



# The historie

" *mise greater benefits vnto thee, than vnto him, for he*  
 " *shall reigne in deed, but with an vnluckie end: nei-*  
 " *ther shall he leaue anie issue behind him to succeed in*  
 " *his place, where contrarilie thou in deed shalt not*  
 " *reigne at all, but of thee those shall be borne which*  
 " *shall gouerne the Scottish kingdome by long order*  
 " *of continuall descent. Herewith the foresaid women*  
 " *vanished immediatlie out of their sight. This was*  
*reputed at the first but some vaine fantastlicall illu-*  
*on by Macbeth and Banquo, insomuch that Ban-* 10  
*quo would call Macbeth in iest, king of Scotland;*  
*and Macbeth againe would call him in sport like*  
*wife, the father of manie kings. But after wards the*  
*common opinion was, that these women were ei-*  
*ther the Ineird sisters, that is (as ye would say) the*  
*goddesses of destinie, or else some nymphs or fetries,*  
*indued with knowledge of prophesie by their necro-*  
*manticall science, bicause euerie thing came to passe*  
*as they had spoken. For shortlie after, the thane of*  
*Cawder being condemned at Fores of treason a-* 20  
*gainst the king committed; his lands, liuings, and*  
*offices were giuen of the kings liberalitie to Mac-*  
*beth.*

Things to  
remember at.

Banquo the  
father of ma-  
nie kings.

The thane of  
Cawder con-  
demned of  
treason.  
Macbeth  
made thane of  
Cawder.

Macbeth  
willeth how  
he might at-  
taine the king-  
dome.

The daugh-  
ter of Siward  
earle of North-  
umberland,  
wife to king  
Duncane.

The same night after, at supper, Banquo iested  
 with him and said; Now Macbeth thou hast obtai-  
 ned those things which the two former sisters prophe-  
 sied, there remaineth onelie for thee to purchase that  
 which the third said should come to passe. Whereupon  
 Macbeth reuoluing the thing in his mind, began  
 enen then to deuise how he might atteine to the 30  
 kingdome: but yet he thought with himselfe that he  
 must tarie a time, which should aduance him there-  
 to (by the diuine prouidence) as it had come to passe  
 in his former preferment. But shortlie after it chan-  
 ced that king Duncane, hauing two sonnes by his  
 wife which was the daughter of Siward earle of  
 Northumberland, he made the elder of them called  
 Malcolme prince of Cumberland, as it were there-  
 by to appoint him his successor in the kingdome, im-