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<td>Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. 2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Melchishua, Saul's sons. 3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers.</td>
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<td>Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, &quot;Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me.&quot; But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. 5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him. 6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his 1 men, that same day together.</td>
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<td>And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them. 8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa. 9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people. 10 And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroth: and they fastened &quot;his body to the wall of Beth-shan.</td>
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<td>And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul; 12 All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there. 13 And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.</td>
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<td>Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag; 2 It came even to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance. 3 And David said unto him, &quot;From whence comest thou?&quot; And he said unto him, &quot;Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped.&quot;</td>
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4 And David said unto him, "How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me." And he answered, "That the People are fled from thee over the Jordan. And also all the omen that was over Saul and over Jonathan his son are dead also."

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

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

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

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

9 He said unto me again, 'Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me : for anguish is come upon me, because my life is yet whole in me.'

10 So I stood upon him, and slew him; and the sword of Saul returned not into his sheath again upon his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, Neither let there be rain, upon you, Nor fields of offerings: For there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, The shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil.

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

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

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

25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thine high places.
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26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: Very pleasant hast thou been unto me: Thy love to me was wonderful, Passing the love of women.

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

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27 How, &c. Render: "How [is it that] mighty ones have fallen, and weapons of war have perished."

2 Sam. 1–24. 25 (B, p. 566). KING DAVID.

(Division.)


2. 1–4. 12 (C, above). KINGDOM DIVIDED.

(Alternation.)

C 1 A 2. 1–11. Followers. Accessions.


2. 1–11 (A, above). FOLLOWERS. ACCESSIONS.

(Introduction and Alternation.)

A c 1–3. David goes to Hebron.

d e 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. David reigns in Hebron.


h i 15–17. Conflict ensues.


k g 26. 27. Abner and Joab. Colloquy.

h 28. Conflict ended.

i f 29–32. Return. Asahel's burial.


14 young men = common soldiers.

play = make sport.

15 which pertained. Sept. and Syr. read "pertain ing."

18 as a wild roe = as one of the gazelles which are in the field.

16 And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: wherefore that place was called Helkath-hazurim, which is in Gibeon.

17 And there was a very sore battle that day; and Abner was beaten, and the 3 men of Israel, before the servants of David.

18 And there were three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel was as light of foot as a wild roe.

19 And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner.

20 Then Abner looked behind him, and said, "Art thou Asahel ?" And he answered, "3 am."

21 And Abner said to him, "Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee
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22 And Abner said again to Asahel, "Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother?"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 stood still: i.e. with horror at the sight.
25 children=sons.
29 Bithron = the ravine.


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

1 Saul. Note the Fig. Antimetabole (Ap. 6) in this verse, and the Introdvision of the subjects of this chapter.

3 wife of Abigail. Figs. Epitheton and Ampliatio (Ap. 6), by which Abigail is still so called by way of explanation. See note on 1 Sam. 30. 5.

Absalom. Born in the Jubilee year, 958-957. Hence his name.

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

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

m | 6. Abner Strong.
   | n | 7. Ish-bosheth. Wrath with Abner.
   | o | 8-10. Abner. Wrath.

7 Ish-bosheth. Ellipsis. But some codices, with three early printed editions, read "the name".

8 fault. Heb. 'aven, iniquity. See Ap. 44. iii.


as = according as the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

12-39 (j, above). HOUSE OF DAVID. (Alteration.)

j | o | 12. Abner's overtures to David.
   | p | 13-16. Return of Michal to David.
   | q | 17-19. Abner's overtures to Israel.

between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul.

7 And Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and Ish-bosheth said to Abner, "Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine?"

8 Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ish-bosheth, and said, "Am 3 a dog's head, which against Judah do shew kindness this day unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, that thou chargest me to day with a fault concerning this woman?"

9 So do 'God to Abner, and more also, except as the LORD hath sworn to David, even so do I do to him;

10 To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beer-sheba."

11 And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.

12 And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, "Whose is the land?"
13 And he said, "Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face."

14 And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth Saul's son, saying, "Deliver me my wife Michal, which I espoused to me for an hundred foreskins of the Philistines."

15 And Ish-bosheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from 'Phaltiel the son of Laish.

16 And her husband went with her "along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, "Go, return." And he returned.

