1 AND 2 KINGS.
THE STRUCTURE OF THE TWO BOOKS* AS A WHOLE.

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THE KINGDOM.
(Division.)

A1 | 1 Kings 1. 1—12. 15. THE KINGDOM. UNITED.
A2 | 1 Kings 12. 16—2 Kings 25. 30. THE KINGDOM. DIVIDED.
(Covering a period of 414 years: viz. 921–477).

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1 Kings 1. 1—12. 18 (A1, above). THE KINGDOM. UNITED.
(Division.)

A1
  B1 | 1 Kings 1. 1—2. 11. DAVID.
  B2 | 1 Kings 2. 12—11. 42. SOLOMON.
  B3 | 1 Kings 12. 1—15. REHOBOAM.

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1 Kings 12. 16—2 Kings 25. 30 (A2, above). THE KINGDOM. DIVIDED.
(Introduction and Repeated Alternation.)

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1 Kings 12. 16—2 Kings 25. 30 (A2, above). THE KINGDOM. DIVIDED.

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C1 | 1 Kings 12. 16—19. THE DIVISION OF THE KINGDOM.

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  E1 | 1 Kings 12. 20—14. 20. ISRAEL (JEROBOAM I).
  F1 | 1 Kings 14. 21—15. 24. JUDAH (REHOBOAM, 14. 21–34; ABIJAM, 15. 1–8; ASA, 15. 9–24).
  F2 | 1 Kings 15. 23—22. 40. ISRAEL (NASAB, 15. 25–31; BAASHA, 15. 32—16. 7; ELAH, 16. 8–14; ZIMRI, 16. 15–20; (INTERREGNUM, 16. 21, 22); OMRI, 16. 23–28; ABAH, 16. 29–22. 40).
  F3 | 1 Kings 22. 41–50. JUDAH (JEHOSHAPHAT).
  F4 | 1 Kings 22. 51—1 Kings 8. 15. ISRAEL (AHAZIAH, 1 Kings 22. 51—2 Kings 1. 18; (ELIJAH'S Translation, 2 Kings 2. 1–25). JORAM, 2 Kings 3. 1–8. 15).
  F5 | 2 Kings 8. 16–9. 29. JUDAH (JEHORAM, 8. 16–24; AmAZIAH, 8. 25—9. 29).
  F6 | 2 Kings 9. 30—10. 36. ISRAEL (JEHU).
  E10 | 2 Kings 15. 1–7. JUDAH (UZZIAH).
  E11 | 2 Kings 15. 8–31. ISRAEL (ZACHARIAH, 15. 8–12; SHALLUM, 15. 13–16; Menahem, 15. 17–22; Pekah, 15. 23–36; Pekah, 15. 27–31).
  F9 | 2 Kings 15. 32—16. 20. JUDAH (Jotham, 15. 32–38; AHaz, 16. 1–20).
  F10 | 2 Kings 17. 1–41. ISRAEL (HOSEA).

C2 | 2 Kings 25. 1—50. THE ENDING OF THE KINGDOM.

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* For the cause of the division of the book of Kings into two books, and for their relation to the two books of Samuel, see note on page 366.
† Note the division of the eight pairs into two groups, by the events which characterise the last pair of each group.
THE FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS,
COMMONLY CALLED,
THE THIRD BOOK OF THE KINGS.

1 Now king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat.

2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, "Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat."

3 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

4 And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.

5 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, "I will be king:" and he prepared chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.

6 And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, "Why hast thou done so?" and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom.

7 And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah helped him.

8 But Zadok the priest, and Benaijah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which belonged to David, were not with Adonijah.

9 And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheth, which is by En-rogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah king's servants:

10 But Nathan the prophet, and Benaijah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

kingdom, and ends with David's last successor released from the house of his captivity. Characters of all are tested by the standard of David. old: about seventy. Cp. 2 Sam. 5, 5. gat no heat. Cp. Ps. 32, 3, 4.

2 servants: i.e. his advisers, probably medical.

virgin = damsel. Heb. 'bethbekh.'

3 coasts = borders.

1-10 (L, above). SOLOMON. WRONGFUL SUCCESSORS. (Alternation.)

B1 G1 J (p. 447) 921

-old...third. See note on p. 366. The wrong division into two books cuts up the histories of Ahaziah and Elisha.

THE STRUCTURE OF 1 AND 2 KINGS AS RELATED TO 1 AND 2 SAMUEL:

1 2 Sam. 2, 1-12. The divided kingdom.

2 1 Kings. 11-12. The divided kingdom.

3 1 Kings 12. 16-25. The United kingdom.

4 The divided kings. As compared with Chronicles, Kings and Samuel give the history from the human point of view, while Chronicles gives the same history from the Divine standpoint. The former, as man ruled the history; the latter, as God ruled it. Cp. Saul's death, 1 Sam. 31, 4, with 1 Chron. 10, 12-14; and in Kings, three verses given to Hezekiah's reformation, and in Chronicles, three chapters.

For the parallel passages in the Book of Chronicles, see Ap. 56, and note on Title of Samuel, p. 366.

1. 1-2. 11 (B1, p. 446). DAVID.

(Repealed Alternation with Introversions.)

B1 G1 J 1. David. Length of years.

K 1. 1-4. Advice of servants to David.

H L 1. 5-10. Solomon. Wrongful succession.


G3 K 2. 1-6. Advice of David to Solomon.


1 king David: occurs in 2 Sam. 6, 12, 16; 7, 18; 8, 11; 9, 5; 13, 21, 22; 16, 5, 6; 17, 15, 21; 19, 11, 16. Book begins with king David and ends with king of Babylon.


2 servants: i.e. his advisers, probably medical.

virgin = damsel. Heb. 'bethbekh'.

3 coasts = borders.
I. 11.

11 Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, "Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not?"

d 12 Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon.

d 13 Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, "Didst thou not tell, my lord the king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, ‘Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?’ Why then doth Adonijah reign?"

c 14 "Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, Zadok also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words."

O 15 And Bath-sheba went in unto the king into the chamber:

G2 and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king.

M O e 16 And Bath-sheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, "What wouldest thou?"

f 17 And she said unto him, "My lord, the king, swearest by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, ‘Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.’"

g 18 And now, Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Adonijah and all the king's sons, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called.

M O e 20 And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of the king after him.

h 21 Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that Zadok and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders."
30 Even as I sware unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, 'Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead;' even so will I certainly do this day.'

31 Then Bath-sheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, "Let my lord king David live for ever."

32 And king David said, "Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada." And they came before the king.

33 The king also said unto them, "Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon:

34 And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, 'The LORD God save king Solomon.'

35 Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and *sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah."

36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, "Amien: the LORD God of my lord the king say so too."

37 As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be He with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David."

38 So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him down to Gihon.

39 And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the *tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the People said, 'The LORD God save king Solomon.'

40 And all the People came up after him, and the People piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

41 And Adonijah and all the guests that were with him heard it as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, "Wherefore is this noise of the city being in an uproar?"

42 And while he yet spake, Behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said unto him, "Come in; for thou art a valiant man, and bringest good tidings."

43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, "Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king.

44 And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule:

45 And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have heard.

46 And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom.

47 And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, 'God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne.' And the king bowed himself upon the bed.

48 And also thus said the king, 'Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, Which hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it.'"

49 And all the guests that were with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way.

50 And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

51 And it was told Solomon, saying, "Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let king Solomon swear unto me to day that he will not slay his servant with the sword.'"

52 And Solomon said, "If he will show himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die."

53 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, "Go to thine house."
Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die;

and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

"Go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;

and let the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, and His commandments, and His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thysel\n
That the LORD may continue His word which He spake concerning me, saying, "If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee" (said He) "a man on the throne of Israel."

Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of Joab's brother, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet.

David therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace.

But shew kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so came to me to thy father, and he hid me because of Absalom thy brother.

And, "behold, thou hast with thee Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamine of Bahurim, which cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but let him come down to meet me at Jordan, and I will swear to him by the LORD, saying, 'I will not put thee to death with the sword.'

