. 1. 2. 1. 2. 1. 2.

Or, praye.

Or, vnto the land of their captiuitie.

40 Now my God, I beseeche thee, let thine eyes be open, and thine eares attend vnto the prayer that is made in this place.

Psal. 132. 2.
1 That is, into thy Temple

m Let them be preferred by thy power and made virtuous and holy
n Hear my prayer, which am thine anointed King

41 * Now therefore arise, O Lord God, so come into thy rest, thou, and the Ark of thy strength: O Lord God, let thy Priest be clothed with salvation, and let thy Sanctes reioyce in goodness.

42 O Lord God, returne not the face of thine anointed: remember the mercies promised to Dauid thy seruant.

CHAP. VII.

The fyre consumeth the sacrifice 2 The glorie of the Lord filleth the Temple 3 He heareth his prayer, 17 And promiseth to exalt him and his troupe.

2 Mac. 2. 10.
2 Hereby God declared that he was pleased with Salomons prayer.

1 And * when Salomon had made an end of praying, a fyre came downe from heauen, and consumed the burnt offering & the sacrifices. and the glorie of the Lord filled the house,

2 So that the Priests coulde not enter into the house of the Lord, because the glorie of the Lord had filled the Lords house.

3 And when all the children of Israel saw the fyre, and the glorie of the Lord come downe vpon the house, they bowed them selues with their faces to the earth vpon the pavement, and worshiped and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good, because his mercie is for euer.

2 King. 4. 43.

4 * Then the King and all the people offered sacrifices before the Lord.

5 And King Salomon offered a sacrifice of two and twentieth thousand bullockes, and an hundred and twentieth thousand sheepe. So the King and all the people dedicated the house of God.

6 And the Priests waited on their offices, & the Leuites with the instruments of musique of the Lord, which King Dauid had made to praise the Lord, because his mercie lasts for euer: when Dauid praised God by them, the Priests also blew trumpets ouer against them: and all they of Israel stood by.

They by their bands

7 Moreover Salomon halowed the middle of the court that was before the house of the Lord: for there he had prepared burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brasen altar which Salomon had made, was not able to receiue the burnt offering, and the meat offering, and the fat.

b The fruit of the tabernacle, which was kept in the seven month. *c* They assembled to heare the wordes of God after that they had remained seven dayes in the booth. *d* They had leaue to departe the next day.

8 And Salomon made a feast at that time of seven dayes, & all Israel with him, a very great Congregation, from the entering in of Hamath, vnto the riuier of Egypt.

9 And in the eight day they made a solenne assemblie. for they had made the dedication of the altar seven dayes, and the feast seven dayes.

10 And the thre and twentieth day of the fourth month, he sent the people away

into their tents, ioyous & with glad heart, because of the goodness that the Lord had done for Dauid and for Salomon, and for Israel his people.

1 King. 8. 2.

11 * So Salomon finished the house of the Lord, and the Kings house, and all that came into Salomons heart to make in the house of the Lord, and he prospered in his house.

12 ¶ And the Lord * appeared to Salomon by night and said to him, I haue heard thy prayer, and haue chosen this place for myselfe to be an house of sacrifice.

13 If I shut the heauen that there be no raine, or if I commande the grasshopper to deuore the land, or if I send pestilence among my people,

14 If my people, among whome my Name is called vpon, do humble them selues, & praye, and seke my presence, and turne from their wicked wayes, then wil I heare in heauen, and be merciful to their sinne, and wil I heale their land.

e I wil cause pestilence to cease &c. *f* I wil send the locusts that hurt the trees of the earth, and send raine in due season.

15 Then mine eyes shall be open and mine eares attend vnto the prayer made in this place.

16 For I haue now chosen and sanctified this house, that my Name may be there for euer: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

17 And if thou wilt walke before me, as Dauid thy father walked, to do according vnto all that I haue commanded thee, and shalt obserue my statuts & my iudgements,

18 Then wil I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I made the covenant with Dauid thy father, saying, * Thou shalt not want a man to be ruler in Israel.

Chap. 4. 10.

19 But if ye turne away, and forsake my statuts and my commandements which I haue set before you, and shall go and serue other gods, and worship them,

20 Then wil I plucke them vp out of my land, which I haue giuen them, and this house which I haue sanctified for my Name, wil I cast out of my sight, and wil make it to be a prouerbe and a commune talke among all people.

f Which thing doeth such that God had more respect to their saluacion, then to the advancement of his owne glory. *g* where as men abuse those things, which God hath appointed to set forth his presence, he doeth withdrawe his grace: therefore

21 And this house which is moste hie, shall be an astonishment to euery one that passeth by it, so that he shall say, Why hath the Lord done thus to this land, and to this house?

22 And they shall answer, Because they forsake the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and I haue taken holdie on other gods, and haue worshipped them, and serued them, therefore hath he brought all this euil vpon them.

CHAP. VIII.

2 The cities that Salomon buylt. 7 People that were made tributaries vnto him. 12 His sacrifices 12 He senteth to Ophir.

1 King 9,20. 1
a Signifying y
he was twelve
yeare in buyl-
ding them.
b That is, 6
Hiram gaue
againe to Sa-
lomón because
they pleased
him not: and
therefore cal-
led them Ca-
bót. y is gubur
or sith, 1 King
9,17
c Meaning, of
munitions and
treasures for
the warre.
d That is, he
repaired and
fortified them:
for they were
buyld long be-
fore by Seth
a noble woad
of the tribe of
Ephraim, 1.
Chro 6,24.
e Read 1.
King 7,2.

And* after ^a twentie yere when Sa-
 lomón had buylt the house of the
 Lord, and his owne house,
 Then Salomón buylt the cities that Hur-
 ráim ^b gaue to Salomón, and caused the
 children of Israël to dwel there.
 And Salomón went to Hamách Zobáh,
 and ouercame it.
 And he buylt Tadmór in the wildernes,
 & repaired all ^c the cities of store which
 he buylt in Hamách.
 And he buylt ^d Beth-horón the vpper, &
 Beth-horón ^e nether, cities defended with
 walles, gates and barres:
 Also Baaláth, and all the cities of store
 that Salomón had, and all the charet
 cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and
 euerie pleasant place that Salomón had a
 minde to buylde in Ierusalém, & in ^f Le-
 banón, and throughout all the land of his
 dominion,
 And all the people that were left of the
 Hittites, and the Amorités, and Perizites,
 and the Hiuuites, and the Iebusites, which
 were not of Israël,
 But of their children which were left after
 them in the land, whome the children of
 Israël had not consumed, euen the did Sa-
 lomón make ^g tributaries vntil this day.
 But of the childrē of Israël did Salomón
 make no seruants for his worke: for they
 were mē of warre, and his chief prnces, &
 the captaines of his charets & of his hor-
 semen.
 So these were the chief of the officers
 which Salomón had, ^h euen ⁱ two hundreth
 and fiftie that bare rule ouer the people.
 The Salomón brought vp the daughter
 of Pharaón out of the citie of Dauid, into
 the house that he had buylt for her: for he
 said, My wife shal not dwel in the house of
 Dauid King of Israël: for it is holy, becau-
 se that the Arke of the Lord came vnto it.
 Then Salomón offred burnt offerings
 vnto the Lord, on the ^j altar of the Lord,
 which he had buylt before the porche,
 To ^k offer according to the commande-
 ment of Mosés ^l euerie day, in the Sab-
 baths, and in the newe moones, and in the
 solemne feastes, ^m three times in the yere,
 that is, in the feast of ⁿ Vnleauened bread,
 and in the feast of the Weekes, and in the
 feast of the Tabernacles.
 And he set the courses of the Priests to
 their offices, according to ^o y ordie of Da-
 uid his father, & the Leuites in their wat-
 ches, for to praise and minister before the
 Priests euerie day, & the porters by ^p their
 courses, at euerie gate: for so ^q was the com-
 mandement of Dauid the man of God.
 And they declined not from the com-
 mandement of the King, concerning the
 Priests & the Leuites, touching all things,

12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

*f Not in all
there were
300, but here
he meaneth of
them that had
the principal
charge, read 1
King 7,25.*

Chap. 4. 1.

Exod. 29, 29.
*Or, after the
manner of euery
day.*
*Read Loui.
24.*

1. Chro. 24, 1.

and touching the treasures.
 Now Salomón had made prouisiō for
 all the ^h worke, from the day of the fun-
 dacion of the house of the Lord, vntil it
 was finished: for the house of the Lord was
 perfite.
 Then went Salomón to Ezion-géber, &
 to Elóth by ⁱ seaside in ^j land of Edóm.
 And Hurám sent him by the hands of his
 seruants, shippes, and seruants that had
 knowledge of the sea: and they went with
^k seruants of Salomón to Ophir, & broght
 thence ^l four hundreth and fiftie talents
 of golde, and broght them to King Sa-
 lomón.
 CHAP. IX.
 The Quene of Shebá cometh to se Salomón & bringeth
 giftes. 13 Herely reuenceth. 20 The tyme of his
 reigne. 31 His death.
 And when the Quene of Shebá heard
 of the fame of Salomón, she came to
 proue Salomón with harde questions at
 Ierusalém, with a verie great traine, and
 camels that bare swete odours and muche
 golde, and precious stones: and when she
 came to Salomón, she cōmuned with him
 of all that was in her heart.
 And Salomón declared her all her que-
 stions, and there was ^b nothing hid from
 Salomón, which he declared not vnto her.
 Then the Quene of Shebá sawe the wis-
 dome of Salomón, and the house that he
 had buylt,
 And the meat of his table, and the sitting
 of his seruants, and the ordie of his way-
 ters, and their apparel, and his butlers,
 and their apparel, and his ^c burnt offerings,
 which he offred in the house of the Lord,
 and she was ^d greatly astonied.
 And she said to the King, *It was* a true
 worde which I heard in mine owne land
 of thy ^e sayings, and of thy wisdom:
 Howbeit I beleued not their reporte, vn-
 til I came, and mine eyes had sene it: and
 beholde, the one halfe of thy great wis-
 dome was not tolde me: for thou exceedest
 the fame that I heard.
 Happie are thy men, and happie are the-
 se thy seruants, which stande before thee
 all way, and heare thy wisdom.
 Blessed be ^f Lord thy God, which loued
 thee, to set thee on his ^g throne as King,
 in the stead of the Lord thy God: because
 thy God loueth Israël, to establish it for
 euer, therefore hathe he made thee King
 ouer them, to execute iudgemēt & iustice.
 Then she gaue the King six score talnts
 of golde, and of swete odours exceding
 muche and precious stones: nether was
 there suche swete odours ^h since, as the Que-
 ne of Shebá gaue vnto King Salomón.
 And the seruants also of Hurám, and the
 seruants of Salomón which broght golde
 from

*h Bothe for
the mazer &
also y worke-
manship.*

*i Meaning, the
red sea.*

*k Which sum-
me is thoght
to mount to
three millions
six hundreth
thousand cro-
nes. for here
is mencōd ma-
de of thre
100, then are
spoken of 10
King 9,28.*

*l King. 10, 1.
mat. 22, 14.
luk 11, 31.
a To knowe
whether his
wisdom were
so great as the
reporte was.*

*b There was
no question so
hard that he
did not solue.*

*c Or, galleries
wherby he
went vp
d He there was
no more spirit
in her.
e Or, after.*

*f Meaning,
that the Israe-
lites were
Gods peculiar
people, & that
Kings are the
lieutenants of
God, which
ought to grante
vnto him the
superioritie,
and minister
iustice to him.*

d Read Chap. 2,8

from Ophí, broght d Algumím wood & precious stones.

e Or pillars. meaning, the garnishing & trimming of ſtaires or pillars.

11 And the King made of the Algumím wood e ſtaires in the houſe of the Lord, & in the Kings houſe, and harpes and violes for fingers: and there was no ſuche ſene before in the land of Iudáh.

f That is, ſhe the King gave her for recompence of that treaſure which ſhe broght.

12 And King Salomón gaue to the Queene of Shebá euerie pleaſant thing that ſhe asked, f beſides for that which ſhe had broght vnto the King: ſo ſhe returned and went to her owne countrey, bothe ſhe, and her ſeruants.

13 ¶ Also the weight of golde that came to Salomón in one yere, was ſix húdred the ſcore and ſix talents of golde,

14 Beſides that which chapmen and marchants broght: and all the Kings of Arabia, & the princes of the countrey broght golde and ſiluer to Salomón.

g Which ſumme amounteth to 2400 crownes of the ſonne, h Or, pounds, called mine, whereof euerie one ſemeth to make an hundred ſhe-kels.

15 And King Salomón made two hundred targar of beaten golde, g & ſix hundred ſhe-kels of beaten golde went to one targar,

16 And three hundred ſhields of beaten golde: three húdred h ſhe-kels of golde went to one ſhield, and the King put them in the houſe of the wood of Lebanón.

i That is, the ſteppes & the ſcothles were faſtened to the throne. k Vpon the pommels or knoppes.

17 And the King made a great throne of yuorie and ouerlaied it with pure golde.

18 And the throne had ſix ſteppes, with a footſtole of golde i faſtened to the throne, and ſtays on ether ſide on the place of the ſeate, and two lions ſtanding by the k ſtays.

19 And twelue lions ſtoode there on the ſix ſteppes on ether ſide: there was not the like made in anie kingdome.

20 And all King Salomóns drinking veſſels were of golde, and all the veſſels of the houſe of the wood of Lebanón were of pure golde: for ſiluer was nothing eſtimated in the dayes of Salomón.

l Which country of ſiber writers is thought to be Calicut, read 1 King, 10, 22.

21 For the Kings ſhippes went to Tarſhiſh with the ſeruants of Hurám, euetie three yere once came the ſhippes of l Tarſhiſh, and broght golde, and ſiluer, yuorie, and apes, and pecookes.

22 So King Salomón excelled all y Kings of the earth in riches and wiſdome.

23 And all the Kings of the earth fought the preſence of Salomón, to heare his wiſdome that God had put in his heart.

24 And they broght euerie man his preſent, veſſels of ſiluer, and veſſels of golde, and raiment, a mour, & ſweete odours, horſes, and mules, ſi om yere to yere.

m That is, ten horſes in euerie ſtable, which in all amount to foure hundred thouſand, as 1 King 4, 10

25 And Salomón had n foure thouſand ſtalles of horſes, and charets, and twelue thouſand horſemen, whoſe he beſtowed in the charet cities, and with the King at Ieruſalém.

26 And he reigned ouer all the Kings from

the Riuer euen vnto the land of the Philiftims, and to the border of Egypt.

Or, Euphrates.

27 And the King gaue ſiluer in Ieruſalém, as ſtones, & gaue cedre trees as the wilde fig trees, that are abundant in the plaine.

n The abundance of theſe ſpiritual treaſures in Salomóns kingdome is a figure of the ſpiritual treaſures, which ſc clea & ſiluer conſoy in ſ beatus under the true Salomón Chriſt

28 And they broght vnto Salomón horſes out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

29 Concerning the reſt of the actes of Salomón fiſt & laſt, are they not written in the booke of Nathán the Prophet, and in the prophecie of Ahiaáh the Shilonite, and in the viſions of o Icedó the Seer o againſt I. roboám the ſonne of Nebát

Or, 1241 o That is, ſ propheticed againſt him.

30 And Salomón reigned in Ieruſalém ouer all Iſraél forty yeres.

31 And Salomón o ſlept with his fathers, & they buried him in the citie of Dauid his father: and Rehoboám his ſonne reigned in his ſteade.

1 King 11, 42

CHAP. X.

4.14 The riſing of Rehoboám. 13 He followeth Ierome counſel. 16 The people rebelle.

1 Then Rehoboám a wēt to Shechem: b for to Shechem came all Iſraél to make him King.

1 King 12, 8. After the death of Salomón.

2 And when Ieroboám the ſonne of Nebát heard it, (which was in Egypt, wher he had fled frō the preſence of Salomón the King) he returned out of Egypt.

3 And they ſent and called him: ſo came Ieroboám and all Iſraél, and cōmuned with Rehoboám, ſaying,

b That is, he dedded vs made by ſc ſemeth that God had dened their hearts, ſo that they thus murdered without cauſe: which declarerth alſo the incoſtance of the people.

4 Thy father b made our yoke grieuous: now therefore make y the grieuous ſeruitude of thy father, and his ſore yck: that he put vpon vs, lighter, and we will ſerue thee.

5 And he ſaid to the, Departe yet three dayes, the come againe vnto me. And the people departed.

6 And King Rehoboám toke counſel with the olde men that had ſtand before Salomón his father, while he yet liued, ſaying, What counſel giue ye that I may answer this people

7 And they ſpake vnto him, ſaying, If thou be kinde to this people, and pleaſe them, and ſpake louing wordes to them, they will be thy ſeruants for euer.

8 But he left the counſel of the ancient men that they had giuen him, and toke counſel of the yong mē c that were broght vp with him, and c waited on him.

c Or, that he orde by him, that is, which were of his counſel and ſecretes.

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

10 And the yong men that were broght vp with him, ſpake vnto him, ſaying, Thus ſhalt thou answer the people that ſpake to thee, ſaying, Thy father made our yoke heauy, but make thou it lighter for vs;

d Or, little finger: meaning he was of farre greater power than his father.

thus shalt thou say vnto them, My least parte shall be bigger then my fathers loynes.

40r. suspit

21 Now where as my father did burde you wth a grieuous yoke, I wil yet increase your yoke: my father hathe chastised you with roddes, but I wil correct you with scourges.
22 ¶ Then Ieroboám and all the people came to Rehoboám the third day, as the King had appointed, saying, Come againe to me the third day.

23 And the King answered them sharply: and King Rehoboám left the counsell of the ancient men,

24 And spake to them after the counsell of the yong men, saying, My father made your yoke grieuous, but I wil increase it: my father chastised you with roddes, but I wil correct you with scourges.

a Gods willm pfecth suche a necessitie to y second cause, that nothing ca be done but according to the same, and yete mans will worketh as of itselfe, so that it can not be examined in doing euil, by alledging that it is Gods ordinance.
2K. 1. by the hãt 1K. 22. 26.

25 So the King hearkened not vnto the people: for it was the ordinance of God that the Lord might performe his saying, which he had spoken by Ahiah the Shilonite to Ieroboám the sonne of Nebat.

26 So when all Israël sawe that the King wolde not heare them, the people answered the King, saying, What portion haue we in Dauid-for we haue none inheritance in the sonne of Eshai. O Israël, euerie man to your tents: now se to thine owne house, Dauid. So all Israël departed to their tents.

27 Howbeit Rehoboám reigned ouer the children of Israël, that dwelt in the cities of Iudáh.

40r. regnum.

28 Then King Rehoboám sent Haderám that was ouer the tribute, & the children of Israël stoned him with stones, that he dyed: then King Rehoboám made speede to get him vp to his charret, to flee to Ierusalém.

28r. Haderám stoned him selfe.

29 And Israël rebelled against the house of Dauid vnto this day.

CHAP. XI.

¶ Rehoboám is forbidden to fight against Ieroboám. Cities which he buyt. He hath eightene wiues, & threescore concubines, and by them eight and twentie sonnes, and threescore daughters.

2K. 12. 29.

