

Chapter 13

Ioachaz King of Ifrael is afflicted by the Syrians, 4. and deliuered. 6. Yet defstroyeth not idolatrie: 8. dieth, and his fonne Ioas foloweth his euil fteppes. 14. Elifeus being ficke, willeth the king to shoote, 18. and to ftrike the earth, who ftriking thrife, is told that he shal thrife ftrike the Syrians. 20. Elifeus dieth, and a dead man is reuiued touching his bones. 22. Ioas recouereth that which the Syrians had taken from Ifrael.

In the three and twentieth yeare of Ioas the fonne of Ochozias the king of Iuda, reigned Ioachaz the fonne of Iehu ouer Ifrael in Samaria, feuentene yeares. ² And he did euil before our Lord, and folowed the finnes of Ieroboam the fonne of Nabat, who made Ifrael to finne, and declined not from them. ³ And the furie of our Lord was wrath agaynft Ifrael, and he deliuered them into the hand of Hazael the king of Syria, and into the hand of Benadad the fonne of Hazael, alwaies. ⁴ But Ioachaz befought the face of our Lord, and our Lord heard him: for he faw the diftreffe of Ifrael, that the king of Syria had broken them: ⁵ and our Lord gaue a fauiour to Ifrael, and they were deliuered out of the hand of the king of Syria: and the children of Ifrael dwelt in their tabernacles as yefterday and the day before. ⁶ But yet they departed not from the finnes of Ieroboam who made Ifrael to finne, but they walked in them: for the groue alfo remayned in Samaria. ⁷ And there were leaft to Ioachaz of the people but fiftie horfemen, and ten chariotes, and ten thoufand footmen: for the king of Syria had flaine them, and had brought them as duft by threshing in the barne floore. ⁸ But the reft of the wordes of Ioachaz, and al that he did, and his ftrength, are not thefe thinges writen in the Booke of the wordes of the daies of the kinges of Ifrael? ⁹ And Ioachaz flept with his fathers, & they buried him in Samaria: and Ioas his fonne reigned for him. ¹⁰ In the feuen and thirteth yeare of Ioas the king of Iuda reigned Ioas the fonne of Ioachaz ouer Ifrael in Samaria fixtene yeares, ¹¹ and he did that which

is euil in the fight of our Lord, he declined not from al the finnes of Ieroboam the fonne of Nabat, who made Ifrael to finne, but he walked in them. ¹² But the rest of the wordes of Ioas, and al that he did, and his ftrength, how he fought agaynft Amafias the king of Iuda, are not these thinges written in the Booke of the wordes of the dayes of the kinges of Ifrael? ¹³ And Ioas flept with his fathers: but Ieroboam fate vpon his throne. Moreouer Ioas, was buried in Samaria with the kinges of Ifrael. ¹⁴ And Elifeus was ficke of an infirmitie, wherof also he died: and Ioas the king of Ifrael went downe to him, and wept before him, and sayd: My father, my father, the chariote of Ifrael and the garder therof. ¹⁵ And Elifeus sayd to him: fetch a bow and arrowes. And when he had brought him a bow, and arrowes, ¹⁶ he sayd to the king of Ifrael: Put thy hand vpon the bow. And when he had put his hand, Elifeus put his handes ouer the kinges handes, ¹⁷ and sayd: Open the east window. And when he had opened it, Elifeus sayd: Shote an arrow. And he shot. And Elifeus sayd: The arrow of the faluation of our Lord, and the arrow of faluation agaynft Syria: and thou shalt ftrike Syria in Aphec, til thou confume it. ¹⁸ And he sayd: Take vp the arrowes. Who when he had taken them agayne, he sayd to him: Strike the earth with a iauelin. And when he had ftriken three times, and ftood ftill, ¹⁹ the man of God was angrie with him, & sayd: ^aIf thou hadst ftriken foue or fix or feuen times, thou hadst ftriken Syria euen to destruction: but now three times shalt thou ftrike it. ²⁰ Elifeus therefore died, and they buried him. And the rouers of Moab came into the land the fame yeare. ²¹ And certayne perfons burying a man, saw the rouers, and threw the bodie in the sepulchre of Elifeus. Which when it had touched the bones of Elifeus, the man reuiued, and ftood vpon his feete. ²² Hazael therefore the king of Syria afflicted Ifrael al the daies of Ioachaz: ²³ and our Lord had mercie on

^a It was reueiled to the prophet that so often as the king should ftrike the earth, so often he should haue victories agaynft the Syrians, but not how often he would ftrike on the earth.

them, and returned to them for his couenant, which he had with Abraham, and Ifaac, and Iacob: and he would not defstroy them, nor vtterly caft them away, vntil this prefent time. ²⁴ And Hazael the king of Syria died, and Benadad his fonne reigned for him. ²⁵ Moreouer Ioas the fonne of Ioachaz, tooke the cities out of the hand of Benadad the fonne of Hazael, which he had taken out of the hand of Ioachaz his father by the right of warre, three times did Ioas fstrike him, and he deliuered the cities to Ifrael.