I AND 2 SAMUEL.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE TWO BOOKS* AS A WHOLE.

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THE WHOLE.

(Division.)

A¹ | 1 Sam. 1. 1 — 7. 17. RULE UNDER THE JUDGES.
A² | 1 Sam. 8. 1 — 2 Sam. 24. 25. RULE UNDER THE KINGS.

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1 Sam. 8. 1 — 2 Sam. 24. 25 (A², above). RULE UNDER THE KINGS.

(Division.)

A² B¹ | 1 Sam. 8. 1 — 2 Sam. 1. 27. KING SAUL.
B¹ | 2 Sam. 2. 1 — 24. 25. KING DAVID.

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2 Sam. 2. 1 — 24. 25 (B², above). KING DAVID.

(Division.)

B² C¹ | 2 Sam. 2. 1 — 4. 12. KINGDOM DIVIDED.
C¹ | 2 Sam. 5. 1 — 24. 23. KINGDOM UNITED.

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* It is necessary that the two books should be treated as one; because, in the Hebrew Canon (as given in the MSS. and early printed editions of the Hebrew text) the two are, and always have been, presented and reckoned as one book.

They were first divided, and treated as two, by the Septuagint Translators (cent. 3 A.C.). And this division has been followed in all subsequent versions.

Probably, scrolls were more or less equal in length; and, as Greek requires at least one-third more space than Hebrew, one scroll was filled before the translation of the one long book of fifty-five chapters was completed. Hence, the poor division. Of the thirty-four Sedarim (or cycles for public reading), the twentieth begins with 1 Sam. 30. 25 and ends with 2 Sam. 2. 4, showing no break in the text.

The same applies to the two so-called Books of Kings; for Kings also made a long book of forty-seven chapters, and came to be divided in the same way, the four being numbered respectively the "First, Second, Third, and Fourth Book of the Kingdoms"; and, in the Vulgate, "of the Kings". In no Hebrew MS. or early printed edition is the book found divided into two. The thirty-five divisions, called Sedarim, are numbered throughout without regard to any division; the nineteenth beginning with 1 Kings 22. 43 and ending with 2 Kings 2. 11. This division must have been governed by the exigencies of the parchment, or the break would not have been made in the midst of the reign of Ahaziah and the ministry of Elijah.

The one book, Chronicles, consisting of sixty-five chapters, came under the same treatment. There are twenty-five Sedarim (or cycles for public reading), of which the eleventh begins with I Chron. 28. 10 and ends with 2 Chron. 2. 2, showing no break in the text. For the division of the book Ezra-Nehemiah, see notes on p. 618.

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1 The Structure of these four "BOOKS OF THE KINGDOMS" may be exhibited thus:

\[ X | Y | Z | W \]

X | 2 Sam. 2. 1 — 4. 12. The Divided Kingdom.
Z | 2 Sam. 5. 1 — 24. 25. The United Kingdom.
W | 1 Kings 1. 1 — 12. 15. The United Kingdom.
Y | 1 Kings 12. 16 — 2 Kings 25. 25. The Divided Kingdom.

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THE *FIRST BOOK OF *SAMUEL,

* OTHERWISE CALLED,

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS.

1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of *mount Ephraim, and his name was *Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite:

2 And he had two wives; the name of the one was *Hannah, and the name of the other *Phinehas; and Phinehas had *children, but Hannah had no *children.

3 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto *the LORD of hosts in *Shiloh.

And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the *LORD, were there.

4 And when the *time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions:

5 But unto Hannah he gave a *worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: (but the *LORD had shut up her womb.)

6 And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the *LORD had shut up her womb.

7 And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the *LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.

8 Then said Elkanah his husband to her, "*Hannah, why weepest thou? and *why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?"

9 So Hannah arose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after she had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a *seat by a *post of the temple of the *LORD.

1. 1–7. 17 (A, p. 336). RULE UNDER JUDGES.

(Alternation.)

A 1 | 1–4. 1–. The provocation of Israel.
B 4 | 1–7. 2. Subjection by Philistines.
A 7 | 2. 3–6. Repentance of Israel.
B 7 | 7. 7–17. Deliverance from Philistines.

1. 4–1. (A, above). PROVOCATION OF ISRAEL.

(Repetitive Alternation.)

A C 1 | 1–3. Elkanah and family.
D 1 | 1. 3. The sons of Eli.
C 2 | 4–2. 11. Elkanah and family.
D 2 | 2. 17–17. The sons of Eli.
C 3 | 2. 18–21. Elkanah and family.
D 3 | 2. 22–25. The sons of Eli.
D 4 | 2. 27–35. Eli and his sons.
C 5 | 3. 11–15. Eli and his sons.
D 5 | 3. 11–15. Eli and his sons.
C 6 | 3. 19–4. 1–. Elkanah’s son, Samuel.

1 mount = hill country. Elkanah = Acquainted by God, i.e. perhaps in exchange for firstborn (Num. 3. 13, 14), a son of Korah. See Ex. 6. 21.

2 Hannah = Grace. Peninnah = Pearl. Note the Fig. Antithetical. Ap. 6. children = offspring. Heb. yadal. 3 yearly. Heb. "from day to day." Fig. Symbolically (of part). Ap. 6. to emphasize the regularity, the Lord of hosts—Jehovah Sabaoth, one of the Jehovah-titles. The first of 281 occurrences. Denotes the God of Israel as the Lord of all the hosts of heaven and earth. See Ap. 4. 11. This title specially characterizes this book. Shiloh. Where the Tabernacle and Ark were. Josh. 18. 1; 19. 11; 22. 9; Judg. 18. 31; the Lord. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. 11.

1. 4–2. 11 (C, above). ELKANAH AND FAMILY. (Introversion and Alternation.)

C 1 | 1. 4–7. Hannah and her adversary.
F a | 1. 8–10. Prayer offered.
F b | 1. 11. Vow made.
F a | 1. 12–20. Prayer answered.

4 time = day. Punctuality thus emphasised. 8 worthy = double. 8 why? Fig. Erotikē. Ap. 6. Cp. John 20. 13, 15. better . . . than ten sons. Probably a Paramia (Ap. 6). It is to-day among the Arabs: such a woman being called wosjebos = ennobled. 9 a seat =the seat. First occurrence. Cp. Zech. 6. 13. a post = door post, or side post. the temple = palace. Heb. ῥαβδόν. Seven mentioned in Scripture: (1) The Tabernacle, 1 Sam. 1. 9; (2) Solomon’s, 1 Kings 6. 5, 17; (3) Zerubbabel’s, Ezra 4. 1, 2; (4) Herod’s, John 2. 20; (5) The future one of Rev. 21. 22. Also seven references to believers as a temple in NT: 1 Cor. 3. 16; 1 Cor. 6. 19; 2 Cor. 6. 15. Eph. 2. 20, 21. Heb. 3. 1. 1 Pet. 2. 4; 4. 17.
10 And the soul of the LORD was bitter against her, and she prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

11 And she vowed a vow, and said, "O LORD of hosts, if Thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of Thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget Thy handmaid, but wilt give unto Thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head."

And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.

Now Hannah spake in her heart: only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.

And Eli said unto her, "How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee."

And Hannah answered and said, "No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink; but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto."

Then Eli answered and said, "Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of Him."

And she said, "Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight." So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.

And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.

Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked of the LORD."

And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, "I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever."

And Elkanah her husband said unto her, "Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish His word." So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: (and the child was young).

And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

And she said, "Oh my lord, as thine soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD."

27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me the petition which I asked of Him:

28 Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth it shall be lent to the LORD." And he worshipped the LORD there.

And Hannah prayed, and said, "My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, Mine horn is exalted in the LORD: My mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; Because I rejoice in Thy salvation."
2. 2.  I. SAMUEL.  2. 20.

about 2 There is none holy as the Lord:
For there is none beside Thee:
Neither is there any rock like our God.

3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly;
Let not arrogancy come out of your mouth:
For the Lord is a God of knowledge,
And by Him actions are weighed.

4 The bows of the mighty men are broken,
And they that stumbled were girded with strength.

5 They that were full have hired out themselves for bread,
And they that were hungry ceased:
So that the barren hath born seven;
And she that hath many children is waxed feeble.

6 The Lord killeth, and maketh alive:
He bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

7 The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich:
He bringeth low, and lifteth up.

8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,
And lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill,
To set them among princes,
And to make them inherit the throne of glory:
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
And He hath set the world upon them.

9 He will keep the feet of His saints,
And the wicked shall be silent in darkness;
For by strength shall no man prevail.

10 The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces;
Out of heaven shall He thunder upon them:
The Lord shall judge the ends of the earth;
And He shall give strength unto His king,
And exalt the horn of His Anointed.

11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house.
And the child did minister unto the Lord before Eli the priest.

12 Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial;
they knew not the Lord.

13 And the priests' custom with the people was, that:
when any man offered sacrifice,
the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething,
with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;
and he struck it into the pan, or ketttle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself.
So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

15 Also before they burnt the fat, the priests' servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, "Give flesh to roast for the priest;
for he will not have "sudden flesh of thee, but raw."

16 And if any man said unto him, "Let them not fail to burn the fat presently,
and then take as much as thy soul desireth;"
then he would answer him, "Nay; but thou shall give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force."

17 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord: for men abhorred the offering of the Lord.

18 But Samuel ministered before the Lord, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

20 And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and they had no sons.
2.20.

I. SAMUEL.

20 loan which is lent — the great gift. Fig. Polyptoton, for emphasis. Ap. 6.
22 door = entrance.
23 Why ...? Fig. Erotetics. Ap. 6.
24 for. Heb. has the disjunctive accent on this word (Great Tiphéth), emphasizing the guilt of Hophni and Phinehas as if (1) a public scandal (v. 23); (2) a cause of stumbling (v. 24); (3) a sin against Jehovah (v. 22).

2. 27-36 (Dû, p. 367), ELI AND HIS SONS.
(Repealed Alternation.)

Dû [p. 27, 28] Election of priests order.

28 to offer. See Ap. 43. I. vi.
32 thy father: i.e. Aaron. Ex. 28, 27, 28. Lev. 10. 11.
33 children = sons.
35 kick. Cp. Deut. 32. 15: its only other occurrence. offering = gift offerings. See Ap. 43. II. iii.
36Behold. Fig. Astartismos. Ap. 6.
31 Behold. Fig. Astartismos. Ap. 6.
32 see an enemy. Cp. Ps. 78, 60-61.
34 in the flower of their age. Sept. reads “with the sword of men”.
35 die both. See 4. 11.
37 to him: i.e. to the Anointed [king] of v. 10: already pointing to the High Priest as being no longer the judge, but subordinate to the king.

3. 1 - 10 (For Structure see next page).

1 child = youth. Heb. níyar.
2 the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

that shall do according to that which is in Mine heart and in My mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before Mine anointed for ever.

And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in thine house shall come and crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, “Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests’ offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.”

3 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

2. 20-41 (p. 371)
2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see;

3 And ere the "lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep;

4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, "Here am I."

5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, "Here am I; for thou calledst me." And he said, "I called not, my son; lie down again." And he went and lay down.

6 And the LORD called yet again, "Samuel." And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here am I; for thou didst call me." And he answered, "I called not, my son; lie down again."

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here am I; for thou didst call me." And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, "Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, 'Speak, LORD; for Thy servant heareth.'" So Samuel went and lay down again.

10 And the LORD called, and stood, and called as at other times, "Samuel, Samuel." Then Samuel answered, "Speak; for Thy servant heareth."

11 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth shall tingle.

12 In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons have made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever."

15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.

16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, "Samuel, my son." And he answered, "Here am I."

17 And he said, "What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: else He do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that He said unto thee."

18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him.

19 And he said, "It is the LORD: let Him do what seemeth Him good."

20 And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

21 And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh; for the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

4. And the word of Samuel came to all Israel.

Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Ebenezer:
2 And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

3 And when the People were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, "Wherefore hath the Lord smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies." 4 So the People sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth between the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. 5 And when the ark of the covenant of the Lord came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, "What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews?" And they understood that the ark of the Lord was come into the camp. 7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, "God is come into the camp." And they said, "Wo e unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore.

8 "Wo e unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness. 9 Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight."}

10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent; and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen.

11 And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain. 12 And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head. 13 And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. 14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, "What meaneth the noise of this tumult?"

15 And the man came in hastily, and told Eli. 16 Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see. 17 And the man said unto Eli, "3 am he that came out of the army, and 3 fled day out of the army. And he said, "What is there done, my son?"

18 And the messenger answered and said, "Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath also been a great slaughter among the People, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken."

19 And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died; for he was an old man, and heavy. And 3 had judged Israel forty years.

20 And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her.

21 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, "Fear not; for thou hast born a son." But she answered not, neither did she regard it.

22 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, "The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken."
5.1-7, 2 (H, p. 372). ARK IN CAPTIVITY TO PHILISTINES, (Introversion and Alternation.)

5. 1-7. 2 | H | a | 5. 1-2. Captivity in Philistia.  
| J | b | 5. 6. 1. Duration. Seven months.  
| | K | 5. 6. 2-14. Removal to Beth-shemesh.  
| | L | 5. 6. 17, 18. Lords of Philistines.  
| J | b | 5. 7. 2. Duration. Twenty years.

5. 1-12 (a, above). CAPTIVITY IN PHILISTIA. (Repeated Alternation.)

5. 1-12 | a | 1. From Eben-ezer to Ashdod.  
| | b | 2-6. Judgment on Ashdodites.  
| | c | 7-8. From Ashdod to Gath.  
| | e | 10. From Gath to Ekron.  

Eben-ezer. Cp. 4. 1; 2. 12.  
See note on Gen. 10. 14.  
2 Dagon = great fish.  
3 the morrow. Sept. adds “and entered into the house of Dagon; they looked and, behold, &c.”  
4 only . . . Dagon. The hands and feet being gone, only Dagon (the fish part) remained.  
5 hand. Put by Fig. *Atonymous* (Of Cause), Ap. 6, for the judgments inflicted by it.  
6 emerods. See note on Deut. 28. 27.  
8 lords = princes. See note on Josh. 13. 3.

The Ark now gets its own Divine title.

6. 2-10 (K, above). REMOVAL TO BETHSHEMESH. (Alternation.)

6. 2-10 | K | M | 2-12. Dismissal of Ark.  
| N | 11-12. Lords of Philistines following.  
M | 12-16. Reception of Ark.  
N | 16. Lords of Philistines returning.

6. 2-12 (M, above). DISMISSAL OF ARK.

6. 2-8 (c, above). CONSULTATION OF PHILISTINES. (Alternation.)

6. 2-8 | e | g | 2. Questions. What? Wherewith?  
| h | 3. Answer. Trespass offering.  
| g | 4. Question. What?  
| h | 4-5. Answer. A new cart.  
4 emerods. See note on 5, c. i.e. models of them in gold; of which modern “votive offerings” are the lineal descendants. Cp. v. 5.

