

Chapter 11

Salomon louing and marying manie wemen of diuers nations, is drawn by them to idolatrie. 9. God therfore offended suffereth Adad an Idumean, 23. Razon king of Damafcus, 26. and Hieroboam his owne feruant to make warre againft him. 29. Ahias the prophet fortelleth Hieroboam, that he shal reigne ouer tenne tribes, leauing but tvvo to Salomons heyres, 38. vvith promife to prosper, if he ferue God. 42. Salomon dieth.

And king Salomon loued manie wemen ftrangers, the daughter alfo of Pharaο, and Moabites, and Ammonites, Idumeians, and Sidonians, and Hetheians: ² of the nations, wherof our Lord fayd to the children of Ifrael: You fhall not goe in vnto them, neither fhall anie of them come in vnto yours: for they wil moft certainly turne away your hartes to folow their goddes. To thefe therfore was Salomon copled in moft feruent loue. ³ And he had wiues as it were queenes ^afeuen hundred, and concubines three hundred: and the wemen turned away his hart. ⁴ And when he was now old, his hart was depraued by wemen, that he folowed ftrange goddes: neither was his hart perfect with our Lord his God, as the hart of Daudid his father. ⁵ But Salomon worshipped Aftarthee the goddeffe of the Sidonians, and Moloch the idol of the Ammonites. ⁶ And Salomon did that which was not liked before our Lord, and he accomplished not to folow our Lord, as Daudid his father. ⁷ Then built Salomon a temple to Camos the idol of Moab, in the mount that is agaynft Ierufalem, and to Moloch the idol of the children of Ammon. ⁸ And in this maner did he to al his wiues that were ftrangers, which burnt frankencenfe, and immolated to their goddes. ⁹ Therefore our Lord was wrath with Salomon, becaufe his minde was turned away from our Lord the God of Ifrael, who had appeared vnto him the fecond tyme,

^a Though pluralitie of wiues was then alowed, yet it was forbid to multiplie manie. *Deut. 17.*

¹⁰ and had commanded him concerning this word, that he should not folow ftrange goddes, & he kept not the thinges which our Lord commanded him. ¹¹ Our Lord therfore fayd to Salomon: Becaufe thou haft done this, and haft not kept my couenant, and my preceptes, which I haue commanded thee, breaking I wil rent afunder thy kingdom, and wil geue it to thy feruant. ¹² Neuertheleffe in thy dayes I wil not doe it, becaufe of Daud thy father: out of the hand of thy fonne I wil rent it, ¹³ neither wil I take away the whole kingdom, but ^{a)}one tribe I wil geue to thy fonne for Daud my feruant, and ^{b)}Ierufalem, which I haue chofen. ¹⁴ And our Lord rayfed vp an aduerfarie to Salomon, Adad an Idumeite of the kinges feede, who was in Edom. ¹⁵ For when Daud was in Idumea, and Ioab the general of the warfare was gone vp to burie them that were flayne, and had flayne al malekind in Idumea, (¹⁶ for Ioab taried there fix monethes and al Ifrael, til he flew al malekind in Idumea,) ¹⁷ Adad him felf fled, and men of Idumea of his fathers feruantes with him, to goe into Ægypt: and Adad was a litle boy. ¹⁸ And when they rofe out of Madian, they came into Pharan, and they tooke with them men of Pharan, and entered into Ægypt to Pharao the king of Ægypt: who gaue him a houfe, and appoynted him meates, and affigned him land. ¹⁹ And Adad found grace before Pharao exceedingly, in fo much that he gaue him to wife, the germane fifter of his wife Taphnes the queene. ²⁰ And the fifter of Taphnes bare him a fonne Genubath, and Taphnes brought him vp in the houfe of Pharao: and Genubath was dwelling at Pharaoes houfe with his children. ²¹ And when Adad in Ægypt had heard, that Daud flect with his fathers, and that Ioab the general of the warefare was dead, he fayd to Pharao: Difmiffe me, that I may goe into my countrie. ²² And Pharao fayd to him: For what lackeft thou with me, that thou feekeft to

^a The tribe of Iuda.

^b By Ierufalem is vnderftood the tribe of Beniamin, wherein it ftood. So there remained two tribes to Salomons heyres.

goe into thyne owne countrie? But he answered: Nothing: yet I befech thee that thou difmiffe me. ²³ God alfo rayfed vp to him an aduerfarie, Razon, the fonne of Eliada, who had fled Adarezer the king of Soba his lord: ²⁴ and he gathered men agaynft him, and he became the captayne of theues, when Daudid killed them: and they went to Damafcus, and dwelt there, and they made him king in Damafcus, ²⁵ and he was an aduerfarie to Ifrael ^{a)}al the dayes of Salomon: and this is the euil of Adad, and hatred agaynft Ifrael, and he reigned in Syria. ²⁶ Ieroboam alfo the fonne of Nabath, an Ephratheite of Sareda, the feruant of Salomon, whose mother was called Serua, a woman widow lifted vp his hand agaynft the king. ²⁷ And this is the caufe of his rebellion agaynft him, becaufe Salomon built Mello, and filled vp the breache of the citie of Daudid his father. ²⁸ And Ieroboam was a ftrong man and mightie: and Salomon feing the youngman of a good witte & induftrious, had made him chief ouer the tributes of al the houle of Iofeph. ²⁹ It came to paffe therfore at that tyme, that Ieroboam went out of Ierufalem, and the prophete Ahias the Silonite found him in the way, couered with a new cloke: and they two onlie were in the field. ³⁰ And Ahias taking his new cloke, wherwith he was couered, ^{b)}cut it into twelue partes. ³¹ And he fayd to Ieroboam: Take vnto thee ten pieces: for thus fayth our Lord the God of Ifrael: Behold I wil rent the kingdom out of the hand of Salomon, and wil geue thee ten tribes. ³² But one tribe fhall remayne to him for my feruant Daudid, and Ierufalem the citie, which I haue chofen of al the tribes of Ifrael: ³³ becaufe he hath forfaken me, and hath adored Aftarthee the goddeffe of the Sidonians, & Chamos the god of Moab, and Moloch the god of the children of Ammon: and hath not walked in my waies, to doe iuftice before

^a From the time that Salomon fel to idolatrie, he was more impugned by three perpetual aduerfaries, Adad, Razon, and Hieroboam; myftically fignifying the flefh, the world, and the diuel.

^b This fact cōfirmed his wordes, that he fpoke ferioufly & fained not.

me, and my preceptes, and iudgementes as Daudid his father. ³⁴ Neither wil I take away al the kingdom out of his hand, but I wil make him prince al the daies of his life, for Daudid my feruant, whom I chofe, who kept my commandmentes and my preceptes. ³⁵ But I wil take away the kingdom out of his fonnes hand, and wil geue thee ten tribes: ³⁶ and to his fonne I wil geue one tribe, that there may remayne a lampe to Daudid my feruant at al times before me in Ierufalem, the citie which I haue chofen, that my name might be there. ³⁷ And thee wil I take, and thou shalt reigne ouer al thinges, that thy foule defireth, and thou shalt be king ouer Ifrael. ³⁸ If therfore thou wilt heare al thinges, that I shal command thee, and wilt walke in my waies, and doe that which is right before me, keeping my commandmentes and my preceptes, as Daudid my feruant did: I wil be with thee, and wil build thee a faythful houle, as I built a houle to Daudid, and I wil deliuer Ifrael to thee: ³⁹ and I wil afflict the feede of Daudid vpon this, but yet not alwaies. ⁴⁰ Salomon therfore would haue killed Ieroboam: who arofe, and fled into Ægypt to Sefac the king of Ægypt, and was in Ægypt vntil the death of Salomon. ⁴¹ And the reft of the wordes of Salomon, and al that he did, and his wifedom: behold they are al written in the Booke of the wordes of the daies of Salomon. ⁴² And the daies, that Salomon reigned in Ierufalem ouer al Ifrael, are fourtie yeares. ⁴³ And Salomon ^a)flept with his fathers, and was buried in the citie of Daudid his father, and Roboam his fonne reigned for him.

^a VWhether he repented and was faued or no, is vncertaine.