I AND 2 SAMUEL.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE TWO BOOKS* AS A WHOLE.

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THE WHOLE.

(Division.)

A1 | 1 Sam. 1. 1 — 7. 17. RULE UNDER THE JUDGES.

A2 | 1 Sam. 8. 1 — 2 Sam. 24. 25. RULE UNDER THE KINGS.

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

(Division.)

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

B2 | 2 Sam. 2. 1 — 24. 25. KING DAVID.

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

(Division.)

B2 | C1 | 2 Sam. 2. 1 — 4. 12. KINGDOM DIVIDED.

C2 | 2 Sam. 5. 1 — 24. 25. KINGDOM UNITED.

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* It is necessary that the two books should be treated as one; because, in the Hebrew Canon (as given in the MSS. and early printed editions of the Hebrew text) the two are, and always have been, presented and reckoned as one book. They were first divided, and treated as two, by the Septuagint Translators (cent. 3 A.C.). And this division has been followed in all subsequent versions. Probably, scrolls were more or less equal in length; and, as Greek requires at least one-third more space than Hebrew, one scroll was filled before the translation of the one long book of fifty-five chapters was completed. Hence, the poor division. Of the thirty-four Sedarim (or cycles for public reading), the twentieth begins with 1 Sam. 30. 25 and ends with 2 Sam. 2. 6, showing no break in the text.

The same applies to the two so-called Books of Kings; for Kings also made a long book of forty-seven chapters, and came to be divided in the same way, the first being numbered respectively the "First, Second, Third, and Fourth Book of the Kingdoms" 1; and, in the Vulgate, "of the Kings". In no Hebrew MS. or early printed edition is the book found divided into two. The thirty-five divisions, called Sedarim, are numbered throughout without regard to any division; the nineteenth beginning with 1 Kings 22. 43 and ending with 2 Kings 2. 14. This division must have been governed by the exigencies of the parchment, or the break would not have been made in the midst of the reign of Ahaziah and the ministry of Elijah.

The one book, Chronicles, consisting of sixty-five chapters, came under the same treatment. There are twenty-five Sedarim (or cycles for public reading), of which the eleventh begins with 1 Chron. 28. 18 and ends with 2 Chron. 2. 7, showing no break in the text. For the division of the book Ezra-Nehemiah, see notes on p. 616.

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

X | Y | 2 Sam. 2. 1 — 4. 12. The Divided Kingdom.

Z | 2 Sam. 5. 1 — 24. 25. The United Kingdom.

1 | Kings 1. 1 — 12. 15. The United Kingdom.

Y | 1 Kings 12. 16 — 2 Kings 25. 38. The Divided Kingdom.
1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of mount Ephrath, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite:
2 and he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah:
3 and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.
4 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh.

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And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD were there.
5 But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb.
6 And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb.
7 And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, there it was year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, until she had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by the post of the temple of the LORD.

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the Fig. Antimetabole. Ap. 6. children =offspring. Heb. yldad. yearly. Heb. "from day to day". Fig. Synecdoche (of Part). Ap. 6, to emphasise the regularity. the LORD of hosts =Jehovah Sabaoth, one of the Jehovah-titles. The first of 281 occurrences. Denotes the God of Israel as the Lord of all the hosts of heaven and earth. See Ap. 4. II. This title specially characterises this book. Shiloh. Where the Tabernacle and Ark were. Josh. 18. 1; 19. 51; 22. 9. Judg. 18. 31. the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

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

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E | 1. 4-7. Hannah and her adversary.
F a | 1. 8-10. Prayer offered.
  | b | 1. 11. Vow made.
F a | 1. 12-20. Prayer answered.
  | b | 1. 21-25. Vow fulfilled.

4 time =day. Punctuality thus emphasised. 5 worthy =double. 8 why...? Fig. Erotesis. Ap. 6. Cp. John 20. 13, 15. better... than ten sons. Probably a Paronomasia (Ap. 6). It is so to day among the Arabs: such a woman being called moonejeb =ennobled. 9 a seat =the seat. First occurrence. Cp. Zech. 6. 13. a post =door post, or side post. the temple =palace. Heb. heykbal. Seven mentioned in Scripture: (1) The Tabernacle, 1 Sam. 1. 3; (2) Solomon's, 1 Kings 6. 5, 17; (3) Zerubbabel's, Ezra 4. 1, 2; (4) Herod's, John 2. 20; (5) The future one of 2 Thess. 2. 4; (6) The millennial temple of Ezek. 41. 1; and (7) the heavenly temple of Rev. 21. 3, 22. Also seven references to believers as a temple in N. T.: 1 Cor. 3. 9-17; 6. 19. 2 Cor. 6. 16. Eph. 2. 20, 21. Heb. 3. 6. 1 Pet. 2. 5; 4. 17.
10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

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

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

And she said, "Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight."

So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.

And she rose up in the morning early, and bare him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD at Shiloh: and the child was young.

And Eli said unto her, "In the morning come hither, and enquire for the child; and it shall come to pass, when the mother shall have made an engraving, that thy heart shall be comforted, and the Lord shall give thee thy petition."

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

And Elkanah her husband said unto her, "Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou hast weaned the child; and then I will bring him unto the house of the LORD, as he liveth."

And she said, "Let a ass be given me to carry the child, and when I come to my house, then I will give him unto the woman of the house.

And it came to pass, after that she had weaned Samuel, that she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and an ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young.

And Eli blessed her, saying, "Go in peace; and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition which thou hast asked of Him."

So she said, "Let a bottle be given me, that I may drink to the child, and let me go." And it was so, that when she had given him the bottle of milk, she came to the man.

And he answered and said, "Go in peace; and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition which thou hast asked of Him.

And she said, "Let the LORD add unto the offspring of thy house a hundred times more than this also; and let my son be named after him." And Samuel took end and was given to him.

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

But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, "I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him hither, to the house of the Lord, and he shall abide there forever." And Elkanah her husband said unto her, "Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou hast weaned him; only the Lord establish His word." So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and an ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the Lord at Shiloh: and the child was young.

And she said, "Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the Lord."
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2  There is none so holy as the Lord: For there is none beside Thee: Neither is there any rock like our God.

3  Talk no more so exceeding proudly; Let not arrogancy come out of your mouth:

   For the Lord is a God of knowledge, And by Him actions are weighed.