4 lords. See note on Josh. 13. 3.

6. 2-8. Consultation of Philistines.  
6. 2-8. Test suggested.  
6. 2-12. Test applied.


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6. 5 And they said, “If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return Him a trespass offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why His hand is not removed from you.”

6. 5 Then said they, “What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to Him?”

They answered, “Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one plague was on you all, and on your lords.

5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods and images of your mice that mar the
5 hand. See note on 5.4.
6 as—according as.
7 a new cart. This was done in ignorance of God’s requirement (Num. 4. 15; 7. 9; 10. 21). They could not have complied with the Law, even if they had known it; hence, no judgment fell on them. But contrast David’s “new cart,” and see note on 2 Sam. 6. 7.
8 i.e. the “ark,” which is masc.; not the “cart,” which is fem.
9 coast—border, or boundary.
10 Beth-shemesh = House of the sun, now Ain Shems, on the borders of Judah and Dan. Cp. Josh. 15. 10. This some codices, with three early printed editions, read “all this.”
14 sacrificed sacrifices = made great sacrifices.
16 Ashdod one. See note on Gen. 10. 14.
17 fifty thousand and three thousand and ten men—50,070. This number being out of all proportion to the size of Beth-shemesh, has led to various readings. Some codices omit 50,000. The Syr. and Arabic versions read “five” instead of fifty. Josephus reads “seventy.” The Heb. text reads “seventy men two fifties and one thousand = 70 + 100 + 1,000 = 1,170.”
18 i.e. the ark. See note on v. 9.
19 Who...? Fig. Erottias. Ap. 6.
20 holy. See note on Ex. 3. 5.
21 the ark. See note on v. 9.
22 7 the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.
24 7. 2—6 [For Structure see next page].
25 2 time was long. Ark remained with Philistines seven months (ch. 1); sent from Ekron to Kirjath-jearim in 1040, and remained there twenty years (ch. 7). From the capture (in 1040) to its entry into Zion (in 590) was eighty-nine years (2 Sam. 7. 17).

because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even He smote of the People fifty thousand and three thousand and ten men; and the People lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the People with a great slaughter.

20 And the ten men of Beth-shemesh said,

21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim, saying, “The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, and fetch it up to you.”

And the men of Kirjath-jearim came and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

2 And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years:

and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.
3 And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, "If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve Him only; and He will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines."

4 Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only.

5 And Samuel said, "Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD." 6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, "We have sinned against the LORD."

7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, "Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that He will save us out of the hand of the Philistines."

9 And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering, wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and He heard him.

10 And Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-ezer, saying, "Hitherto hath the LORD helped us."

11 So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

12 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coast thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

13 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

14 And he went from year to year in circuit to Beth-el, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places.

15 And his return was to Ramath; for there was his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the LORD.

8 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel;

3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah.

5 And said unto him, "Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now and the name of his second, Abiath: they were judges in Beer-sheba.

3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah.

5 And said unto him, "Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now
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I. SAMUEL.

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The Hebrew monarchy thus began with the choosing of Saul, and ended with the choosing of Cesar.

7 displeased = was evil in the eyes of: i.e. evil, in not waiting for God’s time and for God’s king, as promised. Gen. 17.4, 15; 35.11; 49.10. Num. 24.17; Deut. 17.14-20.

the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

11 This will be, &c. Fulfilled, 14. 12 ear=plough (Anglo-Saxon, erian)

21 the ears. Fig. Anthrhopathia. Ap. 6.


9.1-10. 25- (T, p. 376). KING GIVEN.

(Repeated Alternation.)

9.3-14 (XI', above). ASSES LOST.

(Extended Alternation.)

was not among the "children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.

And the asses of Kish Saul’s father were lost.

And Kish said to Saul his son, “Take now one of the "servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.”

And passed through "mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found them not: then they passed through the land of Sham, and there they were not:

And when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his "servant that was with him, “Come, let us return; lest my father
And he said unto him, "Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honourable man: all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither: perhaps the Lord will shew us concerning all this.

Then said Saul to his servant, "But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring to the man of God? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we?"

And the servant answered Saul again, and said, "Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: that will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.

(Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus spake, "Come, and let us go to the seer:" for he that is called a seer was aforetime called a prophet.)

So they went unto the city where the man of God was.

And as they went up the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water: and said unto them, "Is the seer here?"

And they answered, "He is; behold, he is before you: make haste now, for he came to day to the city; and there is a sacrifice of the People to day in the high place:

As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place: for the People shall not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice: and afterwards they eat that he biddeth. Now therefore get you up; for about this time ye shall find him.

And they went up into the city: and when they were come into the city, "Behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place.

Now the Lord had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying, "To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be captain over My People Israel, that he may save My People out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon My People, because their cry is come unto Me.

And when Samuel saw Saul, "the Lord said unto him, "Behold, the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign over My People."

Then Saul drew near to Samuel, "Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is."

And Samuel answered Saul, and said, "3 am the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thine heart.

20 And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them: for they are found. And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on thee, and on all thy father's house?"

21 And Saul answered and said, "Am not I a Benjamite, of "the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me?"
22. And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlor, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which were about thirty persons.

23. And Samuel said unto the cook, "Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, 'Set it by thee.'"

24. And the cook took up the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, "Behold that which is left of it before thee, and eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, 'I have invited the People.'" So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

25. And when they were come down from the high place into the city, Samuel communed with Saul upon the top of the house.

26. And they arose early: and it came to pass upon the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, "Up, that I may send thee away." And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad.

27. And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, "Bid the servant pass on before us," (and he passed on), "but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God." 

Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, "Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over His inheritance?

2. When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, 'The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and they weep before thee, saying, 'What shall I do for my son?'

3. Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Bethel, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine:

4. And they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands.

5. After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:

6. And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

7. And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for GOD is with thee.

8. And "thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do."
And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.

And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

And it came to pass, when all that knew him before saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the People said one to another, "What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?"

And one of the same place answered and said, "But who is his father?" Therefore it became a proverb, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, "Whither went ye?" And he said, "To seek the asses: and when we saw that they were no where, we came to Samuel."

And Saul's uncle said, "Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you." And Saul said unto his uncle, "He told us plainly that the asses were found." But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

And Samuel called the People together into the LORD to Mizpeh;

And said unto the "children of Israel, "Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, 'I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all the kings of the land, and of them that oppressed you:"

And ye have this day rejected your God, Who Himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto Him, "'Nay, but set a king over us.'"

Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands."

And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, "and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

Therefore they enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet chide thither. And the LORD answered, "Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff."

And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the People, he was higher than any of the People from his shoulders upward.

And Samuel said to all the People, "See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the People?"

And all the People shouted, and said, "God save the king."

Then Samuel told the People the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the LORD.
2 And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, *on this condition will I make a covenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproach upon all Israel.*

3 And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, *Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the coasts of Israel: and then, if there be no man to save us, we will come out to thee.*

4 Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept.

5 And behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, *What aileth the men that weep?’* And they told him the tidings of the men of Jabesh.

6 And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, *Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen.* And the fear of the Lord fell on the People, and they came out with one consent.

8 And when he numbered them in Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

9 And they said unto the messengers that came, *Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, ‘To-morrow, by that time the sun be hot, ye shall have help.’* And the messengers came and shewed it to the men of Jabesh; and they were glad.

10 Therefore the men of Jabesh said, *To morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you.*

11 And it was so on the morrow, that Saul put the People in three companies; and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that which they remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

12 And the People said unto Samuel, *Who is he that said, ‘Shall Saul reign over us?’ bring the men, that we may put them to death.*

13 And Saul said, *There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the Lord hath wrought salvation in Israel.*

14 Then said Samuel to the People, *Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there.*

15 And all the People went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the Lord; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

12 And Samuel said unto all Israel, *Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you. 2 And now, behold, the king walketh before you.*

3 a covenant. Some codices, with Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read this word in the text, which already implies it.

right eyes. As the shield covered the left eye, the right was necessary for seeing. The loss of it incapacitated men from fighting.

3 seven days. A very short respite.

coasts = borders.

man to save us = saviour.

5 behold. Fig. Asterisms. Ap. 6.


came = came mightily. Same word as in 10. 6, 10.

7 hewed. Always used of dividing what is already dead, and mostly of sacrifices.

messengers = the messengers.


8 children = sons.


9 help = salvation, or deliverance.

11 host = camp.

11. 14—12. 25 (Q, p. 870). INAUGURATION OF KINGDOM. (Division.)

Q D 11. 14, 15. People assembled.


15 sacrificed sacrifices. Fig. Polyptoton. Ap. 6.

For emphasis. See Ap. 45. I. iv.

12. 1-25 (D, above). PEOPLE ADDRESSED. (Introversions and Alternations.)

D 1 E1 6 1, 2. The king presented. Desired.

1 o 1-2. Samuel’s past administration.

f 12. Remonstrance.

E 3 14, 15. The king presented. Given.


1 Behold. Fig. Asterisms. Ap. 6.


whom. Some codices, with three early printed editions, read “or whom,” thus preserving the Fig. Faradistole (Ap. 6) throughout vv. 3 and 4.


and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day.

3 Behold, here I am: witness against me before the Lord, and before His anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

4 And they said, “Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man’s hand.”

5 And he said unto them, “The Lord is witness against you, and His anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand.” And they answered, “He is witness.”

8 And Samuel said unto the People, “It is the Lord That advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.

7 Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the Lord of all the right-
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cous acts of the LORD, which He did to you and to your fathers.
8 When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the LORD, then sent the LORD Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.
9 And when they forgave the LORD their God, He sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of Jabin, and they fought against them.
10 And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served Baalim and Ashhtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve Thee.
11 And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Barak, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe.
12 And when you saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God was your king.

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14 If ye will fear the LORD, and serve Him, and obey His voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God:
15 But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as it was against your fathers.
16 Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes.
17 Is it not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and He shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.
18 So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the People greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.
19 And all the People said unto Samuel, 17. *Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king.*
20 And Samuel said unto the people, *Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart;
21 And turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain.
22 For the LORD will not forsake His people for His great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you His People.
23 Moreover as for me, *God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach the good and the right way:
tines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, "Let the Hebrews hear."

4 And all Israel heard say that Saul had smitten a garrison of the Philistines, and that Saul also was had in abomination with the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.

5 And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude:

And they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Beth-aven.

6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the People were distressed,) then the People did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.

7 When the inhabitants of the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the People followed him trembling.

8 And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the People were scattered from him.

9 And Saul said, "Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings." And he offered a burnt offering.

10 And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him.

11 And Samuel said, "What hast thou done?" And Saul said, "Because I saw that the People were scattered from me, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;

12 Therefore said I, 'The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.'

13 And Samuel said to Saul, "Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which He commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.

14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought Him a Man after His Own Heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over His People, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee."

15 And Samuel arose, and got him up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin.

And Saul numbered the People that were present with him, about six hundred men.

18 And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the People that were present with them, abode in Gibeah of Benjamin:

but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.

4 Gilgal. In the plain of Jordan, east of Jericho, good for water, remote from Philistines, and connected with sacred memories.


7 the Hebrews went over. Fig. Paronomasia (Ap. 6), thym 'abri. Sard had appointed. Some codices, with three early printed editions, Aram., and Sept., read "said." Some codices read "appointed."


15 Gilgal. The Sept. preserves a Homoteleuton here, adding after "Gilgal [and the rest of the people went up after Saul to meet the army when they arrived] Gilgal"; the eye of the scribe going back to this last "Gilgal" instead of to the one in v. 18.

16 Gibeah. Probably the Giba of v. 3.

19 no smith. This explains why Ehud had to make his own dagger (Judg. 3. 16); why Shamgar had only an ox-goad (Judg. 3. 31); why Samson had nothing in his hand (Judg. 14. 4, 5) and why "not a shield or spear among 40,000 in Israel" (Judg. 5. 6). In other days we read of how many "drew sword," land. Some codices read "bounds."

20 coulter. Anglo-Saxon a cultur; hence, a ploughshare.

mattock = a kind of pickaxe, with broad instead of pointed ends.

22 with Saul = with those who were with Saul and Jonathan: a picked force.

17 And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned unto the way that leadeth to Ophrah, unto the land of Shual;

18 And another company turned the way to Beth-horon: and another company turned to the way of the border that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19 Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, "Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears."

20 But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock.

21 Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads.

22 So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the People that were with Saul and Jonathan; but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found.

14. 18.

23 And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

14 Now it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, "Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on the other side." But he told not his father.

2 And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeath under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the People that were with him were about six hundred men;

3 And Ahiah, the son of Abijab, I-chabod's brother, the son of Phebas, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

4 And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side; and the name of the one was Boezah, and the name of the other Senech.

5 The forefront of the one was situate northward over against Michmash, and the other southward over against Gibeath.

6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, "Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few."

7 And his armourbearer said unto him, "Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart."

8 Then said Jonathan, "Behold, we will pass over unto these men, and we will discover ourselves unto them."

9 If they say thus unto us, "Tarry until we come to you," then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them.

10 But if they say thus, 'Come up unto us,' then we will go up: for the LORD hath delivered them into our hand: and this shall be a sign unto us."

11 And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, "Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves."

12 And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan, and his armourbearer, and said, "Come up to us, and we will show you a thing." And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, "Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel."

13 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew after him.

14 And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were an half acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow.

15 And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among all the people: the garrison, and the spoilersthere also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was a very great trembling.

16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeath of Benjamin looked; and, 'Behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down one another."

17 Then said Saul unto the People that were with him, "Number now, and see who is gone from us." And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armourbearer were not there.

18 And Saul said unto Ahiah, "Bring hither..."
14. 18. I. SAMUEL.

986 the ark of God. For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel.

And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the noise that was in the host of the Philistines went on and increased; and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand.

20 And Saul and all the People that were with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle:

and behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great disorder.

Moreover the Hebrews that were with the Philistines before that time, which went up with them into the camp from the country round about, even also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan.

Likewise all the men of Israel which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even also followed hard after them in the battle.

So the Lord saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over unto Beth-aven.

And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the People, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the People tasted any food.

And all they of the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground.

And when the People were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the People feared the oath.

But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the People with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.

Then answered one of the People, and said, Thy father straitly charged the People with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food this day.

And the People were faint.

Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.

How much more, if haply the People had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?

And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon:

and the People were very faint.

18 the ark of God. The word rendered bring (nagish) inappropriate for the Ark, which was at Kirjath-jearim (Judg. 20, 27, and cp. 2 Sam. 11, 11; 16, 24). The Sept. reads the ephod, for he bare the ephod at that time before Israel. Cp. v. 3. The context shows that inquiry of the Lord by Urim and Thummim was in Saul's mind. See v. 15 and note on Ex. 28, 30, and cp. 1 Sam. 28, 6, 9; 30, 7, 8, where the same word is used for bring.