1 And when Rehoboám was come to Ierusalém, he gathered of the house of Iudáh and Benjamin nine score thousand chosen men of warre to fight against Israël, to bring the kingdome againe to Rehoboám.

a That is, the half. c ioe of Benjamin. d. r the orb. r. i. al. f. c. was gone after Ieroboám. b Meaning the ten tribes that rebelled.

2 But the worde of the Lord came to Semeiáh the man of God, saying,

3 Speake vnto Rehoboám, the sonne of Salomón King of Iudáh, and to all Israël that are in Iudáh, and Benjamin, saying,

4 Thus sayth the Lord, Ye shal not go vp, nor fight against your brethren: returne euerie man to his house for this thing is done of me. They obeded therefore the

worde of the Lord, and returned from going against Ieroboám.

5 And Rehoboám dwelt in Ierusalém, and buylt strong cities in Iudáh.

c Or, repulsed them & made them strong, to be more able to resist Ieroboám.

6 He buylt also Beth-léhem, and Etám, and Tekóah,

7 And Beth-zúr, and Shocó, & Adullám, and Gath, and Mareshá, and Ziph,

8 And Adorám, and Lachish, and Azekáh,

9 And Zoráh, & Aialón & Hebrón, which were in Iudáh & Benjamin, strong cities.

10r. strong build

10 And he repaired the strong holdes and put captains in them, and store of vitaille, and oyle and wine.

11 And in all cities he put shields & speares, & made them exceeding strong: so Iudáh and Benjamin were his.

12 ¶ And the Priests and the Levites that were in all Israël, resorted vnto him out of all their coastes.

10r. strong build

13 For the Levites left their suburbes and their possession, and came to Iudáh and to Ierusalém: for Ieroboám and his sonnes had cast them out from ministering in the Priests office vnto the Lord.

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14 ¶ And he ordeined him Priests for the hie places, and for the deuils and for the calves, which he had made.

1K. 12. 28. d Meaning, Ión les, read 12. 14-15

15 And after the Levites there came to Ierusalém of all tribes of Israël, suche as set their hearts to seke the Lord God of Israël, to offer vnto the Lord God of their fathers.

e Which were zealous of true religion, & feared God.

16 So they strengthened the kingdome of Iudáh, and made Rehoboám the sonne of Salomón mighty, three yere long: for thre yere they walked in the way of Dauid & Salomón.

f So long as they feared God, and set forth his word, they prospered.

17 ¶ And Rehoboám toke him Mahaláh the daughter of Ierimóth the sonne of Dauid to wife, & Abihál the daughter of Eshai the sonne of Ishai,

18 Which bare him sonnes Ieúsh, and Semeiáh, and Zabam.

19 And after her he toke Maakáh daughter of Absalóm which bare him Abiháh, and Arthái, and Zizá, and Shelomith.

20 And Rehoboám loued Maakáh daughter of Absalóm aboue all his wiues & his concubines: for he toke eightene wiues, & thre score concubines, and begate eight and twentie sonnes, & threescore daughters.

21 And Rehoboám made Abiháh the sonne of Maakáh the chief ruler among his brethren: for he thought to make him King.

g Called also Abiam, who reigned thre yere. 1 Ki 15. 24

22 And he taught him: and dispersed all his sonnes throughout all the countreis of Iudáh and Benjamin vnto euerie strong citie: and he gaue them abundance of vitaille, and desired many wiues.

h He gaue him selfe to haue many wiues.

CHAP. XII.

¶ Rehoboám forsaketh the Lord and is punished by Shimeai, & Semeiáh reprooueth him. He hitteth him selfe.

se 7 God sendeth him succour. 9 Shishak taketh his treasures 13 His reigne and death. 16 Abiiah his sonne succeedeth him.

^a Or, when the Lord had raised up Rehoboam King over Israel. For such is the conduct of the people that for some part they follow the vices of their gouernours.

^b Which were a people of Africa called Troglodites, because they dwelled in holes ^c Or, blacke Men.

^c Signifying so calamitie as come vnto vs except we forsake God, & he neuer leaueh vs til we haue cast him of ^d And therefore doeth miserably punish you for your finnes

^e Ely drop down.

^e He sheweth that Gods punishments are not to destroy his vniuersity, but to chastise it, so bring them to knowledge of them selves & to knowe how much better it is to serue God the tyrants

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^f Which declareth that God seeketh not the death of a sinner, but his conuersion. Feek. 12. 22 & 31. 4 King 14. 21

^g This is, twelue yeres after that he had bene ouercome by Shishak. 2. 2.

1 And when Rehoboam had established the kingdome & made it strong, he forsoke the Lawe of the Lord, and all Israel with him.

2 Therefore in the fifth yere of King Rehoboam, Shishak the King of Egypt came vp against Ierusalem (because they had transgressed against the Lord)

3 With twelue hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen, & the people were without number, that came with him from Egypt, euen the Libyans, the Suckims, & the Ethiopians.

4 And he toke the strong cities which were of Iudah, and came vnto Ierusalem.

5 ¶ Then came Shemaiah the Prophet to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Iudah, that were gathered together in Ierusalem, because of Shishak, and said vnto them, Thus sayth the Lord, Ye haue forsaken me, therefore haue I also left you in the hands of Shishak.

6 Then the princes of Israel, and the King humbled them selues, and said, The Lord is iuste.

7 And when the Lord sawe that they humbled them selues, the worde of the Lord came to Shemaiah, saying, They haue humbled them selues, therefore I wil not destroy them, but I wil find them deliuerance shortly, & my wrath shal not be powred out vpon Ierusalem by the hand of Shishak.

8 Neuertheles they shalbe his seruants: so shal they knowe my seruice, & the seruice of the kingdomes of the earth.

9 ¶ Then Shishak King of Egypt came vp against Ierusalem, and toke the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the Kings house: he toke euen all, and he caried away the shields of golde, which Salomon had made.

10 In stead whereof King Rehoboam made shields of brasse, and committed them to the heads of the chief of the garde, that waited at the dore of the Kings house.

11 And when the King entred into the house of the Lord, the garde came and bare them and broght them againe vnto the garde chamber.

12 And because he humbled him selfe, the wrath of the Lord turned from him, that he wolde not destroye all together. And also in Iudah the things prospered.

13 ¶ So King Rehoboam was strong in Ierusalem and reigned: for Rehoboam was one & fourtie yere olde, when he began to reigne, & reigned & seuentene yeres in Ierusalem, the cite which the Lord had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel to put his Name

there. And his mothers name was Naamah an Ammonitisse.

14 And he did euil: for he prepared not his heart to seke the Lord.

15 The actes also of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the booke of Shemaiah the Prophet, and Iddo the Seer, in rehearsing the genealogie: & there was warre alway betwene Rehoboam & Ieroboam.

16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the cite of Dauid, and Abiiah his sonne reigned in his stead. ^{Or, Abiam.}

CHAP. XIII.

1 Abiiah maketh warre against Ieroboam 4 He sheweth the occasion. 12 He trusteth in the Lord and ouercometh Ieroboam 21 Of his wives and children.

1 In the eighteenth yere of King Ieroboam began Abiiah to reigne ouer Iudah.

2 He reigned thre yere in Ierusalem: (his mothers name also was Michaiiah the daughter of Vriël of Gibeon) and there was warre betwene Abiiah and Ieroboam.

3 And Abiiah set the battel in aray with the armie of valiant men of warre, euen foure hundred thousand chosen men. Ieroboam also set the battel in aray against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men which were strong and valiant.

4 And Abiiah stode vpon mount Zemaraim, which is in mount Ephraim, and said, O Ieroboam, & all Israel, heare you me,

5 Oght you not to knowe that the Lord God of Israel hath giuen the kingdome ouer Israel to Dauid for euer, euen to him and to his sonnes by a couenant of sale

6 And Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat the seruant of Salomon the sonne of Dauid is risen vp, and hath rebelled against his lord.

7 And there are gathered to him vaine men wicked, and made them selues strong against Rehoboam the sonne of Salomon: for Rehoboam was but a childe and tender hearted, & colde not resist them.

8 Now therefore we thinke that ye be able to resist against the kingdome of the Lord, which is in the hands of the sonne of Dauid, and yet be a great multitude, & the golden calves are with you which Ieroboam made you for gods.

9 ¶ Haue ye not driuen away the Priests of the Lord the sonnes of Aaiôn and the Leuites, and haue made you Priests like the people of other countreys, whose euill cometh to be consecrate with a young bullocke and seuen rams, the same may be a Priest of them that are no gods.

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^a He meaneth Iudah and Benjamin ^b Or, Maachijah King 15. 2 ^c Called also Abshalon, for Abshalon was her gr. defender 2 Kl. 15. 2 ^d Which was one of the topes of mount Ephraim ^e And therefore he honoureth not, vntill he or take it fro his face, transgresseth the ordinance of the Lord, thus is an hypocrite he, alledged by worde of God for his advantage ^f That is, perperuall, because that thing, which is falsed, is preserved from corruption he meaneth also that it was made to leuilly & confirmed by offering of sacrifices, where as they vnderstand according as was ordaind, Num 18. 19 ^g King 11. 26. ^h This worde is in Chalde tongue is Raaba, which our sauiour vouch, Matt 23. ⁱ The child of B. i. e. ^k Meaning, in heart you courage ^l Or, fauour ^m ⁿ King 12. 31. ^o Chap 11. 14. ^p The first sonne of H. i. e. with the name of idolaters, who take on trial of the vocation, like to the forme of their ministers, but thinke the moste vilest & greatest labour, sufficient, to serue their name,

Jeroboám discomfited. II. Chron. The Ethiopians destroyed.

10 But we belong vnto the Lord our God, & haue not forsaken him, & the Priests the sonnes of Aarón minister vnto the Lord, and the Leuites in their office.

k As it was appointed in the Lawe, Exod 39.39

11 And they came vnto the Lord euerie morning and euerie euening burnt offerings and swete incense. and the bread is set in order vpon the pure table, & the candlestick of golde with the lápes thereof, to burne euerie euening: for we kepe the watche of the Lord our God: but ye haue forsaken him,

l Because their cause was good & approved by the Lord, they doubted not of the successe and victorie.

12 And beholde, this God is with vs, as a captaine, & his Priests with the sounding trumpets, to crye an alarme against you. O ye children of Israél, fight not against the Lord God of your fathers: for ye shal not prosper.

m Contemning good counsel & came of the spirit of God, he thought to haue ouercome by deceit.

13 ¶ But Ieroboam caused an ambushment to compass, & come behinde them, when they were before Iudáh, and the ambushment behinde them,

14 Then Iudáh looked, and beholde, the battel was before and behinde them, and they cryed vnto the Lord, and the Priests blew with the trumpets,

n p. gave him to ouerthrowe.

15 And the men of Iudáh gaue a shout: & euen as the men of Iudáh shouted, God smote Ieroboám and also Israél before Abiiah and Iudáh.

16 And the children of Israél fled before Iudáh, and God deliuered them into their hand.

17 And Abiiah and his people slewe a great slaughter of them, so that there fell downe wounded of Israél siue hundred thousand chosen men.

18 So the children of Israél were brought vnder at that time: and the childre of Iudáh preuailed, because they staid vpon the Lord God of their fathers.

o He sheweth that the Ray of all kingdomes & aduances of victories depende vpon our trust & confidence in the Lord. For dauid.

19 And Abiiah pursued after Ieroboám, & toke cities from him asen Bethél, and the villages thereof, and Ieshanah with her villages, and Ephron with her villages.

20 And Ieroboam recouered no strength againe in the dayes of Abnah, but the Lord plagued him, and he dyed.

21 So Abnah waxed mightie, and married fourtene wiues, and begate two and twentie sonnes, and sixtene daughters.

22 The rest of the actes of Abiiah and his maners and his sayings are written in the storie of the Prophet Iddó.

CHAP. XIII.

3 Asa destroyeth idolatrie & commandeth his people to serue the true God. 11 He prayeth vnto God when he shalde go to fight. 12 He obserueth the victorie.

1. King. 15. 2. 1

SO Abiiah slept with his fathers, & they buried him in the cite of Dauid, & Asa his sonne reigned in his steade: in whose dayes the land was quiet ten yere.

2 And Asa did that was good and right in the

the eyes of the Lord his God.

3 For he toke away the altars of the strange gods & the hie places, & brake downe the images, and cut downe the groues,

a Which were planted contrary to the Lawe, Dauid. 16. 20

4 And commanded Iudáh to seke the Lord God of their fathers, & to do according to the Lawe and the commandement.

5 And he toke away out of all the cities of Iudáh the hie places, & the images: therefore the kingdome was quiet before him.

b He sheweth that the rest & quietnes of his soules standeth in abolishing idolatrie, and aduancing true religion.

6 He buylt also strong cities in Iudáh, because the land was in rest, and he had no waire in those yeres: for the Lord had giuen him rest.

7 Therefore he said to Iudáh, Let vs buyld these cities and make walles about, and towres, gares, and barres, whiles the lãd is before vs: because we haue fought the Lord our God, we haue fought him, and he hath giuen vs rest on euerie side: so they buyld and prospered.

c Whiles we haue the false government thereof.

8 And Asa had an armie of Iudáh that bare shields and speares, thre hundred thousand, and of Beniamin that bare shields & drewe bowes, two hundred & foue score thousand: all these were valiant men.

9 ¶ And there came out against them Zerah of Ethiopia with an hoste of ten hundred thousand, and thre hundred charrets, and came vnto Mareshah.

d The King of Ethiopia of Egypt. e Which was a cite in Iudáh. Iosh 15. 44 where Michaiel the Prophet was borne.

10 Then Asa went out before him, and the set the battel in aray in the valley of Zephathah beside Marshah.

11 And Asa cryed vnto the Lord his God, & said, Lord, it is nothig with thee to helpe with many, or with no power: helpe vs, O Lord our God. for we rest on thee, and in thy Name are we come against this multitude: O Lord, thou art our God, let not man preuaile against thee.

1. King 17. 6

Or, as it is many, without power.

12 ¶ So the Lord smote the Ethiopians before Asa and before Iudáh, and the Ethiopians fled.

f Thus the childre of God on their trust in their owne power or policie, neede feare the strength & subtiltie of their enemies, but consider the cause and see whether their enterprises tend to Gods glorie, & therupon assure the felices of the victorie by him, who is onely almighty, & can ouercome all flesh in dust & the breath of his mouth. g The Lord had strikē the with feare.

13 And Asa and the people that was with him, pursued them vnto Gerar. And the Ethiopians hoste was ouerthrowen, so that there was no life in them: for they were destroyed before the Lord and before his hoste: & they caryed away a mighty great spoile.

14 And they smote all the cities round about Gerar: for the feare of the Lord came vpon them, and they spoiled all the cities, for there was exceeding much spoile in them.

15 Yea, and they smote the tents of cattel, & caryed away plentie of shepe and camels, and returned to Ierusalém.

CHAP. XV.

1 The exhortation of Azariah. Asa purgeth his countrey of idolatrie. 11 He sacrificeth with the people. 14 They swear together to serue the Lord. 16. He deposeth his

Israels couenant with God. II.Chron.Hanáni imprisoned. 197

ther for her idolatrie.

1 Then the Spirit of God came vpon **2** Azariah the sonne of Odéd.
2 And he went out to meete Afa, and said vnto him, O Afa, and all Iudáh, and Benjamin, heare ye me. The Lord is with you, while ye be with him: and if ye forsake him, he wil be founde of you, but if ye forsake him, he wil forsake you.
3 Now for a long season Israél hath bene without the true God, & without Priests to teache and without Lawe.
4 But whosoeuer returned in his affliction to the Lord God of Israél, and sought him, he was founde of them.
5 And in that time there was no peace to him, that did go out and go in: but great troubles were to all the inhabitants of the earth.
6 For nacion was destroyed of nacion, and cite of cite: for God troubled them with all aduersitie.
7 Be ye strong therefore, and let not your háds be weake: for your worke shal haue a rewarde.
8 ¶ And when Afa heard these wordes, and the prophetic of Odéd the Prophet, he was encouraged, and toke away the abominacions out of all the land of Iudáh, & Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken of mount Ephraim, and he renewed the altar of the Lord, that was before the porche of the Lord.
9 And he gathered all Iudáh & Benjamin, & the strangers with the out of Ephraim, and Manasséh & out of Simeón: for there fell many to him out of Israél, when they sawe that the Lord his God was with him.
10 So they assembled to Ierusalém in the third moneth, in the fiftente yere of the reigne of Afa.
11 And they offered vnto the Lord the same time of the spoyle, which they had brought, euen seuen hundred bullockes, and seuen thousand shepe.
12 And they made a couenant to seke the Lord God of their fathers, with all their heart, and with all their soule.
13 And whosoeuer wil not seke the Lord God of Israél, shal be sleane, whether he were small or great, man or woman.
14 And they sware vnto the Lord with a loude voyce, and with shouting and with trumpets, and with cornets.
15 And all Iudáh reioyced at the othe: for they had sworne vnto the Lord with all their heart, and sought him with a whole desire, and he was founde of them. And the Lord gaue them rest rounde about.
16 ¶ And King Afa deposed Maacháh his mother from her regencie, because she had made an idole in a groue: and Afa brake downe her idole, & stamped it, and burnt

it at the broke Kidrón.
17 But the hie places were not taken away out of Israél: yet the heart of Afa was perseute all his daies.
18 Also he broght into the house of God the things that his father had dedicate, & that he had dedicate, siluer, and golde, & vessels.
19 And there was no warre vnto the fiue & thirtieth yere of the reigne of Afa.

CHAP. XVI.

Afa for feare of Baashá King of Israél, maketh a couenant with Benhadád King of Arám. He is reproued by the Prophet, so Whome he putteth in prison. He putteth his trust in the Phisitians. His death.

1 IN the six & thirtieth yere of the reigne of Afa came Baashá King of Israél vp against Iudáh, and buylt Ramáh to let none passe out or go in to Afa King of Iudáh.
2 Then Afa broght out siluer and golde out of the treasures of the house of the Lord, and of the Kings house, and sent to Benhadád King of Arám that dwelt at Damascus, saying,
3 There is a couenant betwene me & thee, and betwene my father and thy father: behold, I haue sent thee siluer and golde: come, breake thy leaguer with Baashá King of Israél that he may depaite from me.
4 And Benhadád hearkened vnto King Afa, and sent the captaines of the armies which he had, against the cities of Israél. And they smote Irón, and Dan, and Abelmaim, and the store cities of Naphtalí.
5 And when Baashá heard it, he left buylding of Ramáh, and let his worke cease.
6 Then Afa the King toke all Iudáh, and caryed away the stones of Ramáh and the tymbre thereof, wherewith Baashá did buyld, and he buylt therewith Géba and Mizpáh.
7 ¶ And at that same time Hanáni the Seer came to Afa King of Iudáh, and said vnto him, Because thou hast rested vpon the King of Arám, and not rested in the Lord thy God, therefore is the hoste of the King of Arám escaped out of thine hand.
8 * The Ethiopians and the Lubims, were they not a great hoste with charrets and horsemen, exceeding many: yet because thou didest rest vpon the Lord, he deliuered them into thine hand.
9 * For the eyes of the Lord beholde all the earth to shewe him selfe strong with them that are of perseute heart toward him. thou hast the done foolishly in this: therefore from henceforth thou shalt haue warres.
10 The Afa was wroth with the Seer, & put him into a prison: for he was displeaséd with him, because of this thing. And Afa oppressed certesse of the people at the

k Which partly came through lacke of zeale in his officers, & partly by the superstition of the people, that all were not taken away.

l Because that God was called the God of Israél by reason of his promes to Iacob: therefore Israél is some time taken for Iudáh, because Iudáh was his chief people in respect of his predecessors.

a Who reigned after Nadab the sonne of Ieroboam
b He fortified it with walles and ditches: it was a citie in Benjamin nere to Gibcón.
10 Damascus

c He thought to repaite his aduersarie by an vniuersal means, & so, by seeking helpe of indidels, as they seke & Turkes amice, thinking therby to make the felices more strong.