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

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

6  The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: He bringeth down, and lifteth up. And the priests' custom with the people was, that when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;

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

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

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

13  And the priests' custom with the people was, that when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;

14  And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

15  Also before they burnt the fat, the priests' servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, "Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have "sodden flesh of thee, but raw, w." And if any man said unto him, "Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth;" then he would answer him, "Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force."

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

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

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

20  And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, "Go in peace: the Lord hath answered your petition."
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said, "The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD." And they went unto their own home.

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21 And the LORD visited Hannah, that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters.

And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

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22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

23 And he said unto them, "Why do ye such things? for I hear the noise of your evil dealings by all this people.

24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD’S People to transgress.

25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him?" Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

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26 And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.

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27 And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, "Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?

28 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon Mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before Me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

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29 Wherefore kick ye at My sacrifice and at Mine offering, which I have commanded in My habitation; and honourest thy sons above Me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel My People?"

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30 Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, 'I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before Me for ever: ...

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31 But now the LORD saith, 'Be it far from Me; for them that honour Me I will honour, and they that despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.

32 Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.

33 And thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever.

34 And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from Mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age.

35 And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them.

36 And I will raise Me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in Mine heart and in My mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before Me anointed for ever.

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

3 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.
And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down to sleep; that he could not " see; and the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the house of Israel and the house of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep; and the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, "Here am I."

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

And the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. And I have spoken concerning his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the third iniquity of his house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever."

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

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

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

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

And he said, "Is it not the LORD? let Him do what seemeth Him good."
2 And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

3 And when the People were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, 'Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines?' Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these are the plagues in the wilderness.

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, 'What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth between the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.'

5 And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel 'shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

And the ark of the covenant of the LORD was among the children of Israel.

8 And when the ark of the Lord came into the camp, all Israel 'shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

9 And the ark of the LORD came into the camp, and when all Israel saw it, they shouted: and the earth rang again.

10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten: and every man fled one to his tent.

11 And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

12 And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the city, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head.

13 And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God.

14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, 'What meaneth the noise of this tumult?'

15 Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see. And the man said unto Eli, 'I am he that came out of the army, and fled from the enemy.' And he said, 'What is there done, my son?'

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

17 And the Philistines pursued after Saul and his sons; and the Philistines smote Jonathan and Abinadab, and Joash.

18 And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And his son Josiah was born to him in his old age.

19 And there came a youth, and ran over a boy, that he fell forward upon his head, and the youth set on his mouth, and he died, because that the youth was not strong enough to hold him.

20 And when the Philistines heard the noise of their car straight teaching: and when they saw the ark, they said, 'Who hath done this thing?'

21 And the man said, 'What is this done to the ark of the Lord? and wherefore have ye not brought him forth?'

22 And they said, 'Are ye also come up to us to battle? ye hath not brought up the ark of God to fight with us? therefore shall we not fight against you. Take us away, we beseech thee, and let us send back the ark of God.'

23 And the Philistines said, 'Who is able to stand before the ark of the Lord, and live?' And there ran a youth and fetched the ark of God.

24 And it was told David, and he gathered all Israel together to Hebron, and said, 'I will go to the ark of God, to my father's house, and will repair it.'

25 And all the people of Israel were called together from Dan even to Beer-sheba, gathered themselves together as the sand upon the sea shore for multitude. And they were grieved.
5 And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Eben-ezer unto Ashdod.

2 When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

3 And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of God. And they set Dagon in his place again.

4 And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of God; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him.

5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day.

6 But the hand of the Lord was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and He destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof.

7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, "The ark of the Lord God of Israel shall not abide with us: for His hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god." Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, "They have brought about the ark of the Lord God of Israel about thither.

9 And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the Lord was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and He destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof.

10 Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, "They have brought about the ark of the Lord God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people." Therefore they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, "Send away the ark of the Lord God of Israel, and let it go again to its own place, that it slay not us and our people:" for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

11 And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods; and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

b 6 And the ark of the Lord was in the country of the Philistines seven months.

K M e g 2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, "What shall we do to the ark of the Lord? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place."

h 3 And they said, "If ye send away the ark of the Lord, send it not empty; but in any wise return Him a trespass offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why His hand is not removed from you."

5. 1-7. 2 (H. p. 372). ARK IN CAPTIVITY TO PHILISTINES. (Introduction and Alteration.)

H J a | 5. 1-3. Captivity in Philistia.

b | 6. 1. Duration. Seven months.


L | 6. 17, 18. Lords of Philistines.


b | 7. 2. Duration. Twenty years.

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

a c | 1. From Eben-ezer to Ashdod.


e | 7-8. From Ashdod to Gath.


1 Dagon = great fish.

2 the morrow. Sept. adds "and entered into the house of Dagon, they looked and beheld, and were smitten with emerods." Therefore they sent the ark of God, and let it slay not us and our people." From Gen. 10:14.

3 only ... Dagon. The hands and feet being gone, only Dagon (the fish part) remained.

6 hand. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause), Ap. 6, for the judgments inflicted by it.


8 lords - princes. See note on Josh. 13:3.


Eben-ezer. Cp. 4. 1; 7. 12.


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6. 2-18 (K, above). REMOVAL TO BETH-SHEMESH. (Alteration.)

K M | 2-12. Dismissal of Ark.


M | 15-16. Lords of Philistines returning.

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

M e | 2-8. Consultation of Philistines.


f | 12-17. Test applied.

2-8 (e, above). CONSULTATION OF PHILISTINES. (Alteration.)

g | 2. Questions. What? Wherewith?

h | 3. Answer. Trespass offering.

4 g. Question. What?


4 emerods. See note on 3, 6; i.e. models of them in gold of which, modern "votive offerings" are the lineal descendants. Cp. v. 5.

lords. See note on Josh. 13:3.

4 Then said they, "What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to Him?"

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

5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods and images of your mice that mar the
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5 hand. See note on 5. v.
6 as—according as.
7 a new cart. This was done in ignorance of God's requirement (Num. 4. 15; 7. 9; 10. 21). They could not have complied with the Law, even if they had known it; hence, no judgment fell on them. But contrast David's 'new cart,' and see note on 2 Sam. 6. 3.
9 it: i.e. the 'ark,' which is massive; not the 'cart,' which is fun.
10 the Lord. See note on Gen. 26. 28.
11 Ashdod one. See note on Gen. 10. 14.
19 fifty thousand and threescore and ten men—50,070. This number being out of all proportion to the size of Beth-shemesh, has led to various readings. Some codices omit 50,000. The Syr. and Arabic versions read 'five' instead of fifty. Josephus reads 'seventy.' The Heb. text reads 'seventy men two fifties and one thousand' = 70 + 100 + 1,000 = 1,170.
14 offered = offered up. Ap. 43. I. vi.
15 sacrificed sacrifices = made great sacrifices.
17 Askelon one. See note on Gen. 10. 14.
20 Who?... Fig. Erotidas. Ap. 6. holy. See note on Ex. 3. 2. he—it: i.e. the ark. See note on v. 8.
Abinabad. Some codices, with one early printed edition, Aram., Sept., and Syr., add 'which is.' in the hill. Or, in Gibeah.
7. 2-6 [For Structure see next page].