19 talked i.e. concerning the inquiry proposed.
Withdraw: i.e. from the ephod = stop! hand. Some codices, with three early printed editions, and Sept., read hands.

14. 20-23 (M, p. 883). SAUL'S SUCCESS. (Alternation.)

M | o | 20. Assemblage.
| o | 21. 22. Assemblage.
| p | 23. Salvation of Israel.

assembled themselves = were assembled (by proclamation).


the Hebrews. Called so in distinction from the foreigners among whom they lived; referring to language rather than population. Cp. v. 11.

turned. Sept. and Vulg. read "turned round."

mount = hill country of.

the Lord (Jehovah) saved: according to Jonathan's faith.

unto. Some codices, with Aram. and Vulg., read "as far as.

Beth-aven. The Sept. adds: "and all the people with Saul were about 10,000 men: and the battle extended itself to every city in the mount Ephraim. And Saul committed a great trespass of ignorance on that day."

24-46 (L, p. 883). JONATHAN'S SIN. (Alternation.)

Sin committed.

Pursuit proposed by Saul.

Sin discovered.

Pursuit abandoned by Saul.

24-35 (g, above). SIN COMMITTED. (Division.)

By Jonathan.

By the people.

24-30 (N, above). BY JONATHAN. (Alternation.)

The people distressed.

Jonathan ignorant.

The people faint.

Jonathan troubled.

food. Heb. 'bread', put by Fig. Synedoches (of Species), Ap. 6, for all kinds of food.

ground. Heb. 'the face'. i.e. surface of the ground.

behold. Fig. Asterismes.

an honeycomb. The Heb. ya'ar never means honeycomb, but "a wood." It is rendered "forest" thirty times, "forest and thicket" nineteen times, "honeycomb" only here and Song 5.1. It points to a dense growing wood or thicket; and it has been suggested that it was the cannabis indica, or hemp plant, producing the Eastern intoxicant hashish. This would produce an effect on the eyes, through it would subsequently dull the senses. Song 5,1 I would read "I have eaten my cannabis with my honey". The Sept. and Vulg. not understand either passage, and the latter misled with "honeycomb" (futum).

28 straitly = strictly. faint = weary. 29 land = people.

Fig. Metonymy (of Subject), Ap. 6.

30 How...? Fig. Erotëta. Ap. 6.

31-35 [For Structure see next page]
32 And the People flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground: and the People did eat them with the blood. 33 Then they told Saul, saying, "Behold, the People sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood." And he said, "Ye have transgressed:

34 And Saul said, "Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them, 'Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay them here, and eat; and sin not against the LORD in eating with the blood.'" And all the People brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew them there.

35 And Saul built an altar unto the LORD: the same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD.

36 And Saul said, "Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them." And they said, "Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee."

Then said the priest, "Let us draw near hither unto the LORD."

37 And Saul asked counsel of the LORD, "Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt Thou deliver them into the hand of Israel?" But the LORD answered, "Go down; for I will deliver them into thy hand."

38 And Saul said, "Draw ye near hither, all the chief of the People: and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day.

39 For, as the LORD liveth, Which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But there was not a man among all the People that answered him.

40 Then said he unto all Israel, "Be ye here on one side, and Jonathan my son shall be on the other side." And the People said unto Saul, "Do what seemeth good unto thee.

41 Therefore Saul said unto the LORD God of Israel, "Give a perfect lot." And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the People escaped.

42 And Saul said, "Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son." And Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what thou hast done." And Jonathan told him, and said, "I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in mine hand, and, lo, I must die." 44 And Saul answered, "God do so and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan.

45 And the People said unto Saul, "Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? 46 God forbid: as the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day." So the People rescued Jonathan, that he died not.

46 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their own place.

47 So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed them.

48 And he gathered an host, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them.

49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchi-shua: and the names of his two daughters were these; the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger Michal:

50 And the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz:

and the name of the captain of his host was Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.

51 And Kish was the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

52 And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul
15 Samuel also said unto Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over His People, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, "I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.

3 "Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass."

4 And Saul gathered the People together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah.

5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley.

6 And Saul said unto the Kenites, "Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for I shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt.

7 So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

8 And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt.

9 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

10 But Saul and the People spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

11 Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,

12 "It repenteth Me that I have set Saul to be king: for he hath not performed My commandments." And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.

13 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, "Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal."

14 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, "Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD."

15 And Samuel said, "What meaneth this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?"

16 And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed."
in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel?

18 And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, 'Go and utterly destroy the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed.'

19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst 'evil in the sight of the LORD?'

20 And Saul said unto Samuel, 'Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But the People took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.'

22 And Samuel said, 'Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken unto the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idiocy.

24 And Saul said unto Samuel, 'I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words; because I feared the People, and obeyed their voice.

25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD.'

26 And Samuel said unto Saul, 'I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.'

27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.

28 And Samuel said unto him, 'The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou. And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent; for even a man, that He should repent.'

30 Then he said, 'I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my People, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.'

31 So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.

32 Then said Samuel, 'Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites.' And Agag came unto him 'delicately. And Agag said, 'Surely the bitterness of death is past.'

33 And Samuel said, 'As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women.' And Samuel 18 sinners. Heb. ἄρχοντας. Ap. 44. 4. they be consumed as they have consumed them. Some codices, with Aram., Sept., and Syr., read "thou have consumed them."

19 obey = hearken to. evil = the evil. Heb. רָעָא'. Ap. 44. viii. 20 obeyed = hearkened. 22 to obey = to hearken to. to hearken = to give heed.

23 sin. Heb. חָבָר. Ap. 44. i. witchcraft = divination or necromancy; i.e. dealings with spirits. Iniquity. Heb. וְשֵׁם. Ap. 44. iii.

24 transgressed. Heb. מָשָׁר. Ap. 44. vii. commandment. Heb. "mouth", put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause), Ap. 6, for what is spoken by it. words. Some codices, with one early printed edition, read "word."


29 the Strength = the Eternal One. First occurrence. Heb. נֵחַ. A Divine title. repent: i.e. as God, though He is said to do so by the Fig. Anthropomorpha. Ap. 6.

31 delicately = in fetters (Job 38. 31). Sept. has "trembling"; Vulg. has "sleek and trembling".

33 As = according as. hewed: i.e. commanded him to be hewed or cut asunder after death. Tit. 13 occurs only here.

34 Agag. See note on Amalek (Ex. 17. 16, and cp. u. 3).

35 no more. Cp. 16. 1, 14; 19. 23.

Samuel mourned: i.e. as for one dead. We do not read that Saul mourned for himself.

16. 1-27. 4 (o, p. 375). CHOICE OF DAVID.

(Division.)

0 T1 | 16. 1-12. David's call and anointing by God.

T1 | 16. 14-23. Episode. Inserted here to show the contrast between David and Saul.


16. 1-13 (T1, above). DAVID'S CALL.

(Alteration.)

T1 | 1-3. Jehovah's provision of David.


31 Samuels have rejected. Note here Jehovah's sovereignty. I have provided. Note Jehovah's sovereignty in this choice of the youngest. It is this choice that makes David the "man after Jehovah's heart, not David's personal character or conduct."

34 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul.

35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death:

nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul:
and the LORD repented that He had made Saul king over Israel.

16 And the LORD said unto Samuel, "How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided Me a king among his sons."
2 And Samuel said, "How can I go if Saul hear it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take an heifer with thee, and say, 'I am come to sacrifice to the Lord.'

3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and if the Lord do prosper me, then I shall go with thee; and if he will not go with me, then I know that he is not thy servant."

4 And Samuel did that which the Lord spake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, "Comest thou peaceably?"

5 And he said, "Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the Lord: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before me."  

7 But the Lord said unto Samuel, "Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither hath the Lord chosen this."  

9 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, "Neither hath the Lord chosen this."  

10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, "The Lord hath not chosen these."  

11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, "Are there all thy children?" And he said, "There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, "he keepeth the sheep." And Samuel said unto Jesse, "Send and fetch him: for we will sit down till he come hither."  

12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look on. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him: for this is he."  

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

14 But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him.  

15 And Saul's servants said unto him, "Be thou aware now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee."

16 And let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well."  

17 And Saul said unto his servants, "Prove me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me."  

18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, that is a cunning player on a harp: and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the Lord is with him."  

19 Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, "Send me David thy son, which is with the shepherds."  

20 And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul.
21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.

22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight."

23 And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

17 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim.

2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines.

3 And the Philistines set up a monument between Gath and Gathim, and between Ashdod and Askelon: that they might set the battle in array against them.

4 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

5 And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass.

6 And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders.

7 And the staff of his spear was like a weaver’s beam; and his spear’s head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.

8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, "Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am I not a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose ye a man for you, and let him come down to me.

9 If I be able to fight with thee, and kill me, then will we be thy servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.""

10 And the Philistine said, "3 shall the armies of this day; give me a man, that we may fight together."

11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

12 Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul.
And the three eldest sons of Jesse went and followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.

And David was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul.

But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Beth-lehem.

And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren; and carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.

Now Saul, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the host.

For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army.

And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren.

And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake to the same words: and David heard them.

And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.

And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defie Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.

And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?

And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.

And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.

And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?"
34 And David said unto Saul, "Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:
35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.
36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.
37 And David said moreover, "The LORD That delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, 58 will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said unto David, "Go, and the LORD be with thee."

And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail:
39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, "I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them." And David put them off him.
40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand:
41 And he drew near to the Philistine.

And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him:
42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.
43 And the Philistine said unto David, "Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves?" And the Philistine cursed David with his gods.
44 And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field."
45 Then said David to the Philistine, "Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield; but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, Whom thou hast defied.
46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.
47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hands."
48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.
49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slung it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 And all this assembly shall know that the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hands."
51 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.
52 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slung it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.
53 And all this assembly shall know that the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hands."

54 And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.
55 And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron.
56 And the children of Israel returned from
chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.

54 And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to "Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

55 And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, "Abner, whose son is this youth?" And Abner said, "As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell." 56 And the king said, "Inquire thou whose son the striping is." 57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. 58 And Saul said to him, "Whose son art thou, thou young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Bethlehemite." 18 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. 4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle. 5 And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants. 6 And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick. 7 And the women answered one another as they played, and said, "Saul hath slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands." 8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom?"

9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward. 10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand. 11 And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, "I will smite David even to the wall with it." And David avoided out of his presence twice. 12 And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul. 13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him. 15 Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely,
18. But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

17 And Saul said to David, "Behold my elder daughter Merab, will I give thee to be his wife? and will I give thee Zavulim for thee, and fight against the enemies of the LORD." For Saul said, "Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

18 And David said unto Saul, "Who am I? and what is my life, or my father's family in Israel, that I should be son in law to the king?"

19 But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that Zavulim was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife.

20 And Michal Saul's daughter loved David; and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

21 And Saul said, "I will give her to him, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him." Wherefore Saul said to David, "Thou shalt this day be servant in the house of the king's house; and tomorrow be the king's son in law;"

22 And Saul commanded his servants, saying, "Commune with David secretly, and say, "Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law."

23 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, "Seemeth it to you a light thing to be the king's son in law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed?"

24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, "On this manner spake David." 25 And Saul said, "Thus shall ye say to David, 'The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies.'" But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law; and the days were not expired.

27 Wherefore David arose and went, and Zavulim and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

28 And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him.

29 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

30 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, "after they went forth, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.

19 And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

2 But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, "Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself;

3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where I shall see what [he replies] and shall tell thee." Fig. Eliphas. Ap. 6.

4 And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, "Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good:

5 For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?"

6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, "As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain."

7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things.

And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

8 And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him.

9 And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand; and David played with his hand.
And Saul sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning:

And Michal David's wife told him, saying, "If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow shalt be slain."

So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped. And Michal took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth.

And when Saul sent messengers to take David,

she said "Sit is sick."

And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him."

And when the messengers were come in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster.

And Saul said unto Michal, "Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped?"

And Michal answered Saul, "Sit said unto me, 'Let me go; why should I kill thee?'"

So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went down in Naioth.

And it was told Saul, saying, "Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah."

And Saul sent messengers to take David:

and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and on him also prophesied.

And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and he prophesied likewise.

And Saul sent messengers again the third time,

and he prophesied also.

Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he asked and said, "Where are Samuel and David?" And one said, "Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah."

And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah:

and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

And David fled from Naioth in Ramah,

and came and said before Jonathan, "What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?"
And he said unto him, "God forbid; thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will shew it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so."

And David sware moreover, and said, "Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, 'Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved:' but truly as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death.

Then said Jonathan unto David, "Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee."

And David said unto Jonathan, "Behold, to morrow is the new moon, and 3 should not fall to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field 6 unto the third day at even.

If thy father at all miss me, then say, 'David earnestly asked leave of me that he might return to Beth-lehem his city: for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family."

If he say thus, 'It is well;' thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, then be sure that evil is determined by him.

Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me myself; for why shouldst thou bring me to thy father?"

And Jonathan said, "Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell thee?"

Then said David to Jonathan, "Who shall tell me? or what if thy father answer thee roughly?"

And Jonathan said unto David, "Come, and let us go out into the field." And they went out both of them into the field.

"O LORD God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about to morrow any time, or the third day, and, behold, if there be good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and shew it thee; the LORD do in so much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the LORD be with thee, as He hath been with my father.

And thou shalt not only while yet I live show me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not: but also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth.

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And Jonathan caused David to swear again.
27 And it came to pass on the morrow, which was the second day of the month, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, "Wherefore comest not the son of Jesse to eat meat, neither yesterday, nor to day?"

28 And Jonathan answered Saul, "David earnestly asked me of leave of me to go to Bethlehem:

29 And he said, "Let me go and pray thee; for our family liath a sacrifice in the city; and my brethren are bidden. For if I find favor in the eyes of my father in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren." Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table."

30 Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, "Thou son of the perversive rebellious woman, do I know of thy brother Jesse, how thou hast chosen him, to the rejection of thy mother's nakedness?"

31 For of this he was lifted up: as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, that shall not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die."

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, "Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?"

33 And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

35 And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

36 And he said unto his lad, "Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot." And as the lad ran, 50 shot an arrow beyond him.

37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, "Is not the arrow beyond thee?"

38 And Jonathan cried after the lad, "Make speed, haste, stay not." And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.

39 But the lad knew no thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

40 And Jonathan gave his 5 artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, "Go, carry them to the city."

41 And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and went one with another, until David exceeded.

42 And Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, 5 The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever." And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him,

21 Thou son of the perversive rebellious woman = a son of rebellious perversity; i.e., a rebel like David. Op. note on 18. 19.

31 shall surely die = the son of death; i.e., doomed to die.

40 artillery = weapons. Word extended from Latin artus. The oldest art was ploughing, but the chief weapon in the art of war has usurped to itself this word.