Now therefore hold him not guiltless: "(for thou art a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him); "but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with blood."

So David slept with his fathers; and was buried in the city of David.

And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father;

and his kingdom was established greatly.

And Adonijah the mother of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, "Comest thou peaceably?" And he said, "Peaceably." It pleased him not.

He said moreover, "I have somewhat to say unto thee." And she said, "Say on." And he said, "Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the LORD.


but neither, as in Ps. 38. 1, the second negative being omitted, as is frequently the case. Lit. "and [not]". See Ps. 9. 18 (R. V. nor); 88. 1 (neither); 75. 5. Prov. 24. 12; 25. 27. Isa. 13. 18. The Ellipsis must be supplied here, as it is in the above passages. The Heb. "or" is disjunctive (as well as conjunctive), and is frequently translated "or" (see note on Judg. 11. 31), and with a negative "nor" and "neither", as it should be here (Kings 2. 9). Cp. Ex. 20. 17. Num. 15. 14 (R. V.); 22. 26. Deut. 7. 25. 2 Sam. 1. 21. Ps. 26. 9. Prov. 6. 4. Solomon obeyed David's former alternative and did not "hold him guiltless" (v. 36); but punished him for a fresh offence (v. 41-44).

10 slept with his fathers. See note on Deut. 31. 16.


12 Solomon. Accession.


S | 11. 40-42. Reign. Record of events.


12 Solomon. Accession.


2. 12-11. 40 (S, above). REIGN. EVENTS. (Alteration.)

S | T | 2. -12-46. Government.

U | 3. 1. Marriage.

7. 8. 2-10. 28. Government.


2. -12-46 (T, above). GOVERNMENT. (Introversion and Repeated Alternation.)


Y | 26. 27. Deposition. Abiathar.

X1 | 33. Substitution. Benjaiah and Zadok.


V | 46. Establishment of kingdom.

14 she said. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Sept., Syr., and Vulg., add "unto him".

For Structure see next page.
16 And now ask one petition of thee, 3 deny me not.' And she said unto him, 1 Say on.'

17 And he said, 1 Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not 2 say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shunamite to wife.'

18 And Bath-sheba said, 1 Well; 3 will speak for thee unto the king.'

19 Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand.

20 Then she said, 1 3 desire one small petition of thee; I pray thee, 17 say me not, And the king said unto her, 1 Ask on, my mother: for I will not 17 say thee nay.'

21 And she said, 1 Let Abishag the Shunamite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife.'

22 And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, 1 And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunamite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.'

23 Then king Solomon sware by the Lord, saying, 3 God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life.

24 Now therefore, as 3 the Lord liveth, Which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and Who hath made me an house, 1 as He promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.'

25 And king Solomon sent by the band of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him that he died.

26 And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, 1 Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own 3 fields; for thou art 2 worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the Lord God before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.'

27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto 3 the Lord; that he might not fulfill the word of 3 the Lord, which He spake concerning the house of Eli in 3 Shiloah.

28 Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle of 3 the Lord, and cried, Go, fall upon him.'

29 And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of 3 the Lord, and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, 1 Go, fall upon him.'

30 And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of 3 the Lord, and said unto him, 1 Thus saith the king, 3 Come forth.' And he said, 1 Nay; but I will die here.' And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, 1 Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.'
3 And Solomon loved *affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the L ORD, and the wall of Jerusalem round about.

3 Only the people sacrificed *in high places, because there was no house built unto the name of the L ORD, until those days.

3 And Solomon loved the L ORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in *high places.

5 In Gibeon the L ORD appeared to Solomon in a *dream by night:

6 And Solomon *said, "The L ORD hath shewed unto Thy servant David my father great *mercy, according as he walked before Thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with Thee; and Thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that Thou hast

shalt know for certain that thou *shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon *thine own head."

38 And Shimei said unto the king, "The saying is good: *as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servants do." And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.

39 And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, "*Be hold, thy servants be in Gath."

40 And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants: and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath.

41 And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and was come again.

42 And the king sent and called for Shimei, saying, "Did I not make thee to swear by the L ORD, and protest unto thee, saying, 'Know for certain, on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, that thou shalt surely die?' and thou saidst unto me, 'The word that I have heard is good.'

43 Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the L ORD, and the commandment that I have charged thee with?"

44 The king said moreover to Shimei, "Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore *the L ORD shall return thy *wickedness upon thine own head;

45 And king Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before *the L ORD for ever."

46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; which went out, and fell upon Shimei, and killed him.

3 And Solomon loved *affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the L ORD, and the wall of Jerusalem round about.

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thine own head—thysel thyself, "head" being put by Fig. Synecdoche (of the Part) for the whole person.

See note on 2. 9.

3 Gath. Sixty-four miles away. Therefore the expression "in the day" must refer to a longer period.

44 wickedness. Heb. ra'a'. Ap. 44. viii.

3. 1 *affinity = relationship by marriage.


3. 2—10. 29 (T, p. 450). GOVERNMENT.

(Alternations, Simple and Extended, with Introversions.)

T A v 3. 2—15. First appearance of Jehovah to Solomon.

B C 3. 16—4. 34. Wisdom and riches. Two women.


G 6. 1—8. 66. Temple (part).


C | 9. 26—10. 29. Riches and wisdom. One woman (Queen of Sheba).


3. 2—15 (A, above). FIRST APPEARANCE OF J EHOVAH TO SOLOMON.

(Interversion and Alternation.)

A v 2—4. Solomon's worship at Gibeon.

w x y z a. Dream. Sleep.


v | 15—17. Dream.

v | 18—15. Solomon's worship at Jerusalem.

3 *statutes of David. Contrast the statutes of Omri (Mic. 6. 16), and "statutes of the heathen" (2 Kings 17. 8), high places. Not necessarily idolatrous (see note on v. 2, and cp. 1 Chron. 10. 6; 11. 6; 2 Chron. 1. 3, 15), though perhaps copied from Canaanites. Practice too deeply rooted for even Asa and Hezekiah to remove. Josiah it was who finally desecrated them. Anglo-Saxon = Hoes.

4 Gibeon = a high place, where the Tabernacle was. Cp. Josh. 9. 3. 2 Sam. 21. 12, offer = offer up. See Ap. 43. I. vi.

5 dream. One of the twenty in Scripture. See note on Gen. 20. 3.


6 said: i.e. in his sleep. Cp. v. 15. See note on Ps. 127. 2.

mercy = grace, or lovingkindness.

7 a little child. In his father's eyes a "wise man" (6, 9). I know not. I shall not know. Some codices, with Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "and know not," indicating the Fig. Polysyndeton here, and in the following verses.


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1. 18-29 (H, above). WISDOM. (Alternation.)

H a 16-22. Case propounded.
   b 23-25. Sentence pronounced.

8 there was no stranger. Some codices, with Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "and there was no stranger".

10 child = son.

11 overlaid. One of the ten deaths occasioned by women. See note on Judg. 4, 21.

12 spake = talked [very much]. Fig. Ellipsis (Ap. 6) to be thus supplied.

15 child = son.

16 overlaid. One of the ten deaths occasioned by women. See note on Judg. 4, 21.

17 two in the house.

18 two in the house.

19 two in the house.

20 in the morning; behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.

21 And the other woman said, "Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son." And this said, "No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son." Thus they spake before the king.

22 Then the king answered and said, "Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, "Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it."

23 Then the king answered and said, "Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof."

24 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.

4 So king Solomon was king over all Israel.

2 And these were the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok the priest,

3 Elighoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha,
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scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the host: and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests:

5 And Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan was principal officer, and the king’s friend:

6 And Ahishar was over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the tribute.

7 And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision.

8 And these are their names: The son of Hur, in mount Ephraim:

9 And the son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Sheal-bim, and Beth-shemesheh, and Elon-beth-hanan:

10 The son of Hesed, in Aruboth; to him pertained Sochoh, and all the land of Hepher:

11 The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

12 Baana the son of Ahilud; to him pertained Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shan, which is by Zarah a Beneath Jezreel, from Beth-hean to Abel-meholah, even unto the place that is beyond Jokneam:

13 The son of Geber, in Ramoth-gilead; to him pertained the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; to him also pertained the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls and brazen bars:

14 Abinadab the son of Iddo had Mahanaim:

15 Ahimaza was in Naphthali; & he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

16 Baanah the son of Hushai was in Asher and in Aloth:

17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar:

18 Shimel the son of Elah, in Benjamin:

19 Geber the son of Uri was in the country of Gilead, in the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and he was the only officer which was in the land.