2 time was long. Ark remained with Philistines seven months (6. 1); sent from Ekron to Kirjath-jearim in 1040, and remained there twenty years (ch. 7). From the capture (in 1040) to its entry into Zion (in 950) was eighty-nine years (2 Sam. 7. 17), because they had looked into the ark of the Lord, even He smote of the People fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the Lord had smitten many of the People with a great slaughter.

20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God? and to whom shall he go up from us?'

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

7 And the men of Kirjath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of the Lord, and brought it into the house of Abinabad; and the ark remained there in the house of Abinabad seven years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the Lord.

And the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years:

And ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel; peradventure He will lighten His hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when He had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?

7 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and shut up their calves at home from them:

8 And take the ark of the Lord, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return Him for a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go.

9 And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Beth-shemesh, then we have done this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not His hand that smote us; it was a chance that happened to us.'

10 And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home:

11 And they laid the ark of the Lord upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their gods, and the golden emerods.

12 And the kine went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Beth-shemesh.

13 And they of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it.

14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Beth-shemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt offering unto the Lord.

15 And the Levites took down the ark of the Lord, and the coffer that was with it, wherein were the jewels of gold and the images of their gods, and offered burnt offerings and sacrifices the same day unto the Lord.

16 And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day.

17 And these are the golden emerods which the Philistines returned for a trespass offering unto the Lord; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one:

18 And the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the great stone of Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the Lord: which stone remaineth unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Beth-shemite.

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

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

5 And Samuel said, "Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD."

6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, "We have sinned against the LORD."

7 And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the LORD, and Samuel cried unto the LORD, for He was troubled at the presence of the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

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

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

10 And Samuel said, "All the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, "We have sinned against the LORD.""

11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Beth-car.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: they were judges in Beer-sheba.

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

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

5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now
8. 5.

I. SAMUEL.

1 Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphishah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power.

2 And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.

3 And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost.

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

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leave caring for the asses, and take thought for us.

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And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honor of the man, all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thereto; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go.

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

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

9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.)

10 Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go.

11 And as the servant went up the hill to the city, he met young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here?

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

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

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

15 Now the Lord had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying,

16 To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be captain over My People Israel, that he may save My People out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon My People, because their cry is come unto Me.

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

18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is.

19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, "Am not I his seer? go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thine heart.

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9. 8-10. (q 7 , p. 376). SERVANT'S ADVICE.

(q 7 s)

t 7. Objection.

s 8. The man of God. Statement.

t 10. Assent.

6 Behold. Fig. Asterisms. Ap. 6.

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

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

24 And the cook took up the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul.

25 And Samuel said, "Behold that which is left! set it before thee, and eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, 'I have invited the People.'" So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

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

27 And they arose early: and it came to pass, when they were come down from the high place with a bottle of wine, that Samuel said, "I have shew thee what thou shalt do." And Saul arose, and Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, and another carrying a bottle of wine: and it shall come to pass, when thou art departed from me to day, and another carrying three kids, of their hands.

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

9 And after that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines; and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet three men going up to God to Bethel, one carrying a bottle of wine, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine; and they shall prophesy:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And Saul's uncle said, "Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you."

And Saul said unto his uncle, "He told us plainly that the asses were found." But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

And Samuel called the People together unto the LORD to Mizpeh.

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

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

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

And when Had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

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

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

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

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

Then Samuel told the People the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the Lord.

And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.

But the children of Belial said, "How shall this man save us?" And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace.

Then Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against Jabesh-gilead:

and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, "Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee."

18 children = sons.

Thou saith the Lord. This rehearsal is to show that they had sinned, although He was giving a king. Their sin was not in asking, but in forestalling Jehovah's already expressed purpose to give them a king (see Deut. 17, 18 and cp. Gen. 49, 10).

Nay. Some codices, with one early printed edition, Sept., Syr., and Vulg., have this word in the text before the Lord = before Jehovah: i.e. in Mizpah, p. 17.

26 was taken: i.e. by lot, by the Urim and Thummim. See note on Ex. 29, 30.


enquired: i.e. by the High Priest. No priest mentioned between chapters 4 and 14, a period of forty years.


See ...? Fig. Eρωτήσαι. Op. 6.

God save the king. Heb. Let the king live. An idiom which includes the desire that he might have everything that makes life worth living, including also eternal life.

wrote it in a book. Heb. the book = viz. the book kept before the Lord; even the scriptures of truth. See Ex. 17, 14 and Ap. 47.

touched = moved.

How ...? Fig. Eρωτήσαι. Op. 6.

he held his peace = he was as one that was deaf.

Aggression of Nahash. (Repeated Alteration.)

S Saul: 1. Aggression of Nahash.


b2 2. Ultimatum of Nahash.


b4 5-9. Ultimatum of Nahash.


b6 11. Defeat of Nahash.

The men. Heb. 'enosh. Op. 14, II. Those who had not obeyed the summons of Judg. 21. s were extinguished, and their daughters given to remnant of Benjamin. This gave them a claim on Saul, who was a Benjamite.
2 And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, 

"On this condition will I make "a covenant" with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproach upon all Israel." 

3 And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, 

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 And the People said unto Samuel, "Who is he that said, 'Shall Saul reign over us? Bring the men, that we may put them to death.'" 

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

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

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

12 And Samuel said unto all Israel, "Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you. 

2 And now, behold, the king walketh before you:

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

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

seven days. A very short respite. 

coasts = borders. 

man to save us = saviour. 

5 behold. Fig. Asterismos. 


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

messengers = the messengers. 


with one consent. Heb. as one man. Heb. ʾirš. 

8 children = sons. 


9 help = salvation, or deliverance. 

11 host = camp. 

11-12. 25 (q. p. 375). INauguration of Kingdom. (Division.) 


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

For emphasis. See Ap. 43. I. iv.

12. 1-25 (Df, above). PEOPLE ADDRESSED. (Introversions and Alterations.) 