41 out of a place toward the south. Sept. reads "from beside the mound": i.e., Ezel, in v. 12.


M 22. 4-22. Nob. Priests slaughtered.


21. 1-9 (M, above). PRIEST'S HELP GIVEN. (Repeated Alternation.)

M d1 1. Ahimelech's fear.

2 5. Let no man know.

3 7. Doeg knows.

4 8, 9. Ahimelech's gift.

1 Ahimelech. So called here and in 22. 9, 11, 14, 15. See on note on 14. 3 and Mark 2. 26.


2 common: i.e., or unhallowed. hallowed = holy. See on Ex. 3. 5.

kept. And thus ceremonially clean, to eat such bread.

5 vessels = wallets. Cp. 17. 40. Word not used in O.T. in the N.T. sense of 2 Tim. 2. 21. 1 Thess. 4. 4, &c.

holy. See on Ex. 3. 5. Cp. "hallowed", v. 4.

yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel = and the more so, when to-day [there are other loaves] to be hallowed in respect of their vessels.

6 the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

"Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?"

2 And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, a" The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, 'Let no man know anything of the business whereabout 3 send thee, and what I have commanded thee:' and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place.

3 Now therefore what is under thine hand? give me five breads of bread in mine hand, or what there is present."

4 And the priest answered David, and said, d2 "There is no common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themselves at least from women."

5 And David answered the priest, and said unto him, "Of a truth women have been kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel."

6 So the priest gave him hallowed bread: for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.
21. 7. I. SAMUEL. 22. 11.

7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name was Doeg, an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to Saul.

8 And David said unto Ahimelech, "And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste.

9 And the priest said, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other save that here." And David said, "There is none like that; give it me."

10 And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.

11 Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, 'Saul hath slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands?"

12 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath. 13 And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall upon his beard.

14 Then said Achish unto his servants, "Lo, ye see the man is mad; wherefore then have ye brought him to me?" 15 Have need of mad men, that ye have brought this fellow to play the mad man in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?"


7 Then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him. "Hear now, ye Benjamites: will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, and make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds; 8 That all of you have conspired against me, and there is none that sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?"

9 Then answered Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said. "I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. 10 And he enquired of the Lord for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."

11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that were in Nob: and they came all of them to the king.
12 And Saul said, “Hear now, thou son of Ahitub.” And he answered, “Here I am, my lord.”

13 And Saul said unto him, “Why have ye conspired against me, Jeshua, and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of the Lord for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?”

14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, “And who is so faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king’s son-in-law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?

15 ‘Did I then begin to enquire of the Lord for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute any thing unto his servant, “nor to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing of all this, less or more.”

16 And the king said, “Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, Jeshua, and all thy father’s house.”

17 And the king said unto the “footmen that stood about him, “Turn, and slay the priests of the Lord; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me.”

18 But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the Lord.

19 And the king said to Doeg, “Turn Jeshua, and fall upon the priests.”

20 And Doeg the Edomite turned, and Jeshua fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons, that did wear a linen ephod.

21 And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both "men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

22 And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiaithar, escaped, and fled after David.

23 And Abiaithar shewed David that Saul had slain "the Lord’s priests.

24 And David said unto Abiaithar, “I knew it that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul: ‘Jeshua hath enquired of the Lord for him;’ and he hath enquired of the Lord for him, and the Lord hath known it, and hath delivered him into mine hand.

25 Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou shalt be in safeguard.”

23 Then they told David, saying, “Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and rob the threshingfloors.”

2 Therefore David enquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the Lord said unto David, “Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah.”

3 And David’s men said unto him, “Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?”

4 Then David enquired of the Lord yet again. And the Lord answered him and said, “Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand.”

5 So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 And it came to pass, when Abiaithar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand.

7 And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, “God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars.”

8 And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.

9 And David knew that Saul secretly practised mischief against him; and he said to Abiaithar the priest, “Bring hither the ephod.”

10 Then said David, “O Lord God of Israel, Thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake.

11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as Thy servant hath heard? O Lord God of Israel,
I beseech Thee, tell Thy servant.” And the LORD said, “He will come down.

12 Then said David, “Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul?” And the LORD said, “They will deliver thee up.”

13 Then David and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go.

And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbade to go forth.

14 And David abode in the wilderness in strongholds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but the LORD delivered him not into his hand.

15 And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood.

16 And Jonathan Saul’s son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in the LORD.

17 And he said unto him, “Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and (thee) shall not be king over Israel; and thine shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth.”

18 And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

19 Then came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, “Doth not David hide himself with us in strong holds, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of Jeshimon?

20 Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and our part shall be to deliver him into the king’s hand.”

21 And Saul said, “Blessed be ye of the LORD; for ye have compassion on me.

22 Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his soul is, and who hath seen him there: for it is told me that he dealeth very subtly.

23 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah.”

24 And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon.

25 Saul also and his men went to seek him. And they told David: wherefore he came down into a rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard that, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon.

26 And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away before Saul: for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them.

27 But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, “Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have invaded the land.”

14 mountain = hill country.
16 covenant. Some codices, with two early printed editions, read “in a wood”.


19 the Ziphites. See title of Ps. 54 (Comp. Bible).
22 prepare. Some codices, with two early printed editions, read “and prepare”.
23 take knowledge of = get to know.
24 the wilderness = a wild forest or park-like country. Carmel of Judah. Not Carmel of Manasseh.
25 seek him. Some codices, with one early printed edition (margin), read “seek David”.
26 into a rock = from the rock.
27 Saul. Some codices, with one early printed edition (margin), add “and his men”.

23. 28–26. 25 (2, above). PLACES OF REFUGE. (Introversion.)

R T | 23, 28–24, 22. Desert of En-gedi.

23. 28–24, 22 (T, above). DESERT OF EN-GEDI (Introversion and Alternation.)

Q | 24, 2. Search by Saul.
P | 24, 2–7. Proof obtained by David.
Q | 24, 7–8. Sight by Saul.

28 Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place Sela-hammahlekoth.

29 And David went up from thence, and dwelt in strong holds at En-gedi.

24 And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, “Behold, David is in the wilderness of En-gedi.”

2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.

3 And he came to the sheeppotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave.
4 And the men of David said unto him, 14 Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, 14 Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do unto him as it shall seem good unto thee.” Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul’s robe. 8 master. Heb. ’Adonî, my lord. Ap. 4. IV.

24. 9-22 (5, p. 399). PROOF EXHIBITED.
(Division.)

9-15 (V, above). REMONSTRANCE OF DAVID.
(Alternation.)


16-22 (V, above). RECONCILIATION OF SAUL.
(Interversion and Alternation.)

17 And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, “Is this thy voice, my son David?” And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept.

18 And he said to David, “Thou art more righteous than I; for thou hast rewarded me according to my deeds, and hast set me to be king over the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father’s house.” And David sware unto Saul.

25 And Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.
25. 2. I. SAMUEL.

2 And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail; and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.

4 And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep.

5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, "Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name:

6 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to [thine] house, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast.

7 And now I have heard that thou hast shepherds: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

8 Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day; give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David."

9 And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased.

10 And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, "Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? be much in number every one of the servants that is with him."

11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shepherds, and give it unto men whom I know not whence they be?"

12 So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.

13 And David said unto his men, "Gird ye on every man his sword," And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.

14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, "Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he "riled on them."

15 But the men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields:

16 They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping of the sheep.

17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a son of Belial, that a man cannot speak to him."

25. 1-44 (U, p. 399). ACTION OF NABAL. (Introversions and Alternations.)

1 And David. Personal. Other dwelling.

2 And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail; and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.

4 And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep.

5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, "Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name:

6 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to [thine] house, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast.

7 And now I have heard that thou hast shepherds: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

8 Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day; give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David."

9 And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased.

10 And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, "Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? be much in number every one of the servants that is with him."

11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shepherds, and give it unto men whom I know not whence they be?"

12 So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.

13 And David said unto his men, "Gird ye on every man his sword," And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.

14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, "Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he "riled on them."

15 But the men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields:

16 They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping of the sheep.

17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a son of Belial, that a man cannot speak to him."

21 Now David had said, "Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertain unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good.

22 So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall."
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23 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground.

24 And fell at his feet, and said, "Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he: Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

26 Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.

27 And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.

28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thy handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house: because my lord foughteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days.

29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the souls of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall He sling out, as out of the middle of a sling.

30 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that He hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel;

31 That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

32 And David said to Abigail, "Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, Which sent thee this day to meet me:

33 And blessed be thy "advice, and blessed be thy hand, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.

34 For in very deed, as the LORD God of Israel liveth, Which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light "any that pisseth against the wall."

35 So David received of her hand that which she had brought him, and said unto her, "Go up in peace to thine house: see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person."

36 And Abigail came to Nabal; and, "behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.

37 But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and it became as a stone.
3 And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness.
4. David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come in very deed.

5. And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner the captain of his host: and Saul lay in the trench, and the People pitched round about him.

6. Then answered David, and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, "Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp?"

7. And Abishai said, "I will go down with thee." 8. So David and Abishai came to the People by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the People lay round about him.

9. Then said Abishai to David, "The Lord hath delivered thine enemies into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time."

10. And David said to Abishai, "Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless?"

11. David said furthermore, "As the Lord liveth, the Lord shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.

12. The Lord forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the Lord's anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go." 13. So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster; and they got them away, and "no man saw it" nor knew it, neither was known: for they were all asleep; because a deep sleep from the Lord was fallen upon them.

14. Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of an hill afar off; a great space being between them.

15. And David cried to the People, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, "Answerest thou not, Abner?" Then Abner answered and said, "Who art thou that criest to the king?"

16. And David said to Abner, "Art not thou a valiant man? and who is like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the People in to destroy the king thy lord.

17. This thing is not good that thou hast done. As the Lord liveth, ye are worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master, the Lord's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his bolster." 18. And Saul knew David's voice, and said, "Is this thy voice, my son David?"

19. And David said, "It is my voice, my lord, O king." 20. And he said, "Wherefore doth my lord	

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k 25 Then Saul said to David, “Blessed be thy soul, my son David: thou shalt both do great things, and also shall still prevail.”

A So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

JS 27 And David said in his heart, “I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.”

2 And David arose, and went over with the six hundred men that were with him unto Achish, the son of Maachah, king of Gath.

3 And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, and his men, every man with his household, dwelt with David and with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal’s wife.

4 And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.

Em 5 And David said unto Achish, “If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?”

6 Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day; wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day.

7 And that time that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was a full year and four months.

n³ 8 And David and his three men went up, and invaded the Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites: for those nations were of old, when the children of Israel came out of Egypt; and drove them out of their habitation, and inhabited in their stead.

9 And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to Achish.

m² 10 And Achish said, “Whither have ye made a road to day?” and David said, “Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of the Kenites.”

n² 11 And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring tidings to Gath, saying, “Lest they should tell on us, saying, ‘So did David, and so will he be his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country of the Philistines.’”

m³ 12 And Achish believed David, saying, “He hath made his people Israel utterly to abhor him; therefore shall he be my servant for ever.”

F 28 And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for war, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, “Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.”

2 And David said to Achish, “Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do.” And Achish said to David, “Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head: i.e. captain of my bodyguard.

3-25 (D, above). SAUL’S SIN.
(Repeated Alternation, and Introvers.)

D 3 Saul’s sin. Owner put away.

F 4. 5. Saul’s fear. (Of Philistines.)

r 6. No answer from Jehovah.

o³ 7-14. Familiar spirit. Woman sought.

r 15-18. Answer from familiar spirit.

F 19. Saul’s fear. (Of Jehovah.)

o² 19-25. Familiar spirit. Woman spared.

3 in Ramah, &c. Heb. “in Ramah and in his own city.” Fig. Hendidas (Ap. 6) in his own city, Ramah.

had familiar spirits. Familiar spirits are demons pretending to be dead persons; hence the word “necromancy.” See notes on Lev. 19. 31 and Isa. 8. 18. wizards = wise, cunning, or knowing ones.

shalt know what thy servant can do.” And Achish said to David, “Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.”

3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him “in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

4 And the Philistines gathered themselves p q
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together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.

5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

6 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

7 Then said Saul unto his servants, “Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her.” And his servants said to him, “Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at En-dor.”

8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, “I pray thee, divince unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee.”

9 And the woman said unto him, “Thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath hitherto cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?”

10 And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, “As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.”

11 Then said the woman, “Whom shall I bring up unto thee?” And he said, “Bring me up Samuel.”

12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, “What hast thou to do unto me?”

13 And the king said unto her, “Be not afraid: for what sawest thou?” And the woman said unto Saul, “I saw gods ascending out of the earth.”

14 And he said unto her, “What form is he of?” And she said, “An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle.”

15 And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.

16 And Samuel said to Saul, “Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up?” And Saul answered, “I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore have I called thee, that thou mayest know whereunto I may go.”

17 And the LORD said to Saul, “Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?

18 And the LORD hath done that which he said he would do against the Amalekites: and to morrow shall ye see the LORD’S hand upon the Amalekites.”

19 Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shall the LORD deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

20 Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.

21 And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him,
29 Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched by a fountain which is in Jezreel.

And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands:

but David and his men passed on in the rearward with Achish.

Then the princes of the Philistines, "What do these Hebrews here?" And Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines, "Is not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath been with me these days, or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell unto me unto this day?"

And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, "Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he return unto his master?"

"Should it not be with the heads of these two men?"

Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, "Saul slew his thousands, And David ten thousands?"

Then Achish called David, and said unto him, "Surely, as the Lord liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host is good in mine sight: for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless the two lords favour thee not.

Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the Philistines."

And David said unto Achish, "But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king?"

And Achish answered and said to David, "I know that thou art good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, 'He shall not go up with us to the battle,'"
4 Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

5 And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters:

But David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.

7 And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, "I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod." And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.

8 And David enquired at the Lord, saying, "Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them?" And He answered him, "Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all!"

9 So David went, and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed.

10 But David pursued, and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.

11 And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water;

12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights.

13 And David said unto him, "To whom belongeth the soul? and whence art thou?" And he said, "I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick.

14 He made an invasion upon the south of the Cherethites, and upon the coast which belongeth to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire.

15 And David said to him, "Canst thou bring me down to this company?" And he said, "Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company.

16 And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of the Judah.

17 And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.

18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives.

19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all.

20 And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drove before those other cattle, and said, "This is David's spoil."

21 And David came to the two hundred men, whom were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the People that were with him: and when David came near to the People, he saluted them.

22 Then answered all the wicked men and men of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, "Because they went not with us, we will not give them ought of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart."

23 Then said David, "Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the Lord hath given us, Who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand.

24 For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarryeth by the stuff: they shall part alike."

25 And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.

26 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah: even to his friends, saying, "Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the Lord;"
27 To them which were in Beth-El, and to them which were in south Ramoth, and to them which were in Jattir, 
28 And to them which were in Aroer, and to them which were in Siphmoth, and to them which were in Eshtemoa, 
29 And to them which were in Rachal, and to them which were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to them which were in the cities of the Kenites, 
30 And to them which were in Hormah, and to them which were in Chorashan, and to them which were in Athach, 
31 And to them which were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.

31 Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.
2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Melchishua, Saul’s sons.
3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers.
4 Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me.” But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.
5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.
6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together.

7 And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.
8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that

THE "SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL, 
OTHERWISE CALLED, 
THE SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS.

1 Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag;
2 It came even to pass on the third day, that behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance.
3 And David said unto him, “From whence comest thou?” And he said unto him, “Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped.”

THE "SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL, 
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1 Sam. 1. 1—27 (K2 above), REPORT OF BATTLE. 
(Alternation.)

2 Sam. 1. 1—27 (K2 above), REPORT OF BATTLE. 
(Alternation.)
4 And David said unto him, "How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me." And he answered, "That the People are fled from the battle, and many of the People also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also."

5 And David said unto the young man that told him, "How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son be dead?"

6 And the young man that told him said, "As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.

7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, "Here am I."

8 And he said unto me, "Who art thou? And I answered him, "3 am an Amalekite."

9 He said unto me again, "Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me: for anguish is come upon me, because my life is yet whole in me." So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord." (p. 408)

11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him;

12 And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the People of the Lord, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.

13 And David said unto the young man that told him, "Whence art thou?" And he answered, "3 am the son of a stranger, an Amalekite."

14 And David said unto him, "How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the Lord's anointed?"

15 And David called one of the young men, and said, "Go near, and fall upon him." And he smote him that he died.

16 And David said unto him, "Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, 'I have slain the Lord's anointed.'"

17 And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son:

18 (Also he bade them teach the children of Judah the use of the bow; behold, it is written in the book of Jasher.)

19 "The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places:

How are the mighty fallen!

20 Tell it not in Gath, Publish it not in the streets of Askelon; Lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, Lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

21 Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, Neither let there be rain, upon you, Nor fields of offerings:

4 he answered. He thought he brought news which would be welcomed.

6 behold...Io. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

8 Amalekite. Thus Saul was dishonoured by one whom his disobedience spared. Cp. 1 Sam. 15. 3 and 16. 31.

9 He said. His whole story was a fabrication. See the facts in 1 Sam. 31. 4, 5.

10 fallen: i.e., upon his own sword (1 Sam. 31. 4).


12 the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.


17 The Lamentation of "The Bow". (Repeated Alternation.)

Title | L1 | 17. The Lament.
| L2 | 18. The Lamentation.


| 22. 23. Celebration (pl.). Saul and Jonathan.

| 25. Lamentation (pl.). Saul and Jonathan.

a2 | 26. 27. Apostrophe (sing.). Jonathan.
| 27. Lamentation (pl.). Saul and Jonathan.

18 children=sons.

the use of. The Ellipsis is wrongly supplied. The word "Lamentation" should be repeated from v. 17: "The Bow" being the subject of the Lamentation (v. 25).

the bow. This is the name of the Lamentation, because it is mentioned in v. 23; and it is what the tribe of Saul and Jonathan (Benjamin) was noted for (cp. 1 Chron. 8. 40; 12. 2 Chron. 14. 8; 17. 17). For a similar reason the scripture (Ex. 3) about "The Bush" is so called in Mark 12. 29. Luke 20. 36.

behind. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

written, &c. In the Book of Jasher (or The Upright One)="Thy hart, Israel, lies slain", &c.

19 beauty=gazelle. Symbolic of beauty and grace.

22 The shield of Saul. Omit the italics that follow, and supply instead "the weapon of one anointed with oil", the Heb. kdl "weapons" being read instead of b'il in the first edition of the Hebrew Bible, 1468, and the Syr. and Arabic Versions and Chaldaic paraphrase.

23 swifter...stronger. Fig. Hyperbolic. Ap. 6.

For there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away.

* The shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil.

22 From the blood of the slain, From the fat of the mighty, The bow of Jonathan turned not back, And the sword of Saul returned not empty.

23 Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, And in their death they were not divided: They were "swifter than eagles, They were "stronger than lions.

24 Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, Who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights, Who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle!

O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thine high places.

a1 409

b1 409

a2 409

b2 409
28 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan:
Very pleasant hast thou been unto me:
Thy love to me was wonderful,
Passing the love of women.

27 "How are the mighty fallen,
And the weapons of war perished!"

2 And it came to pass after this, that David enquired of the Lord, saying, "Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?" And the Lord said unto him, "Go up," And David said, "Whither shall I go up?" And he said, "Unto Hebron."

3 So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Carmelite.

4 And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

5 And they told David, saying, That the men of Jabesh-gilead were they that buried Saul. And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them, "Blessed be ye of the Lord, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him."

6 And now the Lord shew kindness and truth unto you: and 3 also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing. Therefore let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them."

8 But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim; 9 And made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel. 10 Ish-bosheth Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. 11 And the time that David was in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

12 And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon."
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960 his armour." But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him.

22 And Abner said again to Asahel, "Turn thee aside from me; wherewith should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother?"

23 Howbeit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him under the fifth rib, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still.

24. Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, thatbeth before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gilbon.

25 And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner; and came one troop, and stood on the top of an hill.

26 Then Abner called to Joab, and said, "Shall the sword devour for ever? Knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the People return from following their brethren?"

27 And Joab said, "As God liveth, unless thou hast spoken, surely in the morning the People had gone up every one from following his brother."

28 So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more.

29 And Abner and his three men walked all that night through the plain, and passed over Jordan, and went through all Bethinam, and they came to Mahanaim.

30 And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the People together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel.

31 But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, so that three hundred and threescore men died.

32 And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which was in Beth-lehem. And Joab and his three men went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.

3 Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

1 And unto David were born sons in Hebron:

2 And his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess;

3 And his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Naab the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom, son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur;

4 And the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;

5 And the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

23 stood still: i.e. with horror at the sight.

25 children = sons.


29 Bithron = the ravine.


3. 1-39 (p. 410). FOLLOWERS. DEFECTIONS.

   k | 1. House of Saul.
   l | 2-5. Sons of David.
   m | 6-11. House of Saul.

1 Saul. Note the Fig. Antithetism and Ampliation (Ap. 6), by which Abigail is still so called by way of explanation. See note on 1 Sam. 30. 5 Absalom. Born in the Jubilee year, 968-967. Hence his name.

5 David's wife. Probably added, parenthetically, to indicate his first wife.

6-11 (k, above). HOUSE OF SAUL.

A | j | 12. Abner's overtures to David.
   l | 12-16. Return of Michal to David.
   m | 17-19. Abner's overtures to Israel.
   n | 20-29. Return of Abner to David.

7 And Saul had a concubine, whose name wasRizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and Ish-bosheth said to Abner, "Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine?"

8 Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ish-bosheth, and said, "Am I a dog's head, which against Judah do shew kindness this day unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, that thou chargest me to day with a fault concerning this woman?"

9 So do I God to Abner, and more also, except as the Lord hath sworn to David, even so do I to him;

10 To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beersheba."

11 And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.

12 And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, "Whose is the land?"
saying also, "Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand shall be with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee."

13 And he said, "Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face."

14 And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth Saul's son, saying, "Deliver me my wife Michal, which I espoused to me for an hundred foreskins of the Philistines."

15 And Ish-bosheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from Phaltiel the son of Lais.

16 And her husband went with her along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, "Go, return." And he returned.

17 And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, "Ye sought for David as king over you. Now then do it: for the LORD hath spoken of David, saying, 'By the hand of My servant David I will save My people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.'"

18 And Abner also spake in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin.

20 So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner and the men that were with him a feast.

21 And Abner said unto David, "I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto me my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart desireth." And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.

22 And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from pursuing a troop, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner was not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace.

23 When Joab and all the host that was with him came, they told Joab, saying, "Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace."

24 Then Joab came to the king, and said, "What hast thou done? Behold, Abner came unto thee; why is it that thou hast sent him away, and he is gone in peace?"

25 Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceit thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou dost."

26 And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah: but David knew it not.

27 And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth rib, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.

28 And afterward when David heard it, he said, "3 and my kingdom are guiltless before the LORD for ever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner:"

29 Let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and let there not fall from the house of Joab one that hath an issue, "or that is a leper, "or that leaneth on a staff, "or that falleth on the sword, "or that lacketh bread."

30 So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

31 And David said to Joab, and to all the People that were with him, "Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner." And king David himself followed the bier.

32 And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the People wept.
33 And the king lamented over Abner, and said,
"Died Abner as a fool dieth?"
34 Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters:
As a man falleth before wicked men, so fellest thou,
And all the People went again over him.
35 And when all the People came to cause David to eat "meat while it was yet day, David
sware, saying, "So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or ought else, till the sun be
down."
36 And all the People took notice of it, and it pleased them: as whatsoever the king did pleased all the People.
37 For all the People and all Israel understood that that day it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner.
38 And the king said unto his servants, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?"
39 And 3 am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah be too hard for me: "the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness."

4 And when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled.

2 And Saul's son had two men that were captains of bands: the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab,
the sons of Rimmon a "Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin: ('for Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin:
3 And the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and were sojourneers there until this day.)

D 4 And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son that was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and he fell: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.

C 5 And the sons of Rimmon the Beerithite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ish-bosheth, who lay on a bed at noon.
6 And they came thither into the midst of the house, as though they would have fetched wheat: and they smote him under the fifth rib: and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.
7 For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and got them away through the plain all night.
8 And they brought the head of Ish-bosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king, "Behold the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, which sought thy life; and the LORD hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed."
9 And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerithite,
2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the Lord said to thee, "Thou shalt feed God's people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel.""

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the Lord: and they anointed David king over Israel.

4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

5 In Hebron he reigned seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

6 And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: who said unto David, "Whosoever entereth into the gate of the city, the blind and the lame shall not enter in." But David believed that Saul's soul, "he shall be chief and captain." Wherefore they said, "The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.""

7 Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the City of David.

8 And David said on that day, "Whosoever geth up into the gate of the city, the blind and the lame shall enter in." And David dwelt in the City of David, and he built round about from Millo inward.

9 And David went on, and grew great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him.

10 And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they did build David an house.

11 And David perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel,

12 And that He had exalted his kingdom for His People Israel's sake.

13 And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David.

14 And these be the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shammubab, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon.

15 And Elishama, and and Elisha, and Nepheg, and Japhia.

16 And Eliah, and Elizaham, and Elia, and Eliphelet,

17 But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David: and David heard of it, and went down to the hold.

18 The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

11 Hiram. Not the Hiram of 1 Kings 9.11, which was sixty years later. Josephus says he was his father.

12 Tyre. Israel had no war with Phœnicians. Asher failed to expel them (Judg. 1.31). 13 out of. Perhaps this should be "into", as in 1 Chron. 14.3. But both accounts are independent and complementary.

16 Elilada. Another name, Beeliah. See note on 1 Chron. 11.18.

17-25 [For Structure see next page].
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10 And David enquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt Thou deliver them into mine hand?" And the LORD said unto David, "Go up; for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand."

19 And David came to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there, and said, "The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal-perazim.

21 And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them.

22 And the Philistines came yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

23 And when David enquired of the LORD, he said, "Thou shalt not go up; but fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees."

24 And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in of the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines."

25 And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou came to Gazer.

5. 17-23 (c, p. 414). PHILISTINES VANQUISHED. (Extended Alternation.)


20 broken forth. Fig. Anthropopatheia. Ap. 6.

6. 1-7. 29 (H, p. 414). WORSHIP. (Division.)

6. 1-23 (P1, above). THE ARK OF JEHOWAH. (Extended Alternation.)

2 Baale. The old Canaanite name of Kirjath-jearim.

3 a new cart. This was contrary to the Divinely prescribed law (Num. 4. 15; 10. 21). Deut. 10. 8. Josh. 3. 14. 2 Sam. 15. 24. 1 Chron. 13. 7; 15. 2, &c.).

4. When the Philistines did it in ignorance (1 Sam. 6. 7) no judgment fell on them, because the Law of Moses was not delivered to them. But David should have known: hence judgment came. The solemn lesson is that anything introduced into the worship of God contrary to His requirements is deserving of His judgments. This includes all that is contrary to John 4. 21, and all that is of the flesh, which "professeth nothing" (John 6. 64). All this is like David’s "new cart" and is sin in God’s sight. See note on 1 Sam. 6. 7, and cp. 1 Sam. 16. 22.


9 And when they came to Nachon’s threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it.

10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and the LORD smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.

11 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perez-uzzah to this day.

12 And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, "How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?"

13 So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David; but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

14 And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months:
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n and the LORD blessed Obed-edom, and all his household.

12 And it was told king David, saying, "The LORD hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of 2 God."

13 So David went and brought up the ark of 3 God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness.

14 And it was so, that when they bare the ark of 3 the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

15 And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.

16 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of 3 the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

17 And they brought in the ark of 3 the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before 4 the LORD.

18 And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the People in the name of 4 the LORD of hosts.

19 And he dealt among all the People, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as 3 men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine.

20 Then David returned to bless his household.

21 And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovered himself!"

22 And David said unto Michal, "It was before 4 the LORD, Which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the People of 4 the LORD over Israel: therefore will I play bare 4 the LORD.

23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

24 And it came to pass, when 4 the king sat in his house, and 4 the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies;

25 That the king said unto 4 Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of 4 God dwelleth within curtains."

26 And 4 Nathan said to the king, "Go, 4 do all that is thine heart; for 4 the LORD is with thee."

27 And it came to pass 4 that night, that the king,"
word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying,

6 Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

7 In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed My People Israel, saying, 'Why build ye not Me an house of cedar?'

8 Now therefore so shalt thou say unto My servant David, 'Thus saith the LORD of hosts, “I took thee from the shepherddom, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My People, over Israel:

9 And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth.

10 Moreover I will appoint for a place for My People Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

11 And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over My People Israel, and have caused them to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that He will make thee an house.

12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 He shall build an house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

14 § will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

15 But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.'”

7. 4-17 (R, p. 419). REPLY OF JEHOWAH. (Introd.)


6, 7. Jehovah's condensation.


17. Word of Jehovah for Nathan to David.

8 My servant. Note the repetition of this word throughout this chapter. See note on v. 18.

6 children = sons.

walked = have been walking (habitually).

in a tabernacle = as in Hab. 3:4.

tribes = or “judges”, as in 1 Chron. 17. 3.


one of the titles = see on 1 Sam. 5. 1.

10 wickedness = Heb. ādād. Ap. 44. v.


house = put by fig. Metonymy (of Subject), Ap. 6, for household or family (i.e. a line of succession).

12 sleep = with thy fathers. Ap. 4. 7. 2; put for “die”. See note on Deut. 31. 16.

13 his = for a Father. My son = to Me for a son.

20. × mercy = lovingkindness.

as = according as.

18. thee. Some cod., with Sept. and Syr., read “Me”.

18-29 (Q, p. 419). DAVID BEFORE JEHOWAH. (Introd.)

18-22 (S, above). DAVID. THANKSGIVING FOR HIMSELF. (Introd.)


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3. O Lord GOD = O Adonai Jehovah. Adonai because (1) David is the servant and He the master; (2) because this title has to do with lordship in the earth. Ap. 4. VIII. (2) Ap. 12. (twice), 29, 27, 22, six times in this chapter.

19 manner = Torah or Law.

21. For Thy word's sake, and according to Thy own heart, hast Thou done all these great things, to make Thy servant know them.
22 Wherefore Thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like Thee, neither is there any God beside Thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

23 And what one nation in the earth is like Thy People, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a People to Himself, and to make Him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy People, which thou redeemedst to Thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods?

24 For thou hast confirmed to Thyself Thy people Israel to be a people unto Thee for ever; and Zebulun, 1 LORD, art become their God.

25 And now, 22 O Lord 22 God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning Thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it for ever, and do as Thou hast said.

26 And Thy name be magnified for ever, saying, 2 The Lord of hosts is the God over Israel; and let the house of Thy servant David be established before Thee.

27 For Zebulun, 1 LORD, of hosts, God of hosts, hast revealed to Thy servant, saying, 1 I will build thee an house; therefore hast Thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto Thee.

28 And now, 18 O Lord, 18 God, Zebulun art that 2 God, and Thy words be true, and Thou hast promised this goodness unto Thy servant:

29 Therefore now let it please Thee to bless the house of Thy servant, that it may continue for ever before Thee: for Zebulun, 18 O Lord, 18 God, hast spoken it; and with Thy blessing let the house of Thy servant be blessed for ever.

8 And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them; and David took Methheg-ammah out of the land of the Philistines.

2 And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines he measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And so the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts.

3 David also smote Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his border at the river. Euphrates.

4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David houghed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for an hundred chariots.

5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus:

7 and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought gifts.

8 And the Lord preserved David whithersoever he went.
9 And David said, "Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him 'kindness for Jonathan's sake'?"
2 And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, "Art thou Ziba?" And he said, "Thy servant is he."
3 And the king said, "Is there yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him?"
4 And Ziba said unto the king, "Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet."
5 And the king said unto him, "Where is he?"
6 And Ziba said unto the king, "Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar."
7 Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar.

9 Toi, Sept. and Vulg. read "Toi" throughout. Cp. 1 Chron. 18. 9. He was a Hittite king.
12 Syria. Some codices, with Sept. and Syr., read "Edom."
13 And, Note the Fig. Polygenesis. Ap. 6.
14 garrisons, or political residents.

8. 15-18 (K. p. 414). DAVID'S OFFICERS.

16. Chief captain.
17. Recorder.
18. Priest.
20. Captain.

Cherethites. . . . Pelethites. David's body-guard. Here ends the prosperous part of David's reign.

9. 1-10. 5 (L. p. 414). DAVID'S KINDNESS.

L M I 9. 1-13. To Mephibosheth. (Son of Jonathan.)
10. 1-3. To Hanun. (Son of Nahash.)
1-13 (M. above). KINDNESS TO MEPHIBOSHETH. (Division.)
1-4 (N. above). MEPHIBOSHETH. SOUGHT.

K 1-3. Inquiry of David. "Who?"
4 Inquiry of David. "When?"
5 Inquiry of David. "Where?"
6 Ziba's answer. Place: Lo-debar.
7 kindness = grace, favour, or loving-kindness.
8 any = a man. Heb. 'ish. Ap. 11. II.
10 Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.
11 Lo-debar = no pasture. Where the sinner is until found by God's free grace.

5-13 [For Structure see next page]
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9. 5-13 (N, p. 419). MEBPHISETH. FOUND.

(Disposition.)

N 1. 5, 6. Mephibosheth comes to Jerusalem.
   m 17, 8. David's promise made.
   m 9-12. David's promise fulfilled.
   m 6 Mephibosheth. Born in 965 (4. 4). Now seventeen,
   and father of a young son (v. 12).
   f 7 thy father's sake. So with God's grace to us; not
   for the sake of the lost one.
   n 8 thy father's sake. Rather than what he has done.
   m 9, 10. Saul thy father—Saul thy grandfather.
   f 10 Whatever? Fig. Erotetics. Ap. 6.
   a dead dog. Self-abasement is ever the result of
   grace shown.
   m 11. So the sinner is concerned about what he is,
   m 12. Mephibosheth. See the Fig. Epanadiplosis
   (Ap. 6) in this verse: being repeated at the beginning of
   the next verse.

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9. 5-13 (N, p. 419). MEPHIBOSHETH. FOUND.

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12 Be of good courage, and let us "play the men for our People, and for the cities of our "God: and the LORD do that which seemeth Him good."

13 And Joab drew nigh, and the People that were with him, unto the battle against the Syrians: and they fled before him.

14 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before Abishai, and entered into the city.

So Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

15 And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered them together.

16 And Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Syrians that were beyond the "river: and they came to Helam, and smote Saboch the captain of the host of Hadarezer went before them.

17 And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and came to Helam.

And the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and fought with him.

18 And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew the men of seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Saboch the captain of their host, who died there.

19 And when all the kings that were servants to Hadarezer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

And it came to pass, after the year was expired, *at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah.

But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

2 And it came to pass in an evening tide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman *washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.

3 And David sent, and enquired after the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Elam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; *for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.

5 And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, "I am with child."

6 And David sent to Joab, saying, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David.

7 And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered.

8 And David said unto Uriah, "Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet." And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of meat from the king.

9 But Uriah slept at the "door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.

10 And when they had told David, saying, "Uriah went not down unto his house," David said unto Uriah, "Camest thou not from thy journey? why then didst thou not go down unto thine house?"

11 And Uriah said unto David, "The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing."

12 And David said unto Uriah, "Tarry here to..."
day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart." So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow.

13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk; and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

14 And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, "Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die."

16 And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were.

17 And the "men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the People of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

18 Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war;

19 And charged the messenger, saying, "When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king, And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall?"

20 Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerub-besheth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall?" then say thou,

21 Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also."

22 So the messenger sent, and came and showed David all that Joab had sent him for.

23 And the messenger said unto David, "Surely the men prevailed against us: we came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate."

24 And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead,

25 and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also."

26 Then David said unto the messenger, "Thus shalt thou say unto Joab: 'Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another; make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou Joab.'"

27 And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

28 And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.\

12 And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, "There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

2 The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds:

3 But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.

And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the way-faring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the 1 man that was come to him."

5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the 1 man; and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD liveth, the 1 man that hath done this thing shall surely die.

6 And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."
7 And Nathan said to David, "Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, because thou hast despised Me and taken thy brother's wife, and hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thou house; because thou hast despised Me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

11 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

For thou didst it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

13 And David said unto Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said unto David, "The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

15 And Nathan departed unto his house. And the Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick.

17 And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth; but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

18 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, "Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?"

19 But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, "Is the child dead?" And they said, "He is dead."

20 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the Lord, and worshipped:

then he came to his own house; and when he

7 Thou art the man. Many means used to produce conviction: God's greatness (Job 42. 1-6); God's glory (Isa. 6. 6); God's power (Luke 6. 19); a parable (2 Sam. 12. 1-10); &c.


anointed thee. 1 Sam. 16. 13.


thou hast killed. Not Joab, or the Ammonites.

children = sons.

10 the sword. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for manifested hostility.

11 Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.


thine own house. Disgraced by one son (13. 14), banished by another (15. 19), revolting against a third (1 Kings 2), bearded by his servant, betrayed by his friends, deserted by his people, bereaved of his children.

12 thou. See note on u. 9.

13 I have sinned. Ps. 51 is the expansion of this, sinned ... sin. Heb. chatat. Ap. 44. i.


thou, &c. Some codices, with two early printed editions, read "and (or therefore) thou wilt not die".

14 thou hast given great occasion, &c. This is noted in the Masorah (Ap. 59) as one of the emendations of the Sopherim (Ap. 32), who alternated the primitive text out of amahston reverence for David and Jehovah.

The original reading was "thou hast greatly blasphemed Jehovah!".


15 David therefore besought the Lord; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.

16 and. Note the Fig. Polysyntheton in this verse. Ap. 6.

child. Heb. fasted a fast = made a strict fast. Fig. Polythetont. Ap. 6.

lay all night upon the earth: as a penitent, with Ps. 51 for his utterance. Note his sitting before Jehovah as a worshipper, and his utterance (2 Sam. 7. 18-23) and his standing as a servant (1 Chron. 28. 2), and his utterance and service (1 Chron. 29. 3-20, 21), 22 Who can tell ... ? Fig. Erotetos. Ap. 6.

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required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.

31 Then said his servants unto him, "What thing is this that thou hast done! thou diest fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread."
23 But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? 24 Shall I go to him, but he shall not return to me."

24 And David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in unto her; and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the LORD loved him.

25 And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD.

26 And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.

27 And Joab sent messengers unto David, and said, "I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters."

28 Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the city, and it be called by my name."

29 And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it.

30 And he took the crown of his head, the weight whereof was a talent of gold with the precious stones: and it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance.

31 And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brickkiln: and thus he did unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

13 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her.

2 And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his brother Tamar; for she was a virgin, and Amnon thought it hard for him to do anything to her.

22 I shall go to him, I shall die and be buried (cp. v. 10). i.e. I shall go to the (not "in") grave (Sheol). On the use of this Fig. Euphemism (Ap. 6) as denoting death and burial, see Gen. 15. 15 (cp. Josh. 24. 2, 14, 15, Abraham's "fathers" being idolaters); 25. 8, 17; 35. 9; 49, 29, 33. Num. 20. 26; 27. 13, 31. Deut. 31. 15, 29, 29. 26. Judg. 2. 10. 1 Sam. 26. 19 (note "thou and thy sons"). 2 Kings 22. 20. 1 Chron. 17. 11. 2 Chron. 34. 28. Acts 13. 36.

24 And. Note the Fig. Polyandry in vv. 24-27. Ap. 6, he. Some codices, with Syr. and Vulg., read "she" in contrast with "he" in next verse.

25 He: i.e. Jehovah, by the hand of Nathan, in contrast with bath-sheba. See note on v. 24.

26 Jedidiah=beloved of Jehovah. See note on Ps. 17. 2, because of the LORD for Jehovah's sake.

28, 29-31 (P, p. 421). RABBAH. CAPTURED. (Division.)
3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David’s brother; and Jonadab was a very subtle man.
4 And he said unto him, “Why art thou, being the king’s son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me?” And Amnon said unto him, “I love Tamar, my brother Absalom’s sister.”

5 And Jonadab said unto him, “Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, ‘I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand.’
6 So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick; and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, “I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand.”
7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, “Go now to thy brother Ammon’s house, and dress him meat.”
8 So Tamar went to her brother Ammon’s house; and she was laid down. And she took flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight; and did bake the cakes.
9 And she took a pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, “Have you all made men from me?” And they went out every man from him.
10 And Amnon said unto Tamar, “Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand.” And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

11 And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, “Come, lie with me, my sister.”
12 And she answered him, “Nay, my brother, do not force me: for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly.
13 And this, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and who shall be as one of the fools in Israel? Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee.”
14 Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.
15 Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, “Arise, be gone.”
16 And she said unto him, “There is no cause: this evil in sending me away is greater than the other that thou didst unto me.” But he would not hearken unto her.
17 Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, “Put now this woman out of me, and bolt the door after her.”
18 And she had a garment of divers colours upon her: for with such robes were the king’s daughters that were virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

19 And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying.

20 And Absalom her brother said unto her, “Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; regard not this thing.” So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom’s house.

21 But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth.

22 And Absalom spake unto his brother e Absalom neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

23 And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheepshearsers in Baal-hazor, which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king’s sons.

24 And Absalom came to the king, and said, “Behold now, thy servants the sheepshearsers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go with thy servants.”

25 And the king said to Absalom, “Nay, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable unto thee.” And he pressed him; howbeit he would not go, but blessed him.

26 Then said Absalom, “If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us.” And the king said unto him, “Why should he go with thee?”

27 But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king’s sons go with him.

28 Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, “Mark ye now when Amnon’s heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, ‘Smite Amnon,’ then kill him: fear not: have not I commanded thee? be courageous, and be valiant.”

29 And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded.
Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled.

30 And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, "Absalom hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left."

31 Then the king arose, and took his garments, and laid them upon his服, and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent.

32 And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, "Let not my lord suppose that they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Ammon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar.

33 Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead: for Ammon only is dead."

34 But Absalom fled.

And the young man that kept the watch "lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came people by the way of the hill side behind him.

35 And Jonadab said unto the king, "Behold, the king's sons come: as thy servant served, so is it."

36 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept very sore.

37 But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day.

38 So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years.

39 And the soul of king David longed to go forth unto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.

14 Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was toward Absalom.

2 And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, "I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead:

3 And come to the king, and speak on this manner unto him." So Joab put the words in her mouth.

4 And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, "Help, O king:"

5 And the king said unto her, "What aileth thee?"

And she answered, "I am indeed a widow woman, and mine husband is dead.

8 And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and there was none to part them, but the one smote the other, and slew him.

7 And, "behold, the whole family is risen against thine handmaid, and they said, 'Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he slew; and we will destroy the heir also: and so they shall quench my coal which is left, and shall not leave to my husband neither name nor remainder upon the earth.'"

8 And the king said unto the woman, "Go to thine house, and 3 will give charge concerning thee."

9 And the woman of Tekoah said unto the king, "My lord, O king, the iniquity be on me,
11 Then said she, "I pray thee, let the king remember the LORD thy God, that thou wouldest not suffer the revengers of blood to destroy any more, lest they destroy my son."

And he said, "As the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth."

12 Then the woman said, "Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak one word unto my lord the king." And he said, "Say on." 

13 And the woman said, "Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the People of God? for the king doth speak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished.

14 For we must needs die, and are as water split on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth the God respect any person: yet doth He devise means, that His banished be not expelled from Him.

15 Now therefore that I come to speak of this thing unto my lord the king, it is because the People have made me afraid: and thy handmaid said, 'I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his handmaid."

16 For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man that would destroy me: and my son together out of the inheritance of God."

17 Then thine handmaid said, "The word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable: for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad: therefore 'the LORD thy God will be with thee.'"

18 Then the king answered and said unto the woman, "Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee." And the woman said, "Let my lord the king now speak."

19 And the king said, "Is not the hand of Joab with thee in all this?" And the woman answered and said, "As thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from ought that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid:"

20 "To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth."

21 And the king said unto Joab, "Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again."

22 And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and "thanked the king: and Joab said, "To day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of his servant."


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33 So Joab came to the king, and told him:
and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king:

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and the king kissed Absalom.

15 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.

2 And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man had that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, “Of what city art thou?” And he said, “Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel.”

3 And Absalom said unto him, “See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee.”

4 Absalom said moreover, “Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which had any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice!”

5 And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him.

6 And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment:

so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

7 And it came to pass after forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, “I pray thee, let me go, and I will pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the Lord, in Hebron.”

8 For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, “If the Lord shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then will I serve the Lord.”

9 And the king said unto him, “Go in peace.” So he arose, and went to Hebron.

10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, “As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, ‘Absalom reigneth in Hebron.’”

11 And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were called; and they went in their simplicity, and knew not anything.

12 And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David’s counsellor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices.

13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, “The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.”

14 And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, “Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us swiftly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.”

15 And the king’s servants said unto the king, “Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint.”

16 And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, which were concubines, to keep the house.

17 And the king went forth, and all the People after him, and tarried in a place that was far off.

18 And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Peletites, and all the Sidonians, six hundred men which
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16. 1.

19 Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, "Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, and abide with the king: for I know that thy heart is set upon the king, and all the country round him."

20 Whereas thou camest but yesterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: "mercy and truth be with them.""

21 And Ittai answered the king, and said, "As the LORD liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be."

22 And David said to Ittai, "Go and pass over." And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that were with him.

23 And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the People passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the People passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

24 And lo Zadok also, and all the Levites were with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God: and they set down the ark of God, and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city.

25 And the king said unto Zadok, "Carry back the ark of God into the city: "if I shall stand in the eyes of the LORD, He will bring me again, and shew me both it, and His habitation:"

26 But if He thus say, 'I have no delight in thee;' "behold, here am I, let Him do to me as seemeth good unto Him.""

27 The king said also unto Zadok the priest, "Art not thou a seer? return into the city in peace, and thy two sons with you, Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar:"

28 "See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certify me."

29 Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem: and they tarried there.

30 And David went up by the ascent of mount Olivet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and went barefoot: and all the People that was with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

31 And one told David, saying, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom."}

And David said, "O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness."

32 And it came to pass, that when David was come to the top of the hill, where he worshipped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth upon his head:

33 Unto whom David said, "If thou passest on with me, thou shalt be a burden unto me:"

34 But if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, 'I will be thy servant, O king; as I have been thy father's servant hitherto, so will I now also be thy servant:' then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel.

35 And 'hast thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, that what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

36 Behold, they have there with them two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's son, and Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye can hear."

37 So Hushai David's friend came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

16 And when David was a little past the "top of the hill," behold, Ziba the serva
raisings, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine.

2 And the king said unto Ziba, "What meanest thou by these?" And Ziba said, "The asses be for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink."

3 And the king said, "And where is thy master's son?" And Ziba said unto the king, "Behold, thine are all that pertain unto Mephibosheth.

4 Then said the king unto Ziba, "Behold, thine are all that pertain unto Mephibosheth."

5 And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came.

6 And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left.

7 And thus said Shimei when he cursed, "Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou bloody man of Bellal:

8 "The LORD hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, behold, thou art taken in thy mischief, because thou art a bloody man."

9 Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, and take off his head."

10 And the king said, "What have I to do with thee, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because the LORD hath said unto him, 'Curse David.'" Who shall then say, 'Wherefore hast thou done so?'

11 And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, "Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse: for the LORD hath bidden him.

12 It may be that the LORD will look on mine affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing this day.

13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust.

14 And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary and refreshed themselves there.

15 And Absalom, and all the People the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

16 And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, "God save the king, God save the king!"

17 And Absalom said to Hushai, "Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why wert thou not with thy friend?"

18 And Hushai said unto Absalom, "Nay; but whom the LORD, and this People, and all the men of Israel, choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide.

19 And again, whom should I serve? should I not serve in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence."

20 Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, "Give counsel among you what we shall do."
21 And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, “Go in unto thy father’s concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father; then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong.”

22 So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father’s concubines in the sight of all Israel.

23 And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man had consulted at the 4 oracle of 15 God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

17 Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom, “Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night.”

2 And I will come upon him while he is weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the People that are with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only.

3 And I will bring back all the People unto thee: the 1 man whom thou seestest is as if all returned: so all the People shall be in peace.”

4 And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel.

5 Then said Absalom, “Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he saith.”

6 And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, “Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do after his saying? if not; speak 15 to us.”

7 And Hushai said unto Absalom, “The counsel that Ahithophel hath given is not good at this time.”

8 For,” said Hushai, “if 15 thou knowest thy father and his 10 men, that 15 they be 1 mighty men, and 15 they be 1 chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father is a 1 man of war, and will not lodge with the People.

9 Behold, 15 he is hid now in some pit, or in some other place: and it will come to pass, when some of them be overthrown at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, ‘There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom.”

10 And 15 he also that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father is 15 a 1 mighty man, and 15 they which be with him 15 are 15 valiant men.

11 Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that thou go to battle in thine own person.

12 So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground; and of him and of all the 15 men that are with him there shall not be left so much as one.

13 Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there.”

14 And Absalom and all the 15 men of Israel said, “The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel.” For the 15 LORD had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the 15 LORD might bring evil upon Absalom.

15 Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, “Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have 3 counselled.

16 Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, ‘Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the People that are with him.’

17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by En-rogel; for they might not be seen to come into the city: and a certain young man was charged with their business, and they went and told king David:

18 Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom; but they went both of them away.
quickly, and came to a man's house in Ba- 
burim, which had a well in his court; whither they went down.
18 And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not known.
20 And when Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house, they said, "Where is Ahimaaz and Jonathan?" And the woman said unto them, "They be gone over the brook of water." And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jeru-
21 And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said unto David, "Arise, and pass quickly over the water: for thus hath Ahithophel counselled against you." 22 Then David arose, and all the People that were with him, and they passed over Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan.
23 And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and got him home to his house to his city, and put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father. 24 Then David came to Mahanaim.
25 And Absalom passed over Jordan, 26 And Absalom made Amasa captain of the host instead of Joab: which Amasa was a man's son, whose name was Ithra an Is-
27 And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shelob the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, 28 Brought beds, and basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched corn, and beans, and lentiles, and parched pulse,
29 And honey, and 3 butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the People that were with him, to eat: for they said, "The People is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness."

18 And David numbered the People that were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. 2 And David sent forth a third part of the People under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the People, "3 will surely go forth with you myself also." 3 But the People answered, "Thou shalt not go out: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now thou art worth ten thousand of us: therefore now it is better that thou succour us out of the city."

18 went down. Wells mostly dry in summer.
20 said. Probably misdirecting them.
22 Jordan. Cp. Pss. 42.6 and 48; both Ps referring to this period.
23 put his household in order = gave charge unto his household.
24 himself. Not so much because his counsel was not taken, but because his revenge was not taken on David (see note on 11.3; 16.21, and 17.1), and that the conspiracy must fail. Same word in Matt. 27.5 as in Sept. here (ἀπέριττο), as though to invite the compari-

17. 24–18. 5 (J, p. 425). REBELLION QUELLED.

J F 18. 6–18. The battle.

17. 24–18. 2 (O'y, above). MAHANAIM, &c.


24 all. Fig. Sp读懂to (of Genus). Ap. 6. The whole put for the greater part.
25 made = set, or appointed.
26 and. Note the Fig. Polyphdson (Ap. 6) in cp. 28 and 29, emphasizing the items.
29 butter. Sarcia in Lo-debar. Cp. 9. 4. The word means place of "no pasture."

18. 1 numbered = mustered, or inspected. David was now fifty-six.
18. 3 succour us out of the city = come to us out of the city with succour by prayer and counsel.
18. 5 heard. This explains v. 12.

6–18 (P, above). THE BATTLE.

P a 6–8. The battle. Fought.
a 12. The battle. Return from.

4 And the king said unto them, "What seemeth best I will do," And the king stood by the gate side, and all the People came out by hundreds and by thousands.
5 And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom." And all the People heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

6 So the People went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim;

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8 For the battle was there scattered over "the face of all the country: and the wood *devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

9 And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was "taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away.

10 And a certain "man saw it, and told Joab, and said, "Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak."

11 And Joab said unto the "man that told him, "And, behold, thou sawest him, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten shekels of silver, and a "girdle."

12 And the "man said unto Joab, "Though I should receive a thousand shekels of silver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son: for in "our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Beware that none touch the young man Absalom."

13 Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldst have set thyself against me."

14 Then said Joab, "I may not tarry thus with thee." And he took three "darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the city.

15 And ten young men that bare Joab's "armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and "slew him.

16 And Joab blew the trumpet, and the People returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the People.

17 And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great "heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent.

18 (Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a "pillar, which is in the king's dale: for he said, "I have "no son to keep my name in remembrance:"

19 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, "Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that "the LORD hath avenged of his enemies."

20 And Joab said unto him, "Thou shalt not bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead."

21 Then said Joab to Cushi, "Go tell the king what thou hast seen." And Cushi bowed himself unto Joab, and ran.

22 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, "But howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cushi."

23 "But howsoever," said he, "Let me run." And he said unto him, "Run." Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran Cushi.

24 And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and "behold a "man running alone.

25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, ""If he be alone, there is tidings in his mouth." And he came apace, and drew near.

26 And the watchman saw another "man running: and the watchman called unto the
And the watchman said, "Behold another man running alone." And the king said, "He also bringeth tidings."

28 And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, "All is well." And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, "Blessed be the Lord thy God, Which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king!"

29 And the king said, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" And Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab sent the king's servant, and me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was."

30 And the king said unto him, "Turn aside, and stand here." And he turned aside, and stood still.

31 And behold, Cushi came; and Cushi said, "Tidings, my lord the king: for the Lord hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee!"

32 And the king said unto Cushi, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" And Cushi answered, "The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is."

33 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, thus he said, "O my son Absalom, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Q. "Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom." 4 Q. "Mourning of David."

2 And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the People: for the People heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son.

3 And the People gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle.

4 But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, "O my son Absalom, O my son Absalom!"

5 And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, "Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines;

6 In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends. For thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest neither princes nor nobles: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well.

7 Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably unto thy servants: for Iswear by the Lord, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until "now."

8 Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the People, saying, "Behold, the king doth sit in the gate." And all the People came before the king: for Israel had fled every man to his tent.

9 And all the People were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land for Absalom."

10 And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?"

11 And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, "Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, 'Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing..."
the speech of all Israel is come to the king, even to his house.
12 If ye be my brethren, ye are my bones and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king?'

And say ye to Amasa, "Art thou not of my bone, and of my flesh? Go do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the room of Joab.'

14 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as the heart of one man; so that they sent this word unto the king, "Return, Zera, all thy servants.'

So the king returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan.

16 And Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, which was of Bahurim, hasted and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David.

And there were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over Jordan before the king.

And there went over a ferry boat to carry over the king's household, and to do what he thought good.

And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was come over Jordan;

And said unto the king, "Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart.

For thy servant doth know that 3 have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king.'

21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, "Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD's anointed?"

22 And David said, "What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be adversaries unto me? Shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? For do not I know that 3 are this day king over Israel?'

23 Therefore the king said unto Shimei, "Thou shalt not die." And the king sware unto him.

24 And Mephiboseth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came again in peace.

25 And it came to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, "Wherefore wentest thou not with me, Mephiboseth?"

26 And he answered, "My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant said, "3 will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon,

and go to the king;' because thy servant is lame.

27 And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king is as an angel of 3 God: do therefore what is good in thine eyes.

28 For all of my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king: yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table. "What right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king?"
29 And the king said unto him, "Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I have said, 'The king is come again in peace unto his own house.'"

31 And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan.

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34 And Barzillai said unto the king, "How long have I to live, that I should go up with thee unto Jordan?"

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36 Thy servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward?"

37 Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, and be buried by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold thy servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee."

38 And the king answered, "Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt require of me, that will I do for thee."

39 And all the people went over Jordan.

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41 And, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, "Why have our brethren the men of Judah stolen them away, and have brought the king, and his household, and all David's men with him, over Jordan?"

42 And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, "Because the king is near of kin to us: wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's cost? or hath he given us any gift?"

43 And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, "We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more right in David than ye: why then did ye despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king?"

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And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.
5 So Amasa went to assemble the men of Judah: but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him.

6 And David said to Abishai, “Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than did Absalom: take therefore thy lord’s servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape us.”

7 And there went out after him Joab’s men, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men: and they went out of Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

8 When they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa went before them. And Joab’s garment that he had put on was girded unto him, and upon it a girdle with a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and it went forth as he went forth it fell out.

9 And Joab said to Amasa, “Art thou well in health, my brother?” And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him.

10 But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab’s hand: so he smote him therewith in the fifth rib, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and he died.

11 And one of Joab’s men stood by him, and said, “He that favoureth Joab, and he that is for David, let him go after Joab.”

12 And Amasa wallowed in blood in the midst of the highway. And when the man saw all the people stood still, he removed Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a cloth upon him, when he saw that every one that came by him stood still.

13 When he was removed out of the highway, all the men went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

14 And he went through all the tribes of Israel unto Abel, and to Beth-maacah, and all the Berites: and they gathered together, and went also after him.

15 And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maacah; and he cast up a bank against the city, and it stood in the trench: and all the people that were with Joab battered the wall, to throw it down.

16 Then cried a wise woman out of the city, “Hear, hear, say, I pray you, unto Joab, ‘Come near hither, that I may speak with thee.’”

17 And when he was come near unto her, the woman said, “Art thou Joab?” And he answered, “I am he.” Then she said unto him, “Hear the words of thine handmaid.” And he answered, “I do hear.”

18 Then she spake, saying, “They were wont to speak in old time, saying, ‘Shall they surely ask counsel at Abel?’ and so they ended the matter.

19 ‘I am one of them that are peaceable and faithful in Israel: I seek not to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of the Lord?”

20 And Joab answered and said, “Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy.

21 The matter is not so: but a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, even against David: deliver him only, and I will depart from the city.” And the woman said unto Joab, “Ach, behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall.”

22 Then the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast it out to Joab.

And he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

23 Now Joab was over all the host of Israel: and Benaiah the son of Jehoshaphat was over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites:

24 And Adoram was over the tribute; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder:

25 And Sheva was scribe: and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests:

26 And Ira also the Jairite was a chief ruler about David.
Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David enquired of the Lord. And the Lord answered, “It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites.”

And the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them; (now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah.)

Therefore David said unto the Gibeonites, “What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of the Lord?”

And the Gibeonites said unto him, “We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel.” And he said, “What shall I say, that I will do for you.”

And they answered the king, “The man that consumed us, and that devised against us, that we should be destroyed from remaining in the inheritance of Israel; he is to be put to death in the hill of the Lord, in Gibeah of Saul, whom the Lord chose from all his house.” And the king said, “He shall be put to death.”

But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the Lord’s oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.

But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth: and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite;

And he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the hill before the Lord: and they fell all seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley harvest.

And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.

And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done.

And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, which had stolen them from the street of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa:

And he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged.

And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded.
21. 19. II. SAMUEL.

19 the brother of Goliath. Omit the italics, and understand another giant of the same name as the Goliath of 1 Sam. 17.

staff. Heb. "wood", put by Fig. Metononymy (of Cause) for what was made from it. Ap. 6.

21 defied = reproached.

22. 1-23. 7 (H, p. 414). WORSHIP.

(Division.)

T I | 22. 1-51. Song of David.

T II | 23. 1-7. Last words of David.

1-51 (T I, above). SONG OF DAVID.

(Introduction and Alternation.)

T I | U | 1-2. Praise.

V | 1 | 4-7. Prayer made.

m | 4-14. Overthrow of enemies. Tempest.

V | 3 | 17-23. Prayer answered.


U | 50, 51. Praise.

1 David spake. At this point in his history (about 1018 B.C.). This song was written and edited by him later as Ps. 18, with the full liberty of all other editors of their own work.


this song. Cp. Ex. 15. Deut. 32.

2 rock. Heb. sel a - a shadow, or shelter. First occurrence.

3 The God of my rock. Sept. and Syr. read " My God was my rock." = Immovable defence (Deut. 32. 4).


rock. Heb. zor a - a cliff, in situ. Sea Ps. 18. 2; 31. 7; 42. 9; 71. 3.

4-7 (I, above). PRAYER MADE.

(Introduction.)

1 A | 1. Call for deliverance.


B | 3. Compassed by sorrows.

A | 7. Call for deliverance.

5 When, or, For.

ungodly men = Belial.

sorrows of hell = meshes of Sheol. See Ap. 35.

8-16 (m, above). OVERTHROW OF ENEMIES.

TEMPEST. (Introduction.)

m | 8. On earth. Wonders.

D | 9-10. In heaven. Fire.

E | 11. Darkness.

F | 12. Darkness.


8 The. Some codices, with Sept. and Syr., read "and the".

11 fly. Fig. Anthropopathia. Ap. 6.

was seen. Some codices, with two early printed editions, read "and darted".


12 Dark= gathering of.


16 channels. Heb. ʾaphâḵim, a watercourse, constrained by rocks or pipes or rocky channels. First occurrence. See Job 9. 13; 15. 21; 40. 18; 41. 12. Ps. 18. 16; 42. 1; 126. 4. Song 5. 12. Isa. 8. 7. Ezek. 6. 5; 31. 12; 32. 4; 34. 13; 55. 5; 36. 4. Joel 1. 20; 3. 18. See notes on these eighteen passages for the various renderings.

21. 19. And there was again a battle in ʾGob with the Philistines,

k 3 where Ethan the son of Jaare-oregin, a Beth-lehemite, slew ʾthe brother of ʾGoliath the Gittite, the ʾstaff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

20 And there was yet a battle in Gath,

k 3 where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the ʾgiants.

21 And when he ʾdefied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeaḥ the brother of David slew him.

22 These four were born to the ʾgiants in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

22 And ʾDavid spake unto ʾthe LORD the words of ʾthis song in the day that ʾthe LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

2 And he said,

1 ʾThe LORD is my ʾrock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

3 ʾThe ʾGod of my ʾrock; in Him will I trust;

He is my shield, and the horn of my salvation,

My high tower, and my refuge,

My saviour; Thou savest me from violence.

4 I will call on ʾthe LORD, Who is worthy to be praised;

So shall I be saved from mine enemies.

5 When the waves of death compassed me,

The floods of ʾungodly men made me afraid;

6 The ʾsorrows of hell compassed me about;

The snares of death prevented me;

7 In my distress I called upon ʾthe LORD,

And cried to ʾmy ʾGod;

And He did hear my voice out of His temple,

And my cry did enter into His ears.

8 Then the earth shook and trembled;

The foundations of heaven moved

And shook, because He was wroth;

9 There went up a smoke out of His nostrils,

And fire out of His mouth devour’d;

Coals were kindled by it.

10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down;

And darkness was under His feet.

11 And He rode upon a cherub, and did ʾfly:

And He ʾwas seen upon the wings of the ʾwind.

12 And He made darkness pavilions round about Him,

ʾDark waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

13 Through the brightness before Him were coals of fire kindled.
The foundations of the world were discovered.
At the rebuking of the LORD,
At the blast of the breath of His nostrils.
He sent from above, He took me;
He drew me out of many waters;
He delivered me from my strong enemy,
And from them that hated me:
For they were too strong for me.
They prevented me in the day of my calamity:
But the LORD was my stay.
He brought me forth also into a large place:
He delivered me, because He delighted in me.
The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness:
According to the cleanness of my hands hath He recompensed me.
I have kept the ways of the LORD,
And have not wickedly departed from my God.
For all His judgments were before me:
And as for His statutes, I did not depart from them.
I was also upright before Him,
And have kept myself from mine iniquity.
Therefore the LORD hath recompensed me according to my righteousness;
According to my cleanness in His eye sight.
With the merciful Thou wilt shew Thyself merciful,
And with the upright Thou wilt shew Thyself upright.
With the pure Thou wilt shew Thyself pure;
And with the froward Thou wilt shew Thyself unsavoury.
And the afflicted people Thou wilt save:
But Thine eyes are upon the haughty,
That Thou mayest bring them down.
For art my lamp, O LORD:
And the LORD will lighten my darkness.
For by Thee I have run through a troop:
By my God have I leaped over a wall.
As God, His way is perfect;
The word of the LORD is tried:
He is a buckler to all them that trust in Him.
Who is as rock, save our God?
GOD is my strength and power;
And He maketh my way perfect.
He maketh my feet like hind's feet;
And setteth me upon my high places.
He teacheth my hands to war;
So that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.
Thou hast also given me the shield of Thy salvation:
And Thy gentleness hath made me great.
Thou hast enlarged my steps under me;
So that my feet did not slip.
I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them;
And turned not again until I had consumed them.

And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise:
Yea, they are fallen under my feet.
For Thou didst gird me with strength to battle:
That I might destroy them that hate me.
They looked, but there was none to save;
Even unto the LORD, but He answered them not.
Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth,
I did stamp them as the mire of the street.
Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my People,
Thou hast kept me to be head of the heathen: 45 Strangers shall submit themselves unto me: As soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me. 46 Strangers shall fade away, And they shall be afraid out of their close places.

47 The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; And exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.

48 It is GOD That avengeth me, And That bringeth down the People under me, And That bringeth me forth from mine enemies: Thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me: Thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

50 Therefore will I give thanks unto Thee, O LORD, among the heathen, And I will sing praises unto Thy name. 51 He is the tower of salvation for His king: And sheweth mercy to His anointed, Unto David, and to his seed for evermore. 23 Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, And the man who was raised up on high, The anointed of the God of Jacob, And the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, 2 The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, 3 The God of Israel spake to me, "He that ruleth over men must be just, Ruling in the fear of God.

4 "And he shall be as the light of the morning, When the sun riseth, Even a morning without clouds; As the tender grass springing out of the earth By clear shining after rain. 5 Although my house be not so with God; Yet He hath made with me an everlasting covenant, Ordered in all things, and sure: For this is all my salvation, and all my desire, Although He make it not to grow.

5 (r1, above). THE RULER. (Introversion.)


r1 | s | 5. David's house.
| t | 5. God's covenant with David.
| j | 5. David's house.


r1 | s | For is not my house thus through God?
| t | For He hath made a covenant... sure (2 Sam. 7).
| j | For this (Covenant) is all my... desire.
| | The Covenant.
|

it = i.e. my house.
But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands:

But the man shall touch them must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear;

And they shall be utterly burned with fire in the same place.

These be the names of the mighty men whom David had:

The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same was Adino the Ezonite:

He lift up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time.

And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away:

10 And he arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword; and the LORD wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil.

11 And after him was Shammah the son of Aggee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines:

12 But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great victory.

13 And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam; and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim.

14 And David was then in a hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Beth-lehem.

15 And David longed, and said, "Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, which is by the gate!"

16 And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD.

17 And he said, "Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink thereof. These things did these three mighty men.

And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief among thirty.

And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, and slew them, and had the name among thirty.

Was he not most honourable of three? therefore he was their captain: howbeit he attained not unto the first three.

And Benaijah the son of Jehoiada, the son of Zeruiah, was chief over the Cherethites and Pelethites:

22 The LORD worked wonders in his hand. And he went down with the three hundred. And he slew two hundred and twenty persons: and he was confidence of the valiant man amongst the people of the land.

The organ of the people. There were three hundred and seventy princes, and one in thirty, and all sorts of people were in Israel; and the king dwelt in Jerusalem. Then all the land had peace throughout all the days of Solomon. And Jehovah gave him rest all the days of his life. And Solomon reigned over all Israel. And these were his princes: Reuben was chief amongst his princes, and the men of Judah were chief amongst all: he was chief amongst the two tribes, because he was chief amongst the firstborn, because Jehovah had made him to rise up. And he was a chief amongst his princes, and Zadok the son of Ahitub, chief amongst the priests. And Nathan the son of Benaiah was chief amongst the commanders, and Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, chief amongst the priests. As for the sons of Michaiah the son of Maaseiah, the son of Malchijah, the son of Micah, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahasbai, the son of Zechariah, the son of Meraioth, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, the son of Amminadab, was chief amongst the priests. As for the Levites, the chief of the fathers of the Levites was Hezro. As for the sons of Shelomith, the sons of the son of Heman, the sons of Meshullemeth, of the sons of Davida, the sons of Asaph, were chief of the singers in song of Jehovah. And Joash the son of Zadok was chief amongst the priests, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was chief amongst the captains of the people. And topology was made mighty. And the king made Solomon a chariot in the city of David: besides chariots he had four hundred. And the king made him armor and a bow; and he gave him the shield of honor and horses. And the king made an army of horsemen amongst his chariots, twenty thousand. And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem all the days of his life. And Solomon slept with his fathers. And Solomon went to lodge at the place of meeting. And the king's son Solomon was born to the queen of Sheba. And the king's servants brought all kinds of silver and gold and bronze and iron. And the king had much ivory, and brought from Egypt. And the king made ships like to those of Tyre. And the king went down to the sea at Joppa. And the king gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. And the king gave to Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. And the king gave to Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. And Hiram gave to Solomon twelve thousand pounds of iron. And the king made vessels of bronze for the house of Jehovah; the weight of the bronze was sixty talents. And the king made vessels for the house of Jehovah: the weight of the bronze was twenty talents. And the king made vessels for the house of Jehovah: the weight of the bronze was two hundred talents. And the king made vessels for the house of Jehovah: the weight of the bronze was two hundred talents. And the king made vessels for the house of Jehovah: the weight of the bronze was two hundred talents. And the king made vessels for the house of Jehovah: the weight of the bronze was two hundred talents. And the king made vessels for the house of Jehovah: the weight of the bronze was two hundred talents. And the king made vessels for the house of Jehovah: the weight of the bronze was two hundred talents. And the king made vessels for the house of Jehovah: the weight of the bronze was two hundred talents. And the king made vessels for the house of Jehovah: the weight of the bronze was two hundred talents. And the king made vessels for the house of Jehovah: the weight of the bronze was two hundred talents. And the king made vessels for the house of Jehovah: the weight of the bronze was two hundred talents. And the king made vessels for the house of Jehovah: the weight of the bronze was two hundred talents. And the king made vessels for the house of Jehovah: the weight of the bronze was two hundred talents.
24. And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel,

B a and "He moved David against them to say,

Go, number Israel and Judah."  

2 For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which was with him, "Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number ye the People, that I may know the number of the People."

b 3 And Joab said unto the king, "Now the LORD thy God add unto the People, how many soever they be an hundredfold, and that the eyes of the LORD thy God may see it: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing?"

4 Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the People of Israel.

5 And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Arber, on the right side of the city that is in the midst of the river of Gad, and toward Jazer:

6 Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahmit-hodshi; and they came to Danjaan, and about to Zidon,
7 And came to the "strong hold of Tyre, and
to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Ca-
naanites: and they "went out to the "south of
Judah, even to Beer-sheba.
8 So when they had gone through all the
land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of
nine months and twenty days.
9 And Joab gave up the sum of the number
of the People unto the king: and there were in
Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men
that drew the sword; and the "men of Judah
were five hundred thousand men.

And David's heart smote him after that he
had numbered the People. And David said
unto 'the LORD, "I have "sinned greatly in
that I have done: and now, I beseech thee,
O 'LORD, take away the "iniquity of Thy
servant; for I have done very foolishly."

For when David was up in the morning,
the word of 'the LORD came unto the prophet
Gad, David's seer, saying,
10 'Go and say unto David, 'Thus saith the
LORD, "I will set forth three things: choose thee
one of them, that I may do it unto thee."
11 So Gad came to David, and told him,
and said unto him, "Shall seven years of famine
come upon thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee
three months before thine enemies, while thou
pursue thee? or that there be three days' pesti-
ulence in thy land? now "advise, and see what
answer I shall return to Him That sent me."

12 And David said unto "Gad, "I am in
a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of
the LORD; for His "mercies are "great: and let me not fall into the hand of "man."

13 So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel
from the morning even to the "time appointed:
and there died of the People from Dan even to
Beer-sheba seventy thousand men.

14 And when the angel stretched out his
hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD
repented Him of the "evil,
and said to the angel that destroyed the People,
"It is enough: stay now thine hand."
And the angel of the LORD was by the
threshingplace of "Araunah the Jebusite.
17 And David spake unto 'the LORD when
he saw the angel that smote the People, and
said, "Lo, 2 have sinned, and 3 have done
"wickedly: but these sheep, what have they
done? let Thine hand, I pray Thee, be against
me, and against my father's house."

18 And Gad came that day to David, and
said unto him, "Go up, rear an altar unto 'the
LORD in the threshingfloor of "Araunah the
Jebusite.

19 And David, according to the saying of Gad,
went up "as 'the LORD commanded.

20 And "Araunah "looked, and saw the king
and his servants "coming on toward him: and
Araunah went out, and bowed himself before
the king on his face upon the ground.
21 And Araunah said, "Wherefore is my
lord the king come to his servant?"
22 And David said, "To buy the threshingfloor of
thee, to build an altar unto 'the LORD, that
the plague may be stayed from the people."
23 And "Araunah said unto David, "Let my
lord the king take and offer up what seemeth
good unto him: behold, here be oxen for
"burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments
and other instruments of the oxen for wood.
24 All these things did "Araunah, as a king,
give unto the king. And Araunah said unto
the king, "The LORD thy God accept thee."
25 And the king said unto "Araunah, "Nay:
but I will surely buy it of thee at a price:
neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing." So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.