

Chapter 8

After feuen yeares famine fortold by Elifeus, the Sunamite woman returning home, recouereth her landes and reuenewes. 7. Elifeus forsheweth the death of Benadad king of Syria, and cruel reigne of Hazael. 16. Ioram reigning in Iuda, the Idumeans reuolt from him. Alfo Lobna. 23. He dieth, and his sonne Ochozias fucceedeth.

And Elifeus fpake to the woman, whose sonne he reftored to life, faying: Arife, goe thou and thy houfe, and fojourne wherfoeuer thou fhalt finde: for our Lord hath called a famine, and it fhall come vpon the land feuen yeares. ² Who arofe, & did according to the word of the man of God: & going with her houfhould, ſhe fojourned in the land of the Philiftijms many dayes. ³ And when the feuen yeares were ended, the woman returned out of the Land of the Philiftijms: and ſhe went forth to ſpeake to the king for her houfe, and for her landes. ⁴ And the king fpake with Giezi the ſeruant of the man of God, faying: Tel me al the meruelous thinges that Elifeus hath done. ⁵ And when he had told the king how he had rayfed a dead man, the woman appeared, whose ſonne he had reuiued, crying to the king for her houfe, and her landes. And Giezi ſayd: My lord king, this is the woman, and this is her ſonne, whom Elifeus rayfed. ⁶ And the king asked the woman: who told him. And the king gaue her an eunuch, faying: Reftore her al thinges that are hers, and al the reuenewes of the landes, from the day, that ſhe leaft the land vntil this preſent. ⁷ Elifeus alfo came to Damafcus, and Benadad the king of Syria was ficke: and they told him, faying: The man of God cometh hither. ⁸ And the king ſayd to Hazael: Take with thee preſentes, and goe to meete the man of God, and conſult the Lord by him, faying: Can I eſcape of this myne infirmitie? ⁹ Hazael therefore went to meete him, hauing with him preſentes, and al good thinges of Damafcus, the lodes of fourtie camels. And when he ſtood before him, he ſayd: Thy ſonne Benadad the king of Syria hath ſent

me to thee, saying: Can I recouer of this mine infirmitie?
¹⁰ And Elifeus sayd to him: Goe, tel him: ^{a)}Thou shalt be
 healed: but our Lord hath shewed me that dying he shall
 die. ¹¹ And he stood with him, and was troubled so far
 that he blushed: and the man of God wept. ¹² To whom
 Hazael sayd: Why doeth my lord weepe? But he sayd:
 Because I know what euils thou wilt doe to the chil-
 dren of Israel. Their fenced cities thou wilt burne with
 fyre, and their yongmen thou wilt kil with the sword,
 and their litle ones thou wilt dash in peeces, and women
 with childe thou wilt diuide. ¹³ And Hazael sayd: What
 am I thy seruant a dog, that I should doe this great
 thing? And Elifeus sayd: Our Lord hath shewed me
 that thou shalt be king of Syria. ¹⁴ Who when he was
 departed from Elifeus, came to his maister, who sayd to
 him: What sayd Elifeus to thee? But he answered: He
 told me: Thou shalt recouer health. ¹⁵ And when the
 next day was come, he tooke a couerlette, and powred
 water thereon, and spread it vpon his face: who being
 dead, Hazael reigned for him. ¹⁶ In the fifth yeare of Io-
 ram the sonne of Achab the king of Israel, and of Iosaphat
 the king of Iuda, reigned Ioram the sonne of Iosaphat
 the king of Iuda. ¹⁷ He was two and thirtie yeares old
 when he began to reigne, and he reigned eight yeares in
 Ierusalem. ¹⁸ And he walked in the waies of the kinges
 of Israel, as the house of Achab had walked: for ^{b)}the
 daughter of Achab was his wife: and he did that which
 is euil in the sight of our Lord. ¹⁹ But our Lord would not
 destroy Iuda, for Dauid his seruant, as he had promised
 him, to geue him a lampe to him, and to his children
 alwaies. ²⁰ In his daies reuolted Edom, from being vnder
 Iuda, and made to it self a king. ²¹ And Ioram came to
 Seira, and all the chariotes with him: and he arose in the
 night, and strooke the Idumeans, that had beset him, and
 the captaines of the chariotes, and the people fled into

^a This was true in some sense, sickness ending when death came.

^b *Athalia v. 26.* is called the daughter of Amri. Wherefore it seemeth
 that either she was the adopted daughter of her brother Achab,
 or is there called the daughter of her grandfather.

their tabernacles. ²² Edom therefore reuolted from being vnder Iuda, vntil this day. Then Lobna alfo reuolted at that time. ²³ But the reft of the wordes of Ioram, and al that he did, are not thefe thinges written in the Booke of the wordes of the kinges of Iuda? ²⁴ And Ioram flept with his fathers, and was buried with them in the Citie of Daud, and Ochozias his fonne reigned for him. ²⁵ In the twelfth yeare of Ioram the fonne of Achab the king of Ifrael, reigned Ochozias the fonne of Ioram the king of Iuda. ²⁶ Two and twentie yeares old was Ochozias when he began to reigne, and he reigned one yeare in Ierufalem: the name of his mother was Athalia the daughter of Amri the king of Ifrael. ²⁷ And he walked in the waies of the houle of Achab: and he did that which is euil before our Lord, as the houle of Achab: for he was the fonne in lawe of the houle of Achab. ²⁸ He went alfo with Ioram the fonne of Achab, to fight agaynft Hazael the king of Syria in Ramoth Galaad, and the Syrians wounded Ioram. ²⁹ Who returned to be cured, in Iezrahel: becaufe the Syrians wounded him in Ramoth fighting agaynft Hazael the king of Syria. Moreouer Ochozias the fonne of Ioram the king of Iuda, went downe to vifite Ioram the fonne of Achab into Iezrahel, becaufe he was ficke there.