

Chapter 26

Ozias feruing God, 6. preuaileth in battel againft the Philiftians, Arabians, and Ammonites: 9. prospereth in honour and wealth. 16. Then waxing proud offereth incense on the altar, is ftriken with leprofie, expelled out of the Temple, and citie: 20. and his fonne Ioathan ruleth the kingdom.

And al the people of Iuda made his fonne Ozias fixtene yeares old, king for Amafias his father. ² He built Ailath, and reftored it to the dominion of Iuda, after that the king fleft with his fathers. ³ Sixtene yeares old was Ozias when he began to reigne, and he reigned two and fiftie yeares in Ierufalem, the name of his mother was Iechelia of Ierufalem. ⁴ And he did that which was right in the eies of our Lord, according to al thinges, which Amafias his father had done. ⁵ And he fought our Lord in the daies of Zacharias that vnderftood and faw God: and when he fought our Lord, ^ahe directed him in al thinges. ⁶ Moreouer he went forth, and fought againft the Philifthijms, and deftroyed the wal of Geth, and the wal of Iabinia, and the wal of Azotus: he built alfo townes in Azotus, and among the Philifthijms. ⁷ And God did helpe him againft the Philifthijms, and againft the Arabians, that dwelt in Garbaal, and againft the Ammonites. ⁸ And the Ammonites gaue giftes to Ozias: and his name was renowned vnto the entrance of Ægypt for his often victories. ⁹ And Ozias built towers in Ierufalem ouer the gate of the corner, and ouer the gate of the valley, and the reft, in the fame fide of the wal, and ftrengthened them. ¹⁰ He built towers alfo in the wilderneffe, and digged manie cefternes, becaufe he had much cattel as wel in the champaine, as in the vaftitie of the defert: he had alfo vineyardes & dreffers of vines in the mountaynes, and in Carmel: for he was a man geuen to hulbandrie.

^a So long as this king oberued the ordinance of God to be directed by the high prieft *Nu. 27. v. 21.* he prospered in his affayres.

¹¹ And the hoft of his warriors, which went forth to battels, was vnder the hand of Iehiel the fcribe, & Maafias the doctor, and vnder the hand of Hananias, who was of the kinges dukes. ¹² And al the number of the princes by families of valiant men, was two thoufand fix hundred. ¹³ And vnder them al the hoft of three hundred & feuen thoufand fiue hundred: which were apt to battels, and fought for the king againft the aduerfaries. ¹⁴ Ozias alfo prepared for them, that is to fay, for al the armie, fhildes, and fpeares, and helmettes, and coates of mayle, and bowes, and flinges to caft ftones. ¹⁵ And he made in Ierufalem engines of diuerfe kind, which he placed in the towers, and in the corners of the walles, to shoote arrowes, and great ftones: and his name went forth farre, for that our Lord did ayde him, and had ftrenghned him. ¹⁶ But when he was ftrenghned, his hart was eleuated to his deftruction, and he neglected our Lord his God: and entering into the temple of our Lord: he would burne ^a)incenfe vpon the altar of incenfe. ¹⁷ And incontinent Azarias the Prieft going in after him, & with him the Prieftes of our Lord eightie, moft valiant men, ¹⁸ they refifted the king, and fayd: It is not thy office Ozias, to burne incenfe to our Lord, but of the Prieftes, that is, of the children of Aaron, which are confecrated to this kind of minifterie: goe out of the Sanctuarie, contemne not: becaufe this thing fhall not be reputed to thee for glorie of our Lord God. ¹⁹ And Ozias being angrie, and holding in his hand the cenfar to burne incenfe, threatned the Prieftes. And forthwith there rofe a leprofie in his forehead before the Prieftes, in the houfe of our Lord vpon the altar of incenfe. ²⁰ And when Azarias the high Prieft had beheld him, and al the reft of the Prieftes, they faw the leprofie in his forehead, and in haft they

^a For vfurping fpiritual authority which pertayned not to him, the high prieft with his affiftantes oppofed themfelues againft the king: and God confirmed their fentence, by ftriking the fame king with leprofie. And fo he was not only caft out of the temple, but alfo out of his kingdom, and common conuerfation with other men, & forced to dwel in a feparet houfe without the citie according to the law. *Leuit. 13. v. 46.*

thruft him out. Yea and him felt being fore afrayd, made haft to goe out, becaufe he felt by and by the plague of our Lord. ²¹ Ozias therefore the king was a leper vntil the day of his death, and he dwelt in a houfe apart ful of the leprofie, for the which he had bene caft out of the houfe of our Lord. Moreouer Ioathan his fonne gouerned the kinges houfe, and iudged the people of the land. ²² But the reft of the wordes of Ozias the firft and the laft wrote Ifaias the fonne of Amos, the prophet. ²³ And Ozias flept with his fathers, and they buried him in the ^akinges fepulchres field, becaufe he was a leper: and Ioathan his fonne reigned for him.

^a Neither could he be buried in the proper fepulchres of the kinges.