

THE ARGVMENT OF THE THIRD BOOKE OF KINGES.

With commemoration of king Dauids old age, of his appointing a fucefsour, and of his death, in the firft and part of the fecond chapters, this booke conteyneth two other principal partes: the former is of king Salomon: of his entrance to the kingdom; his deuotion; wifdom; magnificence; richeffe; great familie; building of the Temple; and other fumptuous palaces; of his fal alfo into luxurie, and idolatrie; in the reft of the fecond chapter to the end of the eleuenth. The other part sheweth the diuifion of the kingdom; onlie two tribes remayning to Roboam, Salomons fonne, with title of king of Iuda; and tenne pafing to Ieroboam his feruant, called king of Ifrael. So folow the feveral reignes of Abias, Afa, and Iofaphat kinges of Iuda: and of Madab, Baafa, Ela, Zambri, Amri, Achab with Iezabel, and Ochofias kinges of Ifrael: with the preaching, miracles, and other actes of Ahias, Elias, Elifeus, and other prophetes, in the other eleuen chapters.

The contentes of this booke, diuided into three partes.