

# THE ARGUMENT OF THE SECOND BOOKE OF KINGES.

Befides a great part of the first booke, and beginning of the third, this second booke is wholly of King Daud. Whose manie laudable Actes, as also his faultes (which were fewer) with his true repentance, and punishment are related, not in such method, as may easily be diuided into distinct partes, in order of the chapters; but according to the distinction of things contained, his succession to the royal crowne, first in Iuda, and after in all Israel, with the declination and death of his competitor Iffobeth, are recorded in the 2. 3. 4. and 5. chapters. His vertues, and praises, to wit, his solemn mourning for Saul and that familie, his deuotion, fortitude, pietie, and gratitude are specially touched in the 1. 6. 7. 8. 9. and 10. chapters. His finnes of adulterie with Bethfabee, of killing her husband Vrias, of pride in numbering his people, with his hartie repentance, and temporal punishment for the same, are written from the 11. chapter to the 21, together with the 24. The 22. and 23. chapters conteyne his thankefgeuing to God for benefites receiued, and prophecie of things to come, with a catalogue of valiant men.

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His succession to the kingdom.

His vertues.

Faultes.

Thankes, and Prophecie.