Df | El | c1 | 1, 2-3. The king presented. Desired. 

c2 | e | 4-5. Samuel's future action. 

c3 | f | 6-12. Remonstrance. 

c4 | g | 13. The king presented. Given. 

c5 | h | 14. 15. The king presented. Conditions. 

c6 | i | 16-22. Remonstrance. 


c8 | k | 24-25. The king presented. Conditions. 

1 Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6. 


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


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

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

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

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

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

7 Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the Lord of all the right-
10 And they cried unto the LORD, and said, "We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD our God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king."

22 For the LORD will not forsake His people for His great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you His People.

23 Moreover as for me, 1 God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:

24 Only fear 2 the LORD, and serve 3 Him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things He hath done for you.

25 But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king."
3. I. SAMUEL.

13. 3. Is. 13. 22.

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

5 thirty thousand ... six, &c. Multiples of six.


distressed = pressed: i.e. into Saul's service.

7 the Hebrews went over. Fig. Paronomasia (Ap. 6). 'thebrom 'abra. upon the mouth.

8 had appointed. Some codices, with three early printed editions, Aram. and Sept., read "saw it". Some codices read "appointed".

9 offered = offered up. See Ap. 43. I. vi.

10 behold. Fig. Astrosis. Ap. 6.

salute = bless.

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

a = the.

13 thou hast not. Some codices, with three early printed editions, and Vulg. read "saw it" and "had". Some codices, with Sept. and Syr., read "because thou hast".


own heart = his own pleasure. Cp. Ps. 89. 20, 21.

captain = leader, or representative.

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


16 Gibeah. Probably the Geba of v. 3.

19 no smith. This explains why Ehud had to make his own dagger (Judg. 3. 16); why Shamgar had only an ox-goad (Judg. 3. 31); why Samson "had nothing in his hand" (Judg. 14. 19); and why "not a shield or spear among 40,000 in Israel" (Judg. 5. 19). In other days we read of how many "drew sword", the Hebrews went over. Fig. Paronomasia (Ap. 6). Gilgal, and the rest of the people went up after Saul to meet the army when they arrived from Gilgal"; the eye of the scribe going back to this last "Gilgal" instead of to the one in v. 15, present = found.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, "Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few." And his armourbearer said unto him, "Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart."

7 Then said Jonathan, "Behold, I will pass over unto these men, and we will discover ourselves unto them. If they say thus unto us, 'Tarry until we come to you;' then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them. But if they say thus, 'Come up unto us;' then we will go up: for the LORD hath delivered them into our hand: and this shall be a sign unto us."

8 And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, "Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves." And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armourbearer, and said, "Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing." And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, "Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel."

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

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

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

12 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down one another.

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

14 And Saul said unto Ahiah, "Bring hither..."
20 And Saul and all the People that were with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And the People were faint.

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

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

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

and the People were very faint.

18 the ark of God. The word rendered "bring" (nigash) inappropriate for the Ark, which was at Kirjath-jearim (Judg. 20. 27, and cp. 2 Sam. 6. 11; 15. 24). The Sept. reads "the ephod, for he bare the ephod at that time before Israel". Cp. v. 3. The context shows that inquiry of the Lord by Urim and Thummim was in Saul's mind. See v. 18 and note on Ezra 2. 60, and cp. 1 Sam. 8. 6, 8; 20. 7, 8, where the same word is used for "bring".


19 talked: i.e. concerning the inquiry proposed.

Withdraw: i.e. from the ephod = Stop! hand. Some codices, with three early printed editions, and Sept., read "hands".

14. 20-23 (M. p. 888). SAUL'S SUCCESS.

(Alternation.)

| M | 20.-- Assemble. |
| p | 21, 22. Assemble. |
| p | 23. Salvation of Israel. |

20 assembled themselves = were assembled (by proclamation).

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

22 mount = hill country of.

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

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

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

24-46 (L. p. 388). JONATHAN'S SIN.

(Alternation.)

| L | q | 24-35. Sin committed. |
| r | 36-. Pursuit proposed by Saul. |
| q | 36-45. Sin discovered. |
| r | 46. Pursuit abandoned by Saul. |

24-35 (q. above). SIN COMMITTED.

(Division.)

| q | N1 | 24-35. By Jonathan. |
| N2 | 31-35. By the people. |

24-30 (N1, above). BY JONATHAN.

(Alternation.)

N2 | s | 24-26. The people distressed. |
| t | 27, 28-. Jonathan ignorant. |
| s | 28. The people faint. |
| t | 29, 30. Jonathan troubled. |

24 food. Heb. "bread", put by Fig. Symeodoche (of Species), Ap. 6, for all kinds of food.

25 the ground. Heb. "the face (i.e. surface) of the ground". Fig. Pleonasm. Ap. 6.

26 behold. Fig. Asterismos.

27 an honeycomb. The Heb. ya'ar never means honeycomb, but "a wood": It is rendered "forest" thirty-eight times, "wood" nineteen times, "honeycomb" only here and Song 5. 1. It points to a dense growing wood or thicket; and it has been suggested that it was the cannabis indica, or hemp plant, producing the Eastern intoxicant hathish. This would produce dull the senses. Song 5. 1 would read "I have eaten my cannabis with my honey".

The Sept. and Vulg. did not understand either passage, and the latter misled with "honeycomb" (fasum).

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

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

31-35 [For Structure see next page].
32 And the People flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground: and the People did eat them with the blood.

33 Then they told Saul, saying, 26 Behold, the People sin against the LORD in that they eat with the blood. And he said, "Ye have transgressed:

roll a great stone unto me o this day."

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

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

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

Then said the priest, "Let us draw near hither unto the LORD." 37 And Saul asked counsel of the LORD, "Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt Thou deliver them into the hand of Israel?" But he answered him not that day.

38 And Saul said, "Draw ye near hither, all the People of Israel. I will do so, and if the lot shall declare this give, I pray Thee, to Thine enemies, and give Israel, give, I pray, holiness (i.e. Thummim, a perfect lot)."

The Heb. (unpointed) thumim (perfect) would thus have been Thummim. 41 Therefore Saul said unto the LORD God of Israel, "Give a perfect lot." And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the People escaped.

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

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what thou hast done." And Jonathan told him, and said, "I did but taste a little honey in mine hand, and, 'lo, I must die."