10 Prophet

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2 Mac. 9. 5.

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d Thus in stead of turning to God by repentance, he disdained the admonition of the Prophet, and punished him, as the wicked do when they be told of their fautes.

a Who was called Odéd, as his father was, verily.

b For the space of twelue yeres vnder Ieroboam, and since that vnder Ahab, religion was neglected and idolatrous planted.

c He sheweth, that notwithstanding the wickednes of tyrants & their rage, yet God hath his, whome he heareth in their tribulation, as he deliuered his from Zerib King of the Ethiopians, & out of all other dangers, when they called vpon the Lord.
d Your confidence & trust in God shal not be frustrat

e Called Shunan, concerning parte of May and parte of Iune.

f Which they had taken of the Ethiopians.

g These were the wordes of their couenant, which commanded all idolaters to be put to death according to the Lawe of God, Deut 17.

h So long as they serued his might, so long did he prosper & prosper them.

i Or grandmother & heren he shewed he lacked zeale for he ought to haue dyed both by the couenant, and by the Lawe of God: but he gaue place to foolish pite, & would al o some times a force to falsifie the Lawe

same time.

11 And beholde, the actes of Asá first and last, lo, they are written in the booke of the Kings of Iudáh and Israël.

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12 ¶ And Asá in the nine and thirtieth yere of his reigne was diseased in his fete, and his disease was extreme: yet he sought not the Lord in his disease, but to the Phisicians.

13 So Asá slept with his fathers, and dyed in the one and fourtieth yere of his reigne.

14 And they buried him in one of his sepulchres, which he had made for him selfe in the cite of Dauid, & laied him in the bed, which they had filled with swete odours and diuers kindes of spices, made by the arte of the apoticarie: and they burnt him with an exceeding great fyre.

CHAP. XVII.

Iehoshaphat trusting in the Lord, prospereth in riches and honour. 6 He abolisheth idolatrie, 7 And causeth the people to be taught. 11 He receiveth tribute of strangers. 13 His munition and men of warre.

1 And Iehoshaphát his sonne reigned in his stead, and preuailed against Israël.

2 And he put garisons in all the strong cities of Iudáh, and set bands in the land of Iudáh and in the cities of Ephráim, which Asá his father had taken.

3 And the Lord was with Iehoshaphát, because he walked in the first wayes of his father Dauid, and sought not Baalim,

4 But sought the Lord God of his father, and walked in his commandements, and not after the trade of Israël.

5 Therefore the Lord stablished the kingdom in his hand, and all Iudáh brought presents to Iehoshaphát, so that he had of riches and honour in abundance.

6 And he lift vp his heart vnto the wayes of the Lord, and he toke awaie moreouer the high places & the groues out of Iudáh.

7 ¶ And in the third yere of his reigne he sent his princes, Ben-hái, and Obadiáh, & Zechariáh, and Nethaneél, and Michaiáh, that they shulde teache in the cities of Iudáh,

8 And with them Leuites, Shemaiáh, and Nethaniáh, and Zebadiáh, and Afahél, & Shemiramóth, and Iehonathán, and Adoniatáh, and Tobiatáh, and Tob adoniatáh, Leuites, and with them Elishamá and Iehoram Priests.

9 And they taught in Iudáh, and had the boke of the Lawe of the Lord with them, & went about throughout all the cities of Iudáh, and taught the people.

10 And the feare of the Lord fell vpon all the kingdomes of the lands y were rounde about Iudáh, and they sought not against Iehoshaphát.

11 Also some of the Philistims brought Iehoshaphát gifts and tribute siluer, and the Arabians brought him flockes, seué thousand, and seuen hundred rams, and seuen thousand, and seuen hundred he goates.

12 So Iehoshaphát prospered and grewe vp on his: and he buylt in Iudáh palaces and cities of store.

13 And he had great workes in the cities of Iudáh, and men of warre, & valiant men in Ierusalém.

14 And these are the numbers of them after the house of their fathers, in Iudáh were captaines of thousands, Adnáh the captaine, and with him of valiant men three hundred thousand.

15 And at his hand Iehohanán a captaine, and with him two hundred & foure score thousand.

16 And at his hand Amasiáh the sonne of Zichrí, which willingly offered him selfe vnto the Lord, and with him two hundred thousand valiant men.

17 And of Beniamín, Eliadá a valiant mā, and with him armed men with bowe and shield two hundred thousand.

18 And at his hand Iehozabád, & with him an hundred and foure score thousand armed to the warre.

19 These waited on the King, besides those which the King put in the strong cities throughout all Iudáh.

CHAP. XVIII.

Iehoshaphat maketh affinitie with Aháb. 10 Foure hundred Prophetes counsel Aháb to go to warre. 16 Mischasáh is against them. 23 Zichriáh smiteth him. 25 The King putteth him in prison. 29 The effect of his prophesie.

1 And Iehoshaphát had riches & honour in abundance, but he was ioyned in affinitie with Aháb.

2 And after certeine yeres he went downe to Aháb to Samaria: & Aháb slewe shepe and oxen for him in great number, & for the people that he had with him, and entised him to go vp vnto Ramóth Gileád.

3 And Aháb King of Israël said vnto Iehoshaphát King of Iudáh, Wilt thou go with me to Ramóth Gileád? And he answered him, I am as thou art, & my people as thy people, & we wil ioyne vnto thee in the warre.

4 And Iehoshaphát said vnto the King of Israël, Aske counsell, I pray thee, at the worde of the Lord this day.

5 Therefore the King of Israël gathered of Prophetes foure hundred men, and said vnto them, Shal we go to Ramóth Gileád to battel, or shal I cease? And they said, Go vp: for God shal deliuer it into the Kings hand.

6 But Iehoshaphát said, Is there here neuer a Prophet more of the Lord y we might inquire of him?

7 And y King of Israël said vnto Iehoshaphát,

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*Or, seuerit
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*f Meaning, w
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*g That is, he
was as his
ordinarie gar-*

1 King 22, 8.

*a For Iordán
Iehoshaphat
sonne married
Ahabs daugh-*

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*b That is, the
third yere.*

*1 King 22, 2
c In recourse
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Syrian.*

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phát, There is yet one man, by whome we may aske counsel of the Lord, but I hate him: for he doeth not prophetic good vnto me, but allway euil: it is Michaiáh the sonne of Imlá. Thē Iehoshaphát said, Let not the King say so.

8 And the King of Israël called an eunuche, and said, Call quickly Michaiáh the sonne of Imlá.

9 ¶ And the King of Israël, and Iehoshaphát King of Iudáh sate ether of them on his throne clothed in their^h apparel: they sate euery in the threshing floore at the entering in of the gate of Samaria: & all the Prophetes prophesied before them.

10 And Zidkiáh the sonne of Chenaanáh made him¹ hornes of yron, & said, Thus saith y^e Lord, With these shalt thou push y^e Arimutes vntil thou hast consumed them.

11 And all the Prophetes prophesied so, saying, Go vp to Ramóth Gileád, & prosper: for the Lord shal deliuer it into the hand of th^e King.

12 ¶ And th^e messenger that wēt to call Michaiáh, spake to him, saying, Beholde, the wordes of the Prophetes declare good to y^e King with one^k accorde: let thy worde therfor, I pray thee, be lyke one of theirs, and speake thou good.

13 And Michaiáh said, As the Lord liueth, whatsoeuer my God saith, y^e wil I speake.

14 ¶ So he came to the King, and the King said vnto him, Michaiáh, shal we go to Ramóth Gileád to battel, or shal I leaue of? And he said, I Go ye vp, and prosper, and they shal be deliuered into your hand.

15 And the King said to him, How oft shal I charge thee, that thou tel me nothing but the truth in the Name of the Lord?

16 Then he said, I sawe all Israël scatered in the mountaines, as shepe that haue no shepheard: and the Lord said, These haue no master: let thē retaine euery man to his house in peace.

17 And the King of Israël said to Iehoshaphát, Did I not tel thee, that he wolde not prophetic good vnto me, but euil?

18 Againe he said, Therefore heare ye the worde of the Lord: I sawe the Lord sit vpon his throne, and all the^a hoste of heauen standing at his right hand, and at his left.

19 And the Lord said, Who shal^r persuade Aháb King of Israël, that he may go vp and fall at Ramóth Gileád? And one spake and said thus, and another said that.

20 Thē there came forth a spirit and stode before the Lord, and said, I wil persuade him. And the Lord said vnto him, Where is²

21 And he said, I wil go out, and be a false spirit in the mouthe of all his Prophetes. And^o he said, Thou shalt persuade, and

shalt also preuaile: go forthe and do so.

22 Now therefore beholde, the Lord hathe put a^p false spirit in the mouthe of these thy Prophetes, & the Lord hathe determined euil against thee.

23 Then Zidkiáh the sonne of Chenaanáh came nere, and smore Michaiáh vpon the¹ cheeke, and said, By what way wēt the spirit of y^e Lord frō me, to speake with thee?

24 And Michaiáh said, Beholde, thou shalt se that day whē thou shalt go from chamber to chamber to hude thee.

25 And the King of Israël said, Take ye Michaiáh, and carie him to Amón the gouernour of the citie, & to Ioásh the Kings sonne,

26 And say, Thus saith the King, Put this man in the prison house, & fede him with bread of² affliction and with water of affliction vntil I returne in peace.

27 And Michaiáh said, If thou returne in peace, the Lord hathe not spoken by me. And³ he said, Heare, all ye people.

28 So the King of Israël and Iehoshaphát the King of Iudáh wēt vp to Ramóth Gileád.

29 And the King of Israël said vnto Iehoshaphát, I wil⁴ change my selfe, and entre into the battel: but put thou on thine apparel. So the King of Israël chāged him selfe, and they went into the battel.

30 And the King of Arám had commanded the captaines of the charets that were with him, saying, Fight you not with small nor great, but against y^e King of Israël onely.

31 And when the captaines of the charets sawe Iehoshaphát, they said, It is the King of Israël: and they compassed about him to fight. But Iehoshaphát⁵ cryed, & y^e Lord helped him & moued them to departe from him.

32 For when the captaines of the charets sawe that he was not the King of Israël, they turned backe from him.

33 Then a certayne man drewe a bowe⁶ myghtely, & smore the King of Israël betwene the ioyntes⁷ of his brigādiue: therfore he said to his charetman, Turne thine hand, and carie me out of the hoste: for I am hurt.

34 And the battel increased that day: and the King of Israël⁸ stode stil in his charret against the Arimutes vntil euery, and dyed at the tyme of y^e sunne going downe.

CHAP. XIX.

4 After Iehoshaphát was rebuked by the Prophet, he called againe the people to the honoring of the Lord. 5 He appointeth iudges and ministers, 6 And exhorteth them to feare God.

1 And Iehoshaphát the King of Iudáh returned⁹ safe to his house in Ierusalém.

2 And Iehú y^e sonne of Hanáni the Seer wēt

f Yet the true ministers of God ought not to cease to do their dutie, though the wicked magistrates can not abide them to speake the truth
g Meaning, y^e ought not to refuse to heare
h That is, in their magistracie and royal apparell.

k Read 1 King. 22.14.

k Thinking, y^e wh. reassuure the iudges Prophets had agreed in one thing, that he being but one man, and in such estimatiō durē not gainc say it.

l He speake thus by derisiō of the false Prophetes, as the King wel perceiued.

m He prophesieth how the people shulde be disperied & Aháb deuoied.

n Meaning, his Angells.

o Or, deceiue.

p That is, the Lord.

p So they that wil not beleue y^e truth, God sendeth strong delusiō, that they shulde beleue lyes.
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q. By this cruciat his ambition and hypocrisie was discovered th^e hypocrites booke of y^e Spirit which they haue not, and declare th^e malice against thē, in whome the true Spirit is.

r Keep him strictly in prison and let him receiue hunger and thirst.

s Or, Michaiáh.

t Thus y^e wicked thine by thei^r owne subtiltie to escape Gods iudgements, w^h he threatned by his wordes.

u He cryed to the Lord by ac knowledgeing his fault in going with this wicked King to warre against the wordes of the Lord by his Prophet, and also by a signe of mercie, at the time
v That is, he was hurt, as he is said to be hurt in the history.

w He stumbled his hurt, that he could not fight more courageously.

a He declares that the wrath and judgement of God is over all such, that supports the wicked, and rather then not in dede they are enemies to all such as hate the Lord

b He visited all his countrey and brought his people from idolatrie to knowledge of the true God.

c He wil declare by the sharpnes of the punishment, that he hateth all iniquitie.

d He wil declare by the sharpnes of the punishment, that he hateth all iniquitie.

e The Priests and Levites should judge matters according to the worde of the Lord

f That is, to trye whether the murdres done at unwarres or els on fer purpose.

g Meaning, God wolde punish them moſte ſharpe-ly, if they would not execute iuſtice with h ſhalbe ch of overſeer of the publicke affaires of the realme

i They ſhal haue the handling of inferiour cauſes

k God wil viſit them that do iuſtice

l That is, converted from Ammonites in language & apparel the Hebrews thinke that they were Amalekites, but as may appeare by the 20 verſe, they were the Idumians of moſe Scir

m Called the dead ſea, where God deſtroyed the five ciuities for

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out to meet him, and ſaid to King Iehoshaphat, ^a Woldeſt thou helpe the wicked, and loue them that hate the Lord? therefore for this thing ſhall the wrath of the Lord be vpon thee.

3 Neuertheles good things are founde in thee, becauſe thou haſt take away the gro- ues out of the land, and haſt prepared thine heart to ſeke God.

4 ¶ So Iehoshaphat dwelt at Ieruſalem, & returned and went ^b through the people from Beer-ſheba to mount Ephraim, and broght them againe vnto the Lord God of their fathers.

5 And he ſet iudges in the land throughout all the ſtrong cities of Iudah, citie by citie,

6 And ſaid to the iudges, Take hede what ye do: for ye execute not the iudgements of man, but of the Lord, & he wil be with you in the cauſe and iudgement.

7 Wherefore now let the feare of the Lord be vpon you: take hede, & do it: for there is no iniquitie with the Lord our God, nether ^d reſpect of perſones, nor receiuing of rewarde.

8 Moreouer in Ieruſalem did Iehoshaphat ſet of the Levites, and of the Priests and of the chief of the families of Iſrael, for the iudgement and cauſe of the Lord: and they ^e returned to Ieruſalem.

9 And he charged them, ſaying, Thus ſhal ye do in the feare of the Lord faithfully and with a pure heart.

10 And in euerie cauſe that ſhal come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, betwene blood and blood, betwene lawe and precept, ſtatutes and iudgements, ye ſhal iudge them, and admoniſh them that they treſpaſſe not againſt the Lord, that his wrath come not vpon you and vpon your brethren. Thus ſhal ye do & treſpaſſe not.

11 And beholde, Amariah the Prieſt ſhall be chief ſouer you in all matters of the Lord, & Zebadiah the ſonne of Iſhmael, a ruler of the houſe of Iudah, ſhal be for all the Kings affaires, & the Levites ſhal be officers ⁱ before you. Be of courage, and do it, and the Lord ſhal be with the good.

CHAP. XX.

1 Iehoshaphat and the people pray vnto the Lord. 2 The marvelous victorie that the Lord gaue him againſt his enemies. 30 His reigne and aſſes.

1 A fter this alſo came the children of Moab and the children of Ammon, and with them of the Ammonites againſt Iehoshaphat to battel.

2 Thē there came that tolde Iehoshaphat, ſaying, There cometh a great multitude againſt thee from beyonde the Sea, out of Aram: and beholde, they be in Hazazon Tamar, which is Engedi.

3 And Iehoshaphat feared, and ſet him ſelfe

to ſeke the Lord, and proclaimed a faſt throughout all Iudah.

4 And Iudah gathered them ſelues together to aſke counſel of the Lord: they came euē out of all the cities of Iudah to inquire of the Lord.

5 And Iehoshaphat ſtoode in the Congregation of Iudah and Ieruſalem in the houſe of the Lord before the new court,

6 And ſaid, O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in heauen? and reigneſt not thou on all the kingdomes of the heathen, and in thine hand is power and might, & none is able to withſtand thee.

7 Didſt not thou our God caſt out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Iſrael, and gaueſt it to the ſede of Abraham thy friend for euē?

8 And they dwelt therein, and haue buylt thee a Sanctuarie therein for thy Name, ſaying,

9 ¶ If euil come vpon vs, as the ſworde of iudgement, or peſtilence, or famine, we will ſtand before this houſe and in thy preſence (for thy Name is in this houſe) & wil crye vnto thee in our tribulation, and thou wilt heare and helpe.

10 And now beholde, the children of Ammon and Moab, and mount Scir, by whome thou woldeſt not let Iſrael go, when they came out of the land of Egypt: but they turned aſide from them, and deſtroyed them not:

11 Beholde, I ſay, thei rewarde vs, in coming to caſt vs out of thine inheritance, which thou haſt cauſed vs to inherit.

12 O our God, wilt thou not iudge them? for there is no ſtrength in vs to ſtand before this great multitude that cometh againſt vs, nether do we know what to do: but our eyes are toward thee.

13 And all Iudah ſtoode before the Lord with their yong ones, their wiues, and their children.

14 And Iahaziel the ſonne of Zechariah the ſonne of Benaiſh, the ſonne of Iſiel, the ſone of Mattaniah, a Leuite of the ſonnes of Aſaph waſt there, vpon whome came the Spirit of the Lord, in the middes of the Congregation.

15 And he ſaid, Hearken ye, all Iudah, & ye inhabitants of Ieruſalem, and thou, King Iehoshaphat: thus ſaith the Lord vnto you, Feare you not, nether be afraid for this great multitude: for the battel is not yours, but Gods.

16 Tomorrowe go ye downe againſt them: beholde, they come vp by the cleft of Ziz, and ye ſhal finde them at the end of the broke before the wildeſnes of Ieruel.

17 Ye ſhal not neede to fight in this battel. ¶ ſtand ſtill, mooue not, and beholde the ſal- uation of the Lord toward thee. O Iudah, and

This declares that the feare of the Lord is as a ſhield to ſtand them to prayer, and to depend on the Lord, where as it moueth the wicked other to ſeke after worldly meanes & policies, or els to ſe- cure deſpaire.

