

Chapter 12

For the finnes of Roboam, and the people manie ftrong cities, alfo Ierufalem, are taken and fpoyled by the king of Ægypt. 8. They repent, and the Ægyptians depart, 9. but carie away the treafures. 13. Roboam dieth, and his fonne Abias reigneth.

And when the kingdom of Roboam was ftrengthened and fortified, he forfooke the law of our Lord, and al Ifrael with him. ² And in the fifth yeare of the kingdom of Roboam, came vp Sefac the king of Ægypt into Ierufalem (becaufe they had finned to our Lord) ³ with a thoufand two hundred chariotes, and threefcore thoufand horfemen. ⁴ Neither was anie number of the common people, that came with him out of Ægypt, to witte, Lybians, and Troglodytes, and Æthiopians. ⁵ And he tooke the moft fenfed cities in Iuda, and came ouer vnto Ierufalem. ⁶ And Semeias the prophete went to Roboam, and to the princes of Iuda, that were gathered together in Ierufalem, fleing from Sefac, and he fayd to them: Thus fayth our Lord: You haue leaft me, and I haue leaft you in the hand of Sefac. ⁷ And the princes of Ifrael, and the king, being aftonied, fayd: Our Lord is iuft. ⁸ And when our Lord had feene that they were humbled, the word of our Lord came to Semeias, faying: Becaufe they are humbled, I wil not deftroy them, and I wil geue them a litle ayde, and my furie shal not droppe vpon Ierufalem by the hand of Sefac. ⁹ But yet they shal ferue him, that they may know the diftance of my feruice, and of the feruice of the kingdom of the earth. ¹⁰ Therefore Sefac the king of Ægypt retyred from Ierufalem, taking away the treafures of the houfe of our Lord, and of the kinges houfe, and he tooke al thinges with him, and the golden shieldes that Salomon had made, ¹¹ for the which the king made brafen ones, and deliuered them to the princes of the shieldbearers, which kept the entrance of the palace. ¹² And when the king entred into the houfe of our Lord, the shieldbearers came, and tooke them, & brought them

backe agayne to their armorie. ¹³ But yet becaufe they were humbled, the wrath of our Lord was turned away from them, neither were they vtterly deftroyed: for in Iuda there were found good workes. ¹⁴ King Roboam therefore was ftrengthened in Ierufalem, & reigned: one and fourtie yeares old was he when he beganne to reigne, and he reigned feuentene yeares in Ierufalem, the citie, which our Lord chofe, to confirme his name there, out of al the tribes of Ifrael: and the name of his mother was Naama an Ammonite. ¹⁵ And he did euil, and prepared not his hart to feke our Lord. ¹⁶ But the workes of Roboam the firft and the laft are written in the Bookes of Semeias the Prophete, and of Addo the Seer, and diligently expounded: and Roboam and Ieroboam fought one agaynft the other al their daies. ¹⁷ And Roboam flept with his fathers, and was buried in the citie of Daud. And Abias his fonne reigned for him.