

Chapter 17

*Iofaphat fucceding in the kingdom preuaileth in bat-
tel agaynft the king of Ifrael, 6. deftroiyeth Idolaters,
and fendeth Prieftes and Leuites to inſtruct the people.
11. The Philiftians and Arabians fend preſentes to king
Iofaphat. 13. The leaders of the armie and fouldiars are
numbred.*

And Iofaphat his ſonne reigned for him, & grew
ſtrong agaynſt Ifrael. ² And he appoynted
numbers of fouldiars in al the cities of Iuda,
that were compaffed with walles. And he placed garrifons
in the land of Iuda, and in the cities of Ephraim, which
Afa his father had taken. ³ And our Lord was with
Iofaphat, becauſe he walked in the firſt waies of Dauid
his father: and he truſted not in Baalim, ⁴ but in the
God of his father, and went forward in his preceptes,
and not according to the finnes of Ifrael. ⁵ And our
Lord confirmed the kingdom in his hand, and al Iuda
gaue giſtes to Iofaphat: and there grew to him infi-
nite riches, and much glorie. ⁶ And when his hart had
taken courage ^afor the waies of our Lord, he tooke away
alſo the Excelfes and groues out of Iuda. ⁷ And in the
third yeare of his kingdom, he ſent of his princes Ben-
hail, and Abdias, and Zacharias, and Nathanael, and
Micheas, that they ſhould teach in the cities of Iuda:
⁸ and with them Leuites, Semeias, and Nathanas, and
Zabadias, Afael alſo, and Semiramoth, and Ionathan,
and Adonias and Tobias, and Thobadonias Leuites, and
with them Elifama, and Ioram Prieftes. ⁹ And they
taught the people in Iuda, hauing the booke of the law
of our Lord: and they went about al the cities of Iuda,
and inſtructed the people. ¹⁰ Therfore the dread of our
Lord came vpon al the kingdomes of the landes, that

^a Good workes approued by new benefites from God, as a reward
therof, do geue more hope & confidence to procede from vertue to
vertue. *S. Tho. li. de regimine Regum.*

were round about Iuda, neither durft they make bat-
tel agaynst Iofaphat. ¹¹ Yea and the Philiftians brought
giftes to Iofaphat, and tribute of filuer, the Arabians alfo
brought cattel, of rammes feuen thoufand feuen hun-
dred, and buckegoates as manie. ¹² Iofaphat therfore
grewe, and was magnified on high: and he built in Iuda
houfes like to toures, and walled cities. ¹³ And he pre-
pared manie workes in the cities of Iuda: there were
alfo men of warre, and valiant in Ierufalem, ¹⁴ of whom
this is the number by the houfes and families of euerie
one: In Iuda princes of the armie, Ednas duke, and with
him moft valiant men three hundred thoufand. ¹⁵ Af-
ter him Iohanan the prince, and with him two hundred
eightie thoufand. ¹⁶ After him alfo Amafias the fonne
of Zechri, confecrated to our Lord, and with him two
hundred thoufand of valiant men. ¹⁷ Him followed Eli-
ada valiant to battels, and with him of them that held
bow & fhield two hundred thoufand. ¹⁸ After this man
alfo Iozabad, and with him an hundred eightie thoufand
readie fouldiars. ¹⁹ Al thefe were at the hand of the
king, befide others, whom he had put in walled cities, in
al Iuda.