

## Chapter 14

*Ahias the prophet forsheweth the ruine of Hieroboams familie: 12. namely the death of his sonne, for whom being sick, the mother consulteth the prophet. 20. Hieroboam dieth, and his sonne Nadab reigneth. 21. Some also of the people of Iuda, committing idolatrie and other finnes, 25. the King of Ægypt inuadeth and sacketh Hierusalem. 31. Roboam dieth and his sonne Abias reigneth.*

**A**t that time Abia the sonne of Ieroboam was sicke. <sup>2</sup> And Ieroboam sayd to his wife: Arise, 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 spake to me, that I should reigne ouer this people. <sup>3</sup> Take also in thy hand ten loaves, and crackneles, and a veffel of honie, and goe to him: for he wil shew thee what shal happen to this childe. <sup>4</sup> The wife of Ieroboam did as he had spoken: and rising vp went into Silo, and came into the house of Ahias: but he could not see, because his eyes were dimme for age. <sup>5</sup> And our Lord sayd to Ahias: Behold the wife of Ieroboam cometh in, to consult thee concerning her sonne that is sicke: thus and thus shalt thou speake to her. When she therefore entered in, and dissembled to be that she was, <sup>6</sup> Ahias heard the found of her feet entering in at the doore, and sayd: Come in Ieroboams wife: Why doest thou fayne thy self to be an other woman? But I am sent to thee a heauie messenger. <sup>7</sup> Goe, and tel Ieroboam: Thus sayth our Lord the God of Ifrael: Because I haue exalted thee out of the middes of the people, and made thee prince ouer my people Ifrael: <sup>8</sup> and haue rent the kingdom of the house of Dauid, and geuen it to thee, and thou hast not bene as my seruant Dauid, who kept my commandementes, and folowed me in al his hart, doing that which was wel liked in my sight: <sup>9</sup> but hast wrought euil aboue al, that haue bene before thee,

and haft made thee ftrange and molten goddes, <sup>a)</sup>that thou mighteft prouoke me to anger, and haft reiected me behind thy backe: <sup>10</sup> therfore behold I wil bring in euils vpon the houle of Ieroboam, and wil ftrike of Ieroboam him that pyffeth to the wal, and the inclofed, and the vileft in Ifrael: and I wil cleafe the remaynes of the houle of Ieroboam, as dung is wont to be cleafed til al be pure. <sup>11</sup> They that shal die of Ieroboam in the citie, them the dogges fhall eate: and they that shal die in the field, them the foules of the ayre shal deuoure: becaufe our Lord hath fpoken. <sup>12</sup> Thou therfore arife, and goe into thy houle: and in the verie entrance of thy feete into the citie, the childe shal die, <sup>13</sup> and al Ifrael shal mourne for him, and shal burie him: for this onlie of Ieroboam shal be brought into the fepulchre, becaufe vpon him hath beene found a good word from our Lord the God of Ifrael, in the houle of Ieroboam. <sup>14</sup> And our Lord wil appoynt to him felf a king ouer Ifrael, that shal ftrike the houle of Ieroboam in this day, and in this time: <sup>15</sup> and our Lord the God of Ifrael shal ftrike 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 fcatter them ouer the Riuer: becaufe they haue made to them felues groues, to prouoke our Lord. <sup>16</sup> And our Lord shal deliuer Ifrael for the finnes of Ieroboam, who hath finned, & made Ifrael to finne. <sup>17</sup> The wife therfore of Ieroboam arofe, and departed, and came into Therfa: and when she entered the threshold of the houle, the childe died, <sup>18</sup> and they buried him. And al Ifrael mourned for him according to the word of our Lord, which he fpake in the hand of his feruant Ahias the prophete. <sup>19</sup> But the reft of the

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<sup>a</sup> Ieroboam did not wittingly and of purpofe fet vp falfe goddes, to the end he might prouoke God to anger: for his intention only was to kepe the people frō going to Ierufalem, left by that occafion *they should returne to Roboam their Lord, king of Iuda. ch. 12. v. 27.* But by fettīg vp idols he did prouoke God confequently to anger. So here and in other places this phrafe: *that he might prouoke: that it might be fulfilled*, and the like, fignifieth not the final caufe, but the fequele of other factes, without direct intention.

wordes of Ieroboam, how he fought, and how he reigned, behold they are written in the Booke of the wordes of the daies of the kinges of Ifrael. <sup>20</sup> And the daies, that Ieroboam reigned, are two and twentie yeares: and he flept with his fathers: and Nadab his sonne reigned for him. <sup>21</sup> 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 chofe to put his name there, of al the tribes of Ifrael. And his mothers name was Naama an Ammonite. <sup>22</sup> And the men of Iuda did euil before our Lord, and prouoked him aboue al thinges, that their fathers had done, in their finnes which they finned. <sup>23</sup> For they alfo built them altars, and ftatues, and groues vpon euerie high hil, and vnder euerie tree ful of grene leaues: <sup>24</sup> yea and effeminates 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. <sup>25</sup> And in the fifth yeare of the reigne of Roboam, Sefac the king of Ægypt came vp into Ierufalem, <sup>26</sup> and tooke the treafures of the houle of our Lord, and the kinges treafures, and al thinges he fpoyled: the shieldes alfo of gold, which Salomon had made: <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> And the reft 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. <sup>30</sup> And there was warre between Roboam and Ieroboam alwaies. <sup>31</sup> 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.