

Chapter 16

Iehu for prophesying the destruction of Baafa and his houe, 7. is flaine. 8. Yet his fonne Ela reigneth tvvo yeares. 9. Then Zambri rebelleth, killeth Ela, and reigneth. 16. Part of the people choofing Amri (prince of the armie) their king, 18. Zambri desporatly burneth himfelfe and the kings palace. 21. An other part folow Thebni as king til his death. 23. Amri reigneth tvvelue yeares vvickedly. 29. His fonne Achab fuccedeth, marieth Iezabel, and ferueth Baal. 34. In the meane time Hiel repaireth Iericho.

And the word of our Lord came to Iehu the fonne of Hanani agaynft Baafa, faying: ² For fo much as I haue exalted thee out of the duft, & fette thee duke ouer my people Ifrael, but thou haft walked in the way of Ieroboam, and haft made my people Ifrael to finne, that thou mighteft anger me with their finnes: ³ behold, I wil cut downe the pofteritie of Baafa, and the pofteritie of his houe, and I wil make thy houe as the houe of Ieroboam the fonne of Nabat. ⁴ Whofoeuer of Baafa shal die in the citie, him shal the dogges eate: and whofoeuer of his shal die in the countrie, him shal the fowles of the ayre deuoure. ⁵ But the reft of the wordes of Baafa, and whatfoeuer he did, and his battels, are not thefe things written in the Booke of the wordes of the daies of the kings of Ifrael? ⁶ Baafa therfore flept with his fathers, and was buried in Therfa: and Ela his fonne reigned for him. ⁷ And when the word of our Lord came in the hand of Iehu the fonne of Hanani the prophete agaynft Baafa, and agaynft his houe, and agaynft al the euil, that he had done before our Lord, to anger him in the workes of his handes, that it should be made as the houe of Ieroboam: for this caufe he flew him, that is to fay, iehu the fonne of Hanani, the prophete. ⁸ In the fixe and twentieth yeare of Afa the king of Iuda, reigned Ela the fonne of Baafa ouer Ifrael in Therfa two yeares. ⁹ And his feruant Zambri rebelled agaynft him, the captayne of the halfe part

of the horfemen: and Ela was in Therfa drinking, and dronken in the houfe of Arfa the gouernour of Therfa. ¹⁰ Zambri therfore rushing in, ftroke and flew him in the feuen and twentieth yeare of Afa the king of Iuda, & he reigned for him. ¹¹ And when he reigned, and fate vpon his throne, he ftroke al the houfe of Baafa, and he leaft not of it one that could pyffe agaynft a wal, & his kinsfolke and frendes. ¹² And Zambri deftroyed al the houfe of Baafa, according to the word of our Lord, that he had fpoken to Baafa in the hand of Iehu the prophet, ¹³ for al the finnes of Baafa, and the finnes of Ela his fonne, who finned, and made Ifrael to finne, prouoking our Lord the God of Ifrael in their vanities. ¹⁴ But the reft of the wordes of Ela, and al that he did, are not thefe writen in the Booke of the wordes of the daies of the kinges of Ifrael? ¹⁵ In the feuen and twentieth yeare of Afa the king of Iuda, reigned Zambri feuen daies in Therfa: moreouer the armie befieged Gebbethon a citie of the Philifthines. ¹⁶ And when they heard that Zambri had rebelled, and flayne the king, ^aal Ifrael made Amri their king, who was General of the warfare ouer Ifrael that day, in the campe. ¹⁷ Amri therfore went vp, and al Ifrael with him from Gebbethon, and they befieged Therfa. ¹⁸ And Zambri feing that the citie should be taken, he went into the palace, and burnt him felf with the kinges houfe: and he died ¹⁹ in his finnes, which he had finned doing euil before our Lord, and walking in the way of Ieroboam, and in his finne; wherwith he made Ifrael to finne. ²⁰ But the reft of the wordes of Zambri, and of his treason, and tyrannie, are not thefe thinges writen in the Booke of the wordes of the dayes of the kinges of Ifrael? ²¹ Then was the people of Ifrael diuided into two partes: the halfe part of the people folowed Thebni the fonne of Gineth, to make him king: and the halfe part Amri. ²² But the people that was with Amri, preuayled ouer the people that folowed Thebni the fonne

^a Al thofe that were in the campe chofe their general to be their king and preuailed therein: though an other half of Ifrael chofe and folowed an other for a time.

of Gineth: and Thebni died, and Amri reigned. ²³ In ^a)the one and thirtieth yeare of Afa the king of Iuda Amri reigned ouer Ifrael, twelue yeares: in Therfa he reigned fix yeares. ²⁴ And he bought the mount of Samaria of Somer for two talentes of filuer: and he built it, and he called the citie which he had built, by the name of Semer the lord of the mount of Samaria. ²⁵ And Amri did euil in the fight of our Lord, and wrought wickedly aboue al, that were before him. ²⁶ And he walked in al the way of Ieroboam the fonne of Nabat, and in his finnes wherwith he made Ifrael to finne: that they might anger our Lord the God of Ifrael in their vanities. ²⁷ But the reft of the wordes of Amri, and the battels he made, are not thefe thinges writen in the Booke of the wordes of the daies of the kinges of Ifrael? ²⁸ And Amri flept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria and Achab his fonne reigned for him. ²⁹ But Achab the fonne of Amri reigned ouer Ifrael the eight and thirtieth yeare of Afa the king of Iuda. And Achab the fonne of Amri reigned ouer Ifrael in Samaria two and twentie yeares. ³⁰ And Achab the fonne of Amri did euil in the fight of our Lord aboue al, that were before him. ³¹ Neither did it fuffice him that he walked in the finnes of Ieroboam the fonne of Nabat: befides he tooke to wife Iezabel the daughter of Ethbaul the king of the Sidonians. And he went, and ferued Baal, and adored him. ³² And he fette an altar to Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria, ³³ and he planted a groue: and Achab added in his worke, prouoking our Lord the God of Ifrael aboue al the kinges of Ifrael, that were before him. ³⁴ In his daies Hiel of Bethel built Iericho: ^b)in Abiram his firft borne he founded it, and in Segub his laft he fette vp the gates therof: according to the word of our Lord, which he fpake in the hand of Iofue the fonne of Nun.

Iofue. 8.

^a Thebni being then dead he reigned peacably for he began his reigne the 17. yeare of Afa *v. 15. & 16.* and reigned in al 12. yeares.

^b VVhen Hiel began to build Iericho, his eldefte fonne died, fo the reft fucceffiuely, that the laft died when he finifhed the building: becaufe God by the mouth of Iofue had forbid the building therof.