17 And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, "Ye sought for David in times past to be king over you: now then do it: for the LORD hath spoken of David, saying, 'By the hand of My servant David I will save My people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.'"

18 And Abner also spake in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin.

19 So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner and the men that were with him a feast.

21 And Abner said unto David, "I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart desireth." And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.

22 And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from pursuing a troop, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner was not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace.

23 When Joab and all the host that was with him were come, they told Joab, saying, "Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace."

24 Then Joab came to the king, and said, "What hast thou done? "Behold, Abner came unto thee; why is it that thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone?"

25 Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou dost."

26 And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah: but David knew it not.

27 And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth rib, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.

28 And afterward when David heard it, he said, "3 and my kingdom are guiltless before the LORD for ever, for the blood of Abner the son of Ner:"

29 Let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread."

30 So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

31 And David said to Joab, and to all the People that were with him, "Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner." And king David himself followed the bier.

32 And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the People wept.
3 And when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled.

4 And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son that was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to the house of Ish-bosheth, and her nurse took him up, and said unto him, 'As the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity,' think ing to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, who thought that I would have given him a reward for his tidings:

5 Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, 'Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh.'
2. Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, they cast me that le dashed out and broughteth in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, 'I will shal b a captain over Israel.'

3. So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron: and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel.

4. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

5. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

6. And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, 'Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither.'

7. Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the City of David. And David built the City of David, and established it for an habitation; and thither brought he the tabernacle of the congregation, which had stood before the LORD, which Solomon his son had brought in to Jerusalem. And the LORD appeared to David night, saying, Whosoever setteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, that are hated of David's soul, 'he shall be chief and captain.' Wherefore they said, 'The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.'

8. So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the City of David, and built round about from Millo inward.

9. And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masters, and they built David an house.

10. And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that He had exalted his kingdom for His People Israel's sake.

11. And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David.

12. And these be the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, Ibhar also, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia.

13. And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphalet.

14. But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold.

15. The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

16. Hiram. Not the Hiram of 1 Kings 9. 11, which was sixty years later. Josephus says he was his father.

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5. 17-25 (c, p. 414). PHILISTINES VANQUISHED. (Extended Alternation.)

5. 20. Inquired of Jehovah. 25 as=according as.
6. 1-29 (H, p. 414). WORSHIP. (Division.)
2 Baale. The old Canaanite name of Kiriath-jearim. Cp. 1 Sam. 6. 21; 7. 2. 1 Chron. 13. 6.
 God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I. whose name is called by the name. Some codices, with Aram. and Vulg., read "whereupon is called the name", &c.
the LORD of hosts. Heb. Jehovah Seabatio. One of the Jehovah titles. Ap. 4. II. Cp. 5. 10, and see note on 1 Sam. 1. 3.
3 a new cart. This was contrary to the Divinely prescribed law (Num. 4. 10; 7. 9; 10. 21. 11; 10. 21. 12. 10. 8. Josh. 3. 14. 2 Sam. 15. 24. 1 Chron. 13. 7; 15. 2, &c.). When the Philistines did it in ignorance (1 Sam. 6. 7) no judgment fell on them, because the Law of Moses was not delivered to them. But David should have been forewarned: hence judgment came. The solemn lesson is that anything introduced into the worship of God contrary to His requirements is deserving of His judgment. This includes all that is contrary to John 4. 24, and all that is of the flesh, which "profeteth nothing" (John 6. 63). All this is like David's "new cart" and is sin in God's sight. See note on 1 Sam. 6. 7, and cp. 1 Sam. 15. 22.
5 the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.
8 error=negligence.
8 made a breach = broke forth. Fig. Anthropopathia. Ap. 6.

5. And David enquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt Thou deliver them into mine hand?" And the LORD said unto David, "Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand."

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20 And David came to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there, and said, "The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal-perazim.

22 And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

23 And when David enquired of the LORD, he said, "Thou shalt not go up: but fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

24 And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines."

25 And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou came to Gazer.

6. Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.

2 And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baal of Jotham, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts That dwelleth between the cherubim.

3 And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart.

4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark.

5 And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

6 And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it.

7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.

8 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perez-uzzah to this day.

9 And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, "How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?"

10 So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David:

but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

11 And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months:

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and the LORD blessed Obed-edom, and all his household.

