

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 infruct 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 fonne reigned for him, & grew
ftrong agaynft 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, becaufe he walked in the firft 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 giftes to Iofaphat: and there grew to him infinite
riches, and much glorie. ⁶ And when his hart had taken
courage ^afor the waies of our Lord, he tooke away alfo
the Excelfes and groues out of Iuda. ⁷ And in the third
yeare of his kingdom, he fent of his princes Benhail, and
Abdias, and Zacharias, and Nathanael, and Micheas,
that they fhould teach in the cities of Iuda: ⁸ and with
them Leuites, Semeias, and Nathanias, and Zabadias,
Afael alfo, and Semiramoth, and Ionathan, and Adonias
and Tobias, and Thobadonias Leuites, and with them
Elifama, and Ioram Prieftes. ⁹ And they taught the peo-
ple in Iuda, hauing the booke of the law of our Lord: and
they went about al the cities of Iuda, and infructed the
people. ¹⁰ Therefore the dread of our Lord came vpon
al the kingdomes of the landes, that were round about
Iuda, neither durft they make battel agaynft Iofaphat.

^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.*

¹¹ Yea and the Philiftians brought giftes to Iofaphat, and tribute of filuer, the Arabians alfo brought cattel, of rammes feuen thoufand feuen hundred, 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 prepared 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 After 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 Eliada valiant to battels, and with him of them that held bow & fshield 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.