He prooueth his prayer vnto Gods power, whereby he is able to helpe, and alſo on his merite, which he would cometh vnto his, for as he cho- ſe as he ha- the once cho- ſen them and be- gonne to ſhowe his gra- ce to wards

1. King. 6. 37. chap. 6. 28. Meaning, where which com- meth by Gods iuſte iudgements for our finnes ¶ That is, it is here called vpon, and thou declareſt thy preſence and labour

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We onely put our truſt in thee and wait for our deli- uerance ſit be- nec

h That is, be- fore the Arke of the couenant.

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k They ſe' againe Col. 1. 1. 2. Tim. 1. 1. 2. Tim. 1. 1. 2. Tim. 1. 1.

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and Ierusalém, feare ye not, nether be afraid: tomorowe go out against them, and the Lord wilbe with you.

¶ Then Iehoshaphát bowed downe with his face to the earth, and all Iudáh & the inhabitants of Ierusalém fell downe before the Lord, worshipping the Lord.

And the Leuites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Corhites stode vp to praise the Lord God of Israél with a loude voice on hie.

And when they arose early in the morning, they went forth to the wildernes of Tekóa: & as they departed, Iehoshaphát stode and said, Heare ye me, ó Iudáh, and ye inhabitants of Ierusalém: put your trust in the Lord your God, and ye shalbe assured: beleue his Prophetes, and ye shal prosper.

And whē he had consulted with the people, and appointed singers vnto the Lord, & them that shulde praise him that is in the beautiful Sanctuarie, in going forth before the men of armes, & saying, Praise ye the Lord, for his mercie lasteth for euer,

And when they began to shoute, and to praise, the Lord laied ambushmēts against the childre of Ammón, Moáb, and moūt Seir, which were come against Iudáh, and they slewe one another.

For the children of Ammón and Moáb rose against the inhabitants of mount Seir, to slea & to destroye them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, euerie one helped to destroy another.

And when Iudáh came toward Mizpáh in the wildernes, they looked vnto the multitude: and beholde, the carkeises were fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

And when Iehoshaphát and his people came to take away the spoyle of them, they found among them in abundance bothe of substance & also of bodies laden with precious iewels, which they toke for the felues, til they colde cary nomore: they were thre dayes in gathering of the spoile: for it was muche.

And in the fourte day they assembled them selues in the valley of Beracháh: for therc they blessed the Lord: therefore they called the name of that place, The vallei of Beracháh vnto this day.

The euerie man of Iudáh & Ierusalém returned with Iehoshaphát their head, to go againe to Ierusalém with ioye: for the Lord had made thie to reioyce ouer their enemies.

And they came to Ierusalém with vioules, and with herpes, and with trumpets, euen vnto the house of the Lord.

And the feare of God was vpon all the kingdome of the earth, when they had heard that the Lord had fought against the

enemies of Israél.

So y kingdome of Iehoshaphát was quiet, & his God gaue him rest on euerie side.

¶ And Iehoshaphát reigned ouer Iudáh, and was fise & thirtie yere olde, whē he began to reigne: and reigned fise and twētie yere in Ierusalém, and his mothers name was Azubáh the daughter of Shilhi.

And he walked in the waye of Asá his father, and departed not therefrom, doing that which was right in the fight of the Lord.

Howbeit the hie places were not taken away: for the people had not yet prepared their hearts vnto the God of their fathers.

Concerning y rest of the actes of Iehoshaphát first and last, beholde, they are written in the boke of Iehú the sonne of Hanani, which is mencioned in the boke of the Kings of Israél.

¶ Yet after this did Iehoshaphát King of Iudáh ioyne him selfe with Ahaziáh King of Israél, who was giuen to do euil.

And he ioyned with him, to make shippes to go to Tarsísh: and they made the shippes in Ezión Gabér.

Then Eliézer the sonne of Dodauáh of Maresháh propheted against Iehoshaphát, saying, Because thou hast ioyned thy self with Ahaziáh, the Lord hathe broken thy workes, and the shippes were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarsísh.

CHAP. XXI.

Iehoshaphát dyeth. Iehorám succedeth him. Which ky'lets his brother. He was brought to idolatrye. And seduceth the people. He is appressed of the Philistines. He is miserable end.

Iehoshaphát the slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the citie of Daud: and Iehorám his sonne reigned in his stead.

And he had brethren the sonnes of Iehoshaphát, Azariáh, and Iehiel, & Zechariáh, and Azariáh, and Michaél, & Shephatiáh. All these were the sonnes of Iehoshaphát King of Israél.

And their father gaue them great giftes of siluer and of golde, and of precious things, with strong cities in Iudáh, but the kingdome gaue he to Iehorám: for he was the eldest.

¶ And Iehorám rose vp vpon the kingdome of his father, and made him selfe strórg, & slewe all his brethren with the sworde, and also of the princes of Israél.

Iehorám was two and thirtie yere olde, when he began to reigne, and he reigned eight yere in Ierusalem.

And he walked in the waye of the Kings of Israél, as the house of Aháb had done: for he had the daughter of Aháb to wife, and he wrought euil in the eyes of the Lord.

Dd.iii.

1 Desiring his faith and obedience to the worde of the Lord, and giuing thanks for the deliuerance promised.

20 Some credit to their wordes and doctrine.

21 This was a psalme of thankes giuing, w they used commonly to sing whē they praised the Lord for his benefices, and was made by Daud, Psal. 115. Meaning, the Idumeans, dwell in mount Seir.

22 Thus the Lord according to Iehoshaphats prayer declared his power when he deliuered this by causing their enemies to kilone another.

23 To giue thanks to the Lord for the victorie and therefore the valley was called Beracháh, that is, blessing or thankes giuing, which was also called the valley of Iehoshaphát, Isai. 52 & 12, because the Lord iudged y enemies accoring to Iehoshaphats prayer. He declarsh iudges, that y workes of God bring vnto y force of hel. anc. to 12, & feate or de. struō to 12. 12-12.

1. King. 22. 40

f Meaning, as his vertues & those was, wherein he followed God.

2 If the great care and diligence of this good King was not able vnto the abolition all superstition & idolatrye out of this people, but that they wolde stil receive their sith and idolatrye, how muche lesse are they able to reforme euil, & ether haue little zeale, or not suche as he had though herein he was not to be excused.

1. King. 16. 1. 1. King. 22. 43.

u Thus God wolde not haue his to ioyne in societie with idolaters & wicked men.

2 Read chap. 25. 17 how by Iehorám is meant Iudáh

2 King. 8. 16. b Because the wicked iure neuer in fa. are & also are ambitious, they become cruel, & spare not to murder them, whoe by nature they ought must to cherish: defend c Meaning, of Iudáh & Benjamin d So that we see how it ca not be y we shulde ioy us with y wicked & terrible God.

CHAP. XXIII.

2 Sam. 7. 12.
1 King 2. 4.
& 2. 1.
2 King 8. 19.
chap 6. 16.

7 Howbeit the Lord wolde not destroy the house of Dauid, because of the ^a covenant that he had made with Dauid, and because he had promised to giue a light to him, and to his sonnes for euer.

8 ¶ In his dayes Edóm rebelled fró vnder the hand of Iudáh, and made a King ouer them.

9 And Iehorám wēt forthe with his princes, and all his charrets with him : & he rose vp by night, and smote Edóm, which had cōpassed him in, and the captaines of the charrets.

23 read 1 King. 8. 22.

10 But Edóm rebelled from vnder the hād of Iudáh vnto this day. the did ^e Libnah rebell at the same time from vnder his hand, because he had forsaken the Lord God of his fathers.

11 ¶ Moreouer he made hie places in the mountaines of Iudáh, and caused the inhabitants of Ierusalém to commit ^f fornicacion, and compelled Iudáh thereto.

f Meaning, ido- lerie, because that the idolater promys with God, as doeth the adulteresse to her hous- band
g Some thinke that this was Misshá, so called, because he had the spirit in abundance, as had Eliáh.

12 And there came a writing to him from ^s Eliáh the Prophet, saying, Thus saith the Lord God of Dauid thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the wayes of Iehoshaphát thy father, nor in the wayes of Asá King of Iudáh,

13 But hast walked in the way of the Kings of Israél, and hast made Iudáh and the inhabitants of Ierusalém to go a whoring, as the house of Aháb went a whoring, and hast also sleane thy brethré of thy fathers house, which were better then thou,

14 Beholde, with a great plague wil ^h I Lord smite thy people, and thy children, & thy wues, and all thy substance,

15 And thou shalt be in great diseases in the disease of thy bowels, vntil ^h thy bowels fall out for the disease, day by day.

h We se this example daily practised vpo them that fall away fró God, and become idolaters and murdherers of their brethré.
i There were other Arabiás in Africa Southward, toward Egypt.
k Called also Ahaziáh, as Chap 22. 1, or Azariáh, ver. 6

16 ¶ So the Lord stirred vp against Iehorám the spirit of the Philistims, and the Arabians that were beside the ⁱ Ethiopiás.

17 And they came vp into Iudáh, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was founde in the Kings house, & his sonnes also, and his wues, so that there was not a sonne left him, saue ^k Ichoaház, the yongest of his sonnes.

18 And after all this, the Lord smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease.

19 And in processe of time, euen after the ^l end of two yeres, his guttes fell out with his disease: so he dyed of fore diseases : & his people made no burning for him like the burning of his fathers.

l That is, as some write, he was not regarded, but deposed for his wickednes & idolatrie: so that his sonne reigned 22 yeres, (his father yet liuing) without honour & after his fathers death he was cōsumed to reigne 21, as Chap 24. 26

20 When he began to reigne, he was two and thirte yere olde, and reigned in Ierusalém eight yere, ¹ and liued without being desired: yet they buried him in the citie of Dauid, but not among the sepulchres of the Kings.

1 Ahaziah reigneth after Iehorám. I Iehú King of Israél killeth Ahaziah so Athaliah putteth to death all the Kings lineage 11 Iouah escapeth.

1 ^a And ^a the inhabitants of Ierusalém made Ahaziáh his yógest sonne King in his stead: for the armie ^a came with the Arabians to the campe, had sleane all the eldest: therefore Ahaziáh the sonne of Iehorám King of Iudáh reigned.

2 King. 8. 24.
a Meaning, the Philistims.

2 Two and ^b fourty yere olde was Ahaziáh whē he began to reigne, & he reigned ^c one yere in Ierusalém. and his mothers name was Athaliáh the daughter ^d of Omri.

b Read Chap. 21. 22
c That is, after the death of his father.
d She was Ahabs daughter, who was the sonne of Omri.

3 He walked also in the wayes of the house of Aháb: for his mother counseled him to do wickedly.

4 Wherefore he did euil in the sight of the Lord, like the house of Ahab: for they were his ^e counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction.

e He sheweth, that it must needs followe that the rulers are such as their counselors be. & that there can not be a good King, that suffreth wicked counselors.

5 And he walked after their counsel, and went with Iehorám the sonne of Aháb King of Israél to fight against Hazaél King of Arám at Ramóth Gileád: and the Aramites smote Iorám.

6 ¶ And he returned to be healed in Izreél, because of the woundes wherewith they had wounded him at Ramáh, when he fough with Hazaél King of Arám. Now Azariáh the sonne of Iehorám King of Iudáh went downe to se Iehorám the sonne of Aháb at Izreél, because he was diseased.

7 And the destruction of Ahaziáh ^f came of God in that he wēt to Iorám: for when he was come, he went forthe with Iehorám against Iehú the sonne of Nimshí, ^g whom the Lord had anointed to destroye the house of Aháb.

f Herby we se how nothing can come to any, but by Gods prouidence: & as he hath appointed, & therefore he causeth all meanes to serue to his will.
g King. 9. 7.
10. 14. 25.
26. 27.

8 Therefore when Iehú ^g executed iudgement vpon the house of Aháb, and soude the princes of Iudáh and the sonnes of the brethren of Ahaziáh that waited on Ahaziáh, he slewe them also.

9 And he fought Ahaziáh, and they caught hī where he was hid in Samaria, & broght him to Iehú, and slewe him, and buried him, because, said they, he is the sonne of Iehoshaphát, which fought the Lord with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziáh was not able to retaine the kingdome.

h This was ^h such plague of God: because he toynd him selfe to Gods enemies: yet God to declare the wickednes of Iehoshaphát his grandfather, moued them to giue him ^h honour of buriall.
i King 11. 2.
h So the use of there shulde be soe to make rule to the crowne. & so he might vnto the gouernment.

10 ¶ Therefore when Athaliáh the mother of Ahaziáh sawe that her sonne was dead, she arose and ^h destroyed all the Kings seide of the house of Iudáh.

11 But Iehoshabeath the daughter of the King, toke Ioáh the sonne of Ahaziáh, and stalle him from among the Kings sonnes, that shulde be sleane, and put him and his nurse in the bed chamber: so Iehoshabeath the daughter of King Iehorám the wife of Ichoiadā the Priest (for she

was the sister of Ahaziáh) hid him from Athaliáh: so she slewe him not.

12 And he was with them hid in the house of God six yeres, whiles Athaliáh reigned ouer the land.

CHAP. XXIII.

Ioásh the sonne of Ahaziah is made King. Athaliáh is put to death. The Temple of Bál is destroyed. Iehoiadá appointeth ministers in the Temple.

1 And he waxed bolde, and toke the captaynes of hundreths, to wit, Azariáh the sonne of Ierohám, and Ishmaél the sonne of Iehohanán, and Azariáh the sonne of Obéd, and Maaliáh the sonne of Adaiáh, and Elisaphát the sonne of Zichri in couenant with him.

2 And they went about in Iudáh, & gathered the Leuites out of all the cities of Iudáh, and the chief fathers of Israél: and they came to Ierusalém.

3 And all the Congregation made a couenant with the King in the house of God: & he said vnto them, Beholde, the Kings sonne muste reigne, as y^e Lord hath said of the sonnes of Dauid.

4 This is it that ye shal do, The third parte of you that come on the Sabbath of the Priests, and the Leuites, shal be porters of the doies.

5 And another third parte towarde the Kings house, and another third parte at the gate of the fundacion, and all the people shal be in y^e courtes of the house of the Lord.

6 But let none come into the house of the Lord, saue the Priests, and the Leuites that minister: they shal go in, for they are holy: but all the people shal kepe the watch of the Lord.

7 And the Leuites shal compass the King round about, and euerie má with his weapon in his hand, and he that entreth into the house, shal be sleane, and be you with the King, when he commeth in, and when he goeth out.

8 So the Leuites and all Iudáh did according to all things that Iehoiadá the Priest had commanded, and toke euery man his men that came on the Sabbath, with them that went out on the Sabbath: for Iehoiadá the Priest did not discharge the courtes.

9 And Iehoiadá the Priest deliuered to the captaynes of hundreths speares, and shields, and bucklers which had bene King Dauids, and were in the house of God.

10 And he caused all the people to stand (euery man with his weapon in his hand) from the right side of the house, to the left side of the house by the altar and by the house rounde about the King.

11 Then they broght out the Kings sonne, and put vpon him the crowne and gaue him the testimonie, and made him King. And Iehoiadá and his sonnes anointed him, and said, God saue the King.

12 But when Athaliáh heard the noise of the people running and praising the King, she came to the people into the house of the Lord.

13 And when she looked, beholde, the King stode by his pillar at the entring in, & the princes & the trumpets by the King, & all the people of the land reioyced, and blew the trumpets, and the fingers were with instruments of musike, and they that colde sing praise: then Athaliáh rent her clothes, and said, Treason, treason.

14 Then Iehoiadá the Priest broght out the captaynes of hundreths that were gouerners of the hoste, and said vnto them, Haue her forthe of the ranges, & he that followeth her, let him dye by y^e sworde: for the Priest had said, Sleae her not in the house of the Lord.

15 So they layed hands on her: and when she was come to the entring of the horsegate by the Kings house, thei slewe her there.

16 And Iehoiadá made a couenant betwene him, and all the people, and the King, that they wolde be the Lords people.

17 And all the people went to the house of Bál, and destroyed it, and brake his altars and his images, and slewe Mattán the Priest of Bál before the altars.

18 And Iehoiadá appointed officers for the house of the Lord, vnder the hands of the Priests and Leuites, whome Dauid had distributed for the house of the Lord, to offer burnt offerings vnto the Lord, as it is written in the Lawe of Moses, with reioycing and singing by the appointment of Dauid.

19 And he set porters by the gates of the house of the Lord, that none that was vncleane in any thing, shulde entere in.

20 And he toke the captaynes of hundreths, and the noble men, and the gouerners of the people, and all the people of the land, and he caused the King to come downe out of the house of the Lord, and they went through the hie gate of the Kings house, and set the King vpon the throne of the kingdome.

21 Then all the people of the land reioyced, & the cite was quiet, after that they had sleane Athaliáh with the sworde.

CHAP. XXIII.

Ioásh repareth the house of the Lord. After the death of Iehoiadá he falleth to idolatrie. His sonne is put to death. Zechariah the Prophet. Ioásh is killed.

1 Meaning, in the chamber, where the Priests and Leuites kept their courses weekly in y^e Temple. To wit, of Iudáh.

2 King. 11. 4. Of the reigne of Athaliáh, or after y^e death of Ahaziah.

5 Meaning of Iudáh & Benjamin read why they are called Israél. Chap. 31. 7.

2 Sam. 7. 12. 1 King. 2. 4. chap. 21. 7.

2 King. 11. 4. c Which was the chief gate of the Temple toward y^e East.

4 Meaning, to make any to make or to hinder their enterprise.

e Which had finished their course on the Sabbath, & to the other part entred to kepe their course.

f Meaning, the moste holy place where y^e Arké Rodé.

g That is, the booke of the Lawe, or as some read, they put vpon him his royal apparel.

h Or, saue the King bloodie.

i Declaring her vile impietie, which hauing vnlawfully, & by murder vsurped the crowne, wolde not haue defaced the true possessor, and therefore called true obedience, treason.

k To soyne her part, & to mainteine her authority.

l That they wolde ouersee him and renounce all idolatrie.

m According to their couenant made to the Lord. As the Lord commanded in his Lawe for the persone and also the cite, Deu. 19. 9 & 15. Or, charge.

n Comb. 21. 8.

o Which was the principal gate, that the King might be sent out all the people.

p For where a tyrant & an idolater reyneth, here can be no quietnes for y^e pinguets of Gods iustice. Iud. 1. 19. Iud. 1. 19.

of his quene seruants. After him reigned Amasiah. 2.King. 12. 1. Ioash was seuen yere olde when he began to reigne, and he reigned fourtie yere in Ierusalem: and his mothers name was Zabab of Beet-sheba.

2 And Ioash did vp rightly in the sight of the Lord; all the dayes of Iehoiada the Priest.

3 And Iehoiada toke him two wiues, and he begate sonnes and daughters.

4 And afterward it came into Ioash minde, to reue the house of the Lord.

5 And he assembled the Priestes and the Leuites, & said to them, Go out vnto the cities of Iudah, and gather of all I Israel money to reparaire the house of your God, from yere to yere, and halte the thing: but the Leuites hasted not.

6 Therefore the King called Iehoiada, the chief, and said vnto him, Why hast thou not required of the Leuites to bring in out of Iudah and Ierusalem the tax of Moses the seruant of the Lord, and of the Congregation of I Israel, for the Tabernacle of the testimonie?