12 And it was told king David, saying, **The LORD hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God.**

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness.

And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of God had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

And David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.

So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of God with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the People in the name of the Lord, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

And they brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord.

And it was told king David, saying, "I have found a man abominable in mine eyes, to be the son in law of the king, even Saul’s daughter Michal." And David said to Michal, "It was before the Lord, Which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the People of God, over Israel: therefore will I play before the Lord."

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And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the People in the name of the Lord of hosts.

And he dealt among all the People, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as to men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine.

So all the People departed every one to his house.

And Michael the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows uncovered him self!"

And David said unto Michal, "It was before the Lord, Which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the People of God, over Israel: therefore will I play before the Lord."

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And David went and fetched the ark of God, and brought it into the city of David. And Saul had gone before David all the days of his life.  

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And David returned to bless his house: and David was girded with a linen ephod.

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And it was told king David, saying, "Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the Lord is with thee."

And "Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the Lord is with thee."

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And it came to pass that night, that the Babylonian army began their attack on Jerusalem.
5 “Go and tell My servant David, ‘Thus saith the LORD, “Shalt thou build Me an house for Me to dwell in?"

6 Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

7 In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel I spake a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed My People Israel, saying, ‘Why build ye not Me an house of cedar?’

8 Now therefore so shalt thou say unto My servant David, ‘Thus saith the LORD of hosts, “I will take thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My People, over Israel:

9 And I was with thee withersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth.

10 Moreover I will appoint a place for My People Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

11 And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over My People Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also I the LORD tell thee that He will make thee an house.

12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy son after thee, who shall proceed out of thy seed, whom I will establish for a king.

13 He shall build an house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

14 Who am I, O my Father, and shall he be O my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

15 But My mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.’”

17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

18 Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, “Who art thou, O Lord GOD? and what is my house, that Thou hast brought me hither to?

19 And this was yet a small thing in Thy sight. O Lord GOD; but Thou hast spoken also of Thy servant’s house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD?

20 And what can David say more unto Thee? For Thou, O Lord GOD, knowest Thy servant.

21 For Thy word’s sake, and according to Thine own heart, hast Thou done all these great things, to make Thy servant know them.

18-22 (Q, p. 416). DAVID BEFORE JEHOVAH. (Introversion.)

18-22 (S, above). DAVID. THANKSGIVING FOR HIMSELF. (Introversion.)

19 manner = Torah or Law.
man. Heb. ha-adam = the man. “And is this the law of the man?” i.e. the man of Ps. 8, 9, who is to have dominion over all the earth, embracing all the world in the scope of this blessing in connection with the Messiah. This is an exclamation of greatest surprise and wonder of this revelation concerning David’s son and David’s Lord.

21 For Thy word’s sake, and according to Thine own heart, hast Thou done all these great things, to make Thy servant know them.
Wherefore Thou art great. Fig. Metonymy (of Subject), Ap. 6 = wherefore I will declare and praise Thee as great.

O LORD God = Jehovah Elohim. Note the change, because it is not now in connection with the earth, but what He is in Himself.

23 What ...? Fig. Erotétos. Ap. 6. like Israel. Some codices, with Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "like Thy People Israel".

redeem. See notes on Ex. 13. 13 and 6. 6.

7. 25-29 (S, p. 417). DAVID. PRAYER FOR HIS HOUSE. (Introversion.)


x | 27. Divine revelation. } Praise.


23 as = according as.

27 found = taken heart, become emboldened.

28 true = truth.

8. 1-14 (S, p. 414). DAVID'S MIGHTY ACTS. (Extended Alternation.)


c = 6-8. Subjection of Syrians.


a | 7-13. Conquests.


1 subdued. While David was victorious over enemies without, he was defeated by enemies within. See chs. 11 and 12.

Methheg-ammah. 1 Chron. 18. 1 gives us the meaning, and shows that Methheg = bride or reins, is put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause), Ap. 6. for power or government, and Ammah = mother-city: i. e. "Gath and her daughters (i. e. towns)" (1 Chron. 18. 1).

2 smote Moab. Thus fulfilling Num. 24. 17.

measured = allotted, or divided by lot. See note on "line", below: i. e. David divided into two companies those who were to be spared and those who were not. them = the territory. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Subject), Ap. 6, for their territory.

line. Line, put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause), Ap. 6, for dividing or allotting what was measured with it.

