

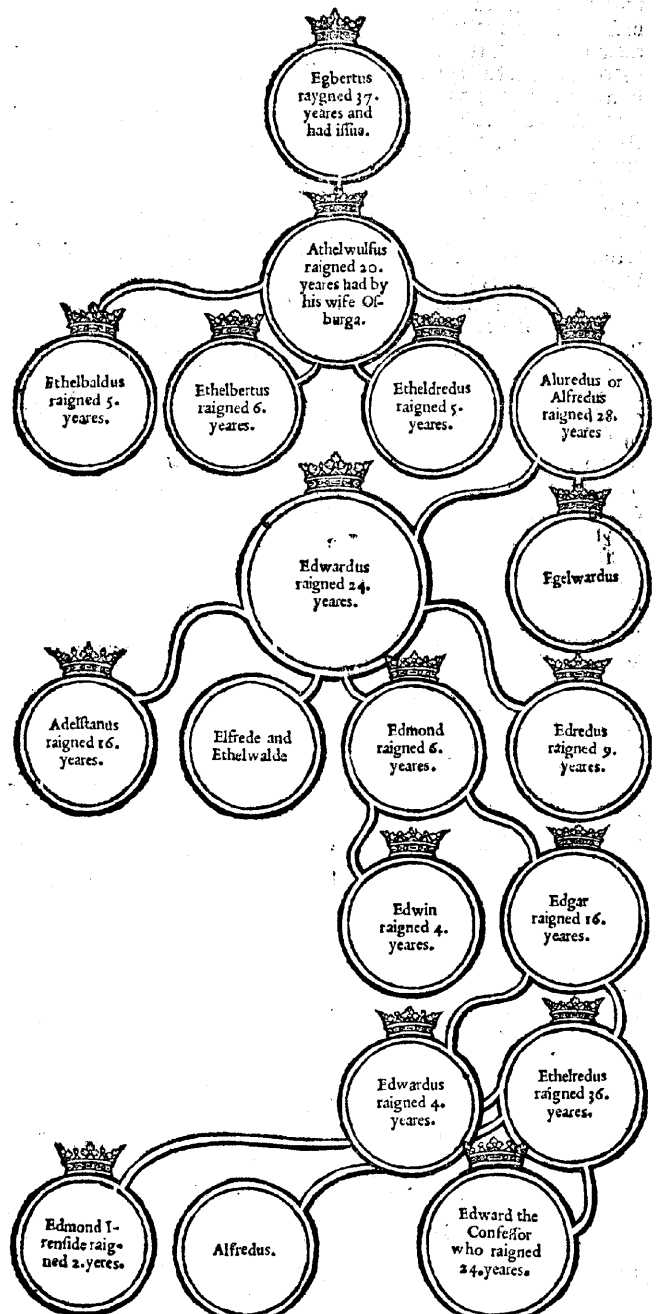


THE THIRD BOOKE CONTEINING THE next 300. yeares, from the raigne of King Egbertus, to the tyme of William Conquerour.

NOW remayneth likewise as before I did in describing, the descent and lineallitie of the seven kings altogether raigning and raling in this land, so to prosecute in like order the lineall succession of them, which after Egbert king of westsaxones, governed and ruled solo, vntill the conquest of William the Norman: first expelling their names, & afterward importing such acts as in their tyme happened in the Church worthy to be noted. Albeit, as touchyng the

actes and doynge of these kings, because they are sufficiently and at large described, and taken out of Latine writers into the English tongue by Ionoy authors, and name-ly in the story of Chyonicle of Fabian. I shall not spende much trauaile thereupon, but rather referre the reader, to him or to some other: where the troublesome matters betwene the Englishmen and the Danes at that tyme may be seene, who so listeth to read them. Onely the Table of their names and raigne, in actes done vnder their raigne, I haue compendiously abridged, vsing such breuitie, as the matter would suffer.

A Table of the Saxon Kings, which ruled alone from King Egbert, vnto William Conquerour.



- Haraldus Harefoore, sonne of Canutus. 4
- Hardeknoutus sonne of Canutus. 2
- Edwar. the confessor, an englishmā, sonne of Ethelred. 24
- Haraldus sonne of Eric Godwine an Daner. 1
- William the Conquerour a Norman. 1

¶ King Egbertus.

In the raigne of Brightricus a little before mentioned, about the yere of grace 795. there was in his deminion a noble personage, of some called Egbert. of some Ethelbert, of some Athelbright, who being seacro of the same Brightricus, because he was of a kingly blood, & nere vnto the crowne, was by the force & conspiracie of the forenamed Brightricus, chased & putted out of the land of Brittain into France, where he endured till the death of the sayd Brightricus. After the hearing whereof, Egbert sped him eithers out of France, vnto his countrey of westsaxe, where he in such wise behaued himselfe, that he obtained the regiment and gouernance of the abovesaid kingdom.

Egbert king of the Westsaxons after ward Monke and King of the whole Realme.

In this tyme came in the Danes, first into the North parts and were driuen out againe.

Bernulphus king of Mercia aboue mentioned, with other kings, had this Egbert in such detest, that they made of him diuers scoffing gesses, and scorning rimes, at which he fastened for a time. But when he was more established in his kingdom, & had proued the mindes of his subiects and especially God working withall: he afterward assembled his knights, and gaue to the late Bernulphus, a battaile in a place called Gindē, in the prouince of haxon. And notwithstanding in that fight was great oddes of number, as 6. by 2. against one, yet Egbert (through the might of the Lord which giueth victory as pleaseth him) had the better and toan the field: which done he sealed that Lordship vnto his hand. And that also done, he made war vpon the Kentish Saxons, and at length in likewise, of them obtained the victory. And as it is in Polychronicon testified, he also subdued Northumberland, and caused the kings of these three kingdomes to lye vnder him as tributaries: & ioyned them to his kingdom. Ex Flor. Hist. This Egbert, also wan from the Britons or wellshme, the town of Wchester, which they had kept possession of, till that daye. After these & other victories, he peaceably enioying the land, called a Councell of his Lords at Winchester, where by their aduises he was crowned king & chief Lord over this land, which before that day was called Brittain: but the he sent out into all coastes of the land his commaundements and commissions, charging straightly from that day forward the Saxons should be called Angles, and the land Anglia.

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Of this victory went a psuery, Ripuarnore rubus ruina resistit. factore sabur.

This land first called Anglia.

About the 30. yere of the raigne of Egbert, the heathenish people of the Danes, which a little before had made horrible destruction in Northumberland, & especially in the Ile of Lindesarie, where they ioppled the Churches, and murdered the ministers, with men, women, and children, after a cruell manner, entered now the second tyme with a great host into this land, and ioppled the Ile of Shypp in Kent, or nere to Kent, where Egbert hearing thereof, assembled his people and met with them at Carrum. But in that conflict sped not so well as he was wont in tyme before, but with his knights was compelled to forsake the field. Notwithstanding in the next battaile, the sayd Egbert with a small power ouerthrew a great multitude of them, and so dyone them backe. The next yere following, the sayd Danes presuming vpon their victory before, made theyr

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Danes now the second tyme entered in this land.

Here is to be noted, that before the raigne of Edward the confessor, the Danes obtayned the crowne vnder their captaine Canutus who raigned yeares 19