

## Chapter 10

*Roboam requested by Ieroboam and the people to lighten their yoke of seruice, 6. leauing the counfel of the ancient, and folowing young counfellers, threatneth to prefse the people: 16. wherupon manie reuolt from him.*

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Dauids iffue reigning only in two tribes, which alfo are caried captiue into Babylon.

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**A**nd Roboam went forth into Sichem: for thither al Ifrael was affembled, to make him king. <sup>2</sup> Which when Ieroboam the fonne of Nabat had heard, who was in Ægypt (for he was fled thither from Salomon) forthwith he returned. <sup>3</sup> And they called him, & he came with al Ifrael & fpake to Roboam, faying: <sup>4</sup> Thy father preffed vs with a moft hard yoke, do thou command lighter thinges then thy father, who layd vpon vs a heauie feruitude, and eafe thou a litle of the burden, that we may ferue thee. <sup>5</sup> Who fayd: After three daies returne ye to me. And when the people was gone, <sup>6</sup> he tooke counfel with the Ancientes, which ftoode before his father Salomon, whiles he yet liued, faying: What counfel geue you, that I may anwer the people? <sup>7</sup> Who fayd to him: If thou wilt pleafe this people, and pacifie them with wordes of clemencie, they wil ferue thee at al times. <sup>8</sup> But he forfooke the counfel of the Ancientes, and began to treat with yongmen, that had beene brought vp with him, and were in his trayne. <sup>9</sup> And he fayd to them: What femeth to you? or what fhall I anwer this people, which hath fayd to me: Eafe the yoke which thy father layd vpon vs? <sup>10</sup> But they answered as yongmen, and brought vp with him in delicateneffe, and fayd: Thus fhalt thou fpeake to the people, that fayd to thee: Thy father aggrauated our yoke, doe thou eafe it: and thus fhalt thou anwer them: My leaft finger is thicker then the loynes of my father. <sup>11</sup> My father layd vpon you an heauie yoke, and I wil adde a greater weight: my father bette you with fcourges, but I wil beate you with fcorpions. <sup>12</sup> Ieroboam therfore came, and al the people to Roboam the third day, as he had commanded them. <sup>13</sup> And the king

answered rough wordes, leauing the counfel of the Ancientes: <sup>14</sup> and he fpake according to the yongmens wil: My father layd vpon you a heauie yoke, which I wil make heauier: my father bette you with fcourges, but I wil beate you with fcorpions. <sup>15</sup> And he condescended not to the peoples requestes: for it was the wil of God, that his word fhould be accomplished, which he had fpoken by the hand of Ahias the Silonite to Ieroboam the fonne of Nabat. <sup>16</sup> And al the people when the king fpake rough wordes, fayd thus vnto him: We haue no part in Daud, nor inheritance in the fonne of Ifai. Returne into thy tabernacles ô Ifrael, and do thou feede thy houle Daud. And Ifrael went into their tabernacles. <sup>17</sup> But ouer the children of Ifrael, that dwelt in the cities of Iuda, Roboam reigned. <sup>18</sup> And king Roboam fent Aduram, who was ouer the tributes, and the children of Ifrael ftoned him, and he died: moreouer king Roboam made haft to get vp into his chariote, and fled into Ierufalem. <sup>19</sup> And Ifrael reuolted from the houle of Daud vntil this day.