

Chapter 22

Ochozias reigning one yeare, 3. is flaine together with Ioram king of Ifrael, by king Iehu. 10. Athalia killeth the kinges children (onlie Ioas being faued by his aunt) and vfurpeth the kingdom fix yeares.

*4. Reg. 8.
v. 25. ch. 9.*

And the inhabitantes of Ierufalem made Ochozias his leaft fonne, king for him: for al the elders, that had bene before him, the rouers of the Arabians had flayne, which inuaded the campe: and Ochozias the fonne of Ioram the king of Iuda reigned. ² Two and ^{a)}fourtie yeares old was Ochozias when he began to reigne, and he reigned one yeare in Ierufalem, and the name of his mother was Athalia the daughter of ^{b)}Amri. ³ But he alfo went by the waies of the houle of Achab: for his mother forced him to doe impioufly. ⁴ He therfore did euil in the fight of our Lord, as the houle of Achab: for they were his counfelers after the death of his father, to his deftruction. ⁵ And he walked in their counfels. And he went forth with Ioram the fonne of Achab king of Ifrael, into battel agaynft Hazael king of Syria, into Ramoth Galaad: and the Syrians wounded Ioram. ⁶ Who returned to be cured into Iezrael: for he had taken manie woundes in the forefayd battel. Therefore Ochozias the fonne of Ioram king of Iuda, went downe to vifit Ioram the fonne of Achab in Iezrael being ficke. ⁷ For it was the wil of God agaynft Ochozias, that he fhould come to Ioram: and when he was come he fhould goe out alfo againft Iehu the fonne of Namfi, whom our Lord anoynted to deftroy the houle of Achab. ⁸ When Iehu therfore ouerthrew the houle of Achab, he found the princes of Iuda, and the fonne of the brethren of Ochozias, which ferued him, and he flewe them. ⁹ Searching alfo for Ochozias himfelf, he

^a To wit when he beganne to reigne alone: for he reigned together with his father at the age of 22. *4. Reg. 8. v. 26.* And after his fathers death but one yeare.

^b See *4. Reg. 8. v. 18.*

tooke him lying hid in Samaria: and being brought vnto him, he killed him, and they buried him: becaufe he was the fonne of Iofaphat, who had fought our Lord in al his hart ^a)neither was there anie more hope that anie fhould reigne of the ftocke of Ochozias. ¹⁰ For Athalia his mother, feing that her fonne was dead, arofe, and flew al the kinges ftocke of the houfe of Ioram. ¹¹ Sauing that Iofabeth the kinges daughter tooke Ioas the fonne of Ochozias, and ftole him out of the middes of the kinges fonnes, when they were flayne, and she hid him with his nource in the bedde chamber: and Iofabeth that hid him, was the daughter of king Ioram, the wife of Ioiada the high prieft, the fifter of Ochozias, and therefore Athalia did not kil him. ¹² He therefore was with them in the houfe of God fix yeares, in the which Athalia reigned ouer the Land.

^a Human hope failed, but Gods prouidence vfed meanes to conferue fome of Dauids iffue to fitte in his throne. Yea to continue the *fuccefsion til Chrift. Mat. 1.*