

## Chapter 1

*King Dauid waxing old, Abifag a Sunamite is brought to him. 5. Adonias pretending to reigne, 11. Nathan and Bethfabee obtaine, 28. that Salomon is declared and annointed King. 41. VVherupon Adonias (his folowers parting to their houfes) 50. fleeth to the altar in the tabernacle, but vpon promife of fafetie doth homage to Salomon.*

**A**nd king Dauid was old, and had manie daies of age: and when he was couered with clothes, he was not warmed. <sup>2</sup> His feruantes therefore fayd to him: Let vs seeke for our lord the king a yong woman a virgin, and let her ftand before the king, and cherifhe him, and fleepe in his bofome, and warme our lord the king. <sup>3</sup> They fought therefore a beautiful yong woman in al the coftes of Ifrael, and they found Abifag a Sunamite, and brought her to the king. <sup>4</sup> And the damfel was exceding beautiful, and she flept with the king, and ferued him, but the king did not know her. <sup>5</sup> And Adonias the fonne of Haggith was eleuated, faying: I wil reigne. And he made him felf chariotes and horfemen, and fiftie men, that should runne before him. <sup>6</sup> Neither did his father controwle him at any time, faying: Why didft thou this? And he alfo was very beautiful, the fecond borne after Abfalom. <sup>7</sup> And he had talke with Ioab the fonne of Saruia, & with <sup>a</sup>)Abiathar the prieft, who furthered Adonias fide. <sup>8</sup> But Sadoc the prieft, and Banaias the fonne of Ioiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Semei, and Rei, and the ftrength of Dauids armie was not with Adonias. <sup>9</sup> Adonias therefore hauing immolated rammes and calues, and al fatte beaftes befide the Stone zoheleth, which was nigh to the Fountaine Rogel, called al his brethren the fonnes of the king, and al the men of Iuda the feruantes of the king: <sup>10</sup> But Nathan the prophet, and Banaias, and al the ftrong ones, and

The firft part.  
King Dauides  
admonitions to  
his fonne: and  
his death.

<sup>a</sup> For this confpiracie Abiathar was depofed. *ch. 2. v. 27.*

Salomon his brother he called not. <sup>11</sup> Nathan therefore sayd to Bethfabee the mother of Salomon: Haft thou not heard that Adonias the sonne of Haggith hath reigned, and our lord Dauid is ignorant therof? <sup>12</sup> Now therefore come, take counfel of me, and faue thy life, and thy sonne Salomons. <sup>13</sup> Goe, and enter in to king Dauid, and say to him: Didst not thou my lord king fweare to me thy handmayd, saying: Salomon thy sonne shal reigne after me, and he shal fitte in my throne? Why then reigneth Adonias? <sup>14</sup> And whiles thou art yet speaking there with the king, I wil come after thee, and make vp thy wordes. <sup>15</sup> Bethfabee therefore went in to the king in the chamber: and the king was exceding old, and Abifag the Sunamite ministred to him. <sup>16</sup> Bethfabee bowed her self, and adored the king. To whom the king sayd: What is thy wil? quoth he. <sup>17</sup> Who answering sayd: My lord, thou didst fweare to thy handmayd by our Lord thy God, that Salomon thy sonne shal reigne after me, and he shal fitte in my throne. <sup>18</sup> And behold now Adonias reigneth, thou my lord the king not knowing therof. <sup>19</sup> He hath killed oxen, & al fatte thinges, and manie rammes, and called al the kinges sonnes, Abiathar also the priest, and Ioab the General of the warfarre: but Salomon thy seruant he called not. <sup>20</sup> Notwithstanding my lord king, the eyes of al Ifrael looke vpon thee, that thou wouldest flew them, who shal fitte in thy throne my lord king after thee. <sup>21</sup> And it shal be when my lord king sleepeeth with his fathers, I and my sonne Salomon shal be <sup>a</sup>finners. <sup>22</sup> As she was yet speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet came. <sup>23</sup> And they told the king, saying: Nathan the prophete is here. And when he was gone in to the king, and had adored bowing to the earth, <sup>24</sup> Nathan sayd: My lord king, didst thou say: Let Adonias reigne after me, and let him fitte vpon my throne? <sup>25</sup> Because he is gone downe to day, and hath immolated oxen, and fattelings, and manie rammes, and called al the kinges sonnes, and the captaynes of the armie, Abiathar also the priest: and they eating and drinking before him, and saying: God

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<sup>a</sup> Bafely eftemed, or punished as offenders vpon suspition or ielofie.