7 For wicked Athaliah, her children brake vp the house of God: and all the things that were dedicate for the house of the Lord, did they bestowe vpon Baalim.

8 Therefore the King commanded, and they made a chest, and set it at the gate of the house of the Lord.

9 And they made proclamacion through Iudah and Ierusalem, to bring vnto the Lord the tax of Moses the seruant of God, lated vpon I Israel in the wilderness.

10 And all the princes and all the people reioyced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, vntil they had finished.

11 And when it was time, they broght the chest vnto the Kings officer by the hand of the Leuites: and when they sawe that there was muche siluer, then the Kings Scribe (& one appointed by the Priest) came and emptied the chest, and toke it, and carried it to his place againe: thus they did day by day, and gathered siluer in abundance.

12 And the King and Iehoiada gaue it to suche as did the labour & worke in the house of the Lord, and hyred masons and carpenters to reparaire the house of the Lord: they gaue it also to workers of yron and brasie, to reparaire the house of the Lord.

13 So the workemen wrought, and the worke amended through their hands: and they restored the house of God to his state, & strenghtened it.

14 And when they had finished it, they broght the rest of the siluer before the

King and Iehoiada, and he made thereof vessels for the house of the Lord, euen vessels to minister, bothe morters & incense cuppes, and vessels of golde, and of siluer: and they offred burnt offerings in the house of the Lord continually all the dayes of Iehoiada.

15 But Iehoiada waxed olde, and was full of daies and dyed. An hundreth and thirtie yere olde was he when he dyed.

16 And they buried him in the cite of Dauid with the Kings, because he had done good in I Israel, and toward God and his house.

17 And after the death of Iehoiada, came the princes of Iudah, and did reuerence to the King, & the King hearkened vnto them.

18 And they left the house of the Lord God of their fathers, and serued groues and idoles: and wrath came vpon Iudah and Ierusalem, because of this their trespass.

19 And God sent Prophetes among them, to bring them againe vnto the Lord: and they made protestation among them, but they wolde not heare.

20 And the Spirit of God came vpon Zachariah the sonne of Iehoiada the Priest, which stode aboute the people, and said vnto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandements of the Lord. surely it shal not prosper: because ye haue forsaken the Lord, he also hathe forsaken you.

21 Then they conspired against him and stoned him with stones at the commandement of the King, in the court of the house of the Lord.

22 Thus Ioash the King remembred not the kindenes which Iehoiada his father had done to him, but slewe his sonne. And when he dyed, he said, The Lord ioke vp it, & require it.

23 And when the yere was out, the hoste of Aram came vp against him, and they came against Iudah and Ierusalem, & destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoile of them vnto the King of Damascus.

24 Though the armie of Aram came with a small company of men, yet the Lord deliuered a very great armie into their hand, because they had forsaken the Lord God of their fathers: and they gaue sentence against Ioash.

25 And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases) his owne seruants conspired against him for the blood of the children of Iehoiada the Priest, and slewe him on his bed, and he dyed, and they buried him in the cite of Dauid: but they buried him not in the

g For the wicked Kings his preuencions and Athaliah had destroyed the vessels of the temple, or turned the use of their idoles.

h Signifying, that they coulde not honour him to muche, who had so excellently serued in the worke of the Lord, and in the affaires of the common wealth.

i Which were flatterers, and knewe now the King was destitute of him who did watche ouer him as a father, & therefore broght him to moche vile idolatrie.

k They toke heed of earth and all creaturs to wittes, that except they returned to the Lord, he wolde moue grievously punish their iniquitie & rebel lion.

l In a place where the people to the effect he might be heard.

m There is no rage so cruel & heauily as of them whose hearts God hath hardened, and who desire more in superstition & idolatrie, then in the true ser vice of God & pure simplicitie of his worde.

n Revenge my death & requi re my blood at your hands or he speaketh this by prophesie, because he knewe that God wolde do it. Thus Zacharie is al so called the sonne of Barachuc Mat. 23. 35, because his progenitors were Idols. Ba richiah, Iehoiada, &c.

o That is, reproved & checked him, and handle d him rigorously.

p Meaning Zacharie & was one of Iehoiada's sonnes & a Prophet of the Lord.

a Who was a faithful counsellor, and governed him by the worde of God. Or, came into his minde.

b He meaneth not the ten tribes, but onely the two tribes of Iudah and Benjamin.

c For he was the hie Priest. Exod. 28. 1. 3.

d The Scripture doeth terme her thus, because she was a cruel murderer, and a blasphemous idolatresse. 2. King. 12. 8.

e Exod. 30. 13.

f Such as were iusticiall men, whome the King had appointed for that matter.

g Signifying, that this thing was done by aduise and counsel, and not by any one mans affliction.

h For a medicine was vsed to the worke, whereby it was repaired.

the sepulchres of the Kings.

26 And these are they that conspired against him, Zabád the sone of Shimiráh an Ammonite, and Ichozabád the sonne of Shimiráh a Moabite.

q That is, concerning his sonnes, &c.
r That is, the reparation.

27 But of his sonnes, and the summe of the tax gathered by him, and the fundacion of the house of God, beholde, they are writen in the storie of the booke of the Kings. And Amaziáh his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXV.

Amaziáh putteth them to death which slew his father so he sendeth backe them of Israel 11 He overcometh the Edomites 14 He falleth to idolatrie 17 And Ioásh King of Israel overcometh Amaziáh. 27 He is slayne by a conspiracie.

2 King 14.2.

1 Amaziáh was sive and twentie yeres olde, when he began to reigne, & he reigned nine and twentie yere in Ierusalém: & his mothers name was Ichoadán, of Ierusalém.

a Meaning, in respect of his predecessors, albeit he had his imperfections.

2 And he did uprightly in the eyes of the Lord, but not with a persite heart.

3 And when the kingdome was established vnto him, he slew his seruants, that had slayne the King his father.

4 But he slew not their children, as it is writen in the Law, & in the booke of Moisés, where the Lord commanded, saying, The fathers shal not dye for the children, neither shal the children dye for the fathers, but euerie man shal dye for his owne sinne.

Deut 24.16.
2 King 14.6.
1ere 21.30.
exek 18.20.
b That is, for faulte herefore 3 childre as punished, except he be culpable of the same
c So many as were able men to beare weapons & go to the warre
d That is, out of the ten tribes, which had separated them selves before, bothe from God and their true King
e And therefore to thinke to haue helpe of the, whom the Lord fauoreth not, is to cast of the helpe of the Lord
f If thou wilt not give credit to my wordes
g He sheweth that if we depend onely vpon God, we shal not neede to be troubled with these worldlie respects: for he wil giue at all times that which shalbe necessary, if we obey his worde

5 ¶ And Amaziáh assumbled Iudáh, and made them captaines ouer thousands, & captaines ouer hundredes according to the houses of their fathers, throughout all Iudáh and Benjamin: & he nombred them from twenty yere olde and aboue, and founde among them thre hundred thousand chosen men, to go forth to the warre, and to handle speare and shield.

6 He hyred also an hundred thousand valiant men out of Israel for an hundredth talents of siluer.

7 But a man of God came to him, saying, O King, let not the arme of Israel go with thee: for the Lord is not with Israel, neither with all the house of Ephráim.

8 If not, go thou on, do it, make thy selfe strong to the battel, but God shal make thee fall before thy enemy: for God hathe power to helpe, and to cast downe.

9 And Amaziáh said to the man of God, What shal we do then for the hundredth talents, which I haue giuen to the hoste of Israel? Then the man of God answered, The Lord is able to giue thee more then this.

10 So Amaziáh separated the arme that was come to him out of Ephráim, to returne to their place: wherefore their wrath was kindled greatly against

Iudáh, and they returned to their places with great angre.

11 Then Amaziáh was encouraged, and led forth his people, & went to the salt valley, and smote of the children of Seir, ten thousand.

12 And other ten thousand did the children of Iudáh take aloue, and caryed them to the toppe of a rocke, and cast the downe from the toppe of the rocke, and they all burst to pieces.

13 But the men of the arme, which Amaziáh sent away, that they shulde not go with his people to battel, fell vpon the cities of Iudáh from Samaria vnto Bethhorón, and smote thre thousand of them, and toke muche spoyle.

14 Now after that Amaziáh was come fro the slaughter of the Edomites, he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them vp to be his gods, and worshipped them, and burned incense vnto them.

15 Wherefore the Lord was wroth with Amaziáh, and sent vnto him a Prophet, which said vnto him, Why hast thou fought the gods of the people, which were not able to deliuer their owne people out of thine hand?

16 And as he talked with him, he said vnto him, Haue they made thee Kings counseler? cease thou: why shuldest thou smite thee? And the Prophet ceased, and said, I knowe that God hathe determined to destroye thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not obeyed my counsell.

17 ¶ Then Amaziáh King of Iudáh toke counsell, and sent to Ioásh the sonne of Ichohaz, the sonne of Iehú King of Israel, saying, Come, let vs see one another in the face.

18 But Ioásh King of Israel sent to Amaziáh King of Iudáh, saying, The thistle that is in Lebanón, sent to the cedre that is in Lebanón, saying, Giue thy daughter to my sonne to wife: & the wilde beaste that was in Lebanón went & trode downe the thistle.

19 Thou thinkest: lo, thou hast smiten Edóm, and thine heart listeth thee vp to bragge: abide now at home: why dost thou prouoke to thine hurt, that thou shuldest fall, and Iudáh with thee?

20 But Amaziáh wolde not heare: for it was of God, that he might deliuer them into his hand, because they had fought the gods of Edóm.

21 So Ioásh the King of Israel went vp: & he, and Amaziáh King of Iudáh sawe one another in the face at Bethshémesh, which is in Iudáh.

22 And Iudáh was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled euerie man to his tents.

h For the Hebrew means, when David had brought into subjection, rebelled vnder Ichozabab the sone of Iehú King of Israel. In the 2. King 14.7 this rocke is called by the name of Seir. That is, the higheth thousand of Israel.

l Thus where he shulde haue giuen the praise to God for his benefites and great victorie, he fell from God, and did not vnto his duty, our Lord. He proueth that whatsoever can not saue his soule, nor his worshippers, is no God but an idle meaning, the King

o So hard it is for the carnal man to be admonished for his faulte, that he contenteth, mocketh & threatneth him that warneth him, yea, imprisoneth him & putteth him to death.

2 Chrono 16.10 & 18.26 & 24.21
p That is, let vs trye your matter hand to hand for he was offended, that the crime of the Israelites, whom he had in wages, & dimmed by the counsell of the Prophet, had destroyed certene of the cities of Iudáh

q Thus God oft times plagueth by thole means, when men make trust, to reche them to haue their recourse onely to him, and to shewe his indignation, mouth their heuies to followe, which shalbe their destruction.

23 But Ioash the King of Israel toke Amaziáh King of Iudáh, the sonne of Ioash, the sonne of Jehoaház in Bethshémeth, & broght him to Ierusalém, & brake downe the wall of I. rusalém, from the gate of Ephraim vnto the corner gate, foure hundred cubites.

24 And he toke all the golde and the siluer, and all the vessels that were founde in the house of God with Obéd Edóm, and in the treasures of the Kings house, and the children that were in hostage, & returned to Samaria.

25 ¶ And Amaziáh the sonne of Ioash King of Iudáh liued after the death of Ioash sonne of Jehoaház King of Israel, sixtene yere.

26 Concerning the rest of the actes of Amaziáh first & last, are they not written in the booke of the Kings of Iudáh and Israel?

27 Now after the time that Amaziáh did turne away from the Lord, they wrought treason against him in Ierusalém: & when he was fled to Lachish, they set to Lachish after him, and slewe him there.

28 And they broght him vpon horses, & buried him with his fathers in the citie of Iudáh.

2 Meaning, the successers of Obéd Edóm: for the house here the name of the chief father.

2 King 14. 19

2 King 24. 21
2 Cal. 4 also
Azariah.

2 He fortified
le and made it
stronger
anc was also
called Blith
& Elcho. n. 22
no. y red sea
2 King 14. 24

2 This was
not that Ze-
chariah that
was the sonne
of Jehoaház,
but some o-
ther Prophet
of that name.
For God re-
not forstich
any y lepro-
sue him, and
therefore man
is the cause of
his owne des-
truction.

2 That is, he
payed tribute
in signe of sub-
jection.

CHAP. XXVI.

23 Vzziah obeying the Lord, prospereth in his enterprises. 24 He warrs proudly & vsurpeth the Priests' shew-bread. 25 The Lord plagueth him. 26 The Priests drive him out of the Temple, & exclude him out of the Lords house. 27 His burial, and his successor.

1 Then all the people of Iudáh toke Vzziah, which was sixtene yere olde, & made him King in the stead of his father Amaziáh.

2 He buylt Elóth, & restored it to Iudáh after that the King slept with his fathers.

3 Sixtene yere olde was Vzziah, when he began to reigne, and he reigned two and fiftie yere in Ierusalém, and his mothers name was Iecoliah of Ierusalém.

4 And he did vprightly in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziáh did.

5 And he fought God in the dayes of Zechariah (which vnderstode the visions of God) and when as he fought the Lord, God made him to prosper.

6 For he went forth and fought against the Philistims, and brake downe the wall of Gath, and the wall of Iabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and buylt cities in Ashdod, and among the Philistims.

7 And God helped him against the Philistims, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gur-baal and Hammeunim.

8 And the Ammonites gaue gifts to Vzziah, and his name spred to the entring in of Egypt: for he did moste valiantly.

9 Morcouer Vzziah buylt towres in Ieru-

salém at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, & at the turning, and made them strong.

10 And he buylt towres in the wildeynes, and digged many cisternes: for he had muche cattel bothe in the valles and plaines, plowmen, and dressers of vines in the mountaynes, and in Carmel: for he loued husbandrie.

11 Vzziah had also an hoste of fighting men that wet out to warre by bands, according to the counte of their number vnder the hand of Ieiel the scribe, and Maaseiah the ruler, vnder the hand of Hananiah, one of the Kings captaines.

12 The whole number of the chief of the families of the valiant men were two thousand and six hundred.

13 And vnder their hand was the armie for warre, thre hundred and seuen thousand, and five hundred that fought valiantly to helpe the King against the enemye.

14 And Vzziah prepared them throughout all the hoste, shelds, and speares, and helmets, and brigandines, and bowes, and stonnes to sling.

15 He made also verie artificiall engins in Ierusalém, to be vpon the towres and vpon the corners, to shote arrowes and great stonnes: and his name spred farre abroad, because God did helpe him meruelously, till he was mightie.

16 ¶ But when he was strong, his heart was lifted vp to his destruction: for he transgressed against the Lord his God, & went into the Temple of the Lord to burne incense vpon the altar of incense.

17 And Azariah the Priest went in after him, and with him foure score Priests of the Lord, valiant men.

18 And they withstode Vzziah the King, & said vnto him, It perteineth not to thee, Vzziah, to burne incense vnto the Lord, but to the Priests the sonnes of Aaron, that are consecrated for to offer incense: go forthe of the Sanctuarie: for thou hast transgressed, and thou shalt haue none honour of the Lord God.

19 Then Vzziah was wroth, and had incense in his hand to burne it: & while he was wroth with the Priests, the leprosie rose vp in his forehead before the Priests in the house of the Lord beside the incense altar.

20 And when Azariah the chief Priest with all the Priests looked vpon him, beholde, he was leprous in his forehead, and they caused him hastily to departe thence: and he was euen compelle to go out, because the Lord had smitten him.

21 ¶ And Vzziah the King was a lepre vnto the day of his death, and dwelt as a lepre in an house aparte, because he was cut of fro the house of the Lord: & Iotham his sonne

Nehem. 3. 19.
24
Where as y
walle or tow-
re turneth.
Or. p. 100.

That is, in
mount Carmel,
or, as th. wor-
de significth, in
the fruitful
field it is also
taken for a
greene care of
corne, when
it is full. 22
Leu. 2. 14.

Of chief
officers of the
Kings house,
of the cap-
taines and in-
terpretes for
warre.

He engin by
the sanctuarie
of an incense
man.

Thus prof-
perous causeth
men to trust in
them selves, &
by forgoing
him, which is
th. autor the-
reef, procure
their owne per-
dition.

Numb. 17. 7.

Though his
state seemed
to be good &
also his inten-
tion, yet because
they were
not gouerned
by the worde
of God, he did
wickedly, and
was therefore
bothe iustly-
restriced & also
punished.

2 King. 25. 2.
According
to the comma-
ndement of the
Lord. Leu.
17. 46.

sonne ruled over the Kings house, and iudged the people of the land.

22 Concerning the rest of the actes of Vzziah, first and last, did Isaiáh the Prophet the sonne of Amóz write.

23 So Vzziah slepe with his fathers, and they buryed him with his father's in the field of the buryal, which pertained to the Kings: for they said, He is a lepre. And Iothám his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXVII.

Iothám reigneth, and ouercumeth the Ammonites & His reign & death. & Aház his sonne reigneth in his stead.

m And therefore was buryed aparte in the same field, but not in the same sepulchre: as his predecessers

2.King 11.33

1 Iothám was fyue & twentie yere olde when he began to reigne, and reigned sixtene yere in Ierusalém, and his mothers name was Ierustáh the daughter of Zádók.

2 And he did vprightly in the sight of the Lord according to all that his father Vzziah did, save that he entred not into the Temple of the Lord, and the people did yet corrupt their wayes.

3 He buyt the hye gate of the house of the Lord, and he buyt very muche on the wall of the castel.

4 Moreouer he buyt cities in the mountaynes of Iudáh, and in the forests he buyt palaces and towres.

5 And he foght with the King of the children of Ammón, and preuailed against them. And the children of Ammón gaue him the same yere an hundred talents of siluer, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand bariy: this did the children of Ammón giue him bothe in the second yere and the third.

6 So Iothám became mightie because he directed his way before the Lord his God.

7 Concerning the rest of the actes of Iothám, and all his warres and his wayes, lo, they are written in the boke of the Kings of Israél, and Iudáh.

8 He was fyue and twentie yere olde when he began to reigne, and reigned sixtene yere in Ierusalém.

9 And Iothám slept with his fathers, and they buryed him in the citie of Dauid: & Aház his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Aház an idolater is giuen into the hands of the Syriars, and the King of Israél. The Prophet reproveth the Israélites crueltie. Iudáh is molested with enemies.

23 Aház mercafeeth his idolatrie. 26 His death and successour.

1 Aház was twentie yere olde when he began to reigne, and reigned sixtene yere in Ierusalém, and did not vprightly in the sight of the Lord, like Dauid his father.

2 But he walked in the wayes of the Kings of Israél and made euen molten images for Baalim:

a To wit, to offer incense against the word of God, which thing is spoken in the cōdēdōn of Iothám

b They were not cleane purged from idolatrie

c Which was six score cubites hie, & was for the height called Oppel it was vtly built gare, and mention is made of it, ch. 1. 14

Or, gently

d He sheweth that all profane counsel of God, who neuer faileth, when we put our trust in him

20.King. 16.8. Or, predecessour

a He was an idolater, like them.

b As the idolaters haue euer some chief idoles, who are as patrons: as were these Baalim) so haue they others which are inferior & do represent the great idoles

Moreouer he burnt incense in the valley of Ben-hinnóm, & burnt his sonn's with fyre, after the abominations of the heathen whome the Lord had cast out before the children of Israél.

