

Chapter 11

Athalia killing al the kinges progenie (except Ioas, who is faued by his aunt) vsurpeth the kingdome. 4. But the feuenth yeare Ioiada the high prieft crowneth Ioas king, 13. caufeth Athalia to be flaine, 17. and maketh couenant betwen God, the king, and the people.

But Athalia the mother of Ochozias feing her fonne dead, arofe, and ^aflew al the kinges feede. ² But Iofaba king Iorams daughter, the fifter of Ochozias, taking Ioas the fonne of Ochozias, ftole him out of the middes of the kinges children, that were flaine, and his nurce out of the bedchamber: and hid him from the face of Athalia, that he should not be flaine. ³ And he was with her fixe yeares fecretly in the houfe of our Lord. Moreouer Athalia reigned ouer the land. ⁴ And in the feuenth yeare ^bIoiada fent and taking the centurions, and the fouldiars brought them in to him into the temple of our Lord, and made a couenant with them: and adiuring them in the houfe of our Lord, fhewed them the kinges fonne: ⁵ and commanded them, faying: This is the thing, which you muft doe. ⁶ Let the third part of you goe in on the Sabbath, and keep the watch of the kinges houfe. And let a third part be at the gate Sur: & let a third part be at the gate behind the dwelling of the shildebearers: and you shal keepe the watch of the houfe of Meffa. ⁷ But let two partes of you al that goe forth on the Sabbath, keepe the watch of the houfe of our Lord about the king. ⁸ And you shal gard him round about, hauing weapons in your hands: & if anie man shal enter the precinct of the temple, let him be flaine: and you shal be with the king coming in & going out. ⁹ And the centurions did according to al thinges, that Ioiada the prieft had commanded them: &

^a Ambition caufe of much crueltie.

^b Our Sauour calleth this high prieft Zacharias, which fignifieth *bleffed of our Lord*, for the iuftice which he did towards Athalia and Ioas. *Hierom li. 4. in Math. c. 23.*

euerie one taking their men, that went in on the Sabbath, with them that went out in the Sabbath, came to Ioiada the priest. ¹⁰ Who gaue them the speares, & the weapons of king Dauid, which were in the house of our Lord. ¹¹ And they stood euerie one hauing their weapons in their hand, on the right side of the temple, vnto the leaft side of the altar, & of the temple, about the king. ¹² And he brought forth the kinges sonne, and put vpon him the diademe, and the couenant: and they made him king, and anoynted him: and clapping with the hand, sayd: God faue the king. ¹³ And Athalia heard the voice of people running: and she going in to the multitudes into the temple of our Lord, ¹⁴ saw the king standing vpon the tribunal seate according to the maner, and the fingers, and trumpettes nere him, and al the people of the land reioyng, and founding the trumpettes: and she rent her garmentes, and cried: A conspiracie, a conspiracie. ¹⁵ But Ioiada commanded the centurions, that were ouer the armie, and sayd to them: Lead her forth without the precinct of the temple, and whofoeuer shal folow her, let him be striken with the sword. For the priest had sayd: Let her ^a)not be flaine in the temple of our Lord. ¹⁶ And they layd handes on her: and threw her by the way of the entrance of the horses, beside the palace, and she was flaine there. ¹⁷ Ioiada therefore made a couenant between our Lord, and the king, and between the people, that it should be the people of our Lord, and between the king and the people. ¹⁸ And al the people of the land entered into the temple of Baal, and destroyed his altars, and his images they brake in peces ftoutly: Mathan also the priest of Baal they flew before the altar. And the priest sette gardes in the house of our Lord. ¹⁹ And he tooke the centurions, and the legions of Cerethi and Phelethi, and al the people of the land, and they brought the king from the house of our Lord: and they came by the way of the gate of the shildebearers into the palace, and he sat vpon the throne of the

^a Great respect is to be had of holie places. VVherof cometh the priuilege of Sanctuaries.

kinges. ²⁰ And al the people of the land reioyced, and the citie was quiet: but Athalia was flaine with the fword in the kinges houfe. ²¹ And Ioas was feuen yeares old, when he began to reigne.