

Chapter 15

Abias reigneth wickedly in Iuda three yeares. 8. After him his sonne Afa succeding deftroyeth idolatrie, reigning fourtie one yeares. 16. VVho hauing warres with the king of Ifrael, maketh league with the king of Syria. 24. Afa dying Iofaphat succedeth. 25. Nadab reigneth wickedly two yeares in Ifrael, is then flaine by Baafa of the tribe of Iffachar, 29. and his whole familie is deftroyed. 33. Baafa also reigneth wickedly twentie foure yeares.

Therfore in the eighteenth yeare of king Ieroboam the sonne of Nabat, Abias reigned ouer Iuda. ² Three yeares he reigned in Ierufalem: the name of his mother was Maacha the daughter of Abeffalom. ³ And he walked in al the finnes of his father, which he had done before him: neither was his hart perfect with our Lord his God, as the hart of Daudid his father. ⁴ But for Daudids sake our Lord his God gaue him a lampe in Ierufalem, that he might rayse vp his sonne after him, and establishe Ierufalem: ⁵ ^a)because Daudid had done right in the eyes of our Lord, and had not declined from al thinges, which he commanded him, al the daies of his life, except the matter of Vrias the Hetheite. ⁶ But there was warre between Roboam and Ieroboam al the time of his life. ⁷ And the rest of the wordes of Abias, and al that he did, are they not written in the Booke of the wordes of the kinges of Iuda? And there was warre between Abias and Ieroboam. ⁸ And Abias flept with his fathers, and they buried him in the citie of Daudid: and Afa his sonne reigned for him. ⁹ In the twentieth yeare therfore of Ieroboam the king of Ifrael reigned Afa the king of Iuda. ¹⁰ And he reigned one & fourtie yeares in Ierufalem. His mothers name was Maaca, the daughter of Abeffalom. ¹¹ And Afa did right before the sight of our Lord, as Daudid his father: ¹² and he tooke away the

^a Daudids posteritie conferred for his sake.

effeminate out of the land, and he purged al the filth of the idols, which his father had made. ¹³ Moreouer he remoued alfo Maaca his mother, that ſhe ſhould not be princeſſe in the ſacrifices of Priapus, and in the groue which ſhe had confecrated: and he deſtroyed her denne, and brake the moſt filthie idol, and burnt it in the torrent cedron: ¹⁴ but ^a)the excelfes he did not take away. Otherwiſe the hart of Aſa was perfect with our Lord al his daies: ¹⁵ and he caried in thoſe thinges, which his father had ſanctified, and vowed into the houſe of our Lord, filuer and gold, and veſſels. ¹⁶ And there was warre betwen Aſa, and Baafa the king of Iſrael al their daies. ¹⁷ Baafa alfo the king of Iſrael went vp into Iuda, and built Rama, that no man might go out or come in of Aſaes ſide the king of Iuda. ¹⁸ Aſa therefore taking al the filuer, and gold that remained in the treaſures of the houſe of our Lord, and in the treaſures of the kinges houſe, gaue it into the handes of his ſeruantes: and he ſent to Benadad the ſonne of Tabremon the ſonne of Hezion, the king of Syria, which dwelt in Damafcus, ſaying: ¹⁹ There is a league betwen me and thee, & betwixt my father and thy father: therefore I haue ſent thee giftes, filuer and gold: and I deſire thee that thou come, and make void the league, that thou haſt with Baafa the king of Iſrael, and he may retire from me. ²⁰ Benadad agreing to king Aſa, ſent the princes of his armie into the cities of Iſrael, and they ſtroke Ahion, and Dan, and Abeldomum of Maacha, and al Cenneroth, to witte, al the Land of Nephthali. ²¹ Which when Baafa had heard, he intermitted to build Rama, and returned into Therfa. ²² But king Aſa ſent word into al Iuda, ſaying: Let no man be excuſed, and they tooke ſtones from Rama, and the timber therof, wherwith Baafa had built, and Aſa of it built GabaaBeniamin, and Maſpha. ²³ But the reſt of

^a Thoſe altares which Salomon had made for his wiues, that were idolaters Aſa deſtroyed not, but al which Roboã and Abias had made, or ſuffered to be made for their owne people he pulled downe. Iofias afterward deſtroyed alfo thoſe which Salomon had made. *2. Paral. 34.*

al the wordes of Afa, and al his forces, and al that he did, & the cities that he built, are not theſe written in the Booke of the words of the dayes of the kinges of Iuda? Howbeit in the time of his old age he was difeaſed in his feete. ²⁴ And he flept with his fathers, & was buried with them in the citie of Daud his father. And Iofaphat his ſonne reigned for him. ²⁵ But Nadab the ſonne of Ieroboam reigned ouer Iſrael the ſecond yeare of Afa the king of Iuda: and he reigned ouer Iſrael two yeares. ²⁶ And he did that which is euil in the fight of our Lord, and walked in the waies of his father, and in his finnes, wherwith he made Iſrael to finne. ²⁷ And Baafa the ſonne of Ahias of the houſe of Iſſachar, lay in wayte againſt him, and ſtroke him in Gebbethon, which is a citie of the Philiftines: for Nadab and al Iſrael befieged Gebbethon. ²⁸ Baafa therefore flew him in the third yeare of Afa the king of Iuda, and reigned for him. ²⁹ And when he reigned, he ſtoke ^aal the houſe of Ieroboam: he leaft not ſo much as one foule of his feede, til he deſtroied him according to the word of our Lord, which he had ſpoken in the hand of Ahias the Silonite; ³⁰ for the finnes of Ieroboam, which he had finned, and wherwith he had cauſed Iſrael to finne, and for the offence, wherwith he prouoked our Lord the God of Iſrael. ³¹ But the reſt of the wordes of Nadab, and al that he wrought, are not theſe things written in the Booke of the wordes of the daies of the kinges of Iſrael? ³² And there was warre betwen Afa and Baafa the king of Iſrael al their daies. ³³ In the third yeare of Afa the king of Iuda, reigned Baafa the ſonne of Ahias, ouer al Iſrael in Therſa foure and twentie yeares. ³⁴ And he did euil before our Lord, & walked in the waies of Ieroboam, and in his finnes, wherwith he made Iſrael to finne.

^a The authour of ſchiſme puniſhed in his poſteritie.