Deut. 3. 4, 13 (region); 32. 8, 9. Josh. 17. 6, 14. Ps. 19. 4.

Amos 7. 17. Mic. 2. 6. 2 Cor. 10. 16. casting them = casting down the cities. See note on "them", above, and cp. 1 Chron. 18. 2 = "made them his servants", or vassals.

to put to death. These were soldiers in arms, not inhabitants.

3 Hadadezer. Some codices, with four early printed editions, Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "Hadarezer" (cp. 1 Chron. 18. 3, 5). Some divide and make it two words.

Zobah. See Ps. 60 (title), and cp. 1 Sam. 14. 47. recover. Heb. cause his hand to cover: "hand " put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause), Ap. 6, for possessing.

border = boundary. 1 Chron. 18. 2 = "establish his dominion there".

Euphrates. Cp. 1 Chron. 18. 3 and Gen. 15. 18.

seven hundred. 1 Chron. 18. 4 = 7,000; but Heb. 7 and 1 = 700, are easily mistaken one for the other.

See note on 1 Kings 4. 26.


6 gifts: i. e. tribute.

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

7 shields. Sept. reads "bracelets."

7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 And from Betah, and from Berothai, cities
9 And David said, “Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him 1 kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”

2 And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, “Art thou Ziba?” And he said, “Thy servant is he.”

3 And the king said, “Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him?”

And Ziba said unto the king, “Jonathan hath yet a son, which is 1 lame on his feet.”

4 And the king said unto him, “Where is he?”

And Ziba said unto the king, “Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in 1 Lo-debar.”

5 Then king David 1 sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from 1 Lo-debar.
9. 6.

II. SAMUEL.

9. 5-13 (N2, p. 419). MEBPHIBOSHETH. FOUND.

(1) Introduction.

N1 | 1-6. Mephibosheth comes to Jerusalem.

m | 7, 8. David's promise fulfilled.


6 Mephibosheth. Born in 965 (4. 1). Now seventeen, and father of a young son (v. 12).

7 thy father's sake. So with God's grace to us; not for the sake of the lost one.

Saul thy father. Saul thy grandfather.

8 What...? Fig. Erotetics. Ap. 6.

a dead dog. Self-abasement is ever the result of grace shown.

9 am. So the sinner is concerned about what he is, rather than what he has done. Cp. Is. 6. 5. Luke 5. 8.

12 Mephibosheth. Note the Fig. Epanadiplosis (Ap. 6) in this verse: being repeated at the beginning of the next verse.

was - (i.e. was.

10. 1-5 (M1, p. 419). KINDNESS TO HANUN.

(Repeat Alternation.)

M2 n1 | 1. 2. David's purpose. Formed.

o | 2. Servants sent.

n2 | 2. David's purpose. Suspected.

o | 4. Servants insulted.

n3 | 5. David's purpose. Defeated.

1 children = sons.

2 kindness = loving-kindness, or grace. Cp. 9, 1, as = according as.

3 search = explore.

the city. Some codices, with one early printed edition, read "the land". Cp. 1 Chron. 19. 3.


10. 6-20. 22 (M, p. 414). WARS AND EVENTS.

(Diction.)

M1 | 01 | 10. 6-13. First and second wars.

O2 | 11. 1-20. 22. Third war, and events.

10. 6-19 (01, above). FIRST AND SECOND WARS.

(Repeat Alternation.)

O1 | 6-12. Armies arrayed.

q | 13, 14. Fight and flight. Ammon.


p | 15-17. Armies arrayed.

q | 17, 18. Fight and flight. Syrians.


Ish-tob - men of Tob.

rehab, and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand footmen, and of king Maacah a thousand men, and of Ish-tob twelve thousand men.

7 And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men.

8 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entry in of the gate: and the Syrians of Zoba, and of Rehab, and of Ish-tob, and Maacah, were by themselves in the field.

9 When Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians:

10 And the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put them in array against the children of Ammon.

11 And he said, "If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the
1 And Joab drew nigh, and the People that were with him, unto the battle against the Syrians: and they fled before him.

2 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before Abishai, and entered into the city.