44 And Saul answered, "God do so and more also: for thou hast surely died, Jonathan."

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

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

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

48 And he gathered an host, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them. 49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchi-shua: and the names of his two daughters were these; the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the youngest Michal:

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

and the name of the captain of his host was Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle. 51 And "Kish was the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel. 52 And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul..."
15. 1-35 (G, p. 381). WAR WITH AMALEKITES.

Interversion and extended Alternation.

G | c | 1. Saul’s call by Samuel.
   | d | 2. Amalekites’ crime against Israel.
   | e | 3. Command to smite Amalek.
   | b | 4. Saul’s army.
   | a | 5. Saul’s strategy.
   | 6. Saul’s call to the Kenites.
   | d | 6. The Kenites’ kindness to Israel.
   | e | 7-35. Disobedience of Saul.

2. the LORD of hosts. See note on 1. 5.
5. Now go. See codices, with Aram., Sept., and Vulg.; read “now therefore go”.
7. utterly destroy. =devote to destruction.
11. Kenites. Said to be the same as the Rechabites.
12. Go. depart. Note the Fig. Asyndeton in v. 6.
13. children = sons.

14. 7-35 (c, above). DISOBEDIENCE OF SAUL.

Alternation and Intversion.

P | 7-9. Saul’s sin.
   | f | 10, 11-. Repentance of Jehovah.
   | g | 11. Sorrow of Samuel.
   | h | 12, 13-. Journey to Saul.
   | O | 1-33. Saul’s reproof.
   | P | 24, 35-. Departure from Saul.
   | g | 36-. Sorrow of Samuel.
   | f | 35. Repentance of Jehovah.

7. from. Supply Fig. Ellipsis (Ap. 6) thus: “[that dwell] from Havilah,” &c.
8. and. Note the Fig. Polysyndeton (Ap. 6) in this verse.
9. every thing that was vile = all the stock that was worthless.
10. It repenteth Me. Fig. Anthropopatheia. Ap. 6.
11. behold. Fig. Astereismos. Ap. 6.
12. place. Heb. a hand. Either to mark his claim to the place, or a monument, as in 2 Sam. 18. 18.
13. I have performed. See v. 11.

15. 1-33 (O, above). SAUL’S REPROOF.

Division.

Q | Q1 | 13-31. By Samuel’s word.
   | Q2 | 32, 33. By Samuel’s action.

14. 1-31 (Q1, above). BY SAMUEL’S WORD.

Alternations and Intversions.

Q | R1 | i | 1-33. Saul’s self-commendation.
   | k1 | 14. Samuel’s condemnation.
   | S1 | 16-19. Message from Jehovah.
   | R2 | i | 20, 21. Saul’s self-justification.
   | k2 | 22, 23. Samuel’s refutation.
   | f | 24-25. Saul’s confession.
   | S2 | 26-29. Sentence of Jehovah.
   | R3 | i | 30. Saul’s confession and request.
   | k3 | 31-. Samuel’s compliance.
   | s | 31-. Saul’s worship.


16. Then Samuel said unto Saul, “Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night.” And he said unto him, “Say on.”
17. And Samuel said, “When the Lord was little"
And he laid hold upon the skirt of Saul; 

But Saul said, "I have sinned, O LORD, because I feared the people, and have done as they said, and have brought Agag the king of the Amalekites, and offered sacrifices unto the God in Gilgal.

Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned: for I have disobeyed the voice of the LORD, and thy words, because I feared the people, and have done as they said.

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

And Saul turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.

And Saul said to Samuel, "Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites." And Samuel said, "As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women." And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

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

3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and 3 will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto Me him whom I name unto thee,"

4 And Samuel did that which 'the Lord spake, and came to 6 Beth-lehem, and the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, "Comest thou peaceably?"

5 And he said, "Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the Lord: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified 6 Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

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

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

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

9 Then Jesse made 6 Shammah to pass by. And he said, "Neither hath 'the Lord chosen this."

10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, 4 "The Lord hath not chosen these."

11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, 4 "Are here all thy children?" And he said, "There remaineth yet the youngest, and, 6 behold, he keepeth the sheep." And Samuel said unto Jesse, 4 "Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither."

12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, 6 and withal of a beautiful countenance, and 6 goodly to look to. And 'the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him: for this is he."

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and 6 anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and 'the Spirit of 'the Lord came upon 6 David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

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

15 And Saul's servants said unto him, 4 " Behold now, an "evil spirit from 'God troubleth thee.

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

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

18 Then answered one of the "servants, and said, 4 "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, that is 6 cunning in playing, and a "mighty valiant 16 man, and a 4 man of war, and prudent in "matters, and a comely person, and 'the Lord is with him."

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

20 And Jesse took an "ass laden with bread, and a 6 bottle of 6 wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul.
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21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.
22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight."

And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from the Lord was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

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

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

And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them.

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

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

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

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

And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may prevale in the battle in array?

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

Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul.
17. 13. I. SAMUEL.

13 And the three eldest sons of Jesse went and followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.

14 And David was the youngest:

and the three eldest followed Saul.

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

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

17 And Jesse said unto David his son, “Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren;

18 And carry these ten cheeses unto the keeper of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab’s anger was kindled against David, and he said, “Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? 3 know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.”

29 And David said, “What have I now done? Is there not a cause?”

17. 12 31 (A, p. 389). DAVID’S MISSION.

(Alternation and Introversion.)

C | v | 13–15. The army.

13–15 (v, above). THE ARMY.

(Alternation)

v x | 13. The eldest three.
| y | 14, David.
| z | 15. David.

14 was = xz was [was].

18 forty. The number significant of probation.

17, 18, Command.

19–22. MESSAGE OF JESSE.

(Alternation and Interruption.)

B | z1 | 17, 18. Command.
| z2 | 19–22. Obedience.

17, 18 their pledge: i.e. a token from them of their welfare – a message or letter, or a lock of hair. Cp. Gen. 37, 13, 14, 32, 23.

20 as = according as.

fight = place of battle.

22 carriage = baggage: i.e. goods carried.

23 behold. Fig. Asterisk. Ap. 6.

armies = ranks.


were sore afraid = feared exceedingly. Cp. v. 11.

25–31 (v, above). THE ARMY.

(Alternation and Interruption.)

v a | 25. The king’s reward.
| e | 27. People. Answer.
| c | 28. Eliab’s reproach of David.
| e | 29. David’s reply to Eliab.
| b d | 30, David. Inquiry.
| e | 31. People. Answer.
| a | 32. The king’s mission.

| c | 29. David’s reply to Eliab.
| c | 31. People. Answer.

26 and. Note the Fig. Polysyndeton. Ap. 6.


defy = reproach.


30 manner = word.

31 Let no man’s heart fail. Sept. reads “Let not the heart of my lord fail”.


30 And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner:

and the people answered him again after the former manner.

31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him.

32 And David said to Saul, “Let no man’s heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.”

33 And Saul said to David, “Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and art a man of war from his youth.”
And David said unto Saul, "Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; and he drew near to the Philistine.

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And David said moreover, "The Lord has delivered me out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all that hate me, for He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said unto David, "Go, and the Lord be with thee."

And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; and he drew near to the Philistine.

And I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.
54 And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

55 And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, "Abner, whose son is this youth?"

And Abner said, "As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell."

56 And the king said, "Inquire whose son art thou young man?"

And David answered, "I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."
18. 16. I. SAMUEL.

16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

17 And Saul said to David, "Behold my elder daughter Merab, [let] will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight "the LORD's battles." For Saul said, "Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him."

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

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

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

21 And Saul said, "I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife.

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

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

24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, "On this manner spake David."

25 And Saul said, "Thou shalt say to him, 'Thou shalt this day be my son in law in the one of the twain.'"

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

27 Wherefore David arose and went, [he] and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred [men]; and David brought their foreskins, and [they] gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife; only be thou my son in law in Israel, that I should be son in law to the king?"

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

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

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

18. 17-27 (F, p. 392). MACHINATIONS AGAINST DAVID. (Division.)

F m3 | 17-18. By means of Michal.

m2 | 20-27. By means of Michal.

17 Behold. Fig. Asteriskos. Ap. 6.

valiant. Heb. son of valour.


2 Sam. 11. 15.

19 was given = had (already) been given. This is the key to 20, 30.


30 after = whenever; or, as often as.

19. 1-7 (F, p. 392). AGGRESSIONS AGAINST DAVID. (Repeated Alternation.)

F n1 | 1. Saul and David. Resolve to kill David.

n2 | 2-3. David and Jonathan.

o1 | 4-6. Saul and Jonathan.

o2 | 7-7. Saul and David. Reconciliation.

2 until =in, or against.

3 what I see, &c. = I shall see what [he replies] and shall tell thee". Fig. Ellipsis. Ap. 6.

4 sin. Heb. chatt. Ap. 44. i.


19. 9-20. 1- [For Structure see next page].

9 evil. See note on 16. 16.


therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself:

3 And Jonathan will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and Jonathan will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee."

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

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

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

7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

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

9 And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as [he] sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand.
19. 10.

I. SAMUEL.

10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin;
but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall:
and David fled, and escaped that night.

11 Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning:
and Michal David's wife told him, saying, "If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.

12 So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.

13 And Michal took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth.

14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David,
she said "My soul is sick.

15 And Michal answered Saul, "She said unto me, 'Let me go: why should I kill thee?'

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

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

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

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

20 And Saul sent messengers to take David:
and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

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

And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied also.

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

23 And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah:

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

20 And David fled from Naioth in Ramah,
and came and said before Jonathan, "What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?"
### DAVID'S EXPEDIENTS (Repeated and Extended Alteration.)

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| 2 And he said unto him, "God forbid; thou shalt not die: 
  3 And David sware moreover, and said, "Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, 'Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved:' but truly as 'the LORD liveth, and as 'thy soul liveth, there is but a 'step between me and death.'  
  4 Then said Jonathan unto David, "Whatsoever 'thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee.'  
  5 And David said unto Jonathan, "Behold, to morrow is the new moon, and 'should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even.  
  6 If thy father at all miss me, then say, 'David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Beth-lehem his city: for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family.'  
  7 If he say thus, 'It is well;' 'thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, then be sure that 'evil is determined by him.  
  8 Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant me thyself; for why shouldest thou bring me for if I knew certainly that  
  9 And Jonathan said, "Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that 'evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?"  
  10 Then said David to Jonathan, "Who shall tell me? or what if thy father answer thee roughly?"  
  11 And Jonathan said unto David, "Come, and let us go out into the field." And they went out both of them into the field.  
  12 And Jonathan said unto David, "O 'Lord God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about to morrow any time, or the third day, and, 'behold, if there be good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and shew it thee;  
  13 'The LORD do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to do thee 'evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and 'the LORD be with thee, as He hath been with my father.  
  14 And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of 'the LORD, that I die not:  
  15 But also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when 'the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David every one from 'the face of the earth.'  
  16 So Jonathan 'made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "Let 'the LORD even require it at the hand of David's enemies.'  
  17 'And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own 'soul.  

#### 20. 5-42

| 3 the LORD liveth, 'thy soul = thou.  
  5 should not fail to sit. Sept. reads "shall not sit": unto the third day at even. Sept. reads "until the evening". Cp. p. 12.  
  6 evil. Heb. ru'ā'. Ap. 44. viii.  
  13 as = according as.  
  15 the face of. Fig. Pleroma. Ap. 6.  
  16 made = solemnised.  
  19 when the business was in hand: i.e. the day when Jonathan arranged for David to over hear Saul's murderous intention (19. 2, 3), and when Jonathan devoted himself to the business of David's safety. stone Ezel.  
  24 meat. Put by Fig. Synecdoche (of Species). Ap. 6. for all kinds of food.  
  26 not any thing: i.e. "nothing [concerning David's absence] that day".  

__is__ the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.  

__And when thou hast stayed three days, then__ thou shalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone Ezel.  

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__As touching the matter which thou and Jonathan have spoken of, 'behold, the LORD be between thee and me for ever.'__
27 And it came to pass on the morrow, which was the second day of the month, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to make meat, neither yesterday, nor to day?"

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

29 And he said, 'Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, I pray thee, hath commanded me to be there: and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren.' Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table.'

30 Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, "Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do I not know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?

31 For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him, or I and my son will be put to death by the sword of the Jews." And Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and said unto Saul his father, "Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?"

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, "David and I knew the matter.

33 And Saul said, "Who told you?"

34 And Jonathan answered Saul, "David told me; and I asked him, and he kept it no secret from me: only thou and I know it; and Jonathon and David knew the matter.

35 And and Jonathan gave his arm to David, and said unto him, "We will go down thither to the city: and David said, "Wilt thou go down with me?" And Jonathan said, "Yea, I will go with thee."

36 And he said unto his lad, "Run, find out now the arrows which Jonathan hath shot beyond thee." And Jonathan's lad ran, and shot an arrow beyond him.

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

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

39 But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter. And Jonathan gave his arm to David, and said unto him, "Go, carry them to the city.'

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

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

Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, "Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?"

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

3 Now therefore what is under this hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present.'

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

5 And David answered the priest, and said unto him, "Of a truth women have kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel: and the son of death: i.e. a rebel like David. Cp. note on 18. 19.

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

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

41 out of toward the south. Sept. reads "from beside the mound": i.e. Ezelon, in v. 19.
21. 7.

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

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

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

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

11 And the servants of Achish said unto him, “Is this not David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, ‘Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?’ ”

12 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

13 And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and * scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.*

14 Then said Achish unto his servants, “Lo, ye see the * man is mad: * therefore see what ye have brought * him to me? * Have ye need of mad men, that ye have brought this * fellow to play the mad * man in my presence? * shall this * fellow come into my house? * ”

22 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren, and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him.

2 And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

3 And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, “Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and * be with you, till I know what God will do for me.”

4 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold.

5 And the prophet Gad said unto David, “Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah.” Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth.

6 When Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that were with him, (now Saul abode in Gibeah under a tree in Ramah, having his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him;) 7 detained, &c. Probably from some ceremonial reason. Cp. “shut up” (Jer. 36. 5), or a “vow” (Acts 21. 23-27), or “uncleanness” (Lev. 13. 4, 11, 21).

9 behold. Fig. Asterismus. Ap. 6.


11. David's fear.

12. David's simulation.


14. For fear of Saul = from the face of Saul.

15. Is not this. Cp. 18. 7 and 29. 5.


17. Achish. See subscription of Ps. 55 (Comp. Bible). (Not superscription of Ps. 56 as in A.V.)

18. Scrabbled on. Sept. reads “struck against”.


20. wherefore...? Fig. Erotēsis. Ap. 6.

21. Him = the man (v. 1). 15. Have I...? shall this...? Fig. Erotēsis. Ap. 6.

22. 1. Adullam. See title of Ps. 57 (Comp. Bible).


5. come forth. Syr. and Vulg. read “dwell”. No Ellipsis then to be supplied.

6. 22. (M, p. 396). NOB. PRIESTS SLAUGHTERED. (Introversion.)


7. I 9, 10. Doeg informs against David.


10. i 22. Doeg suspected by David.

11. h 23. David’s assurance to Abiathar.


13. now Saul. Note the Fig. Parenthesis. Ap. 6.


15. is sorry for = taketh pity upon.

16. Then, &c.: vv. 9-16, by the Fig. Hypotēsis (Ap. 6), give details not contained in former narration (21. 1-9).


7 Then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, “Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, and make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds;

8 That all of you have conspired against me, and there is none that sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?”

9 Then answered Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, “I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.

10 And he enquired of the lord for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.”

11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father’s house, the priests that were in Nob: and they came all of them to the king.
22. 12. I. SAMUEL. 23. 11.

12 And Saul said, "Hear now, thou son of Ahitub." And he answered, "Here I am, my lord." 13 And Saul said unto him, "Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?" 14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, "And who is so faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king's son in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?" 15 "Did I then begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute any thing unto his servant, "nor to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing of all this, less or more." 16 And the king said, "Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, and all thy father's house." 17 And the king said unto the footmen that stood about him, "Turn, and slay the priests of the Lord; because their hand is so with David, and because they knew not when he fled, and did not shew it to me." But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the Lord. 18 And the king said to Doeg, "Turn thee, and fall upon the priests." And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod. 20 And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David. 21 And Abiathar shewed David that Saul had slain the Lord's priests. 22 And David said unto Abiathar, "I knew it that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul: o have occasioned the death of all the persons of thy father's house. 23 Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that fleeth with the Lord is safe;" 23 Then they told David, saying, "Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors." 2 Therefore David enquired of the Lord, saying, "Shall I go and smite these Philistines?" And the Lord said unto David, "Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah." 3 And David's men said unto him, "Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?" 4 Then David enquired of the Lord yet again. And the Lord answered him and said, "Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand." 5 So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah. 6 And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand. 7 And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, "God hath delivered him into mine hand: for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars." 8 And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men. 9 And David knew that Saul secretly practised mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring hither the ephod." 10 Then said David, "O Lord God of Israel, Thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake. 11 If Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as Thy servant hath heard? O Lord God of Israel,
And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbore to go forth.

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

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

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

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

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

And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, and David went up from thence, and dwelt in the wilderness of En-gedi.

Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went after David, and went against the Philistines: and they compassed David and his men round about to take them.

And Saul also and his three men went to seek him. And they told David: wherefore he came down into a rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon.

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

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

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

But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, “Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have invaded the land.”
4 And the men of David said unto him, "Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, 'I will deliver thine enemies into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee.' " Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily.

5 And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt.

6 And he said unto his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my lord, the king." And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and said, "My lord the king," And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and said, "My lord the king," and said, "My lord the king, you have not "sinned against thee; yet neither have I put forth mine hand against thee."

7 So David stayed his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, "My lord, the king," And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and said, "My lord the king," And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and said, "My lord the king," and said, "My lord the king, you have not "sinned against thee; yet neither have I put forth mine hand against thee."

8 David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, "My lord the king," And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself.

9 And David said to Saul, "Wherefore hearkest thou "men's words, saying, "I will not put forth mine hand against my lord, the king," and said, "My lord the king," And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and said, "My lord the king," and said, "My lord the king, you have not "sinned against thee; yet neither have I put forth mine hand against thee."

10 "Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, 'I will not put forth mine hand against my lord, the king,' and said, "My lord the king," And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and said, "My lord the king," and said, "My lord the king, you have not "sinned against thee; yet neither have I put forth mine hand against thee."

11 Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither "evil nor a transgression in mine hand, and I have not "sinned against thee; yet thou hast esteemed my soul to take it.

12 The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

13 Wickedness = lawlessness. Heb. m'ā. See Ap. viii. C. "evil", v. 11. proceedeth. Fig. Paroxysm.

14 a dead dog, &c. Fig. Mēōsis. Ap. 6. a fleas. Heb. a single flea.

15 deliver = judge, or justly deliver.

16-22. (V2, above.) RECONCILIATION OF SAUL.

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20 And now, "behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand.

21 Swear now therefore unto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house."

22 And David swears unto Saul.

And Saul went home;

but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.

25 And Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah.

And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.
25. 2.  I. SAMUEL.  25. 22.

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| possessions were: or, business [was]. |

| 3 the man. Note the introversion of the four lines of this verse: |
| x | Nabal. |
| y | Abigail. |
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| x | Nabal. |

| Nabal = foolish. |
| of the house of Caleb = a Calebite. But Sept., Syr., and Arab. have translated the word "cynical". |

| 5-12 (b, above). DAVID'S MESSAGE TO NABAL. (Alternation.) |
| b | e | 5-8. Message of David. |
| f | 9. Delivery by young men. |
| e | 10, 11. Reply to David. |
| 6 him that liveth = the bos vivant. |
| 8 servants. Some codices, with one early printed edition, read "servants." |
| 13 stuff = baggage. |
| 14 Behold. Fig. Asterisms. Ap. 6. |
| 15 sailed on them = flew at them, or stormed at them. |
| 18 and. Note the Fig. Polysemyeton (Ap. 6), emphasizing Abigail's thought and care, as well as rapidity of measures. See Ap. 51. III. 3. |
| any, &c. = any male. |

<p>| 18 Then Abigail made haste, 3 and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses. |
| 19 And she said unto her servants, &quot;Go on before me; behold, I come after you.&quot; But she told not her husband Nabal. |
| 20 And it was so, as the ass was abreast of the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them. |
| 21 Now David had said, &quot;Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: and he hath requited me 17 evil for good. |
| 22 So and more also do o God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.&quot; |</p>
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<td>and said, &quot;Upon me, my lord, upon me let this injustice be; and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.</td>
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|       | Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this servant of Nabal, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is his folly, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

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

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And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness.

4 And David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come in very deed.

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

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

7 So David and Abishai came to the People by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the "trench, and his "spear stuck in the ground at his "bolster: but Abner and the People lay round about him.

8 Then said Abishai to David, "God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: wouldst thou not now smite him, and take thine enemy by the neck?"

9 And David said, "Thou speakest foolishly: is it not the king's spear and his "bolster that art today in my hand?"

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

11 And Saul said, "This thing is not good that thou hast done. As "the LORD liveth, yea, are worthy to die, because ye have "not kept your master, the LORD'S anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his bolster."

12 And Saul "knew David's voice, and said, "Is this thy voice, my son David?"

13 And David said, "It is my voice, my lord, O king."

14 And he said, "Wherefore doth my lord Jonathan suffer his servant? for what have I done? or what "evil is in mine hand?

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

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17 And Saul "knew David's voice, and said, "Is this thy voice, my son David?"

18 And David said, "It is my voice, my lord, O king."

19 Then said Saul, "I have "sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my "soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have "erred exceedingly."
27 And David said in his heart, "I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.

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

3 And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, 3 Nabal's wife. And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.

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

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

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

9 And David and his two men went up, and invaded the Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites: for those nations were of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt.

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

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

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

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

28 And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, "Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, if so be thy men." And David said to Achish, "Surely they shall know what thy servant can do." And Achish said to David, "Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever."

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

4 And the Philistines gathered themselves together at Ap. Ram in two bands.
960 together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.

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

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

7 Then said Saul unto his servants, "Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at En-dor." And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, "I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee."

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

10 And Saul sware to her by the Lord, saying, "As the Lord liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing:"

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

12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, "Why hast thou deceived me? for I know that thou art Saul."

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

14 And he said unto her, "What form is he of? And she said, "An old man, clothed in a mantle."

15 And Samuel said to Saul, "Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up?" And Saul answered, "I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.""

16 Then said Samuel, "Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the Lord is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?"

17 And the Lord hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the Lord hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David:

18 Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the Lord, nor executedst His fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the Lord done this thing unto thee this day.

19 Moreover the Lord will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shall the Lord deliver thee into their hand:

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

21 And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him,
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29. 1-11 (F, p. 404). PHILISTINES AND DAVID. (Alternation.)

F s | 1, 2-. Philistines. Assembly.
| t | 2. David's junction.
| t | 11. David's return.

3 fell = fell away; or, departed.
should ...? Fig. Erodés. Ap. 6.
6 the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.
evil. Heb. ru'ă'. Ap. 44. viii.
the lords favour thee not = 'they art not good in the eyes of the princes". See v. 1.
8 with thee = before thee.
9 an angel = a messenger.
10 with thy master's servants. Sept. reads "thou, and the servants of thy lord." Probably the Manassites named in 1 Chron. 12:19, 20, who deserted to David.
with thee. The Sept. adds "and depart unto the place where I appointed you, and entertain no evil thought in thine heart; for thou art good in my sight." and his men = his and men, as in v. 2.

30. 1-31 (E, p. 404). ZIKLAG REPOSSESSED. (Introversion and Alternation.)

E G | 1-6. Ziklag. Taken.
| v | 9, 10. Division of forces.
G | 21-25. Junction of forces.

2 the women captives, that were therein. Sept. reads "the women, and all who were therein." and. Note the Fig. Polysyndeton (Ap. 6) in this verse.

10 Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy master's servants that are come with thee; and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart." and David's return.
11 So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

30 And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire.
2 And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on with them.
3 So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.
4 Then David and the People that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

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

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

but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 And David took all the flocks and the cattle, and said, "This is David's spoil.

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

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

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

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

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

26 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, "Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD;"

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31 Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.  
2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Melchishua, Saul's sons;  
3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers.  
4 Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, “Draw thy sword, and thrust me through, lest these uncircumcised come and insult me.” But his armourbearer would not: for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.  
5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul fell, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.  
6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together.  
7 And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.  
8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa.  
9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people.  
10 And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroth: and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan.  
11 And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul;  
12 All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there.  
13 And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

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

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

2 Sam. 1. 1-27 (K1, above). REPORT OF BATTLE.

K1 w1 1-3. Israel. Defeat.  
2 Israel. Flight.  
3 Israel. Indignities.  
4 Abuse = insult.  
5 So Saul died. Cp. 1 Chron. 10. 13, 14. Here, history from human standpoint; in Chronicles, God's standpoint, and reasons of the history. See notes on 1 Chron. 10. 13, and Ap. 55. If Saul was thirty years of age when anointed, he would now be seventy; and Jonathan fifty-three or fifty-four. See note on 13. 1.

K2 y 10. Amalekite’s report.  
z 11, 12. The lamentation of David.  
y 13-16. Amalekite’s execution.  
z 17-27. The lamentation of “the Bow”.

1 the slaughter. Cp. 1 Sam. 30. 17.  
Ziklag. Cp. 1 Sam. 27. 3.  
2 the third day. See note on 1 Sam. 30. 12.  
3 behold. Fig. *Asterismos. Ap. 6.