

Chapter 19

Elias fleing Iezabel, in the defert eateth a harth cake and drinketh water, brought by an Angel, and fo goeth fourtie dayes and nightes vnto mount Horeb. 9. Lamenting that he alone is leift of the prophetes of God. 15. God commandeth him to returne to Damafcus, and anoint Hazael king of Syria, Iehu king of Ifrael, and Elifeus a prophet: 18. and telleth him, there remaine feuen thoufand in Ifrael, which haue not bowed to Baal.

And Achab told Iezabel al thinges that Elias had done, and how he had killed al the prophetes with the fword. ² And Iezabel fent a meffenger to Elias, faying: Thefe thinges do the goddes to me, and thefe adde they, if this houre to morow I make not thy foule as the foule of one of them. ³ Elias therfore was afraid, & ryfing he went whither foeuer his wil caried him: and he came into Berfabee of Iuda, and leaft his feruant there, ⁴ and went forward into the defert, one dayes iourney. And when he was come, and fate vnder a iuniper tree, he defired for his foule to die, and fayd: It fufficeth me Lord, take my foul: for I am not better then my fathers. ⁵ And he caft him felf downe, and flept in the fhadow of the iuniper tree: and behold an Angel of our Lord touched him, and fayd to him: Arife, and eate. ⁶ He looked, and behold at his head harthbaked bread, and a veffel of water: he therfore did eate, and drinke, and he flept againe. ⁷ And the Angel of our Lord returned the fecond time, and touched him, and faid to him: Arife, eate: for thou haft yet a great way to goe. ⁸ Who when he was rifen: did eate and drinke, & walked in the ftrength of that meate fourtie daies, and fourtie nightes, vnto the mount of God, Horeb. ⁹ And when he was come thither, he taried in a caue: and behold the word of our Lord came vnto him, & he faid to him: What doeft thou here Elias? ¹⁰ But he answered: With zeles haue I beene zelous for our Lord the God of hoftes becaufe the children of Ifrael haue forfaken thy couenant: thy altars haue they deftroyed, & thy prophetes they

haue flaine with the fword, & ^{a)}I alone am leaft, & they feeke my life to take it away. ¹¹ And he faid to him: Come forth, and ftand in the mount before our Lord: and behold our Lord paffeth, and a great winde, and ftrong ouerthrowing mountaynes, and breaking rockes before our Lord: not in the winde is our Lord, and after the winde an earth quake: not in the earth quake is our Lord, ¹² and after the earth quake fire: not in the fire is our Lord, and after the fire a wiftling of a gentle winde. ¹³ Which when Elias had heard, he couered his face with his mantel, and coming forth ftood in the doore of the caue, and behold a voyce vnto him, faying: What doeft thou here Elias? ¹⁴ And he answered: With zeale haue I beene zelous for our Lord the God of hoftes: becaufe the children of Ifrael haue forfaken thy couenant: thyn altars they haue deftroyed, and thy prophetes they haue flaine with the fword, and I alone am leaft, and they feeke my life to take it away. ¹⁵ And our Lord fayd to him: Goe, and returne into thy way by the defert of Damafcus: and when thou art come thither thou ^{b)}fhalt anoint Hazael king ouer Syria, ¹⁶ and Iehu the fonne of Namfi thou fhalt anoynt king ouer Ifrael: and Elifeus the fonne of Saphat, which is of Abelmeula, thou fhalt anoynt prophet for thee. ¹⁷ And it fhall be, whofoeuer fhall efcape the fword of Hazael, him Iehu fhall kil: and whofoeuer fhall efcape the fword of Iehu, him fhall Elifeus kil. ¹⁸ And I wil leaue me in Ifrael feuen thoufand men, whose knees haue not beene bowed before Baal, and euerie mouth, that hath not adored him kyffing his handes. ¹⁹ Elias therefore departing thence, found Elifeus the fonne of Saphat, ploughing with twelue yoke of oxen, and

^a Elias knew no other at that infant in the tenne tribes, that were not partakers in idolatrie; but there were in deede feuen thoufand (*v. 18.*) that bowed not their knees to Baal. And the whole kingdom of Iuda obferued true religion, where Afa then reigned, and after him Iofaphat: both good kinges, *chap. 15. v. 11. 22. v. 43. 2. Par. 15. &. 17.*

^b Elias prophecied that thefe two fhould be kinges, and caft his cloke ouer Elizeus. *v. 19.* Elizeus declared to Hazael that he fhould be king. *4. Reg. 8.* An other prophet annointed Iehu. *4. Reg. 9.*

he was one of them that ploughed with twelue yoke of oxen: and when Elias came to him, he caft his mantel vpon him. ²⁰ Who forthwith leauing the oxen ranne after Elias, and faid: Let me kiffe, I pray thee, my father, and my mother, and fo I wil folow thee. And he fayd to him: Goe, and returne: for that which was my part, I haue donne to thee. ²¹ And returning from him, he tooke a yoke of oxen, and killed them, and fod the flesh with the plough of the oxen, and gaue to the people, and they did eate: and ryfing vp he departed, and folowed Elias, & miniftred to him.