the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin:

53 For he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the LORD God of Israel, according to all that his father had done,

53 the LORD God (Heb. Jehovah Elohim) of Israel.

[THE SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS,
COMMONLY CALLED,
THE FOURTH BOOK OF THE KINGS.]
13 And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, "O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight.

14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight."

15 And the Angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, "Go down with him: be not afraid of him." And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.

16 And he said unto him, "Thus saith the LORD, 'Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, is it not because there is no God in Israel to enquire of His word?"

17 So he died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his stead in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which are not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

19. II. KINGS. 4

2-24 (d, above). TRANSLATION EFFECTED.

2 And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind,

that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

And Elijah said unto Elisha, "Tarry here, I pray thee; for I the Lord have sent me to Bethel." And Elisha said unto him, "As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee." So they went down to Bethel.

And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, "Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day?" And he said, "Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace."

4 And Elijah said unto him, "Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for I the Lord have sent me to Jericho." And he said, "As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee." So they came to Jericho.

5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, "Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day?" And he answered, "Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace."

6 And Elijah said unto him, "Tarry, I pray thee, here; for I the Lord have sent me to Jordan." And he said, "As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee." And they two went on.

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee." And Elisha said, "I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me."  

10 And he said, "Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so."  

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.
12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, "What is my father, what is my father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof?" And he saw him no more, and he took hold of his own clothes and rent them in two pieces.

13 And he took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

14 And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha." And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

15 And when they said unto him, "Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go up, and seek thy master; lest peradventure the Spirit of the LORD hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley." And he said, "Ye shall not send.

16 And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, "Send." They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not.

17 And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said unto them, "Did I not say unto you, 'Go not?'"

18 And the men of the city said unto Elisha, "Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the ground barren."

19 And he said, "Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein." And they brought it to him. 21 And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, "Thus saith the LORD, 'I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land.'"

22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.

23 And he went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, "Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head."

24 And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD, and there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tore forty and two of children of them.

25 And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

3 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

2 And he wrought evil in the sight of the LORD; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made.

3 Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

4 And Mesha king of Moab was a sheepmaster, and rendered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambs, and an hundred thousand rams, with the wool.
5 But it came to pass, when *Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

6 And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel.

7 And he sent and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, "The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle?" And he said, "I will go up: *I am as thou art, my People as thy People, and my horses as thy horses."

8 And *he said, "*Which way shall we go up?" And *he answered, "*The way through the wilderness of Edom."

9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetched a compass of seven days' journey:

and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them.

10 And the king of Israel said, "*Alas! that the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab!"

11 But Jehoshaphat said, *"Is there not here a prophet of 2 the LORD, that we may enquire of 2 the LORD by him?" And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, "Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah."

12 And Jehoshaphat said, "The word of 2 the LORD is with him." So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

13 And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, "What have I to do with thee, or with thee thy prophets, that thou shouldest go down to fetch me into the land of Moab?"

14 And Elisha said, "As 2 the LORD of hosts liveth, before Whom I stand, surely, were it not so, that the LORD had set his hand upon thee, thou hadst none to stand before me, nor to hear that speech."

15 But now bring me a 6 minstrel." And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the 6 hand of 2 the LORD came upon him.

16 And he said, "Thus saith 2 the LORD, 'Make this valley full of 6 ditches.'"

17 For thus saith 2 the LORD, 'Ye shall not see 6 wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.'

18 And this is but a light thing in the sight of 2 the LORD: He will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.

19 And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and 6 mar every good piece of land with stones."

20 And it came to pass in the morning, when the 6 meat offering was 6 offered, that, behold,
there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

21 And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to 7 put on armour, and upward, and stood in the border.

22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as 7 red as blood:

23 And they said, 7 This is blood: the kings are surely 7 slain, and they have smitten one another; now therefore, Moab, to the spoil."

24 And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them; but they 7 went forward smiting the Moabites, even in their country.

25 And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land cast 7 every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: only in 7 Kir-haraseth left they the 7 stones thereof; 7 howbeit the slingers went about it, and smote it.

26 And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred 75 men that drew swords, to break through even unto the king of Edom:

but they could not.

27 Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him 7 for a burnt offering upon 7 the wall. And there was great 7 indignation against Israel:

and 7 they departed 7 from him, and returned to 7 their own land.

Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, 7 Thy servant my 7 husband is dead; and thou knowest, how thy servant did fear 7 the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be 7 bondmen."

2 And Elisha said unto her, 7 What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? 7 And she said, 7 Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil."

3 Then he said, 7 Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; 7 borrow not a few.

4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all these vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, 7 who brought the vessels to her; and 7 she poured out.

6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, 7 Bring me yet a vessel. And her son brought her 7 vessel.

7 Then she came and told the 7 man of 7 God. And he said, 7 Go, sell the oil, and pay thy 7 debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest."

8 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to there came water. Elisha’s fourth miracle. See note on 2 15.

21 put on armour. Heb. gird a girdle.

22 red as blood. Implied as owing to the action of the sun. Equally a miracle.

23 slain. destroyed.

24 went forward. Some codices, &c., add 7 still further", and connect this with entering. Other codices, with six early printed editions, Sept., Syr., and Vulg., connect these words with the 7 smiting, and read 7 still further smote", or 7 went on smiting".


Kir-haraseth. The city of the hill. The capital of Moab.


howbeit, &c. - and [till] the slingers should surround and smite it.


the wall. i.e., the higher of the two. Heb. h3mnah not 7 kiri as in vs. 4, 10.

indignation = wrath. This led probably to Moab’s subsequent success.

they departed. This expresses the failure of Israel’s expedition, while Meshah goes on to record his subsequent successes, which were great—all the cities taken by him (Ap. 54) being those belonging to Reuben and Gad.

from him; i.e. from the king of Moab.

their own. The Syr. and Vulg. have these words in the text.


bondmen. Cp. Lev. 25. 39 and Neh. 5. 5.

3 borrow not a few = scant pot.

5 who brought = they bringing.

she poured out. Elisha’s fifth miracle. See note on 2 15.


debt = creditor.

children = sons.

8-37 (Q, p. 492). THE SHUNAMMITE.

(Introversion.)

Q U | 8-17. Son given.
V | 18-20. Son’s death.
W | 21. Elisha’s bed. Placed on.
X | 22-24. Her Mission to Elisha.
Y | 25-27. Her Arrival.
Z | 28-31. Her Converse with Elisha.
W’ | 32, 33. Elisha’s bed. Found on.
V’ | 34, 35. Son raised.
U’ | 36, 37. Son restored.

8-17 (U, above). SON GIVEN.

(Alteration.)

U | a. Resort of Elisha (general).
b | 9, 10. Accommodation.
a | 11. Resort of Elisha (particular).
b | 12-17. Compensation.

8 Shunem. In the plain of Esdraelon. The native place of Abiah (1 Kings 1. 2).
great = wealthy, or a person of position (2 Sam. 19. 22).
9 holy. See note on Ex. 3. 5.
10 chamber = upper chamber, or wall-chamber.

Shunem, where was a 7 great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

9 And she said unto her husband, 7 Behold now, I perceive that this is an 7 holy man of 7 God, which passeth by us continually.

10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee,
and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any seven men, salute them not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the seven child." 

30 And the mother of the seventy child said, "As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee." And he arose, and followed her. 

31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the seventy child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, "The seventy child is not awakened."

32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the seventy child was dead, and laid upon his bed. 

33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them, and prayed unto the Lord. 

34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. 

35 Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. 

36 And he called Gehazi, and said, "Call this Shunammite." So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, "Take up thy son."

37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out. 

38 And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and
there was a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him:

and he said unto his servant, "Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets."

And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shed them into the pot of pottage: for they knew them not.

So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, "O thou man of God, there is death in the pot." And they could not eat thereof.

But he said, "Then bring meal." And he cast it into the pot; and he said, "Pour out for the people, that they may eat." And there was no harm in the pot.

And there came a man from Baal-shalishah, and brought the man of God bread of the first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, "Give unto the people, that they may eat." And there was no harm in the pot. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, "O thou man of God, there is death in the pot." And they could not eat thereof.