20 Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.

21 And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

22 And Solomon’s provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal,

23 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallowdeers, and fatted fowl.

24 For & had dominion over all the region on this side the river, the kings from Tiphsah even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the river: and he had peace on all sides round about him.

25 And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.

3 recorder = remembrancer. Cp. 1 Chron. 18. 15.

4 And those officers provided victual for the king and Solomon, for all that came unto king Solomon’s table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing.

5 Barley also and straw for the horses and dromedaries brought they unto the place where the officers were, every man according to his charge.

6 And God gave Solomon wisdom and
4. 29. I. KINGS.

And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

30 And Solomon's wisdom exceeded much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

31 For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his name was in all nations round about.

32 And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

33 And he spake of trees, that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

34 And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

5. 1-12 (E, p. 452). CONTRACT WITH HIRAM. (Introduction and Alteration.)


i k [2-6. Timber required.

7 | 4. Payment.

i k [10-15. Timber required.

7 | 11. Payment.


1 Hiram. Born of a Jewish mother (7. 14. 2 Chron. 2. 14.).

lover = ally. Hebrews always at amity with the Phoenicians. Never with Canaanites.

3 Thou knowest. Cp. 2 Sam. 5. 11. 1 Chron. 14. 1; 22. 4.

could not. There were three reasons altogether: (1) not the time (2 Sam. 7); (2) not the opportunity (1 Kings 5, 8); (3) not the king (1 Chron. 22. 8; 28. 3, &c.).


4 adversary. Heb. sid'ôn.

8 as the LORD spake = according as Jehovah spake. Cp. 2 Sam. 7. 12, 13. 1 Chron. 17. 11, 12.


8 sent: i.e. wrote. Cp. 2 Chron. 2. 11. See note on Ex. 17. 14, and Ap. 47.

fr. Or. cypress.

9 bring them down. Note the illustration in the conversion of sinners. Cut down from nature's standing; down through the waters of death (Rom. 6. 11), before finding their place in the temple of God (Eph. 2. 20-22). Same with the stones. See note on p. 17.

10 gave = continued to give. Cp. Ps. 45. 12.

11 gave. Not the same as 2 Chron. 2. 10. That was for Hiram's workmen in Lebanon. This was for his royal household at Tyre.


pure = bruised (as in a mortar), not crushed in a press.

12 as = according as. Cp. 3. 12.

league = a covenant. For breaking which Tyre was judged later. See Amos 1. 9.

13 levy = tribute of men for free labour, not the bond-service of 9. 21, 22. Cp. 4. 6. 2 Sam. 20. 24. Foretold in 1 Sam. 8. 18. David employed forced service of resident aliens (1 Chron. 22. 2; and notes on 2 Sam. 12. 31).

11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.

12 And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as He promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

13 And king Solomon raised a levy out of
6 And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel departed out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD.

2 And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was three hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.

3 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house.

4 And for the house he made windows of narrow lights.

5 And against the wall of the house he built chambers round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made chambers round about:

6 The nethermost chamber was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad: for without in the wall of the house he made narrowed rests round about, that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the house.

7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.

8 The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.

9 So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.

10 And then he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.
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13 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel."

14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the cieling: and he overlaid them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

16 And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built them for it within, even for the oracle, even for the most holy place.

17 And the house, that is, the temple before it, was forty cubits long.

18 And the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar; there was no stone seen.

19 And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

20 And the oracle in the forepart was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold: and so covered the altar which was of cedar.

21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition by cherubims, and five cherubims, so that the wing of the one was twenty cubits long.

22 And the house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that was by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

23 And within the oracle he made two cherubims of olive tree, each ten cubits high.

24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits.

25 And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubims were of one measure and one size.

26 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub.

27 And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.

28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

29 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, within and without.

30 And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without.

31 And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive tree: the lintel and side posts were a fifth part of the wall.

32 The two doors also were of olive tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm trees.

33 So also he made for the doors of the temple posts of olive tree, a fourth part of the wall.

34 And the two doors were of fir tree: the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding.

35 And he carved thereon cherubims and palm trees and open flowers: and covered them with gold fitted upon the carved work.

36 And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams.

37 In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid, in the month Zif:

38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

7 But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.
2 He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.

3 And it was covered with cedar above upon the beams, that lay on forty five pillars, fifteen in a row.

4 And there were windows in three rows, and light was against light in three ranks.

5 And all the doors and posts were square, with the windows: and light was against light in three ranks.

6 And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and the porch was before them: and the other pillars and the thick beam were before them.

7 Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, even the porch of judgment: and it was covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other.

8 And his house where he dwelt had another court within the porch, which was of the like work.

9 Solomon made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken to wife, like unto this porch.

10 All these were of costly stones, according to the measures of hewed stones, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the outside toward the great court.

11 And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits.

12 And above were costly stones, after the measures of hewed stones, and cedars.

13 And the great court round about was with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of the LORD, and for the porch of the house.

14 For he cast two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece; and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about.

15 And he made two chapiters of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapiter was five cubits, and the height of the other chapiter was five cubits:

16 And nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the chapiters which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapiter, and seven for the other chapiter.

17 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapiters that were upon the top, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other chapiter.

18 And the chapiters that were upon the top of the pillars were of lily work in the porch, four cubits.

19 And the chapiters upon the two pillars had pomegranates also above, over against the belly which was by the network: and the
20 And he made a molten sea, ten cubits round about: the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their spokes, and their naves, and their felloes, and their spokes, were all molten.

21 And there were four undersetters to the four corners of one base: and the undersetters were of the very base itself. And in the top of the base was a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base the ledges thereof and the borders thereof were of the same.

22 And on the plates of the ledges, and on the borders thereof, be graven cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the addition of the very base itself.

23 And upon the top of the pillars was lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished.

24 And under the brim of it round about there were knops compassing it, ten cubits cast in two rows, when it was cast.

25 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the knops between the ledges: and the mouth of it within the chapiter was a cubit and half; and on the mouth of it within the chapiter were two rows of pomegranates for the porch. Then made he ten lavers of brass: one laver contained twenty baths.

26 And he made ten bases of brass; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it. And the work of the bases was on this manner: they had borders, and the borders were between the ledges:

27 And on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubims: and upon the ledges there was a base above: and beneath the lions and oxen were certain additions made of thin work.

28 And every base had four brazen wheels, and four plates of brass: and the four corners thereof had undersetters: under the laver were undersetters molten, at the side of every addition.

29 And the mouth of it within the chapiter and above was a cubit: but the mouth thereof was round after the work of the base, a cubit and an half: and also upon the mouth of it were gravings with their borders, foursquare, not round.

30 And under the borders were four wheels; and the axletrees of the wheels were joined to the base: and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit. And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their naves, and their felloes, and their spokes, were all molten.

31 And there were four and thirty undersetters to the four corners of one base: and the undersetters were of the very base itself. And in the top of the base was a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base the ledges thereof and the borders thereof were of the same.

32 And on the plates of the ledges, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the addition of the very base itself.

33 Naves = felloes. 42 upon = upon the face of. Fig. Pleonasm. Ap. 6.
44 And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea; 45 And the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, were of bright brass. 46 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarthan. 47 And Solomon made all the vessels that pertained unto the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the shewbread was. 48 And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold, 49 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the censers, and the spoons, and the vessels, and the vessels of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold, and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner house, and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple. 50 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the censers, and the spoons, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD. 51 So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in all the treasures of the house of the LORD, the silver, and the gold, and all the vessels of pure gold, 52 No marvel therefore were the priests unable to stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.
12 Then spake Solomon, 'The LORD said that He would dwell in the thick darkness.