4 He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the hie places, and on hilles, and vnder euerie greene tree.

5 Wherefore the Lord his God deliuered him into the hand of the King of the Aramites, and they smote him, and toke of his, many prisoners, and brought them to Damascus: and he was also deliued into the hand of the King of Israél, which smote him with a great slaughter.

6 For Pekah the sonne of Remaliáh, slewe in Iudáh six score thousand in one day, all valiant men, because they had forsaken the Lord God of their fathers.

7 And Zichri a mightie man of Ephráim slewe Maaseriáh the Kings sonne, and Azrikam the gouernour of the house, and Elkanáh the seconde after the King.

8 And the children of Israél toke prisoners of their brethren, two hundred thousand of women, sonnes and daughters, and caryed away muche spoile of them, and brought the spoile to Samaria.

9 But there was a Prophet of the Lords, (whose name was Odéd) and he went out before the hoste that came to Samaria, & said vnto them, Beholde, because the Lord God of your fathers is wroth with Iudáh, he hath deliuered them into your hand, and ye haue slaine them in a rage, that reacheth vp to heauen.

10 And now ye purpose to kepe vnder the children of Iudáh and Ierusalém, as seruants and handmaides vnto you: but are not you sure, that sinnes are with you before the Lord your God?

11 Now therefore heare me, and deliuer the captaines againe, which ye haue takē prisoners of your brethren: for the feare wrath of the Lord is toward you.

12 Wherefore certeine of the chief of the children of Ephráim, Azariáh the sonne of Iehobanan, Berechiáh the sonne of Meshilkémóth, and Ichizkiáh the sonne of Shallúm, and Amasá the sonne of Hadlá, stode vp against them that came from the waite,

13 And said vnto the, Bring not in the captiues hether: for this shall be a sinne vpon vs against the Lord: ye entred to adde more to our sinnes and to our trespassse, though our trespassse be great, & the feare wrath of God is against Israél.

14 So the armie left the captiues and the spoile before the princes and all the Congregation.

15 And the mé that were named by name, rose vp and toke the prisoners, and with

Or, made them passe through the fyre at Co. 11.6. Is. 31.24.

2.K. 17.36. Or, a great captiuitie.

c Who was King of Israél

2.K. 17.36. Or, they of the Lord

Or, you are.

d Thus by the iuste iudgement of God Israél destroyed Iudáh.

e For they thought they had overcome them by their owne valiantnes, & did not consider that God had deliuered them into their hands, because Iudáh had offended him. f May not God avenge himselfe for your sinnes, as he hath done these men for theirs, seeing yours are greater?

g Which tribe was now greatest, and had most autoritie.

h God will not suffer this sinne, which we comit against him, to be unpunished.

i Whose names were rehearsed before, vers. 13.

the spoile clothed all that were naked among them, and arayed them, and shod them, and gaue them meat and gaue them drinke, and k anointed them, and caryed all that were feble of them vpon asses, & broght them to Iericho the citie of Palmertrees to their brethren: so they returned to Samaria.

k Eher for their wounds or wearis.

l To them of the tribe of Iudá.

m To Tiglath Pilnefer, and those Kings y were vnder his dominion. 2 King. 16. 7.

n He mesmeth Iudá, because Ahaz forsake the Lord and sought helpe of the insideltous of Israél taken for Iudá chap. 15. 17.

o He divided. 2 King 16. 8.

p As he fallibly supposed.

q Thus the wicked measure Gods fauour by profperitie & aduersitie: for if idolaters prosper, they make their idoles gods. not considering y God punisheth them oft times whome he toucheth, & giueth his enemies good successe for a time, whome afterwards he wil destroye. Or, Iudá and Benjamin

Or, he respecteth.

r They buried him not in the citie of Dauid where were y sepulchres of the Kings.

31 The oblation of the people.

Hezekiah began to reigne, when he was fyue and twentie yere olde, and reigned nine and twentie yere in Ierusalem: and his mothers name was Abitah the daughter of Zechariah.

Or, Abi.

And he did vprightly in the sight of the Lord, according to all that Dauid his father had done.

He opened the dores of the house of the Lord in the first yere and in the first moneth of his reigne, and repared them.

a Which Ahaz had done vp. Chap 28.

And he broght in the Priests and the Leuites, and gathered them into the East strete,

b This is a notable example for all princes, first to establish the pure religion of God, and to procure that y Lord may be honored and serued aright. c Meaning all the idoles, altars, groues & whatsoever was occupied in their seruice, and wherewith the Temple was polluted.

And said vnto them, Heare me, ye Leuites: sanctific now your selues, and sanctific the house of y Lord God of your fathers, and carye forthe the filthines out of the Sanctuarie.

For our fathers haue trespassed, and done euil in the eyes of the Lord our God, and haue forsaken him, and turned away their faces from the Tabernacle of the Lord, & turned their backs.

They haue also shut the dores of the porche, and quenched the lampes, and haue nether burnt incense, nor offred burnt offerings in the Sanctuarie vnto the God of Israél.

Wherefore the wrath of the Lord hath bene on Iudá and Ierusalem: & he hath made them a scatering, a desolacion, and an hissing, as ye se with your eyes.

d He sheweth that the contempt of religion is the cause of all Gods plagues. Or, a scadding of the bread and meeter.

For lo, our fathers are failé by y sword, and our sonnes, & our daughters, and our wiues are in captiuitie for the same cause.

Now I purpose to make a coucnant with the Lord God of Israél, that he may turne away his fierce wrath from vs.

e Or, it is in me not heare

Now my sonnes, be not deceiued: for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before him, to serue him, and to be his ministers, and to burne incense.

f He proneth by the iudgements of God vpon those y haue countenanced his word, that there is no way to auoyde his plagues, but by conforming the selues to his wil. Num. 16. 6.

Then the Leuites arose, Mahath the sonne of Amathai, and Ioel the sonne of Azariah of the sonnes of the Kohathites and of the sonnes of Merari, Kish the sonne of Abdi, and Azariah the sonne of Iehalel: and of the Gershonites, Ioah the sonne of Zimmah, and Eden the sonne of Ioah:

And of the sonnes of Elizaphan, Shimri, and Iehiel: & of the sonnes of Asaph, Zechariah, and Mattaniah?

And of the sonnes of Heman, Iehiel, and Shimei: and of the sonnes of Ieduthun, Shematiah and Vzziel.

And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified them selues & came according to the commandment of the King, and by the wordes of the Lord, for to cleanse the house of the Lord.

Or, concerning the house of the Lord.

At that time did King Ahaz send vnto the Kings of Asshur, to helpe him.

(For the Edomites came moreouer, and slewe of Iudá, & caryed away captiues.

The Philistims also inuaded the cities in the lowe countrey, and towarde the South of Iudá, and toke Bethshemesh and Aialon, and Gederoth and Shochó, with the villages thereof, & Timnah, with her villages, and Gimzo, with her villages, and they dwelt there.

For the Lord had humbled Iudá, because of Ahaz King of Israél: for he had broght vengeance vpon Iudá and had grieuouly transgressed against the Lord)

And Tiglath Pilnefer King of Asshur came vnto him who troubled him and did not strengthen him.

For Ahaz toke a porcion out of the house of the Lord and out of the Kings house and of the princes, and gaue vnto y King of Asshur: yet it helped him not.

And in the time of his tribulacion did he yet trespasse more against the Lord, (this is King Ahaz)

For he sacrificed vnto the gods of Damascus, which plagued him, & he said, Because the gods of the Kings of Aram helped them, I wil sacrifice vnto them, & they wil helpe me: yet they were his ruine, and of all Israél.

And Ahaz gathered the vessels of the house of God, and brake the vessels of the house of God, and shut vp the dores of the house of the Lord, and made him altars in euerie corner of Ierusalem.

And in euerie citie of Iudá he made hie places, to burne incense vnto other gods, and prouoked to angre the Lord God of his fathers.

Concerning the rest of his actes, and all his wayes first and last, beholde, they are written in the boke of the Kings of Iudá, and Israél.

And Ahaz slept with his fathers, & they buried him in the citie of Ierusalem, but broght him not vnto the sepulchres of the Kings of Israél: and Hezekiah his sonne reigned in his steade.

CHAP. XXX.

1. Hezekiah repairth the Temple and aduertiseh the Leuites of the corruption of religion. 12 The Leuites prepare the Temple. 20 The King and his princes sacrifice in the Temple. 25 The Leuites sing psaltes.

16 And the Priests went into the inner partes of the house of the Lord, to ^f cleanse it, & broght out all the vnclennes that they founde in the Temple of the Lord, into the courte of the house of the Lord: and the Leuites toke it, to carie it out vnto the brooke Kidron.

17 They began the first *day* of the ^g first moneth to sanctifie it, and the eight day of the moneth came they to the porche of ^h the Lord: so they sanctified the house of the Lord in eight dayes, and in the sixtete day of the first moneth they made an end.

18 ¶ Then they went in to Hezekiah the King, and said, We haue cleansed all the house of the Lord and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, & the ⁱ shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof:

19 And all the vessels which King Ahaz had cast aside when he reigned, and transgressed, haue we prepared and sanctified: and beholde, they are before the altar of the Lord.

20 ¶ And Hezekiah the King ^k rose early, and gathered the princes of the citie, and went vp to the house of the Lord.

21 And they broght seuen bullockes, and seuen rams, and seuen lambes, and seuen hegoates, for a ^l sin offering for the kingdome, and for the sanctuarie, and for Iudah. And he commanded the Priests the sonnes of Aaron, to offer *them* on the altar of the Lord.

22 So they slewe the bullockes, and ^m the Priests receiued the blood, & ⁿ sprinkled it vpon the altar: they slewe also the rams & sprinkled the blood vpon the altar, and they slewe the lambes, and they sprinkled the blood vpon the altar.

23 Then they broght the hegoates for the sinne offering before the King & the Congregation, ^o and they laied their hands vpon them.

24 And the Priests slewe them, & with the blood of them they clensed the altar to reconcile all Israel: for the King had commanded for all Israel the burnt offering & the sinne offering.

25 He appointed also the Leuites in the house of the Lord with cymbales, with viols, and with harpes, according to the commandement of Dauid, and Gad the Kings Seer, and Nathán the Proph. ^p for the ^q commandement ^r was by the hand of his Prophetes.

26 And the Leuites stode with the instruments of Dauid, and the Priests with the trumpets.

27 And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering vpon the altar: & when the burnt offering began, the song of the ^s Lord began with the trumpets, and the instru-

ments ^t of Dauid King of Israel.

28 And all the Congregation worshipped, singing a song, and they blew the trumpets: all this *continued* vntil the burnt offering was finished.

29 And when they had made an end of offering, the King and all that were present with him, bowed them selues, and worshipped.

30 ¶ The Hezekiah the King & the princes commanded the Leuites to praise the Lord with the ^u wordes of Dauid, and of Asaph the Seer. so they praised with ioye, and they bowed them selues, and worshipped.

31 And Hezekiah spake, and said, Now ye haue ^v consecrate your selues to the Lord: come nere and bring the sacrifices and ^w offerings of praise into the house of the Lord. And the Congregation broght sacrifices, and ^x offerings of praises, and euerie man that was willing in heart, offered burnt offerings.

32 And the number of the burnt offerings, which the Congregation broght, was seuentie bullockes, an hundred rammes, and two hundred lambes: all these were for a burnt offering to the Lord:

33 And for ^y sanctification six hundred bullockes, and three thousand shepe.

34 But the Priests were to fewe, & were not able to slay all the burnt offerings: therefore their brethren the Leuites did helpe them, til they had ended the worke, & vntil other Priests were sanctified: for the Leuites were more vpriight in heart to sanctifie them selues, then the Priests.

35 And also the burnt offerings were many with the ^z fat of the peace offerings and the drinke offerings for the burnt offering. so the seruice of the house of the Lord was set in order.

36 Then Hezekiah reioyced & all the people, that God had made the people so ready: for the thing was done sodenly.

CHAP. XXX.

1 The keeping of the Pafseouer by the Kings commandement. 6 He exhorteth Israel to turne to the Lord. 16 He prayeth for the people 24 His oblation and the prince 27 The Leuites blisse the people

1 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel, and Iudah, and also wrote letters to E-
phaim and Manasseh, that they shulde come to the house of the Lord at Ierusalem, to kepe the Pafseouer vnto the Lord God of Israel.

2 And the King and his princes and all the Congregation had taken counsel in Ierusalem to kepe the Pafseouer in the ^a seconde moneth.

3 For they coulde not kepe it at this time, because there were not Priests ynow sanctified, nether was the people gathered to Ierusalem.

f With the pollucious and filth that Ahaz had broght in

g Which contained parte of Marche and parte of April.

h Or, rather where the bread was made

k By this manner of speache the Hebrews meant a certaine sacrifice & offered to do a thing, & where there is no delay

l For without sprinkling of blood nothing could be sanctified, Ebr 9, 21 caud 24, 8

m That is, the King and the Elders, as Leu 4, 15 for they that offered a sinne offering, must lay their hands vpon it, to signify that they had deserued that death, and also that they did consecrate it to God to be thereby sanctified, Exod 29, 10

n This thing was not appointed of man, but it was the commandement of God

o The Psalm which Dauid had appointed to be sung for the dayes of the

n Which Dauid had appointed to praise the Lord with

o With that psalme whereof mention is made 1 Chro 26, 8

p Ebr. Offer your hands

q That is, for the holy offerings.

r Meaning, were more zealous to set forward the religion.

s He sheweth that religion can not proceede, except God touche the heart of the people.

t Meaning all Israel where Targum Pseudo Ier had not taken away into the captivity, 2 King 15, 29.

u Though they ought to haue done it in the first moneth, as Exod 23, 18 nom 9, 1. yet if any were not cleane, or else had along torments, they might differ it vnto the seconde moneth, as Nom. 9, 10.

e Frō one end of the land to ſ other, North and South

d In ſuche fort and rittidit, as God had appointed.

e He wil haue compaſſion on them, and preſerue them.

f Submit your ſelues to the Lord, and re- belle no more.

g God wil not ouerly preferre you, but through your repenſance reſtore your brethren, which for their ſinnes he gaue into the handes of the enemies.

h Though the wicked mocke as the ſeruaunt of God, by whom he calleth the reſpectiue, Gen 29.14, yet the word eateſt not to ſtridit in. h. ſees of Gods. i. & h. He ſheweth the cauſe why ſome obey & ſome mocke at Gods calling, so wt, becauſe his Spirit is with the one ſort & without their heart, & the other are left to themſelues.

k Which declareth that we muſt put away thoſe things wherewith God is offended, beſore we can ſerue him aright.

l Sing their owne negligēce (who ſhulde haue bene more prompt) & the readines of the people, Chap 29.16 To wt, of the lambe of the Paſſeouer

4 And the thing pleased the King, and all the Congregation.

5 And they decreed to make proclamation throughout all Iſraél from Beersheba euen to Dan, that they ſhulde come to keepe the Paſſeouer vnto the Lord God of Iſraél at Ieruſalém: for they had not done it of a great time, as it was written.

6 ¶ So the poſtes went with letters by the commiſſion of the King; and his princes, throughout all Iſraél and Iudáh, and with the commandment of the King, ſaying, Ye childre of Iſraél, turne againe vnto the Lord God of Abraham, Iſhák, and Iſaél, and he wil returne to the remnant that are eſcaped of you, out of the hands of the Kings of Aſſhūr.

7 And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespaſſed againſt the Lord God of their fathers: and therefore he made them deſolate, as ye ſe.

8 Be not ye now ſtiſnecked like your fathers, but giue the hád to the Lord & come into his Sanctuarie, which he hath ſanctified for euer, and ſerue the Lord your God, and the ſcarcenes of his wrath ſhal turne away from you.

9 For if ye returne vnto the Lord, your brethren and your children ſhal finde mercie before them that led them captiues, and they ſhal returne vnto this land: for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and wil not turne away his face from you, if ye conuert vnto him.

10 ¶ So the poſtes went from citie to citie through the land of Ephraim and Manasse, euen vnto Zebulun: but they laughed them to ſcoone, and mocked them.

11 Ne ertheles diuers of Aſſer, and Manasse, and of Zebulun ſubmitted themſelues and came to Ieruſalém.

12 And the hand of God was in Iudáh, ſo that he gaue them one heart to do the commandment of the King, and of the rulers, according to the word of the Lord.

13 And there aſſembled to Ieruſalém muche people, to keepe the feaſt of the vncleaued bread in the ſeconde moneth, a very great aſſembly.

14 ¶ And they aroſe, & toke away the altars that were in Ieruſalém: and all thoſe for incenſe toke they away, and caſt them into the broke Kidron.

15 Afterward they ſawe the Paſſeouer the ſourteenth day of the ſeconde moneth: and the Priests and Leuites were aſhamed, and ſanctified themſelues, and broght the burnt offerings into the houſe of the Lord.

16 And they ſtoode in their place after their maner, according to the Law of Moſes the man of God: and the Priests ſprinkled the blood, received of the hands of the Leuites.

Because there were manie in the Congregation that were not ſanctified, therefore the Leuites had the charge of the killing of the Paſſeouer for all that were not cleane, to ſanctifie it to the Lord.

18 For a multitude of the people, euen a multitude of Ephraim, & Manasse, Iſſachar & Zebulun had not clenſed themſelues, yet did eat the Paſſeouer, but not as it was written: wherefore Hezekiah prayed for them, ſaying, The good Lord be merciful toward him,

19 That prepareth his whole heart to ſeek the Lord God, the God of his fathers, that he be not clenſed, according to the purification of the Sanctuarie.

20 And the Lord heard Hezekiah, & healed the people.

21 And the children of Iſraél that were preſent at Ieruſalém, kept the feaſt of the vncleaued bread ſeuē dayes with great ioye, and the Leuites, and the Priests praised the Lord, day by day, ſinging with lowde instruments vnto the Lord.

22 And Hezekiah ſpake comfortably vnto all the Leuites that had good knowledge to ſing vnto the Lord: & they did eat in that feaſt ſeuē dayes, & offered peace offerings, & praised the Lord God of their fathers.

23 And the whole aſſembly toke counſel to keepe it other ſeuē dayes. So they kept it ſeuē dayes with ioye.

24 For Hezekiah King of Iudáh had giuen to the Congregation a thouſand bullockes, and ſeuē thouſand ſhepe. And the princes had giuen to the Congregation a thouſand bullockes, and ten thouſand ſhepe: and many Priests were ſanctified.

25 And all the Congregation of Iudáh reioyced with the Priests and the Leuites, & all the Congregation that came out of Iſraél, and the ſtrangers that came out of the land of Iſraél, & that dwelt in Iudáh.

26 So there was great ioye in Ieruſalém: for ſince the time of Salomon the ſonne of Dauid King of Iſraél there was not the like thing in Ieruſalém.

27 Then the Priests and the Leuites aroſe, and bleſſed the people, and their voyce was heard, and their prayer came vp to heauen, to his holy habitacion.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 The people deſtroge idolatrie. 2 Hezekiah appointeth Priests & Leuites. 4 And prouideth for their living. 13 He ordereth ouerſeers to diſtribute to euery one his portion.

1 And when all theſe things were finiſhed, all Iſraél that were founde in cities of Iudáh, went out & brake the images, & cut downe the groues, & brake downe the hie places, and the altars through out all Iudáh & Benjamin, in Ephraim alſo and Manasse,

n He knewe, ſ faith and ſincere of heart was more agreeable to God, then the obſeruation of theſe ceremonies, & therefore he praised vnto God to pardon this fault vnto the people, which did not offend of malice but of ignorance. That is, did accept the as purchaſed.

o His ſpake to the heart.

p This great lib. rabite doctra et h bow Kings, princes & all the y, to a nome. God haue him wherewith, ought to be made ready to knowe it in letting forth of Gods glo.

q According to that which is written No. 6.23, whē they ſhulde diſtributhe the people.

r According to the commandment of the Lord, Deut 7. 25 10th 7. 1. 2. mar 23. 30.

That is, all they which ca me to the Pal- looner.

That is, in y Temple where they assembled as in a tent

Num. 18. 8. & 9.

The tithes & first frutes for the mainten- ce of y Pricfts and Leuites
That their modes might not be intang- led with pro- uision of wor- dely thigs but y they might wholly & che- refully grae the Lord
For publick good

Which they had dedicate to the Lord by a vow
For the re- lief of the Pricfts, Leu- ites, widows, pupill s, fa- therlesse, stran- gers & such as were in ne- cessitie
They praised the Lord, and praised for all prosperitie to his people

He sheweth that this plé- tuous liberali- tie is expedite for y maine- nance of the ministers, and that God there- fore prosper- eth his peo- ple, & increa- seth by his blessing that which is giue.

As by chap. 34.

Manasséh, vntil they had made an end: af- terward all the b childre of Israél returned euerie mā to his possession, into their owne cities.

And Hezekiáh appointed the courses of the Pricfts and Leuites by their turnes, euerie man according to his office, bothe Pricfts & Leuites, for the burnt offering & peace offerings, to minister & to giue thanks, and to praise in the gates of the c courts of the Lord.

(And the Kings porcion was of his owne substance for the burnt offerings, euen for the burnt offrings of the morning & of the evening, and the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths, and for the new moones, & for the solemn feastes, * as it is written in the Law of the Lord)

He commāded also the people that dwelt in Ierusalém, to giue a d parte to the Pricfts, and Leuites, that they might be e encouraged in the Law of the Lord.

¶ And whé the commādemēt was s pced, the children of Israél broght abundance of first frutes, of corne, wine, & oyle, & hornie, & of all the increase of the field, and the tithes of all things broght they abundantly.

And the children of Israél & Iudáh that dwelt in y cities of Iudah, they also broght the tithes of bullockes and shepe, and the holy tithes^t w were cōsecrate vnto y Lord their God, & laid them on s many heapes.

In the third moneth they began to laye the fundacion of the h eapes, and finished them in the seuent moneth.

¶ And when Hezekiáh & the princes came, and sawe the heapes, they b blessed the Lord and his people Israél.

And Hezekiáh questioned w the Pricfts and the Leuites concerning the heapes.

And Azariáh y chief Pricft of the house of Zadók answered him, & said, Since the people begā to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord, we haue eaten & haue bene satisfied, & there is left in abú dāce: for the Lord hathe bless:ed his people, and this abundance that is left.

¶ And Hezekiáh cōmanded to prepare chambers in the house of the Lord: and they prepared them,

And caryed in the first frutes, and the tithes, & the dedicate things faithfully: & ouer thē was Conaniáh the Leuite, y chief, and Shimeí his brother the s cōn:le.

And Iehiél, and Azaziáh, & Náhath, & Afahél, & Ierimóth, and Iozabád, and Eliél, and Ismachíah, and Máhath, and Benaiáh were ouerseers^r by the appoint- ment of Conaniáh, and Shimeí his brother, & by the cōmandement of Hezekiáh the King, and of Azariáh the chief of the house of God.

And Koré the sōne of Imnáh the Leui- re porter toward the East, was ouer the things y were willingly offered vnto God, to distribute the oblations of the Lord, & the holy things that were consecrate.

And at his hand were Edén, & Miniamín, & Ieshúa, & Shemaiah, Amariáb, and She- chaniáh, in the cities of the Pricfts, to di- stribute with fidelitie to their brethré by courses, bothe to the great and small,

Their daily porcion: beside their gene- racion being males & from thre yer olde and aboute, euen to all that entred into the house of the Lord to their office in thā charge, according to their courses:

Bothe to the generaciō of the Pricfts af- ter the house of their fathe s, & to the Le- uites from twentie yere old: & aboute, ac- cording to their charge in their courses:

And to th: generacion of all their chil- dien, their wiues, & their sonnes and their daughters throughout all the Congre- gacion: for by their fidelitie are they p ar- takers of the holy things.

Also to the sonnes of Aaron, the Pricfts, which were in y fields & suburbes of their cities, in euerie citie the men that were ap- pointed by names, shulde giue porcions to all the males of the Pricfts, and to all the generacion of the Leuites.

And thus did Hezekiáh throughout all Iudáh, and did wel, and vp rightly, & true- ly before the Lord his God.

And in all the workes that he began for the sauce of the house of God, bothe in the Law and in the commādements, to sēke his God, he did it with all his heart, & prospered.

CHAP. XXXII.

Sanneherib invadeth Iudáh. 3 Hezekiáh prepareth for the warre 7 he exhorteth the people to put their trust in the Lord 3 Sanneherib blasphemeth God. 20 Hezekiáh prayeth 21 The Angel destroyeth the Assyrians, and the King is slaine 22 Hezekiáh is now thankful toward the Lord. 23 His death.

AFTER these things faithfully described, S^a Sanneherib King of Asshúr came and entred into Iudáh, and besieged the strōg cities, & thought to winne them for him selfe.

When Hezekiáh sawe that Sanneherib was com:ed, & that his purpose was to fight against I rusa'em,

Then he tok counsel with his princes and his nobles, to stoppe the water of the fountaines without the citie: and they did helpe him.

So many of the people assembled them selues, and stopt all the fountaines, and the ruer that ran through the middes of the countrey, saying, Why shulde the Kings of Asshúr come, and finde muche water?

Who had also a porcion & allowance in this distribution.

Mean't, that ether by the faithful distribu- tions of the office, or by the one had their parte in the thing that were offered, or els that their wi- ues & childred were relieved, because the Le- uites were faithful in their office, and so depend- ed on them.

2 Kin 18. 17. 18. 20. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40.

2 Kin 19. 36.

18 He was 5
strength

a He made a
double wall
b Read 2 Sam
59
c Some read,
swords or
daggers.

18 He spake 18
their heart.

d That is, the
power of man
e Thus declar-
eth that Eze-
kiâh did not
put his trust in
God, and yet
made him self
strong and
vied, lawfull
means, lest he
shulde seeme
to tempt God.
f King 18, 17.
g While he be-
sieged La-
chish.

18 Thus 7 wir-
red put no dif-
ference betwe-
ne true reli-
gion & false,
God & idoles.
for Hezekiah
only destroy-
ed idolatry &
placed true re-
ligion that 7
Papists slander
the seruants of
God for when
they destroy
idolatry, they

18 Thus is his
blasphemie, 7
he wil compare
the living
God to vile i-
doles

i When man
hath prosper-
ed, he swell-
eth in pride
and chinketh
him self able
to resist and
ouercome euil
God him self.
k Herein we
see that when 7
wicked speake
euil of the ser-
uants of God,
they care not
to blaspheme
God him self,
for if they fea-
red God, they
woulde loue his
seruants.

18 And he toke courage, and buyt all the broken wall, and made vp the towres, & another wall without, & separated a Millô in the citie of Dauid, and made many dartes and shields.

19 And he set captaines of warre ouer the people and assembled them to him in the broad place of the gate of the citie, and

spake comfortably vnto them, saying,

20 Be strong and couragious: feare not, neither be afraid for the King of Asshur, neither for all the multitude that is with him: for there be mo with vs, then is with him.

21 With him is an arme of flesh, but with vs is the Lord our God for to helpe vs, and to fight our battels. Then the people were confirmed by the wordes of Hezekiah King of Iudah.

22 After this, did Sanneherib King of Asshur send his seruants to Ierusalém (while he was against Lachish, and all his dominion with him) vnto Hezekiah King of Iudah and vnto all Iudah that were at Ierusalém, saying,

23 Thus saith Sanneherib the King of Asshur, Wherein do ye trust, that ye will remaine in Ierusalém, during the siege

24 Doeth not Hezekiah entice you to giue ouer your selues vnto death by famine & by thirst, saying, The Lord our God shal deliuer vs out of the hand of the King of Asshur

25 Hath not y same Hezekiah take awaie his hie places and his altars and commāded Iudah and Ierusalém, saying, Ye shal worship before one altar, and burne incense vpon it

26 Knowe ye not what I and my fathers haue done vnto ail the people of other countreies: Were the gods of the nations of other lands able to deliuer their land out of mine hand

27 Who is he of all the gods of those nations (that my fathers haue destroyed) that colde deliuer his people out of mine hand: that your God shulde be able to deliuer you out of mine hand

28 Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceiue you, nor seduce you after this sorte, neither belue ye him: for none of all gods of any nation or kingdome was able to deliuer his people out of mine hand and out of y hand of my fathers: how muche lesse shal your gods deliuer you out of mine hand

29 And his seruantes spake yet more against the Lord God, & against his seruant Hezekiah.

30 He wrote also letters, blaspheming the Lord God of Israel and speaking against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of other countreis colde not deliuer their peo-

ple out of mine hand, so shal not the God of Hezekiah deliuer his people out of mine hand.

31 Then they cryed with a loude voyce in the Iewes speache vnto the people of Ierusalém that were on the wall, to feare the and to astonish them, that they might take the citie.

32 Thus they spake against the God of Ierusalém, as against the gods of the people of the earth, euen the workes of mans hands,

33 But Hezekiah the King, and the Prophet Isaiâh the sonne of Amoz, prayed against this and cryed to heauen.

34 And the Lord sent an Angel which destroyed all the valiant men, and the princes and captaines of the hoste of the King of Asshur: so he returned with shame to his owne land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forthe of his powne bowels, slewe him there with the sworde.

35 So the Lord saued Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Ierusalém from the hand of Sanneherib King of Asshur, and from the hand of all other, and maintained the on euerie side.

36 And many broght offerings vnto the Lord to Ierusalém, and presents to Hezekiah King of Iudah, so that he was magnified in the sight of all nacions from thence forthe.

37 In those dayes Hezekiah was sicke vnto the death, and prayed vnto the Lord, who spake vnto him, and gaue him a signe.

38 But Hezekiah did not rendre accordig to the rewarde bestowed vpon him: for his heart was list vp, and wrath came vpon him, and vpon Iudah and Ierusalém.

39 Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled him selfe (after that his heart was list vp) he and the inhabitants of Ierusalém, and the wrath of the Lord came not vpon them in the daies of Hezekiah.

40 Hezekiah also had exceedig muche riches & honour, & he gate him treasures of siluer, & of golde, and of precious stones, & of swete odours, and of shields, and of all pleasant vessels:

41 And of store houses for the increase of wheat, and wine and oyle, and stalles for all beastes, and rowes for the stables.

42 And he made him cities, and had possession of shepe and oxen in abundance: for God had giuen him substance exceeding muche.

43 This same Hezekiah also stopped the vpper water springs of Gihon, and led the streight vnderneath toward y citie of Dauid Westward. so Hezekiah prospered in all his workes.

1 Their wor-
des are writ
2 King 18, 2.

m Which wor-
de infused, made
and authorized by man
n This shew-
eth what is y
k. A refuge in
all troubles &
dangers.

o To the num-
ber of an hun-
dredth four-
score and fife
thousand, as
2 King 19, 35.
p Wor. with shu-
me of fact.
q Mactis, Ad-
ramlech, and
Suzer her
sonnes.

r Or, guard.

q This after
trouble, God
sendeth comfort
to all them y
patiently waite
on him, and cō-
fessyng their
trust in his
mercies

2 King 20, 1.
18. 37.

r To confirme
his faith in
Gods promes,
who declared
to him by his
Prophet that
his life shulde
be prolonged
seuen yere
s He was list-
ed up with y
pride of his vi-
sions & trea-
sures & shew-
ed them for an
oblation to
the ambassa-
dours of Baby-
lon.

40 Or, gates, and
parishes.

40 Or, patches.

t Which also
was called Si-
loah, whereof
mention is ma-
de 1sa 38, 6.
1sa 38, 6.

n Here we see the cause why the faithful are tempted, & as to trye whether they haue faith or no, and that they may see the preiudice of God, who suffere them not to be overcome by tentations, but in their weaknes manifest strength.

31 But because of the ambassadours of the princes of Babel, which sent vnto him to enquire of the wondre that was done in the land, God left him to ^a trye him, & to knowe all that was in his heart.

32 Concerning the rest of the actes of Hezekiah, and his goodnes, beholde, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the Prophet, the sonne of Amoz, in the booke of the Kings of Iudah and Israhel.

33 So Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the highest sepulchre of the sonnes of Dauid: and all Iudah and the inhabitants of Ierusalem did him honour at his death, and Manasséh his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 Manasséh an idolater 9 He causeth Iudah to erre. 11 He led away prisoner into Babylon. 12 He prayeth to the Lord, and is deliuered 14 He abolisheth idolatry, 16 And setteth vp true religion 20 He dyeth and Amón his sonne succedeth, 24 Whome his owne seruants slay.

2.King.21.1.

1 Manasséh was twelue yere olde, * whē he began to reigne, and he reigned five and fiftie yere in Ierusalem:

Deut.18.9.

2 And he did euil in the sight of the Lord, like the abominacions of the heathen, * whome the Lord had cast out before the children of Israhel.

2.King.17.4. here 22.24.

3 For he went backe and buylt the hie places, * which Hezekiah his father had broken downe: * and he set vp altars for Baalim, and made groues, and worshipped all the hoste of the heauen, and serued them.

2.King 21.5.

4 Also he buylt altars in the house of the Lord, whereof the Lord had said, * In Ierusalem shal my Name be for euer.

2 Read 2 King 16.3.

5 And he buylt altars for all the hoste of the heauē in the two courtes of the house of the Lord.

2.King 1.29. & 2.2.2.King 7.10. & 21.7.

6 * And he caused his sonnes to passe through y^e fyre in the valley of Ben-hinnom: he gaue him selfe to witchcraft and to charming, and to forcerie, and he vsed them that had familiar spirits, and soothsayers: he did verie much euil in y^e sight of the Lord to angre him.

2.Sam.7.10.

7 He put also the karued image, which he had made, in the house of God: whereof God had said to Dauid and to Salomon his sonne, * In this house & in Ierusalem, which I haue chofen before all the tribes of Israhel, wil I put my Name for euer,

b By the charge giue to Moses.

8 Nether wil * I make the foote of Israhel to remoue any more out of the land which I haue appointed for your fathers, so that they take hede, & do all that I haue commanded them, according to the Law and statutes and iudgements by the ^b hand of Moses.

9 So Manasséh made Iudah and the inhabitants of Ierusalem to erre, & to do worse then the heathen, whome the Lord had

destroyed before the children of Israhel.

10 ¶ And the Lord spake ^c to Manasséh & to his people, but they wolde not regarde.

11 Wherefore the Lord broght vpon them the captaines of the hoste of the King of Asshur, which toke Manasséh & put him in fetters, and bounde him in chaines, and carryed him to Babel.

12 And when he was in tribulaciō, he prayed to the Lord his God, and humbled him selfe greatly before y^e God of his fathers,

13 And prayed vnto him, and God was ^d entreated of him, and heard his prayer, and broght him againe to Ierusalem into his kingdome: the Manasséh knewe that the Lord was God.

14 Now after this he buylt a wall without the citie of Dauid, on the Westside of ^e Gihon in the valley, eue at the entrie of the fish gate, & compassed about ^f Ophel, and raised it very hie, and put captaines of warre in all the strong cities of Iudah.

15 And he toke away the strange gods and the image out of the house of the Lord, and all the altars that he had buylt in the mount of the house of the Lord, and in Ierusalem, and cast them out of the citie.

16 Also he prepared the ^g altar of y^e Lord, and sacrificed thereon peace offrings, and of thanks, and commanded Iudah to serue the Lord God of Israhel.

17 Neuertheles the people did sacrifice stil in the hie places, but vnto y^e ^h Lord their God.

18 ¶ Concerning the rest of the actes of Manasséh, and his ⁱ prayer vnto his God, and the wordes of the Seers, that spake to him in the Name of the Lord God of Israhel, beholde, they are written in the boke of the Kings of Israhel.

19 And his prayer and how God was intreated of him, and all his sinne, and his trespassse, and the places wherem he buylt hie places, and set groues and images (before he was humbled) beholde, they are written in the boke of ^j the Seers.

20 So Manasséh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his owne ^k house: and Amón his sonne reigned in his stead.

21 ¶ Amón was two and twentie yere olde, when he began to reigne, and reigned two yere in Ierusalem.

22 But he did euil in the sight of the Lord, as did Manasséh his father. for Amón sacrificed to all the images, which Manasséh his father had made, and serued them,

23 And he humbled not him selfe before the Lord, as Manasséh his father had humbled him selfe: but this Amón trespassed more and more.

24 And his seruants * conspired against him, and slewe him in his owne house.

c Meaning, by his Prophetes, but their hearts were not touched to beleue & repene without the preaching of the wordes taketh no place.

d Thus affliction giveth understanding for he that hateth God in his persecutiō, now in his tribulaciō he seeketh vnto him

e Read Chap. 33.30. f Read Chap. 27.21.

g Which Salomon had caused to be made.

h Thus by ignorance they were deceiued thinking it onely to kepe the altars, to that they worshipped God: but it is idolatry to worship God any other wise then he hath appointed. Which albeit that it is not contained in the Hebrew, yet because it is here mentioned & is used in the Greke, we haue placed it in y^e end of this booke.

i Because he had so horribly offended against y^e Lord, they did not buy him in y^e pictures of the Kings, but in the garrea of the Kings house.

2.King.21.23

25 But the people of the land slewe all the that had conspired against King Amón: and the people of the land made Iofiah his sonne King in his stead.

CHAP. XXXIIII.

1 Iofiah destroyeth the idoles, & And reffereth the Temple. 14 The boke of the Lawe is founde. 21 He sendeth to Huldah the propheteffe for counfel. 27 God heareth his prayer. 31 He maketh a covenant with God.

1 King. 23. 1 Iofiah was eight yere olde whe he began to reigne, and he reigned in Ierusalem one and thirtie yere.

2 He followed Daud in all pointes that he followed the Lord.

3 When he was but fixtene yere olde, he showed him selfe zealous of Gods glorie, & at twentie yere olde he abolished idolatrie and restored the true religion which sheweth that he wolde see the reformation of his owne car.

4 Read 2. King. 23. 16.

5 This great zeale of this godlie King for holie Gods service forthe as an example to other Kings & rulers, to teach the what God requireth of them.

