

## Chapter 2

*Dauid geueth godlie preceptes to Salomon. 5. Willeth him to punish certaine offenders: 10. and dieth. 12. Salomon reigneth. 13. Adonias, by intercefsion of Bethfabee, requesteth to haue Abifag to wife: 22. but is put to death for demanding her. 26. Abiathar the prieft is banished, and depofed, for confpiring with Adonias. 28. Ioab alfo for the fame caufe, and former crimes is flaine. 36. Semei is confined in Ierufalem, 40. & for tranfgrefsing his limites together with old faultes is likewife flaine.*

**A**nd the dayes of Dauid approched that he should die, and he commanded his fonne Salomon, faying: <sup>2</sup> I enter into the way of al flesh: take courage, and play the man. <sup>3</sup> And obferue the watches of our Lord thy God, that thou walke in his waies, and keepe his ceremonies, and his preceptes, and iudgementes, and teftimonies, as is written in the law of Moyfes: that thou mayft vnderftand al thinges which thou doeft, and whitherfoeuer thou shalt turne thy felfe: <sup>4</sup> that our Lord may confirme his wordes, which he hath fpoken of me, faying: If thy children fhall keepe their waies, and fhall walke before me in truth, in al their hart, and in al their foul, there fhall not altogether be taken from thee a man out of the throne of Ifrael. <sup>5</sup> Thou knoweft alfo what Ioab the fonne of Saruia hath done to me, what he did to the two princes of the armie of Ifrael, to Abner the fonne of Ner, and Amafa the fonne of Iether: whom he flewe, & shed the bloud of warre in peace, & put the bloud of battel in his belt, which was about his loynes, and in his shoe, which was on his feete. <sup>6</sup> Thou shalt doe therfore according to thy wifdom, and shalt not bring his hoare head peaceably vnto hel. <sup>7</sup> But to the fonnes alfo of Berzellai the Galaadite thou shalt render kindnes, and they fhall eate on thy table: for they mette me when I fled from the face of Abfalom thy brother. <sup>8</sup> Thou haft alfo with thee Semei the fonne of Gera the fonne of Iemini of Bahurim, who curfed me with a wicked curfe, when I went to the Campe; but

because he came downe to meete me when I passed Iordan, and I fware to him by our Lord, saying: I wil not kil thee with the sword: <sup>9</sup> doe not thou suffer him to be guiltles. But thou art a wife man, so that thou knowest what thou shalt doe to him. And thou shalt bring his hoare heare with blood vnto hel. <sup>10</sup> Dauid therefore slept with his fathers, and was buried in the citie of Dauid. <sup>11</sup> And the daies that Dauid reigned in Ifrael, are fourtie yeares: in Hebron he reigned seven yeares, in Ierusalem thirtie three.

<sup>12</sup> And Salomon sat vpon the throne of Dauid his father, and his kingdome was confirmed exceedingly. <sup>13</sup> And Adonias the sonne of Haggith entered in to Bethfabee the mother of Salomon. Who said to him: Is thy coming peaceable? Who answered: Peaceable. <sup>14</sup> And he added: I haue a word to speake with thee. To whom she said: Speake. And he: <sup>15</sup> Thou knowest, quoth he, that the kingdom was mine, and all Ifrael had purposed to make me ouer them to be their king: but the kingdom is transferred, & is made my brothers: for it was appointed him of our Lord. <sup>16</sup> Now therefore I desire one petition of thee; Confound not my face. Who said to him: Speake. <sup>17</sup> And he said: I pray speake to Salomon the king (for he can not denie thee any thing) that he geue me Abifag the Sunamite to wife. <sup>18</sup> And Bethfabee said: Wel, I wil speake for thee to the king. <sup>19</sup> Bethfabee therefore came to king Salomon, to speake vnto him for Adonias: and the king arose to meete her, and adored her, and sat downe vpon his throne: and a throne was sette for the kinges mother, who sat on his right hand. <sup>20</sup> And she said to him: One litle petition I desire of thee, confound not my face. And the king said to her: My mother aske: for <sup>a</sup>it behoueth not that I turne away thy face. <sup>21</sup> Who said: Let Abifag the Sunamite be geuen to Adonias thy brother to wife. <sup>22</sup> And king Salomon answered, and said to his mother: Why doest thou aske Abifag the Sunamite for Adonias? aske for him also the kingdom: for he is my brother elder

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<sup>a</sup> In all convenient fuites it behoueth the sonne to heare his mother.