3 And Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

4 But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

5 And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves together.

6 And Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Syrians that were beyond the river: and they came to Helam; and Shobach the captain of the host of Hadarezer went before them.

7 And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and came to Helam.

8 And the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and fought with him.

9 And when all the kings that were servants to Hadarezer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

10 And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah.

11 But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

12 And David sent to Uriah, saying, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David.

13 And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the war prospered.

14 And Joab drew nigh, and the People that were with him, unto the battle against the Syrians: and they fled before him.

15 And when the children of Ammon saw that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves together.

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20 And when the war was ended, David returned unto his own place.
942 day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart." So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow.
13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

14 And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, "Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die."

16 And it came to pass, when Joab observed that the mourning was past, David sent to Joab, and said unto him, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah unto David. And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell of the people of the servants of David, and Uriah the Hittite died also.

18 Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war; and charged the messenger, saying, "Tell the king all that Joab sent to thee for."

20 And he wrote in the letter, saying,-"Set the men of the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place wall?" did not ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? and there came a traveller unto the rich man; and the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up : and it grew up together with him, and he spared to take of his own flock and his own herd, to dress for the way-faring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him."

5 And the poor man was a citizen of the city; the other was a stranger. And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the way-faring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him."

5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die:

6 And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."
7 And Nathan said to David, “Thou art the man. Thus saith the L ORD of Israel, I have anointed thee king over Israel; and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;
8 And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.
9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the L ORD, to do evil in His sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

Then David arose from the earth, and laid all night upon the earth.
12 And David therefore besought the Lord, “Thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme the child that Uriah's wife bore unto David, and it was very sick.
13 And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.
14 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died.
15 And Nathan departed unto his house. And the Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife bore unto David, and it was very sick.
16 And the child was sick unto death. Therefore David said unto his servants, “Is the child dead?” And they said, “He is dead.”
17 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the Lord, and worshipped:
18 And they set bread before him, and he did eat.
19 Then said his servants unto him, “What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.”
20 And he said, “While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, ‘Who can tell whether the Lord will be gracious to me, that the child may live?’

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23 But now he is dead, wherefore should 3 fast? can I bring him back again? *23* shall he go to him, but 3 shall not return to me."

24 And David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and 0 he called his name Solomon: and 1 the LORD loved him.

25 And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and 0 he called his name Jedidiah, because of 1 the LORD.

26 And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.

27 And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, "I have fought against Rabbah, and taken the cities of water."

28 Now therefore gather the rest of the People together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest 3 take the city, and it be called after my name."

29 And David gathered all the People together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it.

30 And he took 0 their king’s crown from off his head, the weight whereof was a 4 talent of gold with the precious stones: and it was set on David’s head:

31 And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance.

32 And he brought forth the people that were therein, and 4 put them 0 under saws, and 0 under hammers, and 0 under axes of iron, and made 0m pass through the 0 brick-kiln: and 4 thus did he unto all the cities of the 0 children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

13 And it came to pass 0 after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her.

2 And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she 0 was a virgin, and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her.

Ezek. 37. 2; 46. 21. Deut. 2. 30. Ex. 35. 19. 1 Sam. 16. 8, 9, 16, &c. brick-kiln = brick-work; hence, brick pavement or paved area (R. V. marg.). Not brick-kiln; no brick-kilns in Palestine. All bricks there are sun-dried. Only once spoken of as burnt—as being a strange thing (Gen. 11. 3, and marg.). Heb. mabîn, occurs only here, Jer. 43. 9, and Nah. 3. 14, the former at “entry” of royal palace, the latter said to be "fortified". Both out of the question, and quite incongruous for a brickkiln. The very paved area of Jer. 43. 9 was discovered at Tahpanhes by Flinders Petrie in 1886, where Nebuchadnezzar did exactly what David did here and in ch. 8. 2 and 1 Chron. 20. 3, thus did he: i.e. as in 8. 2, with Moab, so here; he caused the captives to pass by before him, he seated on a pavement of brick-work, or paved area, where he appointed them to the various departments of labour for which they were suited. Cp. Jer. 43. 9–11. These were the "strangers" (i.e. foreigners) and the "abundance of workmen" referred to in 1 Chron. 22. 2, 15. Cp. Deut. 29. 11. Josh. 9. 27. