

Chapter 36

Ioachaz reigneth three monethes. 4. His brother Eliakim (named Ioakim) eleuen yeares, 9. his sonne Ioachin three monethes, 11. his vnckle Sedecias eleuen yeares. 14. Moft Priestes, and people contemning the admonitions of Prophetes, 17. manie are flaine by the Chaldees, the Temple and Ierufalem spoiled and burnt. 20. The fayd kinges successiuely, and people are caryed captiue into Babylon. 22. After feuentie yeares Cyrus king of Perfia, releafeth the captiuitie, and geueth leaue to reedifie the Temple.

The people therfore of the land tooke Ioachaz the sonne of Iofias, and made him king for his father in Ierufalem. ² Three and twentie yeares old was Ioachaz, when he began to reigne, and he reigned three monethes in Ierufalem. ³ And the king of Ægypt when he came into Ierufalem, depofed him, and condemned the land in an hundred talentes of filuer, and a talent of gold. ⁴ And he made Eliakim ^ahis brother king for him, ouer Iuda and Ierufalem: and he turned his name Ioakim: but he tooke Ioachaz himfelf with him, and caryed him away into Ægypt. ⁵ Fiue and twentie yeares old was Ioakim when he began to reigne, and he reigned eleuen yeares in Ierufalem: and he did euil before our Lord his God. ⁶ Agaynft him came vp Nabuchodonofor the king of the Chaldees, and brought him bound in chaynes into Babylon. ⁷ Whither he tranfported alfo the veffels of our Lord, and put them in his temple. ⁸ But the reft of the wordes of Ioakim, and of his abominations, which he wrought, and the thinges that were found in him, are conteyned in the Booke of the kinges of Iuda and Ifrael. And Ioachin his sonne reigned for him. ⁹ Eight yeares old was Ioachin when he began to reigne, and he reigned three monethes and ten dayes in Ierufalem, and he did euil in the fight of our Lord. ¹⁰ And when the compaffe of a yeare was

^a Hitherto from K. Dauids death the sonne had euer fucceded to his father.

come about, Nabuchodonosor the king sent some, that brought him in to Babylon, the most precious vessels of the house of our Lord being carried away withal: But he made Sedecias his vncle king ouer Iuda and Ierusalem. ¹¹ One & twentie yeares old was Sedecias when he began to reigne: & he reigned eleuen yeares in Ierusalem. ¹² And he did euil in the eyes of our Lord his God, neither did he reuerence the face of Ieremie the prophet speaking to him from the mouth of our Lord. ¹³ He reuolted also from king Nabuchodonosor, who had adiuured him by God: & he hardened his necke & his hart, that he would not returne to our Lord the God of Ifrael. ¹⁴ Yea & al the chiefe of the Priestes, and the people transgressed vnlawfully according to al the abominations of the Gentiles: and they polluted the house of our Lord, which he had sanctified to him in Ierusalem. ¹⁵ And our Lord the God of their fathers sent to them, by the hand of his messengers, ryfing by night, and daily admonishing them: for that he spared his people and his habitation. ¹⁶ But they mocked the messengers of God, and little esteemed his wordes, and scorned the prophetes, vntil the furie of our Lord ascended vpon his people, and there was no amendment. ¹⁷ For he brought vpon them the king of the Chaldees, and flewe their yong men with the sword in the house of his sanctuarie, he pitied not yong man, and virgin, and old man, no neither him that stouped for age, but he deliured al into his handes. ¹⁸ And al the vessels of the house of our Lord, as wel greater as lesser, and the treasures of the temple, and of the king, and the princes he transported into Babylon. ¹⁹ The enemies set fyre on the house of God, and destroyed the wal of Ierusalem, al the towres they burnt, and what foeuer was pretious, they destroyed. ²⁰ If anie man escaped the sword, being led into Babylon he serued the king and his sonnes, til the king of the Persians reigned. ²¹ That the word of our Lord by the mouth of Ieremie might be accomplished, and the land might celebrate their Sabbathes:

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For al the daies of the desolation she kept a Sabbath:

til the feuentie yeares were expyred. ²² But in ^a)the first
 yeare of Cyrus king of Perfians, to fulfil the word of our
 Lord, which he had spoken by the mouth of Ieremie, our
 Lord rayfed vp the spirit of Cyrus king of the Perfians:
 who commanded to be proclaymed in al his kingdom,
 yea by writing, faying: ²³ Thus sayth Cyrus king of the
 Perfians: Al kingdomes of the earth hath the Lord the
 God of heauen geuen me, and he hath commanded me
 that I fhould build him a houle in Ierufalem, which is in
 Iewrie: who of you is there in al his people? The Lord
 his God be with him, and let him goe vp.

The end of the
 fifth age.

^a It is like that Efdras added this cōclufion when he reftored the
 holie Scriptures that were loft: for he beginneth his owne booke
 with the fame wordes.