

Chapter 14

Ahias the prophet forsheweth the ruine of Hieroboams familie: 12. namely the death of his fonne, for whom being fick, the mother confulteth the prophet. 20. Hieroboam dieth, and his fonne Nadab reigneth. 21. Some alfo of the people of Iuda, committing idolatrie and other finnes, 25. the King of Ægypt inuadeth and facketh Hierufalem. 31. Roboam dieth and his fonne Abias reigneth.

At that time Abia the fonne of Ieroboam was ficke. ² And Ieroboam fayd to his wife: Arife, and change thy habite, that thou be not knowen to be the wife of Ieroboam, and goe into Silo, where Ahias the prophete is, which fpake to me, that I should reigne ouer this people. ³ Take alfo in thy hand ten loaues, and crackneles, and a veffel of honie, and goe to him: for he wil shew thee what shal happen to this childe. ⁴ The wife of Ieroboam did as he had fpoken: and rifing vp went into Silo, and came into the houfe of Ahias: but he could not fee, becaufe his eies were dimme for age. ⁵ And our Lord fayd to Ahias: Behold the wife of Ieroboam cometh in, to confult thee concerning her fonne that is ficke: thus and thus shalt thou fpeake to her. When fhe therfore entered in, and diffembled to be that she was, ⁶ Ahias heard the found of her feete entring in at the doore, and fayd: Come in Ieroboams wife: Why doeft thou fayne thy felf to be an other woman? But I am fent to thee a heauie meffenger. ⁷ Goe, and tel Ieroboam: Thus fayth our Lord the God of Ifrael: Becaufe I haue exalted thee out of the middes of the people, and made thee prince ouer my people Ifrael: ⁸ and haue rent the kingdom of the houfe of Daud, and geuen it to thee, and thou haft not bene as my feruant Daud, who kept my commandementes, and folowed me in al his hart, doing that which was wel liked in my fight: ⁹ but haft wrought euil aboue al, that haue bene before thee, and haft made thee ftrange

and molten goddes, ^{a)}that thou mightest prouoke me to anger, and hast reiected me behind thy backe: ¹⁰ therefore behold I wil bring in euils vpon the house of Ieroboam, and wil fstrike of Ieroboam him that pyffeth to the wal, and the inclosed, and the vilest in Ifrael: and I wil cleanse the remaynes of the house of Ieroboam, as dung is wont to be cleansed til al be pure. ¹¹ They that shal die of Ieroboam in the citie, them the dogges shal eate: and they that shal die in the field, them the foules of the ayre shal deuoure: because our Lord hath spoken. ¹² Thou therefore arise, and goe into thy house: and in the verie entrance of thy feete into the citie, the childe shal die, ¹³ and al Ifrael shal mourne for him, and shal burie him: for this onlie of Ieroboam shal be brought into the sepulchre, because vpon him hath bene found a good word from our Lord the God of Ifrael, in the house of Ieroboam. ¹⁴ And our Lord wil appoynt to him self a king ouer Ifrael, that shal fstrike the house of Ieroboam in this day, and in this time: ¹⁵ and our Lord the God of Ifrael shal fstrike it, as a reede is wont to be moued in the water: and he shal plucke out Ifrael from this good countrie, which he gaue to their fathers, and shal scatter them ouer the Riuer: because they haue made to them felues groues, to prouoke our Lord. ¹⁶ And our Lord shal deliuer Ifrael for the finnes of Ieroboam, who hath finned, & made Ifrael to finne. ¹⁷ The wife therefore of Ieroboam arose, and departed, and came into Therfa: and when she entered the threshold of the house, the childe died, ¹⁸ and they buried him. And al Ifrael mourned for him according to the word of our Lord, which he spake in the hand of his seruant Ahias the prophete. ¹⁹ But the rest of the wordes of Ieroboam, how he fought, and

^a Ieroboam did not wittingly and of purpose fet vp false goddes, to the end he might prouoke God to anger: for his intention only was to kepe the people frō going to Ierusalem, left by that occasion *they should returne to Roboam their Lord, king of Iuda. ch. 12. v. 27.* But by settīg vp idols he did prouoke God consequently to anger. So here and in other places this phraze: *that he might prouoke: that it might be fulfilled*, and the like, signifieth not the final cause, but the sequele of other factes, without direct intention.

how he reigned, behold they are written in the Booke of the wordes of the daies of the kinges of Ifrael. ²⁰ And the daies, that Ieroboam reigned, are two and twentie yeares: and he flept with his fathers: and Nadab his sonne reigned for him. ²¹ Moreouer Roboam the sonne of Salomon reigned in Iuda: one and fourtie yeares old was Roboam when he began to reigne: feuentene yeares reigned he in Ierufalem the citie, which our Lord chose to put his name there, of al the tribes of Ifrael. And his mothers name was Naama an Ammonite. ²² And the men of Iuda did euil before our Lord, and prouoked him aboute al thinges, that their fathers had done, in their finnes which they finned. ²³ For they also built them altars, and ftatues, and groues vpon euerie high hil, and vnder euerie tree ful of grene leaues: ²⁴ yea and effeminate were in the land, and they did al the abominations of the gentiles, which our Lord deftroyed before the face of the children of Ifrael. ²⁵ And in the fifth yeare of the reigne of Roboam, Sefac the king of Ægypt came vp into Ierufalem, ²⁶ and tooke the treafures of the houle of our Lord, and the kinges treafures, and al thinges he fpoyled: the shieldes also of gold, which Salomon had made: ²⁷ for the which Roboam made brafen shieldes, & deliuered them into the hand of the captaynes of shield bearers, and of them that kept watch before the doore of the kinges houle. ²⁸ And when the king went into the houle of our Lord, they that had the office to goe before, caried them: and afterward they recaried them to the armourie of the shieldbearers. ²⁹ And the rest of the wordes of Roboam, & al that he did, behold they are written in the Booke of the wordes of the daies of the kinges of Iuda. ³⁰ And there was warre betwen Roboam and Ieroboam alwaies. ³¹ And Roboam flept with his fathers, and was buried with them in the citie of Daud: and his mothers name was Naama an Ammonite: and Abias his sonne reigned for him.