

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.

And king Dauid was old, and had manie daies of age: and when he was couered with clothes, he was not warmed. ² His feruantes therfore fayd to him: Let vs feeke for our lord the king a yong woman a virgin, and let her ftand before the king, and cherishe him, and fleepe in his bofome, and warme our lord the king. ³ They fought therfore a beautiful yong woman in al the coftes of Ifrael, and they found Abifag a Sunamite, and brought her to the king. ⁴ And the damfel was exceding beautiful, and she flept with the king, and ferued him, but the king did not know her. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ And he had talke with Ioab the fonne of Saruia, & with ^aAbiathar the prieft, who furthered Adonias fide. ⁸ 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. ⁹ Adonias therfore hauing immolated rammes and calues, and al fatte beaftes befide the Stone zohemoth, 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: ¹⁰ But Nathan the prophet, and Banaias, and al the ftrong ones, and

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

^a For this confpiracie Abiathar was depofed. *ch. 2. v. 27.*

Salomon his brother he called not. ¹¹ 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? ¹² Now therefore come, take counfel of me, and faue thy life, and thy sonne Salomons. ¹³ Goe, and enter in to king Dauid, and say to him: Didst not thou my lord king fweare to me thy handmayd, faying: Salomon thy sonne fhall reigne after me, and he fhall fitte in my throne? Why then reigneth Adonias? ¹⁴ And whiles thou art yet fpeaking there with the king, I wil come after thee, and make vp thy wordes. ¹⁵ Bethfabee therefore went in to the king in the chamber: and the king was exceding old, and Abifag the Sunamite miniftred to him. ¹⁶ Bethfabee bowed her felf, and adored the king. To whom the king sayd: What is thy wil? quoth he. ¹⁷ Who anfwering sayd: My lord, thou didst fweare to thy handmayd by our Lord thy God, that Salomon thy sonne fhall reigne after me, and he fhall fitte in my throne. ¹⁸ And behold now Adonias reigneth, thou my lord the king not knowing therof. ¹⁹ He hath killed oxen, & al fatte thinges, and manie rammes, and called al the kinges fonnes, Abiathar alfo the prieft, and Ioab the General of the warfarre: but Salomon thy feruant he called not. ²⁰ Notwithftanding my lord king, the eyes of al Ifrael looke vpon thee, that thou wouldest fhew them, who fhall fitte in thy throne my lord king after thee. ²¹ And it fhall be when my lord king fleepeth with his fathers, I and my sonne Salomon fhall be ^afinners. ²² As she was yet fpeaking with the king, Nathan the prophet came. ²³ And they told the king, faying: Nathan the prophete is here. And when he was gone in to the king, and had adored bowing to the earth, ²⁴ Nathan sayd: My lord king, didst thou say: Let Adonias reigne after me, and let him fitte vpon my throne? ²⁵ Becaufe he is gone downe to day, and hath immolated oxen, and fattelinges, and manie rammes, and called al the kinges fonnes, and the captaynes of the armie, Abiathar alfo the prieft: and they eating and drinking before him, and faying: God

^a Bafely eftemed, or punifhed as offenders vpon fufpition or ielofie.

faue the king Adonias: ²⁶ me thy feruant, and Sadoc the
 priest, and Banaias the sonne of Ioiada, and Salomon
 thy feruant he called not. ²⁷ 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? ²⁸ And king Dauid answered, saying: Cal
 vnto me Bethfabee. Who when she was entered in to
 the king, and stood before him, ²⁹ the king fware, and
 sayd: Our Lord liueth, which hath deliuered my foule
 from al distresse, ³⁰ that as I fware to thee by our Lord
 the God of Ifrael, saying: Salomon thy sonne shal reigne
 after me, and he shal fitte vpon my throne for me, so wil
 I doe this day. ³¹ And Bethfabee bowing her countenance
 vnto the earth adored the king, saying: God faue my
 lord for euer. ³² King Dauid also said: Cal me Sadoc the
 priest, and Nathan the prophet, & Banaias the sonne
 of Ioiada. Who when they were entered in before the
 king, ³³ he said to them: Take with you the seruantes of
 your lord, and sette Salomon my sonne vpon my mule:
 and bring him into Gihon. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ And you shal goe vp af-
 ter 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. ³⁶ And Banaias
 the sonne of Ioiada answered the king, saying: Amen: so
 speake our Lord the God of my lord the king. ³⁷ 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. ³⁸ Sadoc therefore the priest, and
 Nathan the prophet went downe, and Banaias the sonne
 of Ioiada, and Cherethi, and Phelethi: and they set Sa-
 lomons vpon the mule of king Dauid, and brought him
 into Gihon. ³⁹ And Sadoc the priest tooke a horne of oyle
 out of the tabernacle, and annointed Salomon: and they
 sounded the trumpet, and al the people said: God faue
 king Salomon. ⁴⁰ And al the multitude went vp after
 him, and the people finging on shaulmes, and reioysing
 with great gladnes, and the earth sounded of their crie.

⁴¹ 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? ⁴² 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. ⁴³ And Ionathas answered Adonias: Not fo: for our lord king Daud hath appointed Salomon king, ⁴⁴ and hath fent with him Sadoc the prieft, and Nathan the prophete, and Banaias the fonne of Ioiaada, and Cerethi, and Phelethi, and they haue fet him vpon the kinges mule. ⁴⁵ And Sadoc the prieft, and Nathan the prophete haue annointed him king in Gihon: & they are gone vp thence reioyfing, and the citie founded: this is the voice that you heard. ⁴⁶ Yea and Salomon fit-teth vpon the throne of the kingdom. ⁴⁷ And the kinges feruantes entring in, haue bleffed our lord king Daud, faying: God amplify the name of Salomon aboue thy name, and magnifie his throne aboue thy throne. And the king ^aadored in his bed: ⁴⁸ 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. ⁴⁹ They therfore were terrified, and they al arofe, that had beene inuited of Adonias, and euery man went his way. ⁵⁰ And Adonias fearing Salomon arofe, and went, and held the horne of the altar. ⁵¹ 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. ⁵² 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. ⁵³ King Salomon therfore fent, and brought him out from the altar: and going in he adored king Salomon: and Salomon fayd to him: Goe to thy houle.

^a 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.