6 King. 23. 16.

7 He that returned to Ierusalem, meaning Shaphan, &c.

2 And he did vprightly in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the wayes of Daud his father, and bowed nether to the right hand nor to the left.

3 And in the eight yere of his reigne (when he was yet a childe) he began to seke after the God of Daud his father: and in the twelfth yere he began to purge Iudah, and Ierusalem from the hie places, and the groues, and the kerued images, and molten images:

4 And they brake downe in his sight the altars of Baalim, and he caused to cut downe the images that were on hie vpon them: he brake also the groues, & the kerued images, and the molten images, and stampt them to poudre, and strowed it vpon the graues of them that had sacrificed vnto them.

5 Also he burnt the bones of the Priests vpon their altars, and purged Iudah and Ierusalem.

6 And in cities of Manasseh, & Ephraim, and Simeon, euen vnto Naphtali, with their maules they brake all rounde about.

7 And when he had destroyed the altars and the groues, and had broken and stampd downe all the idoles throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Ierusalem.

8 Then in the eightente yere of his reigne when he had purged the land and the Temple, he sent Shaphan the sonne of Azaliáh, and Maaseáh the gouernour of the citie, and Ioah the sonne of Ioaház the recorder, to repare the house of the Lord his God.

9 And when they came to Hilkiáh the hie Priest, they deliuered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Leuites that kept the dore, had gathered at the hand of Manasseh, and Ephraim, & of all the residue of Israel, and of all Iudah and Beniamin, and of the inhabitants of Ierusalem.

10 And they put it in the hands of them that shulde do the worke: and had the ouersight in the house of the Lord: and they gaue it to the workemen that wrought in the house of the Lord, to repare & amende the house.

11 Euen to the workemen & to the buylders gaue they it, to bye hewed stone and timber for couples & for beames of the houses, which the Kings of Iudah had destroyed.

f For there were many portions and pieces annexed to the Temple. Meaning they were in such a condition for their dilapidation, that they made none account of that which they received. 2. King. 23. 9.

12 And the men did the worke faithfully, and the ouerscers of them were Iaháh and Obadiáh the Leuites, of the children of Merari, and Zechariáh, and Meshullám, of the children of the Kohathites to set it forward: and of the Leuites all that colde skil of instruments of musike.

13 And they were ouer the bearers of burdés, and them that set forward all the workemen in euery worke: and of the Leuites were scribes, & officers and porters.

14 And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the Lord, Hilkiáh the Priest founde the boke of the Law of the Lord giuen by the hand of Moses.

h Read 2. King. 22. 8.

15 Therefore Hilkiáh answered and said to Shaphán the chanceler, I haue founde the boke of the Lawe in the house of the Lord: and Hilkiáh gaue the boke to Shaphán.

16 And Shaphán caryed the boke to the King, and brought the King worde againe, saying, All that is committed to the hand of thy seruants, that do they.

i For the King was commanded to haue continually a copie of this boke, & to read therein day & night. Deut. 17. 18.

17 For they haue gathered the money that was founde in the house of the Lord, and haue deliuered it into the hands of the ouerscers, and to the hands of the workemen.

18 Also Shaphán the chanceler declared to the King, saying, Hilkiáh the Priest hath giuen me a boke, & Shaphán read it before the King.

19 And when the King had heard the wordes of the Lawe, he tare his clothes.

k For sorrow that the worde of God had bene so long suppressed, and people kept in ignorance, considering also the cruel correction thereof against the transgressours.

20 And the King commanded Hilkiáh, and Ahikám the sonne of Shaphán, & Abdón the sonne of Micáh, & Shaphán the chanceler, and Asaiáh the Kings seruant, saying,

21 Go and enquire of the Lord for me, and for the rest in Israel and Iudah, concerning the wordes of this boke that is founde: for great is the wrath of the Lord is fallen vpon vs, because our fathers haue not kept the worde of the Lord, to do after all that is written in this boke.

l Thus the godlie do not only lament their owne finnes, but also that their fathers and predecessors haue offended God.

22 Then Hilkiáh and they that the King had appointed, went to Huldah the propheteffe the wife of Shallúm, the sonne of Tokhiáh, the sonne of Hasrah keeper of the wardrobe (and she dwelt in Ierusalem within the colledge) and they communed with her.

m Or, Tikhah. n Or, Harbar. m Meaning either of the Priests apparel, or of the Kings. n Read hereof 2. King. 22. 14. o 2. Chron. 35. 10. the King.

23 And she answered them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Tei ye the man that sent you to me,

24 Thus saith the Lord, Beholde, I wil bring euil vpon this place, and vpon the inhabitants thereof, *euen* all the curses, that are written in the boke which they haue red before the King of Iudáh:

25 Because they haue forsakē me, and burnt incēse vnto other gods, to angre me with all the workes of their *p* hands, therefore shal my wrath fall vpon this place, & shal not be quenched.

26 But to the King of Iudáh, who sent you to enquire of the Lord, so shal ye say vnto him, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The wordes which thou hast heard, *shal come to passe.*

27 But because thine heart did *q* melt, and thou didest humble thy self before God, whē thou heardest his wordes against this place and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thy seife before me and taitst thy clothes, and weprest before me, I haue also heard it, saith the Lord.

28 Beholde, I wil gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be put in thy graue in peace, and thine eyes shal not se all the euil, which I wil bring vpon this *r* place, and vpon the inhabitants of the same. Thus they broght the King worde againe.

29 ¶ Then the King sent and gathered all the Elders of Iudáh and Ierusalēm.

30 And the King went vp into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Iudáh, and the inhabitants of Ierusalēm, and the Priests and the Leuites, and all the people frō the greatest to the *s* smallest, and he red in their eares all the wordes of the boke of the couenant that was founde in the house of the Lord.

31 And the King stode by his pillar, and made a couenant before the Lord, to walke after the Lord, and to kepe his commandements, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soule, & *y* he wolde accomplish the wordes of the couenant written in the same bok.

32 And he caused all that were founde in Ierusalēm, and Benjamin to stand to it: & the inhabitants of Ierusalēm did according to the couenant of God, *euen* the God of their fathers.

33 So Iofiah toke away all the abominations out of all the countreys that pertained to the children of Israel, and compelled all *t* that were found in Israel, to serue the Lord their God: so all his daies they turned not backe to the Lord God of their fathers.

CHAP. XXXV.

Iofiah keepeth the Paffeouer. 2 He setteth for the Gods seruice. 20 He fighteth against the King of Egypt, & dyeth. 24 The people berwaile him.

p This she speakech in contempt of the ministers, who contrarie to reason and nature maketh a god, which they haue made, and framed with their owne hands
q This declarereth what is the end of Gods threatenings, to call his to penitence, & to assure the vnpentant of destruction.

r It may appere that verie fewe were touched wth true penitence, seeing that God spared the for a time onely for the Kings sake.

s Forsasmuch as neither yēg nor old, coulde be excepted frō the curses contained therein, if they did transgress, he knewe it vnpertained to all & was his due tie to sit at red to all forses, that euer came to vnoyde those punishments by seruing God
aug. de.

t Because he had charge ouer all & must answer for euery one that perished, he thought it his due tie to se y^e all shoulde make profession to reuene the wordes of God

2^d King 23, 21

slawe the *a* Paffeouer in the fourtente day of the first moneth.

2 And he appointed the Priests to their charges, and encouraged them to the seruice of the house of the Lord,

3 And he said vnto *y* Leuites, that taught all Israel and were sanctified vnto *y* Lord, Put the holy Arke in the house which Salomon the sonne of Daud King of Israel did buyld: it *shal be* no more a *b* burden vpon your shulders: serue now the Lord your God and his people Israel,

4 And prepare your selues by the houses of your fathers according to your courses, as *D*aud the King of Israel hath written, & according to the writing of Salomon his sonne,

5 And stand in the Sanctuarie according to the diuision of the families of your brethren the children of the people, and after the diuision of the familie of the Leuites:

6 So kil the Paffeouer, and sanctifie your selues, and *a* prepare your brethren that they may do according to the worde of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

7 Iofiah also gaue to the *p* people shepe, labbes and kiddes, all for the Paffeouer, *euen* to all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, & thre thousand bullockes: these were of the Kings substance.

8 And his princes offered willingly vnto the people, to the Priests & to the Leuites: Hilkiáh, and Zechariáh, and Iehiel, rulers of the house of God, gaue vnto *y* Priests for the Paffeouer, *euen* two thousand and six hundred shepes & thre hundred bullockes.

9 *c* Conaniáh also and Shemaáh and Nathanél his brethren, and Hashabiáh and Ieriel, & Izobabád, chief of the Leuites gaue vnto the Leuites for the Paffeouer, syue thousand shepes, & syue hundred bullockes.

10 Thus the seruice was prepared, and the Priests stode in their places, also the Leuites in their ordres according to the Kings commandement:

11 And they slawe the Paffeouer, & *y* Priests sprinkled the blood with their hands, & the Leuites slayed them.

12 And they toke away from the *s* burnt offering to give it according to the diuisions of the families of the children of the people, to offer vnto the Lord, as it is written in the boke of Moses, & so of *y* bullockes.

13 And *t* they roasted the Paffeouer with fyre, according to the custome, but the sanctified things they sod in pottes, panns, and caulderns, & distributed them quicly to all the people.

14 Afterwarde also they prepared for the selues & for the Priests: for the Priests the sonnes of Aaron were occupied in offering of burnt offring, & the fat vntil night therefore the Leuites prepared for the selues, &

a The Scripture vouch in sundre places to call the lambe the Paffeouer, which was but the signe of *y* Paffeouer, because in all sacraments the signe banes the names of the things which are signified.
b So that the Leuites charge was not onely to minister in the temple, but also to instruct the people in the worde of God.
c As it was before the Temple was buyld: the reason of our offer onely is now to teach the peopl, & to praise God.
d Chro 23, 26
e Or, the people.

e Exhorre euery one to examine their selues, that they be not vnmet to eat of the Paffeouer
f The houses of the people.

g So *y* euen one, a in of all fortes gaue of that they had a liberal portio to the seruice of God.

f Meaning of *y* labb, which was called the Paffeouer for onely *y* Priests might sprinkle, and in necessitie the Leuites might kil the sacrifice
g They referred for the people that it was not expedient to be Eted, that euer more might offer p. ace offring, and so haue his portion
Exod 12, 8.

Iofiahs death.

II. Chron.

Nebuchadnezzár.

for the Priests the sonnes of Aaron.

15 And the fingers the sonnes of Afáph stode in their standing * according to the commandement of Dauid, and Afáph, and Hemán, and Ieduthún the Kings ^b See: and the porters at euerie gate, who might not departe from their seruice: therefore their brethren the Leuites prepared for them.

16 So all the seruice of the Lord was prepared the same day, to kepe the Passeouer, and to offer burnt offerings vpon the altar of the Lord, according to the commandement of King Iosiáh.

17 And the childré of Israël that were present, kept the Passeouer the same time, and the feast of the vbleauened bread seuen dayes.

18 And there was no Passeouer kept like that, in Israël, from the dayes of Samuél the Prophet: nether did all [†] Kings of Israël kepe suche a Passeouer as Iosiáh kept, and the Priests and the Leuites, & all Iudáh, and Israël that were [†] present, and the inhabitants of Ierusalém.

[†] Ebr. fande.

19 This Passeouer was kept in [†] the eightente yere of the reigne of Iosiáh.

20 ¶ After all this, when Iosiáh had prepared the Têple, Nechó King of Egypt came vp to fight against [†] Carchemish by [†] Peráth, and Iosiáh went out against him.

21 But he sent messengers to him, saying, What haue I to do with thee, thou King of Iudáh? I come not against thee this day, but against the house [†] of mine enemy, and God commanded me to make haste: leane of to come against God, which is with me, lest he destroye thee.

22 But Iosiáh wolde not turne his face fró him, but [†] cháged his apparel to fight with him, and hearkened not vnto the wordes of Nechó, which were of the mouth of God, but came to fight in the valley of Megiddó.

23 And the shoters shot at King Iosiáh: thé the King said to his seruants, Cary me away, for I am very sicke.

24 So his seruants toke him out of that charret, & put him in the seconde charret which he had, and when they had broght him to Ierusalém, he dyed, and was buried in the sepulchres of his fathers: and all Iudáh and Ierusalém [†] mourned for Iosiáh.

[†] The people so muche lamented [†] Iosie of this good King, that after whé there was anye great lamentation, this was spoké of as a prouerbe, read Zach. 12. 10

[†] Which some thinke Ieremie made, when he lamented the State of the Church after this Kings death.

25 And Ieremiáh lamented Iosiáh, and all singing men and singing women mourned for Iosiáh in their laméracions to this day, and made the same for an ordinance vnto Israël: and beholde, they be written in the [†] lamentacions.

26 Concerning the rest of the actes of Iosiáh and his goodnes, doing as it was writé in the Law of the Lord,

27 And his dedes, first and last, beholde, they are written in the boke of the Kings of Israël and Iudáh.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 After Iosiáh, reigned Iehoaház, 4 After Iehoaház, Iehoiakim. 8 After Iehoiakim. 11 After Iehoiakim, Zedekiah. 14. 17 In whose time all the people were caryed away to Babel for contemning the admonitions of the Prophetes. 22 And were restored againe the seuenteenth yere after by King Cyrus

1 Then [†] the people of the land toke Iehoaház the sonne of Iosiáh, and made him King in his fathers stead in Ierusalém. 2 Iehoaház was thre and twentie yere olde when he began to reigne, and he reigned thre [†] moneths in Ierusalém.

[†] King. 21. 20

3 And the King of Egypt toke him away at Ierusalém, and condemned the land in an hundred talents of siluer, & a talent of golde.

[†] For three moneths after [†] death of Iosiah came: Necho to Ierusalem & so the plague began, which Iudáh & the Prophetes forewarned shulde come vpon Ierusalem [†] To pay this as a yereley tribute.

4 ¶ And the King of Egypt made Eliakim his brother King ouer Iudáh and Ierusalém, and turned his name to Iehoiakim: and Nechó toke Iehoaház his brother, and caryed him to Egypt.

5 Iehoiakim was fyue and twentie yere olde when he began to reigne, and he reigned eleuen yere in Ierusalém, and did [†] euil in the sight of the Lord his God.

[†] Because he, and the people turned not to God by his first plague, he broght a newe vpon him, and at length rootted them out.

6 Against him came vp Nebuchadnezzár King of Babel, & bounde him with chaines to carye him to Babel.

7 Nebuchadnezzár also [†] caryed of [†] vessels of the house of the Lord to Babel, and put them in his Temple at Babel.

[†] King. 24. 13

8 Concerning the rest of the actes of Iehoiakim, and his abominaciós which he did, & [†] that which was founde vpon him, beholde, they are written in the boke of the Kings of Israël and Iudáh, & Iehoiachin his sonne reigned in his steade.

[†] He meaneth superstitious markes which were founde vpon his bodie, when he was dead: [†] thing declared how depely idolatrie was rooted in his heart, seeing he bare the markes in his flesh.

9 ¶ Iehoiachin was [†] eight yere olde when he began to reigne, and he reigned thre moneths and ten dayes in Ierusalém, and did euil in the sight of the Lord.

10 And when [†] the yere was out, King Nebuchadnezzár sent and broght him to Babel with the precious vessels of the house of the Lord, and he made Zedekiah his brother King ouer Iudáh and Ierusalém.

[†] That is, he begá his reigne at eight yere olde, and reigned ten yeres when his father was alive, and after his fathers death, which was the eightente yere of his age, he reigned alone thre moneths and ten dayes

11 Zedekiah was one and twentie yere olde, whé he began to reigne, and reigned eleue yere in Ierusalém.

12 ¶ And he did euil in the sight of [†] Lord his God, and humbled not him self before Ieremiáh the Prophet at the commandement of the Lord,

[†] King 24. 18

13 But he rebelled moreover against Nebuchadnezzár, which had cause [†] him to sweare by God: and he hardened his necke & made his heart obstinate that he might not returne to the Lord God of Israël.

14 All the chief of the Priests also and of the people trespassed wonderfully, according

ding to all the abominacions of the heathen, and polluted the house of the Lord which he had sanctified in Ierusalém.

*By the hold of her
By this phrase the scripture meaneth often times and diligently, as Iere 11.7 25.3. & 4.26. & 32. 11.*

*Til God wolde no longer suffer their finnes, but muste needs punish them
Whether that sed, thinking to haue bene saved for the holines thereof*

Which is not because God approueth him which yet is the minister of his iustice, but because God wolde by his like iudgement punish this people for this King was led with ambition and vaine glorie, whereunto were toynded fure and crueltie therefore his worke was condēnable, notwithstanding it was iuste and holy on Gods parte, who vsed this wised instrument to declare his iustice.

15 Therefore the Lord God of their fathers sent to the by his messengers, rising early and sending: for he had compassion on his people, and on his habitacion.
16 But they mocked the messengers of God and despised his wordes, and misused his Prophetes, vntil the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, and til there was no remedie.

17 For he broght vpon them the King of the Caldeans, who slewe their yong men with the sworde in the house of their Sattuare, and spared nether yong man, nor virgine, ancient, nor aged. God gaue all into his hand,

18 And all vessels of house of God great & small, and the treasures of the house of Lord, and the treasures of the King, and of his princes: all these caryed he to Babel.

19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake downe the wall of Ierusalém, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fyre, &

all the precious vessels thereof: to destroye all.

20 And they that were left by the sworde, caryed he away to Babel, and they were seruants to him and to his sonnes, vntil the kingdome of the Persians had rule,

21 To fulfil the worde of the Lord by the mouth of Ieremiáh, vntil the lād had her fill of her Sabbaths: for all the dayes that she lay desolate, she kept Sabbath, to fulfil seuentie yeres.

22 ¶ But in the first yere of Cyrus King of Persia (whē the worde of the Lord, spoken by the mouth of Ieremiáh, was finished) the Lord stirred vp the spirit of Cyrus King of Persia, and he made a proclamation through all his kingdome, and also by writing, saying,

23 Thus sayth Cyrus King of Persia, All the kingdomes of the earth hathe the Lord God of heauen giuen me, and he hathe commanded me to buyld him an house in Ierusalém, that is in Iudáh. Who is among you of all his people, with whome the Lord his God w^let him go vp.

Whē Cyrus King of Persia, had made the Babylonians subiect

Who threatened the vengeance of God, and 70 yeres captiuitie, w^h he calleth the Sabbaths of rest of the lād, Iere 25.11

Iere 25.23. & 29.10.

34.12. In the first yere that he reigned ouer the Caldeans,

God had so prophesied about an hundred yeres, before Cyrus was borne, I. Sa. 44.28, that Ierusalém & the Temple shulde be buyld againe by Cyrus his anointed. so called, because God w^led his seruice for a time to declare his Church.

THE PRAYER OF MANASSÉH King of the Iewes.

O Lord almightie, God of our fathers, Abram, Isaac and Iacob, and of their righteous sede, which hast made heauen and earth with all their ornament, which hast bound the sea by the worde of thy

o Lord, are multiplied: my transgressions are exceeding many: and I am not worthy to beholde & se the height of the heauens for the multitude of mine vnrigh-teousnes. I am bowed downe with many