

THE ARGVMENT OF THE SECOND BOOKE OF
KINGES.

Besides a great part of the first booke, and beginning of the third, this second booke is wholly of King Dauid. VVhofe 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 Ithobeth, are recorded in the 2. 3. 4. and 5. chapters. His vertues, and praises, to wit, his solemne 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 Bethabee, 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 thankesgeuing to God for benefites receiued, and prophecie of things to come, with a catalogue of valiant men.

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is wholly of
Dauid.

His fucceffion to
the kingdom.

His virtues.

Faultes.

Thankes, and
Prophecie.