faue the king Adonias: <sup>26</sup> me thy feruant, and Sadoc the priest, and Banaias the fonne of Ioiada, and Salomon thy feruant he called not. <sup>27</sup> Is this word proceded from my lord the king, and haft thou not told me thy feruant who should fitte vpon the throne of my lord the king after him? <sup>28</sup> And king Dauid answered, saying: Cal vnto me Bethfabee. Who when she was entered in to the king, and stood before him, <sup>29</sup> the king fware, and sayd: Our Lord liueth, which hath deliuered my foule from al distresse, <sup>30</sup> that as I fware to thee by our Lord the God of Ifrael, saying: Salomon thy fonne shal reigne after me, and he shal fitte vpon my throne for me, so wil I doe this day. <sup>31</sup> And Bethfabee bowing her countenance vnto the earth adored the king, saying: God faue my lord for euer. <sup>32</sup> King Dauid also said: Cal me Sadoc the priest, and Nathan the prophet, & Banaias the fonne of Ioiada. Who when they were entred in before the king, <sup>33</sup> he said to them: Take with you the seruantes of your lord, and sette Salomon my fonne vpon my mule: and bring him into Gihon. <sup>34</sup> And let Sadoc the priest anoint him there, and Nathan the prophet to be king ouer Ifrael: and you shal found the trumpet, and shal say: God faue king Salomon. <sup>35</sup> And you shal goe vp after him, and he shal come, and shal fitte vpon my throne, and he shal reigne for me: and I wil ordaine him that he be prince ouer Ifrael, and ouer Iuda. <sup>36</sup> And Banaias the fonne of Ioiada answered the king, saying: Amen: so speake our Lord the God of my lord the king. <sup>37</sup> As our Lord hath bene with my lord the king, so be he with Salomon, and make his throne higher then the throne of my lord king Dauid. <sup>38</sup> Sadoc therefore the priest, and Nathan the prophet went downe, and Banaias the fonne of Ioiada, and Cherethi, and Phelethi: and they set Salomon vpon the mule of king Dauid, and brought him into Gihon. <sup>39</sup> And Sadoc the priest tooke a horne of oile out of the tabernacle, and annointed Salomon: and they founded the trumpet, and al the people said: God faue king Salomon. <sup>40</sup> And al the multitude went vp after him, and the people finging on shaulmes, and reioyng with great gladnes, and the earth founded of their crie.

<sup>41</sup> And Adonias heard, and al that were inuited of him, and the feaft was ended: yea and Ioab hearing the voice of the trumpet, faid: What meaneth the crie of the citie making a tumult? <sup>42</sup> As he yet fpake, came Ionathas the fonne of Abiathar the prieft: to whom Adonias faid: Come in, becaufe thou art a ftout man, and bringeft good newes. <sup>43</sup> And Ionathas answered Adonias: Not fo: for our lord king Daud hath appointed Salomon king, <sup>44</sup> and hath fent with him Sadoc the prieft, and Nathan the prophete, and Banaias the fonne of Ioiada, and Cerethi, and Phelethi, and they haue fet him vpon the kinges mule. <sup>45</sup> And Sadoc the prieft, and Nathan the prophete haue annointed him king in Gihon: & they are gone vp thence reioyng, and the citie founded: this is the voice that you heard. <sup>46</sup> Yea and Salomon fit-teth vpon the throne of the kingdom. <sup>47</sup> And the kinges feruantes entring in, haue bleffed our lord king Daud, faying: God amplify the name of Salomon aboute thy name, and magnifie his throne aboute thy throne. And the king <sup>a</sup>adored in his bed: <sup>48</sup> and he hath thus fpoken: Bleffed be our Lord the God of Ifrael, who hath geuen this day one fitting in my throne, mine eies feing it. <sup>49</sup> They therefore were terrified, and they al arofe, that had beene inuited of Adonias, and euery man went his way. <sup>50</sup> And Adonias fearing Salomon arofe, and went, and held the horne of the altar. <sup>51</sup> And they told Salomon, faying: Behold Adonias fearing king Salomon, hath taken hold of the horne of the altar, faying: Let king Salomon fweare to me this day, that he wil not kil his feruant with the fword. <sup>52</sup> And Salomon fayd: If he be a good man, there fhall not fo much as one heare of his fal vpon the ground: but if euil fhall be found in him, he fhall die. <sup>53</sup> King Salomon therefore fent, and brought him out from the altar: and going in he adored king Salomon: and Salomon fayd to him: Goe to thy houfe.

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<sup>a</sup> King Daud did not adore his fonne as a fubiect adareth his prince, but adored God, geuing thanks for this benefite of a fucceffor, as it foloweth in the next verfe.