

Chapter 14

Old Tobias dieth at the age of an hundred and two yeares, 5. exhorteth his fonne and nephewes to pietie, forshewing that Niniue shal be deftroyed, and Ierufalem reedified. 14. Yonger Tobias returneth with his familie to Raguel, and dieth happely as he had liued.

And the wordes of Tobias were ended. And after that Tobias was reftored to his fight, he liued two and fourtie yeares, and saw the children of his nephewes. ² Therefore an hundred and two yeares being accomplished, he was buried honorably in Niniue. ³ For being fix and fiftie yeares old he loft the fight of his eies, and being threefcore he receiued it agayne. ⁴ And the rest of his life was in ioy, and with great increafe of the feare of God he went forward in peace. ⁵ And at the houre of his death he called vnto him Tobias his fonne, and his feuen yong fonnes, his nephewes, and fayd to them: ⁶ The destruction of Niniue is neere: for the word of our Lord fayleth not: and our brethren, which are disperfed from the land of Ifrael, fhall returne to it. ⁷ And al the defert land therof fhall be replenifhed, and the houfe of God which is burnt in it, shal agayne be reedified: and thither shal al returne that feare God, ⁸ and the Gentiles shal forfake their idols, and shal come into Ierufalem, and shal inhabite in it, ⁹ and ^aal the kings of the earth shal reioyce in it, adoring the king of Ifrael. ¹⁰ Heare ye therefore my children your father: ferue our Lord in truth, and ^bfeeke to doe the thinges that please him: ¹¹ and command your children that they doe iuftices and almes deedes, that they be mindeful of God, and bleffe him at al time in truth, and in al their power. ¹² Now therefore children heare me, and doe not tarie here: but what day foeuer you shal burie

^a This can not be vnderftood of the citie of Ierufalem but of the Church of Chrif.

^b Gods feruantes muft not only expect what fhall be commanded, but alfo feeke to know what they ought to do.

your mother by me in one sepulchre, from thenceforth directe your steppes to depart hence: ¹³ for I see that the iniquitie therof wil giue it an end. ¹⁴ And it came to passe after the death of his mother, Tobias departed out of Niniue with his wife, and children, and childrens children, and returned to his father and mother in law. ¹⁵ And he found them in health in good old age: and he tooke care of them, and he closed their eyes: and al the inheritance of Raguels house he receiued: & he saw the fifth generation, his childrens children. ¹⁶ And nintie nine yeares being accomplished in the feare of our Lord, with ioy they buried him. ¹⁷ And ^a)al his kinred, and al his generation continued in good life, and in holie conuersation, so that they were acceptable both to God, and to men, and to al the inhabitantes in the land.

^a A notable commendation of Tobias familie and posteritie. And a plaine testimony that true Religion neuer failed wholly in the tenne tribes, much lesse in the kingdom of Iuda, least of al in the Church of Christ, & new Testament.