

Chapter 24

Ioakim ferueth the king of Babylon three yeares. 2. Manie rouers infest his countrie. 5. He dieth, and his sonne Ioachin reigneth. 10. The king of Babylon carieth king Ioachin, and al the chief perſones, and treafures into Babylon, 17. appointing Matthanias, whom he nameth Sedecias, king of Iuda. 20. VVho reuolteth from the king of Babylon.

In his daies came vp Nabuchodonofor the king of Babylon, and Ioakim was made his feruant three yeares: and he rebelled agaynft him againe. ² And our Lord fent in vpon him the rouers of the Chaldees, and the rouers of Syria, and the rouers of Moab, & the rouers of the children of Ammon: and he fent them into Iuda, to deftroy it, according to the word of our Lord, which he had ſpoken by his feruantes the prophetes. ³ And this by the word of our Lord was done agaynft Iuda, to take it away before him for al the finnes of Manaffes which he did, ⁴ and for the innocent bloud, that he had fhed, & filled Ierufalem with the bloud of innocentes: & for this thing God would not be made propitious. ⁵ But the reft of the wordes of Ioakim, and al that he did, are not theſe thinges writen in the Booke of the wordes of the daies of the kinges of Iuda? And Ioakim ^aflept with his fathers: ⁶ and Ioachin his ſonne reigned for him. ⁷ And the king of Ægypt added no more to come out of his countrie: for the king of Babylon had taken al that had bene the kinges of Ægypt, from the riuier of Ægypt, vnto the riuier Euphrates. ⁸ Eightene yeares old was Ioachin when he began to reigne, and he reigned three monethes in Ierufalem: the name of his mother was Nohefta the daughter of Elnathan of

^a Not dying in peace, for he was flaine by Nabuchodonofor. *Iofephus li. 10. c. 8. Ant.* And his bodie was caſt out of the citie, according as Ieremie prophecied *c. 22. vvith the burial of an aſe ſhal he be buried. &c.*

Ierufalem. ⁹ And he did euil before our Lord, according to al thinges which his father had done. ¹⁰ At that time came vp the feruantes of Nabuchodonofor the king of Babylon into Ierufalem, and the citie was compaffed with fortes. ¹¹ And Nabuchodonofor the king of Babylon came to the citie with his feruantes to affault it. ¹² And Ioachin the king of Iuda went forth to the king of Babylon, he and his mother, and his feruantes, and his nobles, and his eunuches: and the king of Babylon receiued him the eight yeare of his reigne. ¹³ And he brought forth from thence al the treafures of the houfe of our Lord, and the treafures of the kinges houfe: and he cut in peces al the golden veffel, which Salomon the king of Ifrael had made in the temple of our Lord, according to the word of our Lord. ¹⁴ And he tranfported al Ierufalem, and al the princes, and al the ftrong men of the armie, ten thoufand into captiuitie: and euerie artificer and inclofer: and nothing was left, fauing the poore forte of the people of the land. ¹⁵ He tranfported alfo Ioachin into Babylon, and the kinges mother, and the kinges wiues, and his eunuches: and the iudges of the land he led into captiuitie from Ierufalem into Babylon. ¹⁶ And al the ftrong men, feuen thoufand, and the artificers, and inclofers a thoufand, al valiant men and warriers: and the king of Babylon led them captiues into Babylon. ¹⁷ And he appointed Matthanias his vncler for him: and called his name Sedecias. ¹⁸ One and twentie yeares old was Sedecias when he began to reigne, and he reigned eleuen yeares in Ierufalem: the name of his mother was Amital, the daughter of Ieremie of Lobna. ¹⁹ And he did euil before our Lord, according to al thinges which Ioakim had done. ²⁰ For our Lord was wrath againft Ierufalem and againft Iuda, til he caft them away from his face: and Sedecias ^areuolted from the king of Babylon.

^a In this he greuoffly offended hauing fworne to ferue him. And therefore Ezechiel *c. 17.* fortelleth the miferie that wil fal vpon him, *shal he that broke couenant efcape? &c.*