13 I have surely built Thee an house to dwell in, a settled place for Thee to abide in for ever.'

14 And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood;) 15 And he said, 'Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, Which spake with His mouth unto David my father, and hath with His hand fulfilled it, saying, 16 'Since the day that I brought forth My People Israel out of Egypt, I chose not city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that My name might be therein; but I chose David to be over My People Israel.'

17 And it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

18 And the LORD said unto David my father, 'Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto My name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart.

19 Nevertheless shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto My name.'

20 And the LORD hath performed His word that He spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

21 And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of the LORD, which He made with our fathers, when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.

22 And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

23 And he said, 'The LORD God of Israel, there is no God like Thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, Who keepeth covenant and mercy with Thy servants that dwell in the land which Thou hast made for Thy people, after all their heart: 24 Who hast kept with Thy servant David my father what Thou promisedst him: Thou spakest also with Thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with Thine hand, as it is this day.'

25 Therefore now, the LORD God of Israel, keep with Thy servant David my father what Thou promisedst him: saying, 'There shall not fail thee a man in My sight to sit on the throne of Israel; 26 so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before Me as thou hast walked before Me.'

26 And now, O God of Israel, let Thy word, I pray Thee, be verified, which Thou spakest unto Thy servant David my father.

27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee; how much less this house that I have builded?
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30 And hearken Thou to the supplication of Thy servant, and of Thy People Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place: and when Thou hearest, forgive.

31 If any man trespass against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before Thine altar in this house:

32 Then hear Thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of Thy People Israel, and bring them again unto the land which Thou gavest unto their fathers.

33 When Thy People Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against Thee, and shall turn again to Thee, and confess Thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto Thee in this house:

34 Then hear Thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of Thy People Israel, and bring them again unto the land which Thou gavest unto their fathers.

35 When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against Thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess Thy name, and turn from their sin, when Thou afflictest them:

36 Then hear Thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of Thy servants, and of Thy People Israel, that Thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon Thy land, which Thou hast given to Thy People for an inheritance.

37 If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpiller, if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be;

38 What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all Thy People Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:

39 Then hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart Thou knowest; (for Thou, even Thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;) that they may fear Thee all the days that they live in the land which Thou gavest unto our fathers.

40 Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of Thy People Israel, but cometh out of a far country for Thy name's sake;

41 For they shall hear of Thy great name, and of Thy strong hand, and of Thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house;

42 Hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to Thee: that all people of the earth may know Thy name, to fear, as do Thy People Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have built, is called by Thy name.

43 If Thy people go out to battle against their enemies, and whithersoever Thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the LORD toward the city which Thou hast chosen, and toward the house that I have built for Thy name:

44 Then hear Thou in heaven their prayer and supplication, and maintain their cause.

45 If they sin against Thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and Thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;

46 If they sin against Thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and Thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;
47 Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and make supplication unto Thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, 'We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;'

48 And so return unto Thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto Thee toward their land, which Thou gavest unto their fathers, 'the city which Thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for Thy name:

49 Then hear Thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven Thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause,

50 And forgive Thy People that have sinned against Thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against Thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them:

51 For they be Thy People, and Thine inheritance, which Thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron:

52 That Thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of Thy servant, and unto the supplication of Thy People Israel, to hear unto them in all that they call for unto Thee.

53 For Thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, to be Thine inheritance, as Thou spakest by the hand of Moses Thy servant, when Thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O 'Lord GOD.'

54 And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto 'the Lord, he arose from before the altar of 'the Lord, from 'kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

55 And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

56 'Blessed be 'the Lord, That hath given rest unto His People Israel, according to all that He promised:

57 'The Lord our God be with 'us, as He was with our fathers: 'let Him not leave us, nor forsake us:

58 That He may incline our hearts unto Him, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and His statutes, and His judgments, which He commandeth our fathers.

59 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before 'the Lord, be nigh unto 'the Lord our God day and night, that He maintain the cause of His servant, and the cause of His people Israel 'at all times, as the matter shall require:

60 That all the people of the earth may know that 'the Lord our God, is 1 God, and that there is none else.

61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with 'the Lord our God, to walk in His statutes, and to keep His commandments, as at this day.'
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910 of 1 the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brazen altar that was before 1 the LORD was too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before 1 the LORD our 1 God, 8 seven days and seven days, even fourteen days.

66 On the eighth day he sent the People away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the good things that 1 the LORD had done 6 for David his servant, and for Israel His People.

9 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of 1 the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, 2 that 1 the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, 3 as He had appeared unto him at Gibeon.

3 And 1 the LORD said unto him, 6 I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before Me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put My name there for ever: and Mine eyes and Mine heart shall be there perpetually.

4 And if thou wilt walk before Me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, 4 and wilt keep My statutes and My judgments:

5 Then will I establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, 5 as I promised to David thy father, saying, 4 There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

6 But if 6 ye shall at all turn from following Me, 6 or your 6 children, and will not keep My commandments 4 and My statutes which I have set before you, 5 but go and serve other gods, and worship them:

7 Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for My name, will I cast out of My sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all 6 people:

8 6 And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, 4 Why hath 1 the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house?'

9 And they shall answer, 6 Because they forsook 1 the LORD their 6 God, Who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath 1 the LORD brought upon them all this "evil."

10 And it came to pass at the end of 6 twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of 1 the LORD, and the king's house,

11 (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and 6 fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not.

13 And he said, 6 "What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brother?" And he called them the land of 6 Cabul unto this day.

14 And Hiram 5 sent to the king sixscore 4 talents of gold.

15 And this is the 6 reason of the 6 levy which
18 And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the nether, and Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired of the Tebusites, which were of the children of Israel, to build for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired of his horsemen. These were the chief of the officers that were over Solomon’s work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the People that did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto him.

23 These were the chief of the officers that were over Solomon’s work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the People that did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto him.

26 And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Eziongeber, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom.

27 And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, who went with him to Ezion-geber, unto Elath, the Lord gave him the香料海港 Elat, the Red sea, in the land of Edom.

28 And they came to Ophir, and fetched four hundred and twenty talents of gold, from Ophir, and brought it to king Solomon.

29 And the queen of Sheba came to prove him with hard questions. Sheba, a queen of Sheba, who came to Solomon with a gift of 1,260 talents of gold, and a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she came to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. Sheba, a queen of the kingdom of Sheba, who came to Solomon with a gift of 1,260 talents of gold, and a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she came to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

30 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not.
and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

6 And she said to the king, "It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.

7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity excedeeth the fame which I heard.

8 Happy art thou, O king, happy art these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.

9 Blessed be the LORD thy God, Which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel ever, therefore made He thee king, to do judgment and justice.

10 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as she brought,

11 And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones.

12 And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen unto this day.

13 And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, and her servants.

14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold,

15 Beside that he had of the merchantmen, and of the traffic of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country.

16 And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of gold went to one target.

17 And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold: three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

18 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.

19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round behind: and there were stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays.

20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom.

21 And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold: none was of silver: it was not accounted of in the days of Solomon.

22 For the king had at sea a navy of Tarshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tarshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.

24 And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

25 And [of] every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

26 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.

27 And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore trees that are in the vale, for abundance.
28 And Solomon had 7 horses brought out of Egypt, and 7 linen yarn:
the king’s merchants received 7 the linen yarn at a price.
29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the 7 kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out 7 by their means.