And he said again, "Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the LORD, 'They shall eat, and shall leave thereof.'"

So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the LORD.

Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.

And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

And she said unto her mistress, "Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy." And one went in, and told his lord, saying, "Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel." And the king of Syria said, "Go to go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel." And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, "Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy."

And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive? that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me."

And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, he sent and said unto him, "Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."

So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, "Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean."
11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, “Behold, I thought, he will surely come out to me and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

12 “Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean?”

So he turned and went away in a rage.

13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, “My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, 'Wash, and be clean?'”

14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

15 And he returned to the man of God. And he and all his company, and came, and stood before him:

16 And he said, “Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.”

17 But he said, “As I the LORD liveth, before Whom I stand, I will receive none.” And he urged him to take it, but he refused.

18 And Naaman said, “Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules’ burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.

19 In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and I leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing.”

20 And he said unto him, “Go in peace.” So he departed from him a little way.

21 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, “Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as I the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.”

22 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, “Is all well?”

23 And he said, “All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, 'Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.'”

24 And Naaman said, “Be content, 'take two talents.'” And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him.

25 And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.

26 But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, “Whence comest thou, Gehazi?” And he said, “Thy servant went no whither.”

27 The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever.”

And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.
6. 1-7 (p. 492). ELISHA. RESIDENCE, &c.

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the "bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

24 And it came to pass after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria.

25 And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, 1 behold, they besieged Samaria, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore 2pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a 3cub of 4dove's dung for five 5pieces of silver.

26 And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, "Help, my lord, O king."

27 And he said, "If 2the LORD do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the barnfloor, or out of the winepress?"

28 And the king said unto her, "What aileth thee?" And she answered, "This woman said unto me, 'Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to day.'"

29 So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and she said unto her on the next day, 'Give thy son, that we may eat him;' and she hath hid her son."

30 And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the People looked, and, 3behold, he had sackcloth within upon his flesh.

31 Then he said, "4God do so, and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day."

32 But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and 5the king sent a 6man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, "See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and 8hold him fast at the door: is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?"

33 And while he yet talked with them, 9behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he said, "Behold, this 7evil is 8of 9the LORD; what should I wait for 10the LORD any longer?"

Then Elisha said, "Hear ye the word of 11the LORD; Thus saith the LORD, 'To morrow about this time shall a 4measure of fine flour be sold for a 2shekel, and two 2measures of barley for a 2shekel, in the gate of Samaria.'"

2 Then a lord on whose hand the king 3leaned answered the man of 12God, and said, " 4Behold, if 13the LORD would make windows in heaven, might this thing be?" And he said, " 5Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof."

3 And there were four 6leprous 9men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, "Why sit we here until we die?"

4 If we say, 'We will enter into the city,' then the 8famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the 6host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die."

23 bands = marauding bands. Quite different from the organised host of v. 44.

6. 24—7. 20 (R, p. 492). FAMINE IN SAMARIA.

(Alternation)


B | 7, 1—2. Prediction of supply.
B | 7, 16—20. Prediction. Supplies received.

24—33 (A, above). Famine. SUFFERED.

(Introduction)

q | 30. King's mourning.
0 | 32, 33. Origin. First cause.

24 gathered. This was organised war, in contrast with the freebooting irregular bands of v. 23.

25 famine. One of the thirteen recorded in Scripture. See note on Gen. 12, 19. 

ass's head. This was unclean food.

pieces. Supply Fig. Ellipsis (Ap. 6), "shekels" instead of "pieces".


dove's dung. A Euphemism. (Ap. 6) is included in official Massoretic lists as being substituted for this indecent expression, the word meaning "decayed leaves". Whetherver is which, it was always highly valuable as manure, especially to force growth during dearth.

27 If the LORD do not help thee. Heb. reads "Let not Jehovah help thee", as in A.V. marg. The R.V. "Nay, let Jehovah help thee", is contrary to the normal sense of this negative. Ginsburg suggests that 'ot (not) is an abbreviation for 'im l'o, which is the exact equivalent for the A.V. text.

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


30 hold him fast at the door: or, hold the door fast against him. Ap. 6.

33 messenger. Heb. kamma'mab, without the 'aleph(a), as in Sept. and Syr. In 1 Sam. 11, 4 the case is reversed. The Massorah informs us that the aleph was wrongly asserted, making it read messengers instead of "kings". The king must have followed on his heels, for Elisha addresses him directly in 7, 1, 2. Cp. 7, 17.


what...? = why? Fig. Erotesis. Ap. 6. These are the words of the king.

7. Then Elisha. The Structure shows that verses 1—3 should be read with 6, 33.


shekel. Cp. 6, 25. See Ap. 51, II.


man of God. See Ap. 49.

Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

thou shalt see it. Cp. 6v, 19, 20.

7. 3—15 (A, above). Famine. RELIEVED.

(Division)

A | r1 | 3—11. Discovery by lepers.
| r2 | 12—15. Confirmation by scouts.

3—11 (r2, above). DISCOVERY BY LEPERS.

(Alternation)

r1 | s1 | t | 3, 4. Consultation.
| v2 | 9. Consultation.
| u | 10, 11. Discovery. Reported.

3 leprous men. One of the nine cases of affliction with leprosy. See note on Ex. 4, 6.


4 famine. Cp. 6, 25. host = camp.
7.5.

II. KINGS.

5 And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians, and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there.

6 For the LORD had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even as all the multitude of Israel; and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.

8 And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.

9 Then they said one to another, If we do not quickly, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

10 So they came and called unto the porter of the city: and they told him, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, nor horses, nor asses, could be heard: and they told it to the king's household.

11 And he called the porters: and they told it to the king's house within.

12 And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now shew you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we be hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive, and get into the city.

13 And one of his servants answered and said, Let some take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city: and let us send and see.

14 They took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see.

15 And they went after them unto Jordan: and, behold, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king.

16 And the People went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

17 And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the People trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him.

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8 Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go §Hy and thin household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.

2 And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and §Hy went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

3 And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the


2 man of God. See Ap. 49.
8. 3.

Philistines; and she went forth to cry unto the king 5 for her house and 6 for her 7 land.

4 And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of 8 the man of 9 God, saying, "Tell me, I pray thee, 10 all the great things that Elisha hath done."

5 And it came to pass, as 11 was telling the king how he 12 restored a dead body to life, that, 13 behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king 14 for her house and 15 for her land. And Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life."

6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, "Restore all that she hath, and add unto her seven camels' burden." 16

7 And Elisha came to Damascus; and Ben-hadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, "The 2 man of 3 God is come hither."

8 And the king said unto 4 Hazael, "Take a 5 present in thine hand, and go, meet the 6 man of 7 God, and enquire of 8 the Lord by him, saying, 'Shall I recover of this disease?'

9 So Hazael went to meet him, and took a 2 present with him, even of 3 every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, "Thy son Ben-hadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, 'Shall I recover of this disease?'

10 And Elisha said unto him, "Go, say unto him, 'Thou mayest certainly recover;' howbeit 1 the Lord hath shewed me that he shall 2 surely die."

11 And he settled his countenance stedfastly, until 3 he was ashamed: and the 4 man of 5 God wept.

12 And Hazael said, "Why weepeth my lord?" And he answered, "Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the 6 children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash 8 their children, and rip up their women 3 with child."

13 And Hazael said, "But what, is thy servant 9 a dog, that he should do this great thing?" And Elisha answered, 14 "The 2 Lord hath shewed me that 3 thou shalt be king over Syria."

14 So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, "What said Elisha to thee?" And he answered, "He told me 4 that thou shouldest surely recover."

15 And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took and dipped it 5 in water, and spread it 5 on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.

16 And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, 10 Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign.

17 Thirty and two years old was he when he 18 began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the 10 daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he 3 did evil in the sight of 4 the Lord.

8. 18—9. 29 (F3, p. 440). JUdAH.

(F2) C1 4 | 8. 16—24. Jehoram.

18-24 (C1, above). JEHORAM.

(Introversion.)

C1 v | 16, 17. Introduction.
| w 20—22. Evil events. Political.
| v 23, 24. Conclusion.


19 began to reign: i.e. in consort with his father.

20 as—according as.

21 to his children: and to his children. Many copies, and five early printed editions, read 3 "for his children": i.e. sons.

20 Edom revolted. Cp. 2 Chron. 21. 8 with 1 Kings 22. 47, and see above (3. v.).
8. 21. II. KINGS.

9. 11.

about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents. 22 Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

23 And all that he did, did he do in the twelfth year of Joram, and all that he did, did he not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 24 And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

25 In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did Athaliah the daughter of Omri king of Israel begin to reign. 26 Two and twenty years old was Athaliah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel. 27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab: for he did evil in the sight of the LORD, as did the house of Ahab: for she was the son in law of the house of Ahab.

28 And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram. 29 And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. 30 And Ahaziah his son went down to see Joram the son of Ahaziah in Jezreel, because he was sick.

9 And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, "Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead; 2 And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi; and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him up into an inner chamber; 3 Then take the box of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, "Thus saith the LORD, "I have anointed thee king over Israel." Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not." 4 So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.

5 And when he came, "behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, "I have an errand to thee, O captain." And Jehu said, "Unto which of all us?" and he said, "To thee, O captain." 6 And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, "Thus saith the LORD, "I have anointed thee king over Israel." I have anointed thee king over the People of the LORD, even over Israel. 7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel. 8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel:

9 And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah:

10 And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the porch of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her." And he said unto them, "Is all well? Is it peace? Ye know, &c. = Why, ye are in the secret, or ye know all about the man.

And he said, "Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, 'Thou hast seen the word of the LORD, and I have anointed thee king over Israel.'"

13 Then they hasted, and took every man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the "stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, "Jehu is king."

14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept Ramoth-gilead, for he had all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria."

15 But king Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.

16 And Jehu said, "If it be thy mind, then let none go forth nor escape out of the city to go to tell it in Jezreel."

17 So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah went out, and said to Joram, "Is it peace?"

18 And Jehu said, "Thou saith the king, 'Is it peace?'" And Joram said, "What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me." And the watchman told, saying, "The messenger cometh to Joram." And Joram said, "Take an horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, 'Is it peace?'"

19 Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, "Thou hast seen the king, 'Is it peace?'" And Jehu answered, "What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me."

20 And the watchman told, saying, "He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and he driveth furiously." And the watchman told, saying, "The messenger cometh not again." And they did so.

21 And Joram said, "Make ready." And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.

22 And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, "Is it peace, Jehu?" And he answered, "What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?"

23 And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, "There is treachery, O Ahaziah."

24 And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.

25 Then said Jehu to Bidkar his captain, "Take up, and cast him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how that, when thou and I rode together after Ahab his father, I the LORD laid this burden upon him:

26 'Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons,' saith the LORD; and I will requite thee in this plat, saith the LORD. Now therefore take and cast him into the plat of ground, according to the word of the LORD.'"

27 But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, "Smite him also in the chariot." "And they did so at the going up to Gur, which is by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there. And his servants carried him into the city of David.

28 And the blood of his sons. Additional information here given to that in 1 Kings 21. 13, saith the LORD = Jehovah's oracle.

29 And they did so. Supply Fig. Ellipsis (Ap. 6) thus: "and they smote him."

30 to Jerusalem. Sept. reads "and brought him to Jerusalem."
9. 31.

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31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, "Had Zimri peace, who slew his "master?"
32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, "Who is on my side, who?" And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs.
33 And he said, "Throw her down." So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot.
34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, "Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter.
35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands.
36 Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, "This is the word of the LORD, which He spake by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, "In the portion of Jezebel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel:"
37 And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, 'This is Jezebel.'"

10. 1 sons.

And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's children, saying,
2 "Now as soon as this letter cometh to you, and ye see your master's sons, and set them in order: and it shall come to pass, when the king shall die, that they shall come and slay your master's sons. And the king's sons shall rise up, and every one will go and slay his brother: and he shall slay his brother, and his kinsman, and his kinsfolk.
3 Look out now for me, and see my master's sons: and set every man of them upon his father's throne, and slay him: that when I come to meet the king, I may shew good cause why I have come to meet the king.
4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, "Behold, two kings stood before him: how then shall we stand?"
5 And he that was over the house, and he that was over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up of the children, sent to Jehu, saying, "We are thy servants; and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou that which is good in thine eyes.
6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, "If ye be mine, and if ye will hear unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to morrow this time."
7 Now the king's sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, which brought them up.
8 And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him them to Jezreel.
9 And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, "They have brought the heads of the king's sons." And he said, "Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning.
10 And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, "As lord is my heart right? as my heart is with thy heart?" And Jehonadab answered,
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"It is." "If it be, give me thine hand." And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot. 16 And he said, "Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD." So they made him ride in his chariot.

17 When he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD, which He spake to Elijah.

18 And Jehu gathered all the People together, and said unto them, "Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu shall serve him much.

19 Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live." But Jehu did it in subtlety, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.

20 And Jehu said, "Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal." And they proclaimed it.

21 And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.

22 And he said unto him that was over the vestry, "Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal." And he brought them forth vestments.

23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said unto the worshippers of Baal, "Search, and look thou that there be here with you of all the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal only:"

24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu apportioned fourscore and twenty men without, and said, "If any of the men which I have brought into your hands escape, he that letteth him go, his life shall be for the life of him:"

25 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, "Go in, and slay them; let none come forth." And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to "the city of the house of Baal.

26 And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them.

27 And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a dunghill, till this day.

28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

29 Howbeit from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, to wit, the golden calves that were in Beth-el, and that were in Dan.

30 And the LORD said unto Jehu, "Because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in Mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in Mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel." 31 But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.

32 In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel; 33 From Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aror, which is by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 35 And Jehu slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.

36 And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty and eight years.
11 And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal.

2 But Jehosheba, daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him, and his nurse, in the bed-chamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain.

3 And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years.

And Athaliah did reign over the land.

4 And the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the captains of hundreds, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the king's son.

5 And he commanded them, saying, "This shall be the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you that go forth on the sabbath, shall even be keepers of the watch of the king's house; and as he cometh in, they shall keep the watch of the man that ye shall do; A third part at the gate behind the guard; and a third part in the ranges, to come in on the sabbath; even they shall keep the watch of the thing that ye shall do.

6 And two parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the watch of the king's house; and a third part at the gate behind the guard; and a third part in the ranges to come in on the sabbath; even they shall keep the watch of the man that ye shall do.

7 And two parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD about the king.

8 And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand: and he that cometh within the ranges, let him be slain: and be ye with the king as he goeth out and as he cometh in."

9 And the captains over the hundreds did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

10 And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king David's spears and shields, that were in the temple of the LORD.

11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, along by the altar and the temple.

12 And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, "God save the king."

13 And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the People, she came to the People into the temple of the LORD.

14 And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a pillar, as the manner was, and the princes and the trumpeters beside the king, and all the People of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets: and Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, "Treason, Treason."

15 But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said unto them, "Have every man his men with his weapons in his hand, every man his sword, his spear, and his dagger, at the temple of the LORD, and at the governor's house, and at the king's house; even where they keep the king."

12. 4-16 (p. 506). ECCLESIASTICAL. REFORM. (Alteration.)

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3 | 7-10. Money. Obedience. 
2 | 11-15. Attention. 

4 And Jehovah did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him.
5 But the high places were not taken away; the People still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.
6 But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.
7 Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the other priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no more money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house.
8 And the priests consented to receive no more money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house.
9 But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and brought it in a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, the LORD, and over against the priests, which were keeping the charge of the house of the LORD; and put therein all the money that was found in the house of the LORD:
10 And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and told the money that was found in the house of the LORD:
11 And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the LORD; and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought upon the house of the LORD.
13 In the third and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehoahaz, who made his father king in Jerusalem, reigned seventeen years.

And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, because the king of Syria had oppressed them.

Jehoahaz besought the LORD, and the LORD hearkened unto him: for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.

And Jehoahaz gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, as beforetime.

Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, which he made Israel to sin: but they walked therein: and there remained the grove also in Samaria.

Neither did He leave of the People to Jehoahaz but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust by threshing.

Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Joash his son reigned in his stead.

In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king of Judah began Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel, and reigned sixteen years.

And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin: but he walked therein.

And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might wherewith he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

And Joash slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

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Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, "O my father, my father," the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

15 And Elisha said unto him, "Take bow and arrows." And he took unto him bow and arrows.

16 And he said to the king of Israel, "Put thine hand upon the bow." And he put his hand upon the bow and arrows.

18 And he said to the king of Israel, "Put thine hand upon the bow." And he said, "The arrow of the Lord's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou hast consumed them."

19 And he said, "Take the arrows." And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, "Smite upon the ground." And he smote three times.

21 And it came to pass, as three men were burying a man, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and the bands of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

22 But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

23 And the Lord was gracious unto him, and had compassion on him, and had respect unto him, because of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast He them from His presence as yet.

24 So Hazael king of Syria died; and Ben-hadad his son reigned in his stead.

25 And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war.

Three times did Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah.

2 He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did.

4 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: as yet the People did sacrifice and burnt incense on the high places.

5 And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants which had slain the king his father.

my father. Fig. Epιστασις. Ap. 6.

The chariot of Israel. A memory of 2. 12, wondering whether his end would be like Elijah's.

The arrow of the Lord's deliverance. Fig. Metonymy (of Subject), Ap. 6. The arrow put for the deliverance Jehovah would give.


beheld. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

revived. Ap. 50. V.

Three times. According to v. 18.

14. 1-22 (F3, p. 446). JUDDAH. (Division.)

J2 | J1 | 1-20. Amaziah.
J3 | 21, 22. Uzziah, or Azariah.

1-20 (J3, above). AMAZIAH. (Introversion.)

K1 | J1 | 1, 2. Introduction.
L | 3, 4. Events. Personal.
K | 15-20. Conclusion.

1 second year of Joash. According to 13. 10, Joash (king of Israel) began to reign in the thirty-seventh year of Joash (king of Judah). If Amaziah began in the second year of Joash (king of Israel), he would have reigned only thirty-nine years. But he reigned forty (12. 1). All depends on mode of reckoning from Nisan, and counting parts of years for complete years. This would at once explain the difference. See Ap. 50. V, p. 58. Our difficulty, as usual, arises from our ignorance.


as Joash his father. He began well and ended badly.

4 the high places. See 1 Kings 15. 14.

5-14 (L, above). EVENTS. POLITICAL. (Division.)

L | M1 | 4, 5. Domestic.
M2 | 7-14. Foreign.

6 children = sons.


7-14 (M2, above). FOREIGN. (Introversion.)

M2 | w | 7. Victory over Edom.


z | 11-14. Defeat by Israel.

7 He slew. The account in Chronicles supplies additional particulars. See 2 Chron. 25. 5-11.

6 But the children of the murderers he slew not; according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein the Lord commanded, saying, "The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin."

7 'slay Edom in the valley of salt ten thousand, and took Selah by war, and called the name of it Joktheel unto this day.
8 Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, “Come, let us ‘look another one in the face.’”

9 And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, “The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, ‘Give thy daughter to my son to wife;’ and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.

10 Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine heart hath lifted thee up: glory of this, and tarry at home: for why shouldest thou meddle to thy hurt, that thou shouldst fall, even thou, and Judah with thee?”

11 But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-shemesh, which belongeth to Judah.

12 And Judah was put to the worse before Israel; and they fled every man to their tents.

13 And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoahaz the son of Amaziah, and came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

14 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king’s house, and the hostages, and returned to Samaria.

15 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

16 And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead.

17 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

18 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

19 Now they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there.

20 And they brought him on horses: and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

21 And all the people of Judah took Azariah, which was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.

22 So he built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty and one years.

24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.
28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which belonged to Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

29 And Jeroboam slept with his fathers; even with the kings of Israel; and Zachariah his son reigned in his stead.

15 In the twenty and seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign.

2 Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jeholiah of Jerusalem.

3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

4 So Save that the high places were not removed: the People sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places.

5 And the LORD smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house. And Jotham the king's son was over the house, judging the People of the land.

6 And the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

7 So Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

8 In the thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah did Zachariah the son of Jero­boam reign over Israel in Samaria six months.

9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel to sin.

10 And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and smote him before the People, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

11 And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

12 This was the word of the LORD which he spake unto Jehu, saying, "Thy sons shall sit on the throne of Israel unto the fourth generation." And so it came to pass.

8 recuperated Damascus, and Hamath. Both were included in Solomon's kingdom (1 Kings 4:21). Damascus lost to Rezin (2 Kings 15:22). This recovery did not last long. See Amos 1:3.


15. 1-7 (F*. p. 446). JUDAH. UZZIAH. (Introduction.)


1 twenty and seventh year. So in 2 Chron. 26.1-3. Azariah being then sixteen (v. 2), and therefore only three on the death of his father Amaziah. Hence, there were thirteen years interregnum (16-3=13). Amaziah died in the fourteenth year of Jeroboam. Therefore Azariah began to reign in the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam (15+14=27). This is the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam's partnership with his father on his going to the Syrian wars. Azariah = Uzziah. See note on 14. 21.

3 the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II. according to all: i. e. he began well, but see 2 Chron. 26.3-23.

4 Save that. Cp. 1 Kings 12. 31.

5 the LORD smote = Jehovah smote. Chronicles comes in here to explain why. See 2 Chron. 26.16-21, and note on "Kings" in title of 1 Kings (p. 447).

a leper. One of nine affliction with leprosy. See note on Ex. 23. 4. No reason is given here, but it is given in Chronicles according to the object of the latter book. See note above.

several house = a lazaret house. See note on v. 7.

over the house, or palace: i. e. the king's house, as regent or co-regent.

8 the rest of the acts. For details see 2 Chron. 26.1-15. The writings of Hosea, Joel, Amos, and Micah belong to this period: from the latter days of Joash (king of Judah) to the end of Uzziah. See the notes on the events in these reigns in their respective prophecies. They foretell the doom of Judah.

are they not ... ? Fig. Epotesis. Ap. 6.

7 Uzziah. In the year of his death (649) Isaiah had his vision (Isa. 6.1-8. John 12.41), when the voice from the Temple prophesied the Dispersion (see the Structure of Isaiah). Uzziah had been driven from the Temple to a lazaret house, when Isaiah saw the vision of the Temple in heaven.

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

Jotham. The first-named of the four kings in whose reign Isaiah prophesied (Isa. 1. 1). Micah also began to prophesy and mourn over the coming dispersion of Israel.

in his stead. There had been an interregnum of eleven or twelve years.

8-31 (E*. p. 446). ISRAEL. (Division.)


9 evil. Heb. ra'a'. Ap. 44. viii. as=according as. Ap. 44. i. sin. See note on 1 Kings 14. 16.

10 and. Note the Fig. Polyomorphon. Ap. 6. snote him: as prophesies (Amos 7.9).

11 behold, Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6. 12 He spake. Cp. 10. 30 and Hos. 1. 4.

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13 Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned a full month in Samaria.

14 For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

15 And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

16 Then Menahem smote Tiphsah, and all that were therein, and the coasts thereof from Tiphsah: because they opened not to him, therefore he smote it; and all the women therein that were with child he ripped up.

17 In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel, and reigned ten years in Samaria.

18 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not out of all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

19 And Pul the king of Assyria came against the land: and Menahem gave Pul a talent of silver, to give to his master the king of Assyria, and he became his servant, and paid him tribute每年.

20 And Menahem took the money of Isai the son of Ladiesch, which Elah his father the king of Israel had taken of Israel in captivity in by the hands of Sargon, king of Assyria;

21 And the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead.

22 In the five and twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Pekahiah the son of Menahem two years in Samaria.

23 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not out of all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

24 But Pekah the son of Remaliah, a captain of his host, conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria, in the palace of the king's house, with Argob and Arieh, and with him fifty men of the Gileadites: and he killed him, and reigned in his room.

25 And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

26 In the two and twentieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned twenty years.

27 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not out of all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

28 In the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maacah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and all the land of Naphtali, and Gilead, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Assyria.

29 And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

30 In the two and twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Pekah two years in Samaria.
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In the twentieth year of Jotham, the son of Uzziah.

31 And the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah.

32 In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel began Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah to reign.

33 Five and twenty years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok.

34 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD: he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

35 Howbeit the high places were not removed: the People sacrificed and burned incense still in the high places. So built the higher gate of the house of the LORD.

36 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

37 In those days the LORD began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah.

38 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

16. 1-20 (O2, above). AHAZ. (Introversion)

1 Ahaz. One of the four kings in whose reign Isaiah prophesied. Cp. 2 Chron. 28. 1. Isa. 1. 1.

2 Twenty years old...sixteen. There is no reason for concluding that there must be an error in one of the passages (v. 2 and 15. 2), for Ahaz begins in 622 and reigns till 616. As he was twenty when he began, he was born in 652, and died when thirty-six. Hezekiah begins in 617, and reigns twenty-nine years, till 589. As he was twenty-five when he began he was therefore born in 642, and died when he was fifty-four. From this it is clear that Ahaz was between ten and eleven when his son Hezekiah was born. This sounds improbable only to Western ears. But, to Eastern ears and physiological phenomena, there is nothing unusual, and nothing to justify a conclusion that the text is corrupt—the usual excuse for ignorance of the facts of the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II. God. Reb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.

3 He walked. Cp. 2 Chron. 28. 2.

Son. See note on 2 Chron. 28. 3.

to pass through the fire. The first king of Judah to do this. Followed in it by Manasseh (21. 5; 23. 10). Cp. Jer. 7. 31. Ezek. 20. 26. and Lev. 18. 11.

5 Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him.

6 At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day.

17 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, I am thy servant and the son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me.

18 And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria.

19 And the层出 came to Damascus, and destroyed the king of Aram. And Rezin was shut up in Damascus, and lived there: and theSyrians came no more into the land of Judah.

20 In the twentieth year of Jotham, i.e. in 629. This was nine years before he succeeded in obtaining the throne, which was in the twentieth year of Ahaz (17. 1). In v. 33, sixteen years. So this twentieth year must be reckoned from his father's being struck with leprosy, as distinctly stated in v. 6.
9 And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against him, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

10 And king o Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that was at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the o fashion of the altar, and the o pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof.

11 And "Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made it against king Ahaz came from Damascus.

12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: "and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon.

13 And he burnt his burnt offering 12 and his o meat offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, upon the altar.

14 And he brought also the 12 brased altar, which was before 2 the LORD, from the forefront of the house, from between 2 the altar and the house of 2 the LORD, 12 and put it on the north side 2 of the altar.

15 And king Ahaz commanded 11 Urijah the priest, saying, " Upon the 12 great altar burn the morning burnt offering, 12 and the evening meat offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his meat offering, with the burnt offering of all the People of the land, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brased altar shall be for me " to enquire by."

16 Thus 12 did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

17 And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed 2 the laver from off them; and took down 2 the sea from off the brased oxen that were under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones.

19 Now 5 the rest of the acts of Ahaz 6 which he did, are 14 not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 And Ahaz 4 slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers 6 in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

16. 9-18. AHAZ. PERSONAL. APOSTASY. (Alteration.)


10 Ahaz. Called Jehoahaz in Tiglath-pileser's great triumphal inscriptions. The first syllable of his name dropped in Scripture, as he was unworthy of it, to meet: and do him honour. Hence the solemn warnings of Isa. 8, 13, 14, 19. fashion = likeness, or sketch. pattern, or model.

11 Urijah. Perhaps the Urijah of Isa. 8. 2. His name does not occur in the list of high priests (1 Chron. 24. 11, 12). Note the emphatic repetition of " Ahaz the king " and " Urijah the priest ".

12 and. Note the Fig. Polysyndeton (Ap. 6) in vv. 12-16. Burnt offering = meal offering. Fig. Polyptoton (Ap. 6) for emphasis.

13 great altar: i.e. the new altar. to enquire = to consider further [what shall be done with it]. Fig. Ellipsis. Ap. 6. Heb. ba'kar. Occurs seven times (16. 16. Lev. 13. 35; 27. 33. Ps. 27. 4. Prov. 30. 23. Ezek. 34. 11, 12).


18 covert = the covered way. for = because of.

19 the rest. Cp. 2 Chron. 28. 14, 15. He shut up the house of the Lord altogether. which. Some codices, with Aram. (MS.) and Syr., read " and all that ".

are they not? Fig. Erotesis. Ap. 6.

20 slept with his fathers. See note on Deut. 31. 16. buried ... in the city of David. But not in the tombs of the kings. Cp. 2 Chron. 28. 27, where observe the phrase " kings of Israel ".

17. 1-41 (Ez, p. 446). ISRAEL. HOSEA. (Introduction.)


1. twelfth year. There was anarchy for nine years between Pekah and Hoshea. For, in 16. 9, Hoshea conspired against Pekah in the twentieth year of Jotham, which was the third year of Ahaz (20-12=8): for Ahaz began in Pekah's seventeenth year (16. 1), and Hoshea began in Ahaz's twelfth year. But Pekah's twenty years end in Ahaz's third year. (See Ap. 60, V. p. 59.)

nine years: reckoned from twelfth of Ahaz. Hoshea kept under by the Assyrians till then. Cp. Hos. 10. 14, where Shalman[eser] spoiled Beth-arbel in his first expedition, and would spoil Beth-el at his second.

2 evil. Heb. ra'a'. Ap. 44. viii.

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

not as the kings of Israel... before him: thus, we do not read that he opposed Hezekiah's invitation (2 Chron. 30. 5-11).

So. The Heb. drops the embarrassing " k " of Sobako, his Ethiopian name. Afterward vanquished by Tirhakah. See note on 19. 9.

5 the king of Assyria. Shalmaneser (v. 3), who commenced the siege, but died before Sargon, his successor, captured Samaria in 611 B.C.

three years. From 613-611.

therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

5 Then "the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it " three years.
6 In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

7 For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, Which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods,

8 And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

9 And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

10 And they set up *images* and *groves* in every high hill, and under every green tree:

11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, *as did* the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger:

12 For they served *idols*, whereof the LORD had said unto them, *Ye shall not do this thing.*

13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, *Turn ye from your evil ways, *and keep My commandments, and My statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets.*

14 Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, *like to the neck of their fathers*, that did not believe in *the LORD* their God.

15 And they rejected His statutes, *and His covenant* which He made with their fathers, and His testimonies which He testified against them; and they followed *vanity*, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, *concerning* whom the LORD had charged, that they should not do like them.

16 And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a *grove*, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.

17 And they caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, and used *divination* and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.

18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

19 Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.

20 And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until He had cast them out of His sight.

21 For He rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king; and Jeroboam drove Israel from following the LORD, and *made them sin a great sin.*

22 For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them;
23 Until the LORD removed Israel out of His sight, "as He had said by all His servants the prophets.

So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

24 And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

25 And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the LORD: therefore sent the LORD sent lions among them, which slew some of them.

26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, "The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore hath he sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land."

27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, "Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence: and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land."

28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

29 Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Sancharitans had made, every nation in their cities wherein the LORD dwelt.

30 And the men of Babylon made Succothbenoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, and the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

31 And the Avites made Naphal and Singam, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

32 So they feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

33 They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they brought from thence.

34 Unto this day do they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after his statutes, or after his ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom He named Israel;

35 With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, "Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:

36 But the LORD, Who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, shall ye fear, and shall ye worship, and to Him shall ye do sacrifice.

37 And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which He wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods.

38 And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods.

39 But the LORD your God ye shall fear; and He shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies."

40 Howbeit they did not hearken, but the God did according to their doings.

41 So these nations feared the LORD, and served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

18 Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.

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20 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Abi, the daughter of Zacharias.

And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did.

4 And he removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.

5 He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him.

6 For he clave to the LORD, and departed not from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.

7 And the LORD was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forth:

and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.

8 And he smote the Philistines, even unto Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

9 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it.

10 And at the end of three years they took it: even in the sixth year of Hezekiah, that is the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken.

11 And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes:

12 Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed His covenant, and all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them.

13 Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

14 And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, "I have offended: return from me; that thou puttest on me will I bear." And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

15 And Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house.

16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the LORD,
18. 16.  

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17 And the 5 king of Assyria 6 sent 6 Tartan and Rabsaris and Rab-shakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a 7 great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field.

18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder.

19 And Rab-shakeh said unto them, "Speak ye now to Hezekiah, 'Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, 'What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?'

20 Thou sayest, (but they are but vain words,) I have counsel and strength for the war. Now 19 on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

21 Now, 'behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him.

22 But if ye say unto me, 'We trust in the LORD our God: ' it is not that thy high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, 'Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem.'

23 Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges of him against this land, and deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be king, the king of Assyria.

24 But I counsel thee, and will setees upon them. Now 19 on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

25 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

26 Am I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? 2 The LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land, and destroy it.'

27 Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rab-shakeh, "Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the 5 Syrian language, for we understand it: and talk not with us in the Jews' language in the ears of the people that are on the wall."

28 But Rab-shakeh said unto them, "Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?"

29 Then Rab-shakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria:

30 Thus saith the king, 'Let not Hezekiah deceive thee: for he shall not be able to deliver thee out of his hand:

31 Neither let Hezekiah make thee trust in 5 the LORD, saying, 'The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.'

32 Hearken not to Hezekiah: 'for thus saith the king of Assyria, 'Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me, and then eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern:

33 Until I come and take you away to a land
like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil and of honey that ye may live and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliver us.

33 Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

34 Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand?

35 Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?

36 But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king’s commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

37 Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab-shakeh.

And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

2 And he sent Eliakim, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, Thus day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.

4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rab-shakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the king of Assyria his master hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that are left.

5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

7 Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 So Rab-shakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

9 And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying,

Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

10 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered?

11 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Reseph, and the children of Eden which were in Thelasar?

12 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?"

13 And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it:

and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, Which dwellest between the cherubims, Art not the God, even Thou alone, of all the kings of Assyria?...

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14 the house of the LORD. Hezekiah’s zeal for the house of Jehovah is seen in his Songs of the degrees. Cp. Psa. 122. 1; 130. 1, 2. Ap. 67. iv.

15 prayed. When assaulted by the king of terrors he turned his face to the wall and prayed” (Isa. 39. 4), and “left it untaken” (Jer. 34. 17).

16 Some codices, with Syr., omit “all”, reproach = disparage, taunt, or flout.

17 Lift up thy prayer. Hezekiah’s “Songs of the degrees” witness to this prayer in his distress. See Psa. 120. 1; 130. 1, 2. Ap. 67. iv.

18 In Greek blaspheμην = reviled, or vilified.

19 Therhaak. An Ethiopian by birth; king of Egypt by conquest. Defeated later by Esarhaddon, son of Sennacherib, after fifteen days’ battle. Esarhaddon is shown on a stele, recently discovered, leading Tirhakah with cords.


21 and shalt thou be delivered? Note the Fig. Erodosis here, and in vv. 11, 12, and 25.


23 The chapters in Isaiah which refer to these events are 24-27; 29--33; 36, and 37.

24 children = sons.


27 Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.


31 cp. Pss. 122.


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35 departed from Lachish. Sennacherib had laid siege against it (2 Chron. 32. 9), but had found it difficult, as Joshua had (Josh. 10. 31, 32, “the second day”); and “left it untaken” (Jer. 34. 17).

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 Hezekiah, in his "Songs of the degrees", repeats this phrase as witnessing to the power of God, as Creator, to defeat the enemy. See Ps. 121. 1, 2; 125. 1; 124. 8; 134. 3. See Ap. 67. v.
 18 living God. Always used in contrast with idols.

19. 20-37 (d. p. 517). ANSWER OF JEHOVAH. (Alternation.)

 f 31-32. Defeat of the foe.

21 at thee = after thee: i.e. after she hath seen thy back turned.

33 the LORD*. This is one of the 134 places where the Sopherim altered "Jehovah" to "Adonai" (Ap. 32). will = have, as in v. 24.
35 done it = made it: i.e. the earth.
36 as the grass, &c. Note Hezekiah's reference to this in his "Song of the degrees" (Ps. 129. 5-7). See Ap. 67. ii.
38 tumult = arrogance.
39 turn thee back. See the reference to this in Hezekiah's "Song of the degrees" (Ps. 129. 4, 5). See Ap. 67. iii.
40 eat this year, &c. See the reference to Jehovah's sign in Hezekiah's "Songs of the degrees" (Ps. 126. 5, 6; 128. 4). See Ap. 67. ix.
41 out of Jerusalem . . remnant: i.e. the country people who had retired into Jerusalem for safety. Cp. v. 4, and Isa. 10. 29.
42 the LORD of hosts = Jehovah of hosts. Some codices, with three early printed editions, Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "of hosts" in the text.
43 cast a bank: i.e. erect an earthwork.
44 defend = spread, or be a shield over, for Mine own sake. Man's sins cannot foil God's purpose. He does not go outside of His own will to explain His actions in grace.
45 it came to pass. Cp. 37. 36.
47 that night: i.e. the night of the prophecy when the promise was fulfilled. Cp. "that day" (Luke 21. 34. 1Thess. 5. 4).
48 the Angel of the LORD: i.e. the destroying Angel. Cp. 2Sam. 24. 16. they: i.e. the king and his people.

springeth of the same; and in the third year sowe ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

30 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.
31 For "out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

32 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.
33 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city: thith the LORD.
34 For I will defend this city, to save it, for Mine own sake, and for My servant David's sake.
35 And it came to pass that night, that the Angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred four-score and five thousand: and when they arose
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35. In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, "Thus saith the Lord, " Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live."

1 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the Lord, saying, "I beseech thee, O Lord, remember now how I have walked before Thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in Thy sight." And Hezekiah wept sore.

2 And it came to pass, after Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Thus saith the Lord, " I have seen thy tears: I have heard thy prayer, because thou hast walked before me with a perfect heart, and hast done that which is good in my sight."

3 And Isaiah said, "Take a lump of figs." And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

4 And it came to pass, after Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the Lord, " The God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the Lord shalt go up unto the house of the Lord.

5 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for Mine own sake, and for My servant David's sake."

6 And Isaiah said, "Take a lump of figs." And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

9 And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, "What shall be the sign that the Lord will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the Lord the third day?"

10 And Isaiah said, "This sign shalt thou have of the Lord, that the Lord will do the thing that He hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?"

11 And Hezekiah answered, "It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees."

12 And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the Lord: and He brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.

13 At that time Berodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, "king of Babylon, sent letters

My servant David's sake. See note on v. 8 and Ps. 132.
7 lump = cake, or plaster. 8 What shall be the sign? ... Contrast Ahaz (Isa. 7. 11, 12). 9 degrees. It is to these degrees that Hezekiah's fifteen Songs refer (Pss. 120—134). The word "degrees" is repeated here six times (in the history), but five times in Isaiah's gracious words (36. 8). 10 down = forward (v. 9). 11 dial = degrees. Ahaz. See note on v. 9.

20. 12-19 [For the Structure see next page].

12 Berodach. Some codices, with Sept. and Syr., read "Merodach." Cp. Isa. 39. 1. king of Babylon. First occurrence of this title. Babylon and Nineveh the two great cities competing henceforward for supremacy in Assyria. Finally settled by Nabopolassar and his son Nebuchadnezzar, "the head of gold" (Dan. 2. 37, 38). sent letters and a present. These did what the king of Assyria and the king of terrors could not do. See the Structure "C" of Isa. 36—39.
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13 And Hezekiah "hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasuries: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

14 "Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, "What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee?" And Hezekiah said, "They are come from a far country, even from Babylon."

15 And he said, "What have they seen in thine house?" And Hezekiah answered, "All the things that are in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them not."

16 And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the Lord."

17 "Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left," saith the Lord.

18 "And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, whom thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."

19 Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, "Good is the word of the Lord which thou hast spoken." And he said, "Is it not good, if peace and truth be in my days?"

20 And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 1

21 And Hezekiah "slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

21. 1-18 (R², p. 516). MANASSEH. (Introversion.)

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2 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hephzi-bah.

2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the Lord cast out before the children of Israel.

3 For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

4 And he built altars in the house of the Lord, of which the Lord said, "In Jerusalem will I put My name."

Generally associated with idolatry.

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2 Did ... evil. Heb. ra'at. Ap. 48. VIII.


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5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord. 6 And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger. 7 And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the Lord said to David, and to Solomon his son, in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put My name for ever: 8 Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them. 9 But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the Lord destroyed before the children of Israel. 10 And the Lord spake by His servants the prophets, saying, 11 'Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols: 12 Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel, 'Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. 13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down. 14 And I will forsake the remnant of Mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and spoil to all their enemies; 15 Because they have done that which was evil in My sight, and have provoked Me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.'" 16 Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the Lord; 17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 18 And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza; and Amon his son reigned in his stead. 19 Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. 20 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, as his father Manasseh did. 21 And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them: 22 And he forsook the Lord God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the Lord, 23 And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and slew the king in his own house. 24 And the People of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the People of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.
22 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of the house of Boscath.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the ways of his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

3 And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, and had him read in the book of the law of the LORD, which is written at the side of the altar of the LORD.

4 And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan, I have found the book of the law of the LORD in the house of the LORD.

5 And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

6 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the book word again, and said, “Thy servants have gathered of the money that was delivered into the hand of them that do the work, that is in the house of the LORD; and have given it to the workmen, and to the doers of the work which is in the house of the LORD, and have repaired the breaches of the house, and have also given it to the carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timbers and hewn stone to repair the house.”

7 Howbeit there was no reckoning made with the money that was brought into the house, to know whether that which was delivered into the hand of Shaphan the scribe was not poured out, or paid away.

8 And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan, “I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD.” And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the book word again, and said, “Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD.”

10 And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, “Hilkiah the high priest hath delivered me a book.” And Shaphan read it before the king.

11 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

12 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the upper temple, and the priests of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and the scribes, and Asahiah a servant of the king’s, saying,

13 “Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great words have been found.”

14 And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan, “I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD.”

15 And Shaphan shewed the king, saying, “Hilkiah hath delivered me a book.” And Shaphan read it before the king.

16 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the temple, and the sons of the first of the people, saying,

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25 “Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great words have been found.”
513 is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.’’

15 And she said unto them, ‘Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me, ‘16 Thus saith the Lord, ‘Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read:

17 Because they have forsaken Me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore My wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.’’

18 But to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the Lord, thus shall ye say to him, ‘Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, ‘As touching the words which thou hast heard;

19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the Lord, when thou heardest what he had said to thee, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before Me; and because thou didst rend thy grave.

20 Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which shall bring upon this place.’’ And they brought the king word again.

23 And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

2 And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the People, both small and great:

and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the Lord.

3 And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the People stood to the covenant.

4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels that were made for the Lord, and for the grove, and

14 the prophetess. Others mentioned are: Miriam (Ex. 15. 20; Mic. 6. 4); Deborah (Judg. 4. 4); Noadiah (Neh. 6. 14); Isaiah’s wife (Isa. 8. 3); Anna (Luke 2. 39); and Philip’s daughters (Acts 21. 9).

the wife. Cp. the usage (Judg. 4. 4). The employment of a woman as prophet shows the degeneracy of the times, deplored by Isaiah (9. 15), denounced by Jeremiah (5. 7; 8; 14; 15; 23. 14–30; 37. 16. Lam. 2. 14), and by Ezekiel (13. 2–23). Inferred also from Huldah’s words (2 Kings 22–23), and Jer. 5. 31.

wardrobe: i.e. vestry, or vestments.

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


Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.


17 forsaken Me. Huldah adopts the words of Deut. 29. 20–27.


heard, or hearkened to. Supply Fig. Ellipsis (Ap. 6) thus: ‘Thus saith Jehovah Elohim: the words which thou hast hearkened to [shall surely come to pass]. In that thine heart was tender...I also have heard thee’. Because = In that. A desolation and a curse. These words are from Deut. 11. 26; 28. 15–19; 29. 19; 30. 1. Cp. Jer. 44. 27.


in peace. Josiah died in war (23. 29); but why not “in peace” of mind and heart as well? Cp. Isa. 57. 2.


prophets. Some codices read “Levites”, as in 2 Chron. 20. 30.

read. Either himself; or, by Heb. idiom, “caused to be read”, in their ears. Cp. Neh. 8. 1–4, &c. The king did not keep it to himself. God’s word is for all.

3 by a pillar: or, on the pillar, or, platform. Cp. 11. 14.


written. See Ap. 47.

stood. But not for long. See Jer. 11. 2–29.

4 priests of the second order (or degree), i.e. ordinary priests.

the grove = the ‘Asherah. See Ap. 42.

host of heaven. Cp. 21. 3

burned them. As prescribed in Deut. 7. 25. unto Beth-el. To defile the altar there, according to the prophecy in 1 Kings 13. 2.

5 idolatrous priests = black-robed; not kohēm, as appointed by God, but kōmēr, as appointed by man. Cp. Hos. 10. 6; Zeph. 1. 4.

planets = stations: i.e. the twelve signs of the Zodiac. Heb. ma‘azzoth. Spelt Mazzōrāth in Job 38. 32 = stations. The Babylonian name for the divisions of the zodiac. Called in the Assyrian inscriptions “Mauzalti”. (See Western Asiatic Inscriptions.)

for all the “host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Beth-el.

5 And he put down the “idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places (found about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.

6 And he brought out the grove from the house of the Lord, without Jerusalem,
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of the children of the people = of the common people in Jer. 26. 23.
In 2 Chron. 35. 5 it = the laity as distinguished from Levites.
children = sons.
7 sodomites = male prostitutes. Suppression directed in
hangings. Heb. houses. Probably veils to cover the 'Asherah, as it is covered in Romish processions to-day.
8 the high places. Seemingly (from v. 9) some were
used for the worship of Jehovah. See notes on 1 K. 18. 19; 19. 10, 14.
Geba. Now Jebo (Josh. 18. 21).
9 priests of the high places. Not idolatrous priests.
See note on v. 8.
10 Topheth = the Topheth. First occurrence. Put
by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, put for anything
abhorrent.
valley, &c. The junction of the three valleys uniting
south of Jerusalem. The continual fires burning there
gave the Greek name Gehenna (from the Heb. Ge Hinnom = valley of Hinnom).
11 kings of Judah. Presumably Manasseh and
Amon. See 21. 3-5.
of... from.
by... to.
chamberlain = eunuch, or officer.
suburbs, or outskirts.
12 top = roof, [(the roof) of], &c.
brake them down. The marg. of A. V. seems preferable here: "hurried away with them from thence";
13 before Jerusalem: i. e. the east side. See Zech.
14. 4.
which, &c. Fig. Polyonymia. Ap. 6.
mount of corruption: i. e. the Mount of Olives.
Thus called on account of the idolatries connected
with it.
14 images = pillars, or statues.
16 sepulchres. Heb. pl. of keber. See note on
the word. See 1 Kings 13. 2.
proclaimed. Supply Fig. Eli paiz (Ap. 6) thus: "pro-
claimed [when Jeroboam stood by the altar at the feast],
who proclaimed these words" 330 years before. See
1 Kings 13. 1, 2.
17 title = monument.
19 the Lord. Sept., Syr., and Vulg. read "Jeho-
vah," in the text.
20 slew = sacrificed. See Ap. 43. I. iv.
21 Keep the passover. See note on Ex. 12. 22.

that were in the cities of 18 Samaria, which the
kings of Israel had made to provoke 2 the Lord
to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them
according to all the acts that he had done in
Beth-el.
20 And he 2 slew all the priests of the high
places that were there upon the altars, and
burned 2 men's bones upon them, and returned
to Jerusalem.
21 And the king commanded all the people,
saying, 2 Keep the passover unto 2 the Lord
(t4 (p. 523)
23. 21.

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your God, as it is written in the book of this covenant."

22 Surely there was not holden such a pass-
over from the days of the judges that judged Israel,
or in all the days of the kings of Israel, or of the kings of Judah;

23 But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, where
in this passover was holden to the LORD in
Jerusalem.

24 Moreover the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jeru-

salem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.

25 And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him.

26 Notwithstanding, the LORD turned not from the fierceness of His great wrath, where-

with His anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked Him withal.

27 And the LORD said, "I will remove Judah also out of My sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My Name shall be there."

28 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah.

29 In his days Pharaoh-nechoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and he slew him at Megiddo,

30 And Pharaoh-nechoh put him in bands at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem: and put the land to a tribute of an hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

31 And Pharaoh-nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and turned his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and died there.

32 And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the People of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it unto Pharaoh-nechoh.

33 Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

34 And Pharaoh-nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and turned his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and died there.

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36 Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

37 And Pharaoh-nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and turned his name to Jehoiakim.

38 And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the People of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it unto Pharaoh-nechoh.
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37 And he did that which was evil. See 2 Chron. 36. 5-8.
Jer. 22. 17; 24. 8; 26. 24, 23. N.B. Jer. 19-20, and possibly 22; 26; 35; 39; belong to this period.

24. 1 Nebuchadnezzar. Or Nebuchadnæzzar (Jer. 21. 2, 7; 22. 26), or Nebuchadonosor in Josephus and Berossus, Sept., and Vulg. This is the first occurrence of his name in Scripture. It came up. In the fourth year of Jehoiakim (Jer. 25. 1; 46. 2). Daniel says in third year (1. 1); but he writes from Babylon, whence Nebuchadnezzar set out, and here (cf. Jer. 46. 2), it refers to the actual coming. The Babylonian Servitude begins here (460 to 429 a. c.).


3 commandment. Heb. mouth. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause), Ap. 6, for what is spoken by it. according to all. A special reading called Sevir (Ap. 34) reads "in all". So some codices.

4 blood. Put by Fig. Synechoche (of Species), Ap. 6, for murder, and the guilt of it.

5 the rest. See 2 Chron. 36. 6-8.

6 are they not? Fig. Erotétes, Ap. 6.

7 slept with his fathers. Only the fact referred to here. Not the manner of his death and burial, for which see Jer. 22. 18, 19; 36. 29, 30. It was as foretold. The expression "slept with his fathers" is used even of Ahab; and every king of Judah whose death is recorded is said also to have been buried, except Jehoiakim. See note on Deut. 31. 18.

24. 8-17 (R7, p. 516). JEHOIACHIN.

K o. Personal character.

8 Jehoiachin. Called also Coniah and Jeconiah (Jer. 22. 24; 24. 1), of whom there is said also to have been slain, except Jehoiakim. See note on Deut. 31. 18.

9 evil. Heb. ra'ah'. Ap. 44. viii.

10-17 (J, above). EVENTS. EXTERNAL.

(Alternation.)

z | 12-17. Jehoiachin surrenders.
\[z - 13-17. Jehoiachin made captive.\]
y | 17. Nebuchadnezzar makes Mattaniah king.

10 the servants of. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Sept. and Syr., omit these words, and read "came up".
11 and. Note the Fig. Polyndeton (Ap. 6) in vv. 11-16 to emphasise every detail.
did besiege = were besieging.

12 officers: i.e. eunuchs or chamberlains.

13 the eighth year. Computed from the time that his father entered him with regal authority. This was the 4th year of Jehoiakim (Jer. 25. 1, cp. 32. 1). as = according as. had said. Cp. 20. 17.

14 carried away. This deportation was eleven years before that of Gedeliah (25. 18). Mordecai was in this deportation. See note on 2 Chron. 36. 6. The Captivity began in 489. craftsmen = artificers.

15 the People of the land. Cp. 25. 4.

15 Jehoiachin to Babylon. Where he was captive for thirty-seven years.

6 craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the People of the land.

15 And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's
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25. 10.

477 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came by night, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.

2 And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

3 And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

4 And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which was by the king’s garden: now the Chaldees were against the city round about: and the king went the way toward the plain.

5 And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.

6 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and thither he sentenced judgment upon him.

7 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass,

8 And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem:

9 And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king’s house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man’s house burnt he with fire.

10 And all the army of the Chaldees, that came with Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, and all the men of war, fell upon the city.

11 And they set the fire in the houses of the LORD, and in the houses of the kings of Judah, and burned all the houses of the LORD, and all the houses of the king.

12 And all the army of the Babylonians took captive场上 all that was found in the city, small and great, and they carried the treasures of the house of the LORD to Babylon.

13 And Zedekiah the king went into the prison house, where the king’s son Jehoiakim was confined, and the king’s son Jehoiachin was confined in the prison house.

14 And all the chief of the priests also, and the officers of the people, the overseers of the work, and all the governors of the land, went out unto Nebuzaradan captain of the guard, to the house of the LORD.

15 And they said unto him, Thus spoke the king, saying,说我, I will not send you down into Egypt.

16 For I fear lest the Hebrews should make a covenant with the Chaldeans in order to deliver them: wherefore would ye make war upon me? for there is no truth in you.

17 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels, and carried the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king’s house, unto Babylon.

18 And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took all the remnant of the people that were left in the city, that were not consumed in war, and those that had fled unto the king of Babylon.

19 And he took all the captives that remained in the city, and those that were found in the house of the LORD, and sent them unto Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

20 Now when Nebuchadnezzar came to Jerusalem to wage war against it, and to destroy it,

21 He put the army in array against the city, and appointed captains over the troops, and captains over the chariots.

22 And he built a wall round about the city, and cast up mounds against the city, and built mounds against the wall.

23 And the people were weak before the enemy, and there was no strength left in the land.

24 And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father’s brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

25 And on the ninth day of the fourth month, the day when the captured the city, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon exiled from Jerusalem, and put them in the custody of meshach, abednego, and the three others.

26 And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away thence the chief priest Johanan, and the chief of the people, and the chief of the army, and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah.

27 And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath, and smote not all the captives, as he had done at Jerusalem.

28 For Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon gave commandment, saying, Drive them out of the place wherein I have set my name, that they may be killed with the sword.

29 And he cast Zedekiah into the prison house until the day of his death: and he put off in bonds all the noble men of Judah.

30 But Zedekiah the king did not humble himself, but his heart was lifted up.

31 For in those things unto which he rebelled against the king of Babylon in not humbling himself, he was found guilty of evil-doing.

32 And Zedekiah the king of Judah died by the sword: and all Judah and Jerusalem came into captivity to Babylon, unto Nebuchadnezzar.
were with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about.

11 Now the rest of the People that were left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the kings of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carry away.

12 But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen.

13 And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brassen sea that was in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.

14 And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.

15 And the firepans, and the bowls, and such things as were of gold, in gold, and of silver, in silver, the captain of the guard took away.

16 The two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD; the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

17 The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the chapter upon it was brass; and the height of the chapter three cubits; and the wreathen work, and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass; and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen work.

18 And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the doors:

19 And out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's presence, which were found in the city, and the principal scribe of the host, which mustered the People of the land, and threescore men of the People of the land that were found in the city:

20 And Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah:

21 And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath.

22 And as for the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.

23 And when all the captains of the armies, Ishmael and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jazaaniah the son of a Maachathite, Ishmael and their men.

24 And Gedaliah swore to them, and to their men, and said unto them, "Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you."

25 But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah.

26 And all the People, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldees.

27 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison; and he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon;
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29 And changed his prison garments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life.
30 And his allowance was a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

29 did eat bread. He was a guest at the royal table. 
Cp. 2 Sam. 19. 33; 1 Kings 2. 7.

This chapter, compared with the last chapter of Jeremiah, points to his authorship. The (one) book of Kings brings the history of Israel and Judah down to the Captivity, and ends there. See the Structure, p. 413. The (one) book of Chronicles begins from Adam, and leads on from the Captivity to the book of Ezra-Nehemiah.

1 AND 2 CHRONICLES.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE TWO BOOKS* AS A WHOLE.

(Alternation.)

A | 1 Chron. 1. 1—9. 1. UP TO THE CAPTIVITY.
B | 1 Chron. 1. 2—9. 44. AFTER THE RETURN.
A | 1 Chron. 10. 1—2 Chron. 36. 21. UP TO THE CAPTIVITY.
B | 2 Chron. 36. 22, 23. AFTER THE RETURN.

* For the division of Chronicles into two books, see note on the Structure of the two Books of Samuel as a whole (p. 366).