

Chapter 16

Achaz king of Iuda beſides other idolatrie, ſacrificeth his owne ſonne to idoles. 5. The kinges of Ifrael and Syria beſiegeing Ieruſalem, the Aſſyrians are hyred to releue it. 10. Achaz cauſeth Vrias to make an altar like to one in Damafcus, 14. in place of Gods altar: 17. remoueth diuers other things perteyning to diuine ſeruice, 19. dieth, and his ſonne Ezechias reigneth.

In the ſeuenteth yeare of Phacee the ſonne of Romelia reigned Achaz the ſonne of Ioatham king of Iuda. ² Twentie yeares old was Achaz when he began to reigne, and he reigned fixtene yeares in Ieruſalem: he did not that which was pleaſing in the ſight of our Lord his God, as Dauid his father. ³ But he walked in the way of the kings of Ifrael: moreouer alſo he confecrated his ſonne, making him paſſe through fire according to the idols of the Gentils: which our Lord deſtroyed before the children of Ifrael. ⁴ He immolated alſo victimes, and burnt incenſe in the excelfes, and on the hilles, and vnder euery tree full of greene leaues. ⁵ Then went vp Rafin the king of Syria, and Phacee the ſonne of Romelia the king of Ifrael into Ieruſalem to fight: & when they beſieged Achaz, they were not able to ouercome him. ⁶ At that time Rafin the king of Syria reſtored Aila to Syria, and threw out the Iewes out of Aila: and the Idumeians came into Aila, and dwelt there vnto this day. ⁷ And Achaz ſent meſſengers to Theglathphalafar the king of the Affyrians, ſaying: I am thy ſeruant, and thy ſonne: come vp, and ſaue me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and from the hand of the king of Ifrael, which are riſen together againſt me. ⁸ And when he had gathered together the ſiluer and gold, that could be founde in the houſe of our Lord, and in the kings treaſures, he ſent giftes to the king of the Affyrians. ⁹ Who alſo agreed to his wil: for the king of the Affyrians went vp into Damafcus, and waſted it: and he transferred the inhabitants therof to Cyrene, but Rafin he flew. ¹⁰ And king Achaz went forth to meete Theglathphalafar the king of

the Affyrians into Damafcus, and when he had feene the altar of Damafcus, king Achaz fent to Vrias the prieft a paterne of it, and a fimilitude according to al the worke therof. ¹¹ And Vrias the prieft built an altar, according to al things, which king Achaz had commanded, from Damafcus, fo did the prieft Vrias, whileft king Achaz came from Damafcus. ¹² And when the king was come from Damafcus, he faw the altar and worhipped it: and went vp and immolated holocaustes, and his facrifice, ¹³ and offered libamentes, and powred the bloud of the pacifiques, which he had offered vpon the altar. ¹⁴ Moreouer the altar of braffe that was before our Lord, he removed from the face of the temple, and from the place of the altar, and from the place of the temple of our Lord: and he fett it at the fide of the altar toward the North. ¹⁵ King Achaz alfo commanded Vrias the prieft, faying: Vpon the greater altar offer the morning holocaust, and the euening facrifice, and the kings holocaust, and his facrifice, and the holocaust of the whole people of the land, and their facrifices, and their libamentes: and al the bloud of the holocaust, and al the bloud of the vic-time thou fhalt powre out vpon it: but the altar of braffe fhall be prepared readie at my pleafure. ¹⁶ Vrias therefore the prieft did according to al things, which king Achaz had commanded him. ¹⁷ And king Achaz tooke the engrauen feete, and the lauatorie that was vpon them: and he tooke downe the fea from the oxen of braffe, that held it vp, and put it vpon the pauement paved with ftone. ¹⁸ The Mufach alfo of the Sabbath, which he had built in the temple: and the entrie of the king outward, he turned into the temple of our Lord becaufe of the king of the Affyrians. ¹⁹ But the reft of the wordes of Achaz, which he did, are not thefe written in the Booke of the wordes of the dayes of the kinges of Iuda? ²⁰ And Achaz flept with his fathers, and was buried with them in the Citie of Dauid, and Ezechias his fonne reigned for him.

The great
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king offered.