then I, & hath Abiathar the priest, & Ioab the sonne of Saruia. <sup>23</sup> Therefore king Salomon fware by our Lord, faying: These thinges doe God to me, and these adde he, because Adonias hath spoken this word against his life. <sup>24</sup> And now, our Lord liueth which hath established me, and placed me vpon the throne of Dauid my father, and which hath made me a house, as he spake, this day shall Adonias be slain. <sup>25</sup> And king Salomon sent by the hand of Banaias the sonne of Ioiada, who slew him, and he died. <sup>26</sup> To Abiathar also the priest the king said: Goe into Anathoth to thy field, and thou in deede art a man of death: but to day I wil not kil thee, because thou didst carie the arke of our Lord God before Dauid my father, & haft fusteyned labour in al thinges, wherein my father laboured. <sup>27</sup> Salomon therefore <sup>a</sup>cast out Abiathar, that he should not be the priest of our Lord, that the word of our Lord might be fulfilled, which he spake concerning the house of Heli in Silo. <sup>28</sup> And then a messenger came to Ioab for that Ioab had turned after Adonias, and after Salomon had not turned: Ioab therefore fled into the tabernacle of our Lord, & caught the horne of the altar. <sup>29</sup> And it was told king Salomon, that Ioab was fled into the tabernacle of our Lord, and was beside the altar: & Salomon sent Banaias the sonne of Ioiada, faying: Goe, kil him. <sup>30</sup> And Banaias came to the tabernacle of our Lord, and said to him: Thus sayeth the king: Come forth. Who said: I wil not come forth, but here wil I die. Banaias reported his word to the king, faying: Thus spake Ioab, and thus he answered me. <sup>31</sup> And the king said to him: Doe as he hath spoken: and kil him, & burie him, and thou shalt remoue the innocent blood, which hath bene shed of Ioab, from me, and from the house of my father. <sup>32</sup> And our Lord shall render his blood vpon his head, because he murdered two iust men,

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<sup>a</sup> By special instinct Salomon did this extraordinarie fact as a prophet & minister of God, executing his sentence geuen before against the house of Heli for the finnes of his children, *1. Reg. 2. v. 31.* and for Abiathars proper fault ioyning with Adonias against Salomon. *3. Reg. 1.*

& better then him felf: and flew them with his fword, my father Dauid not knowing, Abner the fonne of Ner general of the warfare of Ifrael, and Amafa the fonne of Iether general of the armie of Iuda: <sup>33</sup> and their bloud fhall returne vpon the head of Ioab, and vpon the head of his feede for euer. But to Dauid and his feede and his houle, and to his throne be peace for euer from our Lord. <sup>34</sup> Banaias therfore the fonne of Ioiada went vp, and fetting vpon him flewe him: and he was buried in his houle in the defert. <sup>35</sup> And the king appoynted Banaias the fonne of Ioiada for him ouer the armie, and Sadoc the priest he <sup>a</sup>)placed for Abiathar. <sup>36</sup> The king alfo fent, and called Semei, and faid to him: Build thee a houle in Ierufalem, and dwel there: and thou shalt not goe out thence hither and thither. <sup>37</sup> But what day foeuer thou shalt goe out, and shalt paffe the Torrent Cedron know that thou art to be flaine: thy bloud fhall be vpon thy head. <sup>38</sup> And Semei faid to the king: The faying is good: as my lord the king hath fpoken, fo wil thy feruant doe. Semei therfore dwelt in Ierufalem, manie dayes. <sup>39</sup> And it came to paffe after three yeares, that the feruantes of Semei fled to Achis the fonne of Maacha the king of Geth: and it was told Semei that his feruantes were gone into Geth. <sup>40</sup> And Semei arofe, and fadled his affe, and went to Achis into Geth to require his feruantes, and he brought them out of Geth. <sup>41</sup> And it was told Salomon that Semei went into Geth out of Ierufalem, and was returned. <sup>42</sup> And fending he called him, and faid to him: Did I not teftifie to thee by our Lord, and told thee before: What day foeuer thou going out shalt paffe hither & thither, know that thou shalt die? And thou didft anfwer me: The faying is good, which I haue heard. <sup>43</sup> Why then haft thou not kept the oath of our Lord, and the precept that I commanded thee? <sup>44</sup> And the king faid to Semei: Thou knoweft al the euil, wherof

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<sup>a</sup> Salomon was not only a kīg but alfo a prophet. Moreouer fome fecular princes doe nominate fpiritual fuperiours, and inftal them in their feates, yet their iurifdiction is not depending on the prince: but the prince to be directed by them. *Num. 27. v. 21.*

thy hart is priuy to thy felfe, which thou didft to Daud  
my father: our Lord hath rendred thy malice vpon thy  
head: <sup>45</sup> And king Salomon be bleffed, and the throne  
of Daud shal be ftable before our Lord for euer. <sup>46</sup> The  
king therfore commanded Banaias the fonne of Ioiada:  
who going out, ftroke him, and he died.