11 But king Solomon loved many 4 strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;
2 Of the nations concerning which 7 the LORD said unto the 7 children of Israel, 7 Ye shall not go in unto them, neither shall 7 they come in unto you: 7 for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods. 7 Solomon clave unto that in love.
3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was 7 not perfect with 7 the LORD his 7 God, 7 as was the heart of David his father.
4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was 7 not perfect with 7 the LORD his 7 God, 7 as was the heart of David his father.
5 For Solomon went after 7 Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after 7 Moloch the 7 abomination of the Ammonites.
6 And Solomon did 7 evil in the sight of 7 the LORD, and went not fully after 7 the LORD, 7 as 7 did David his father.
7 Then did Solomon build an high place for 7 Chemosh, the 7 abomination of Moab, in 7 the hill that 7 is before Jerusalem, and for 7 Molech, the 7 abomination of the 7 children of Ammon.
8 And likewise did he for all his 7 strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

9 And 7 the LORD was 7 angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from 7 the LORD 7 God of Israel, Which had appeared unto him 7 twice,
10 And 7 had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which 7 the LORD 7 commanded.

11 Wherefore 7 the LORD said unto Solomon, 7 Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded thee, 7 I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it out of the hand of thy son.
12 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father’s sake: 7 but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.
13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; 7 but will give one tribe to thy son for David My servant’s sake, and for Jerusalem’s sake which I have chosen.

14 And 7 the LORD stirred up 7 an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: 7 he was of the king’s seed in Edom,
15 For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom;

16 (For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom;)

17 That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad being yet a little child.

18 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.

19 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that Rezon the son of Eliadab, which fled from Israel, had clad himself with a new garment, and was over a hundred men, and had joined them in Zobah, 

20 And had subdued Syria, and the Philistines, and the Arabians, and Hamath, and Ammon, and have not walked in My ways, to keep My statutes and My judgments, as all included the continued existence of the Divine purpose.

21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that Rezon the son of Eliadab, which fled from Israel, had clad himself with a new garment, and was over a hundred men, and had joined them in Zobah, 

22 Then Pharaoh said unto him, "But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country?" And he answered, "Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise." 

23 And God stirred him up another adversary, Sezon the son of Eliaah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:

24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew Abimelech of Zobah: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

26 Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman, even he lifted up his hand against the king.

27 And this was the cause that he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.

28 And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph.

29 And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet "Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the vineyard; and he had clad himself with a new garment: and they two were alone in the field:

30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces:

31 And he said to Jeroboam, "Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, 

32 ("But he shall have one tribe for My servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:) 

33 Because that they have forsaken Me, and have worshipped Ashethore, the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in My ways, to do that which is right in Mine eyes, and to keep My statutes and My judgments, as did David his father.

34 Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David My servant's sake, who I chose, because he kept My commandments and My statutes:

35 But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes.

36 And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David My servant may have a light always before Me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen Me to put My name there.

37 And I will take thine, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.

Israel. Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:

15 it came to pass, &c. Cp. 2 Sam. 8. 3-12.

27 Millo = the Millo. See note on 9. 16.


29 Ahijah. He afterwards rebuked Jeroboam (14. 6-16).


31 Behold. Fig. Asterisms. Ap. 6.

33 Ashtoreth. Chemosh. See notes on vv. 5 and 7.

35 I will take. Fulfilled in 12. 16-20.


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38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in My ways, and do that is right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as David My servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.  
39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.  
40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam.  
41 And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.  
42 And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are not written in the book of the acts of Solomon.  
43 And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years.  

12. 1-15 (B3, p. 446). REHOBOAM.  

(B3) z | 1. Rehoboam. Accession to kingdom.  
   | d | 5. Dismissal.  
   | b | 6-11. Answer considered.  
   | a | d | 12. Return.  
   | z | 15. Rehoboam. Rending of kingdom.  

1 Rechem. A national sanctuary (Josh. 24. 1). Now Nablous, corruption of Neapolis, the (New town) of Vespasian. The site of Abraham's first altar. Jacob's first home. Here the tribes met. Here Joseph was buried. All this before Jehus became Jerusalem. Hence the envy of Ephraim for Judah (Isa. 11. 13). Degraded by new name, Sychar = drunkenness (Isa. 16. 1-7). Yet here alone in all the world is the Paschal lamb still slain.  
2 for. Note the Fig. Parenthesis. Ap. 6.  
3 congregation = assembly.  
4 made our yoke grievous. Made by Jeroboam himself owning to the opportunity afforded by Solomon's action (11. 26).  
5 And he said unto them, "Depart yet for three days, then come again to me." And the People departed.  
6 And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, "How do ye advise me to answer this People?"  
7 And they spake unto him, saying, "If thou wilt be a servant unto this People this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever."  
8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him:  
9 And he said unto them, "What counsel give ye that we may answer this People, who have spoken to me, saying, 'Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter?""  
10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, "Thou shalt thou speak unto this People that speak unto thee, saying, 'Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us;" thus shalt thou say unto them, "My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.  
11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.""  
12 So Jeroboam and all the People came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, "Come to me again the third day."  
13 And the king answered the People roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;  
14 And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.""  
15 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the People; for the cause was from the LORD, that He might perform His saying, which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.  
16 So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, "As thy servant Jeroboam our father said unto us, 'Ye are a unreasonable people; and so the LORD hath dealt with you, as this day.'  

38 if thou wilt hearken. Same conditions as in 9. 4.  
39 not for ever. Thus confirming the prophecy of Gen. 48. 10, which refers to the tribal pre-eminence of Judah (not national existence), which was preserved till fulfilled in Christ, when David's line ended in Him.  
40 Egypt. This explains much. He must have thought of Joseph's exaltation, and the blessing pronounced on Ephraim (Gen. 48. 18-20; 49. 22-26); and by Moses (Deut. 33. 13-17). It explains also the origin of the "golden calves" (12. 28).  
42 forty years: 920-880 a.C.  

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18 What portion . . . ? Fig. Erotisis. Ap. 6.  
19 the son of Jesse. Used in contempt. Cp. 1 Sam. 16. 14; 20. 31; 22. 7, 8, 9; 25. 10.  2 Sam. 20. 1.

17 But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.  
18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.  
19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called b him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

21 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

22 But the word of God came unto Shemariah the man of God, saying,  
23 Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the People, saying,  
24 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. There they hearkened not to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penueul.

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:  
27 If this People go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this People turn again unto their Lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.  
29 And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan.

27 If this People. His apostasy was wilful, designed, and deliberate.

12. 28-33 (O1, above). JEROBOAM. EXPEDIENTS. (Division.)  
O1 g1 28-30. Idolatry. The two calves.  
O2 g2 31-33. Idolatry. The high places.

28 took counsel: but not of Jehovah (Isa. 30. 1).  
29 one in Beth-el: was consecrated by Josiah (2 Kings 23. 15).  
In Dan. See note on Gen. 49. 17. Carried away by Tiglath-pileser (2 Kings 15. 29). The sons of Jonathan, the grandson of Moses (see note on Judg. 18. 30), were ready to act as priests.
13 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the Lord unto Beth-el: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

2 And he cried against the altar in the word of the Lord, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the Lord; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.

3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the Lord hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.

4 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Beth-el, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the Lord.

6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the Lord thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the Lord, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.

7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.

8 And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

9 For so was it charged me by the word of the Lord, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.

10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.

12 And their father said unto them, What way went ye? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon.

14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am. Then he said unto him, "Come home with me, and eat bread."

15 And he said, "I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place: For it was said to me by the word of the Lord.

16 And he said, "What way went ye?" For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

17 And he said unto his sons, "Saddle me the ass." So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon. And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, "Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah?" And he said, "I am." Then he said unto him, "Come home with me, and eat bread."

18 And he said, "What way went ye?" For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

19 And he said unto his sons, "Saddle me the ass." So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon. And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, "Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah?" And he said, "I am." Then he said unto him, "Come home with me, and eat bread."

20 And he said, "What way went ye?" For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

21 And he said unto his sons, "Saddle me the ass." So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon. And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, "Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah?" And he said, "I am." Then he said unto him, "Come home with me, and eat bread."

22 And he said, "What way went ye?" For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

23 And he said unto his sons, "Saddle me the ass." So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon. And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, "Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah?" And he said, "I am." Then he said unto him, "Come home with me, and eat bread."

24 And he said, "What way went ye?" For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

25 And he said unto his sons, "Saddle me the ass." So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon. And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, "Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah?" And he said, "I am." Then he said unto him, "Come home with me, and eat bread."

26 And he said, "What way went ye?" For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

27 And he said unto his sons, "Saddle me the ass." So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon. And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, "Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah?" And he said, "I am." Then he said unto him, "Come home with me, and eat bread."

28 And he said, "What way went ye?" For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

29 And he said unto his sons, "Saddle me the ass." So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon. And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, "Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah?" And he said, "I am." Then he said unto him, "Come home with me, and eat bread."

30 And this thing became a sin: for the People went to worship before the one, even unto Dan.

31 And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the People, which were not of the sons of Levi.

32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. (So did he in Beth-el) sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed priests of the lowest of the People, which were not of the sons of Levi, over them to offer incense upon the calves that he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

33 of his own heart. Heb. text reads "by himself".

Some codices, with three early printed editions, Aram, Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read as A.V. Man-made feasts go with man-made priests (v. 31).

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LORD, 'Thou shalt not eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.'

18 He said unto him, "I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water.'" But he lied unto him.

19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

1 But it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:

2 And he cried unto the man of God, saying, "Behold, I bring back from the way - heard a lion met him, and he became sin unto the house of God: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which He spake unto him."

3 And he spake to his sons, saying, "Saddle me the ass." And they saddled him.

4 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way: and the lion had not eaten the carcase, but the lion also stood by the carcase.

5 And when he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, "to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

6 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had not eaten the carcase, but the lion also stood by the carcase.

7 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

8 And when the prophet that brought him back heard thereof, he said, "Surely the 1 man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD; therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which He spake unto him."

9 And he spake to his sons, saying, "Saddle me the ass." And they saddled him.

10 And he went and found the carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass.

11 And the prophet took up the carcase of the 1 man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

12 And he laid his carcase in his own 2 grave; and they mourned over him, saying, "Alas, my brother!"

13 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, "When I die, I will be buried in the burying-place in the sepulchre whereof I am buried; lay my bones beside his bones:

14 For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Beth-el, and against all the houses of the high places which were in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

15 After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the People priests of the high places: who-
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thing of thee for her son; for if is sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself to be another woman.

6 And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, 'Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself to be another? for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings.

7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Forasmuch as I exalted thee above all the children of Israel, and have made thee prince over My People Israel,

8 And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and moreover I will rent the kingdom from off the house of the seed of Jeroboam; and will cut off from Israel him that dieth in the grave; and the dogs shall eat: and him that dieth in the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

9 For the LORD will not do good thing toward his heart, to do it.

10 Moreover the LORD shall raise Him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: 'but what? 'even now.

11 Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath spoken it.'

12 Arise therefore, get thee to thine own house: and when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

13 And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him; for only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is found some good thing toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

14 Moreover the LORD shall raise Him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: "but what? "even now.

15 For the LORD shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and He shall root up Israel out of this good land, which He gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river: because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger.

16 And He shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.

17 And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: and when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died;

18 And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, which He spake by the hand of His servant Ahijah the prophet.

19 And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years; and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

21 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD did choose out of all the tribes of Israel.
22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their idols, which they had made, above all that their fathers had done. 23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree. 24 And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations which the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

25 And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:

26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king’s house; he even took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made. 27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brazen shields, and committed them unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king’s house. 28 And it was so, when the king went into the house of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.

29 Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.

31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother’s name was Naamah an Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.

15 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah.

2 Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.

4 Nevertheless for David’s sake did the LORD his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:

5 Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

6 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

7 Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

8 And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead.

9 And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah.

10 And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

11 And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father.

12 And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

13 And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from being queen, because she had...
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made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt it by the brook Kidron.

14 But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa’s heart was perfect with the LORD all his days.

15 And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, silver, and gold, and vessels.

16 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

17 And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king’s house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

19 “There is a league between me and thee, and between my father and thy father: ‘behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.”

20 So Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the host which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maacah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard thereof, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

22 Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none was exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

23 The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, “are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?” Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years.

26 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

27 And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon.

28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead.

29 And it came to pass, when he reigned, that he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any “that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto the saying of the LORD, which He spake by His servant Ahijah the Shilonite:

30 Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD, 3 God of Israel to anger.

31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
15. 32.

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15. 32–16. 7 (Q', p. 475). BAASHA.

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15. 32 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years.

34 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

16 Then the word of the LORD came to J ehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,

2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the house of Jeroboam, and placed thee upon his throne; and forasmuch as ISab, saying,

20 And the People were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

24 And the People that were encamped heard say, "Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king:"

25 wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.

26 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.

27 And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house with fire, and died.

28 For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin.

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16. 20.

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20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, "are not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?"

21 Then were the People of Israel divided into two parts: half of the People followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

22 But the People that followed Omri prevailed against the People that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

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23 In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years: ("six years reigned he in Tirzah.")

24 And he built the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, "owner of the hill, Samaria."

25 But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all that were before him.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his "sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, "are not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?"

28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

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29 And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel:

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and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.

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30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him.

31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel, daughter of a regicide and fratricide (Josephus c. Apion 1. 18, Ant. viii. 3, 1), priest of the Phoenician goddess Astarte.

32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

33 And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

34 In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in ABRAM his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which He spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

17 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, "As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before Whom I stand, there shall not be dew..."
I. KINGS.

17. 1—19. 21 (V 1, p. 477). THE DROUGHT.

And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

1 "Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

2 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

3 And it shall be, that shouldest drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there."'

4 He went hence to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwelt there: "behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to feed thee."'

5 And when he came to the gate of the city, there gathered two sticks, that he might gather them, and go, and burn them: and he gathered them, and did as the LORD had said. He gathered them and did as the LORD had said.

6 And all the raven brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

7 And it was eat up, and he called to her, and said, "Bring me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." He called to her, and said, "Bring me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink."

8 And she said, "As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die." And she said, "As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

9 And there was a widow of Sarepta of Zidon. And she said, "As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

10 So she arose and went to Zarephath. So she arose and went to Zarephath.

11 And when he came to the gate of the city, "behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said," Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." And when he came to the gate of the city, he called to her, and said, "Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink."

12 And she said, "As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die." And she said, "As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

13 And Elijah said unto her, "Fear not: go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. And for thus saith the LORD, 'The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.'" And Elijah said unto her, "Fear not: go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. And for thus saith the LORD, 'The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.'"

14 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and did eat many days: And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and did eat many days.

15 And she went and did according to the word of the LORD, which He spake by Elijah. And she went and did according to the word of the LORD, which He spake by Elijah.

16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which He spake by Elijah. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which He spake by Elijah.

17 And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

18 And she said unto Elijah, "What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my son to remembrance, and to slay him?" And she said unto Elijah, "What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my son to remembrance, and to slay him?"

19 And he said unto her, "Give me thy son." And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where she abode, and laid him upon his own bed. And he said unto her, "Give me thy son." And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where she abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

20 And he cried unto the LORD, and said, "O LORD my God, hast Thou also brought death upon the widow's son?" And he cried unto the LORD, and said, "O LORD my God, hast Thou also brought death upon the widow's son?"
And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, “Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.”

And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And there was a sore famine in Samaria.

And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly:

For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took a hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

And Ahab said unto Obadiah, “Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts.”

So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, “Art thou that in whom I am put my trust, when I said, ‘I have put my trust in the living God, who liveth for ever’?”

And he answered him, “I am a man of God, and I am put with my trust in the living God.”

And he said, “What have I sinned, that thou wouldst deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?”

As the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, ‘He is not there,’ he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.

And now if thou sayest, ‘Go, tell thy lord, ‘Behold, Elijah is here,’”

And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the LORD shall not labour upon me any more, and I will not be come to thee again: but when I shall come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear I the LORD from my youth.

Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of I the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD’S prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

And now if thou sayest, ‘Go, tell thy lord, ‘Behold, Elijah is here,’”

And he shall say me,”

And Elijah said, “As I the LORD of hosts liveth, before Whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to day.”

So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him:

And Ahab went to meet Elijah.
18. 17.

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17 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?"

18 And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table."

20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, "How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him." And the People answered him not a word.

22 Then said Elijah unto the People, "Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under; and ye shall call on the name of your gods, and they will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under:

23 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD; and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God."

24 And the People answered, "The word is good unto the people."

25 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, "Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under."

26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, "O Baal, hear us." But there was no voice, nor any that answered.

27 And it came to pass, when midday was, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

30 And Elijah said unto all the People, "Come near unto me." And all the People came near unto him.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, "Israel shall be thy name:"
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36 Israel, not Jacob. See note on Gen. 32. 28.
37 Then the fire of the Lord fell. Aram. and Sept. read "Then fire from Jehovah fell". See note on Gen. 4. 4. "Fire of Jehovah" occurs only here and Num. 11. 3. and. Note the Fig. Polysemydon. Ap. 6.
38 Israel, Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.
39 The Lord, &c. Fig. Epiceneus. Ap. 6.
40 Take = seize, lay hold of.
42 hand. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause), Ap. 6, for power put forth.
43 servant = young man.
44 Ahab. 
46 hand. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause), Ap. 6, for power put forth.

18. 41-46 (p. 479). PROMISE OF RAIN. FULL-FILLED. (Alternation and Introversions.)

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B | r | 41-46. Command. To Ahab.
| s | 41. Reason.
| J | K | t | 42-. Obedience of Ahab.
| u | 43. Elijah. Ascent of Carmel.
| H | r | 44-. Command. To servant.
| s | 44. Reason.
| J | K | t | 45-. Obedience of Ahab.
| u | 46. Elijah. Run to Jezeel.
| L | 45-46. Rain. Fall of.
| K | t | 46-47. Obedience of Ahab.
| u | 46-47. Elijah. Run to Jezeel.

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2 And Elijah said unto Ahab, "Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain."

7 And Ahab went up to eat and to drink.

1 And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he "cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,"

3 And said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." And he went up, and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And he said, "Go again seven times."

44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, "Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand."

5 And he said, "Go up, say unto Ahab, 'Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.'"

1 And Ahab rode, and went to Jezeel.

3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers."

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, he beheld, then an Angel touched him, and said unto him, "Arise and eat." And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake taken on the coals, and a "cruse of
10 And he said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, thrown down Thine altars, and slain Thy prophets with the sword; and yet, even I, am left; and there are left Thy word in my mouth."

M2 10 And he said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, thrown down Thine altars, and slain Thy prophets with the sword; and yet, even I, am left; and there are left Thy word in my mouth."

N3 x 11 And he said, "Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD."

y And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, "What doest thou here, Elijah?"

M3 14 And he said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, thrown down Thine altars, and slain Thy prophets with the sword; and yet, even I, am left; and there are left Thy word in my mouth."

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15 And the LORD said unto him, "Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus:" a

and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

Pb1 17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay:

and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

b2 18 Yet, "I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him."

OZ 19 So he departed thence,

a and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was:

head = bolster, or pillow.

9 forty. The number of Probation. See Ap. 10.

Horeb. About 180 miles.


9 lodged = passed the night.

What...? Fig. Anthropopathia (Ap. 6), as though He did not know.

10 the LORD God of hosts. First occurrence of this title. See Ap. 4 = Jehovah Elohim סֶבֶבָדָת. It occurs in 2 Sam. 5. 10, but in narrative, not address. "The LORD (Jehovah) God (Elohim) of hosts" occurs only here in Kings and Chronicles. Often in Psalms. 59. 5; 69. 4;

80. 4, 19; 84. 8; 89. 8. In Esa. 10. 23, 24; 22. 6, 13, 14, 16;

28. 22. Jer. 2. 19; 5. 14; 15. 16; 35. 17; 49. 5; 50. 25, 31.

Hos. 12. 5. Amos 5. 15. After the return from captivity "LORD of hosts" occurs fourteen times in Haggai; about fifty in Zechariah; and twenty-five in Malachi. But "LORD God of hosts" is not found in those books.

children = sons. thrown, &c. Quoted in Rom.11.3, 6.

altars. There were lay altars (local) for customary individual offerings by laymen, as well as at Jerusalem. These had no horns.


11 Go forth. Sept. adds "to-morrow."


13 wrapped: as Moses at the bush (Ex. 3. 6). said. Some codices, with Syr, add "unto him". Cp. 6. 9.


P b1 17. Prophecy. b2 18. History.


15 on thy way = to thy way: i.e. out of which he had deviated.

anoint: i.e. cause to be anointed. Cp. 2 Kings 9. 1-7.

16 son of Nimshi. Son put by Fig. Metonymy (of Subject). Ap. 6, for grandson or descendant (9 Kings 9, 2). Elisha = El = my GOD [is] salvation.

17 the sword. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause). Ap. 6, for judgments inflicted by it. Cp. 2 Kings 9 and 10. The first prophecy given to Elijah.

Elisha slay: i.e. declare should be slain. Heb. idiom. See Jer. 1. 10. Hos. 6. 5.

18 I have left, &c. Rom. 11. 4.

bowed. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct). Ap. 6, for kissed. f worshipping. Cp. Hos. 3. 12.


20 what have I done...? Fig. Erodhēs (Ap. 6), or "what is the meaning of what I did?"

21 instruments = implements. Cp. 2 Sam. 24. 22.
20 And Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and there were 33 and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, "Thus saith Ben-hadad, 3 Thy silver and thy gold is mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine."

4 And the king of Israel answered and said, "My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I am thine, and all that I have." 5 And the messengers came again, and said, "Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, "Although I have sent unto thee, saying, 'Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children; 6 Yet I will send my servants unto thee to morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, that whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put in their hand, and take it away.'"

7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, "Mark, I pray you, and hear how this word is: 8 And all the elders and all the People said unto him, "Hearken not unto him, nor consent." 9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Ben-hadad, "Tell my lord the king, 'All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do.'" And the messengers departed, and brought him word again.

10 And Ben-hadad sent unto him, and said, "The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the Lord deliver not thee into mine hand." 11 And the king of Israel answered and said, "Tell him, "Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off.""

12 And it came to pass, when Ben-hadad heard this word, as he was drinking, he and the kings in their pavilions, that he said unto his servants, "Set yourselves in array," And they set themselves in array against the city.

13 And behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, "Thus saith the Lord, "Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that 3 am the Lord." 14 And Ahab said, "By whom?" And he said, "Thus saith the Lord, "Even by the young men of the princes of the provinces." Then he said, "Who shall order the battle?" And he answered, "Put ye the men." 15 Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were hundred and thirty two: and after them he numbered all the People, even all the children of Israel, being seven thousand.

16 And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him. 17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, "There are more men come out of Samaria." 18 And he said, "Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive."

19 So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them. 20 And they slew every one his man: and the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on an horse with the horsemen. 21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

22 And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, "Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee."
23 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, "Their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.

24 And do this thing, Take the kings away, every twenty man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms:

25 And number thee an army, like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against you in the plain.

26 And so the children of Israel numbered themselves, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel.

27 And they numbered the Syrians, ten thousand, and the children of Israel, thirty thousand.

28 And the children of Israel said unto the king of Israel, and said, "Thus saith the LORD, 'Because the Syrians have said, 'God of the hills, but I am not God of the valleys,' therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.'"

29 And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And on the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel smote the Syrians, so that they were numbered, and were all present, and went against them:

30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and there a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the people of Israel that were there. And Ben-hadad fled, and came to the city, into an inner chamber.

31 And his servants said unto him, "Behold, now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: and peradventure he will save thy life.

32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes upon their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, "Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, 'I pray thee, let me live.'" And he said, "Is he yet alive? is he my brother."

33 Now the seven men did diligently observe whether any thing would come from him, and did hastily catch it: and they said, "Thy brother Ben-hadad."

Then he said, "Go ye, bring him." Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

34 And Ben-hadad said unto him, "The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, 'as my father made in Samaria.'" Then said Ahab, "I will send thee away with this covenant." So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour in the word of the LORD, "Smite me, I pray thee." And the man refused to smite him.

36 Then said he unto him, "Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, 31 behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee." And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him.

37 Then he found another man, and said, "Smite me, I pray thee." And the man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded him.

38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the word of the LORD.

39 And as thy servant was busy here and there, and was gone."

And the king of Israel said unto him, "So shalt thou judge me; thyself hast decided it.

40 And he hasted, and took the thirty talents away from his face: and the king of Israel discerned that he was of the prophets.

42 And he said unto him, "Thus saith the LORD, 'Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a 20 man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy 31 life shall go for his 31 life, and thy people for his people.'"

43 And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.
21 And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in *Jezer, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2 And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, "Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.

3 And Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee."

4 And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, "I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers."

5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, "Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?"

6 And he said unto her, "Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, 'Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it.' and he answered, 'I will not give thee my vineyard."

7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, 2× Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: 3 and will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, 4 and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth 5 on high among the People:

10 And set 6 two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, 'Thou didst 7 blaspheme God and the king.' And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die."

11 And the 8 men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did 9 as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth 10 on high among the People.

13 And there came in two of men, 11 children of Belial, and sat before him: and the 12 men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the People, saying, "Naboth did 13 blaspheme God and the king." Then they carried him forth out of the city, and 14 stoned him with stones, that he died.

15 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth is stoned, and is dead."

16 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, 15 "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead."

17 And the word of the 16 LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, "Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.

18 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, 'Thus saith the LORD, 'Hast thou 17 killed, and also taken possession?' And thou shalt speak unto him, saying,
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20 And Ahab said to Elijah, "Hast thou found me, O mine enemy?" And he answered, "I have found thee, because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD." 

21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, 

22 And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked Me to anger, and "made Israel to sin." 

23 And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, "The dogs shall eat Jezebel "by the wall of Jezreel." 

24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city shall dogs lick the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick his blood, even from "his living bones." 

25 But there was "none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. 

26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all that did the Amorites, whom "the LORD cast out before the children of Israel." 

27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he "rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly. 

28 And the word of "the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 

29 "Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before Me? because he humbleth himself before Me, I will not bring the "evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the "evil upon his house." 

22 And they continued 'three years without war between Syria and Israel. 

2 And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah 'came down to the king of Israel. 

3 And the king of Israel said unto his servants, "Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we be still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?" 

4 And he said unto Jehoshaphat, "Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead?" And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "I am among thine art, my People as thy People, my horses as thy horses." 

5 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, "Enquire, I pray thee, of the "word of the LORD to day." 

The Structure (p. 485) places the member ("it") which did sell himself to work evil upon his days will I bring the evil of that unto Ahab. Out of twenty bad kings Ahab was the worst. Cp. 16. 30, 33. 

wickedness. Same word as the "evil." (v. 20). 


27 rent his clothes. His repentance was outward, not real. 

went softly : i.e. humbly. 

29 Seest thou ... ? Fig. Erotesis. Ap. 6. 

not bring. So the judgment on Solomon was postponed (11. 12) for his father's sake. 

22. 1-38 (U. p. 477). PUBLIC EVENTS. WAR WITH SYRIA. 

(Repeated Alternation and Interversion.) 

21 V1 1, 2. Ahab. Visited by Jehoshaphat. 

W1 r1 | 3, 4. Ramoth-gilead. Plan of Ahab. 

\[\text{v. } \text{r1 | 5-28. Jehoshaphat's unenesses.} \] 


\[\text{v2 | 30. Ahab's exqu.} \] 


\[\text{v2 | 32. Jehoshaphat's danger.} \] 


\[\text{v3 | 37, 38. Ahab's death.} \] 

1 three years. Probably reckoned from the peace of 20. 34. During this time Jehoshaphat "strengthened himself against Israel " (2 Chron. 17. 1): not mentioned here because esoteric. See note on title of 1 Kings. 

2 came down. In every sense of the word; and this after 2 Chron. 17. 1. First was the matrimonial alliance (2 Chron. 18. 1), cp. 2 Kings 8. 18; and then the military alliance (v. 4 and 2 Chron. 18. 3). No mention here of the former, which was the secret cause that led up to it. Both fatal. Compare the commercial alliance of Jehoshaphat in 2 Chron. 20. 35-37, and the experience gained by Jehoshaphat in ch. 22. 48, 49. 

3 And the king of Israel. Note the Fig. Anadiplosis (Ap. 6) with v. 2. 

Ramoth. One of the Cities of Refuge. 

ours. Given by Jehov. Therefore presumably a "good work" to take it. But "good works" are "prepared works " (Eph. 2. 10), and this was not so prepared. See 2 Chron. 19. 1, 2. 

Syria. Probably taken in former war (U. 16-20. 24, p. 477) by Ben-hadad I from Omri, which his son Ben-hadad II agreed to restore. 

5-28 (v. above). JEHOOSHAPHAT'S UNEASESS. 

(Interversion and Repeated Alternation.) 

X1 t1 | 5. Jehoshaphat. 

\[\text{u1 | 6. Ahab.} \] 

\[\text{u2 | 7. Jehoshaphat.} \] 

8 | 9. Ahab. 

\[\text{u3 | 10. Jehoshaphat.} \] 

\[\text{u3 | 11-12. Ahab.} \] 


\[\text{x2 | 14. Micaiah. To messenger.} \] 

X2 v2 | 15. Micaiah. 

\[\text{w1 | 16. The king.} \] 

\[\text{w2 | 17. Micaiah.} \] 

\[\text{w2 | 18. The king.} \] 

w3 | 19-25. Micaiah. 

w3 | 26, 27. The king. 

w4 | 28. Micaiah. 

Thus saith the LORD. "In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even (1)int. "

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

6 prophets: i.e. Ahab's false prophets. men. Heb. 'ish.
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said, "Go up; for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king."

And Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?"

And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil." And Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say so."

Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, "Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imlah."

And the king of Israel sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, "Thus saith the LORD, 'With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou hast consumed them.'"

And the king said unto him, "Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear?"

And he answered him, "Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king's hand."

And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, "Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good."

And Micaiah said, "As the LORD liveth, I pray thee, let not the king say that which is evil with me."

And he answered him, "Hasten thou to speak unto him, that he may hear it."

And the king said unto him, "How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of the LORD?"

And he said, "I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, 'These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.'"

And the king said unto him, "Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?"

And he said, "Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by Him on His right hand and on His left.

And the LORD said, 'Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, 'I will persuade him.'

And Micaiah said, "If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me." And he said, "Hearken, O People, every one of you."

And Micaiah said, "If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me."

And the king said, "Hearken, O People, every one of you."

And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, "Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son.

And he said, "Thus saith the king, 'Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.'"

And Micaiah said, "If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me." And he said, "Hearken, O People, every one of you."

And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes." And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle.

This to the world of affliction, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the Lord said, 'These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.'
32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, “Surely it is the king of Israel.” And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat cried out.

33 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

34 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, “Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.”

35 And the battle increased that day: and the battle was stayed up in his chariot against the king of Israel.

36 And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, “Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.”

37 So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.

38 And one washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armour; according unto the word of the Lord which He spake.

39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the houses of Israel?

40 So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

41 And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.

42 Jehoshaphat was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the Lord: nevertheless the high places were not taken away; for the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

46 And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land. 47 There was then no king in Edom: a deputy was king.

48 Jehoshaphat made ships of Tharshish.
Then Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick; and he sent messengers, and said unto them, "Go, enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease."

But the Angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, 'Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron?"

Now therefore thus saith the Lord, 'Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but 'shalt surely die.' And Elijah departed.

And they said unto him, "There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, 'Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, 'Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that thou sendest to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but 'shalt surely die.'"

And he said unto them, "What manner of man was he which came up to meet you, and told you these words?"

He was an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins." And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, "Behold, he sat on the top of an hill. And he spake unto him, "Thou 'man of God, the king hath said, 'Come down.'"

And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, "If 'thou see me, 'thou shalt not see me." And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, "O 'man of God, thus hath the king said, 'Come down quickly.'"

And Elijah answered and said unto them, "If 'thou see me, 'thou shalt not see me." And the 'fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty."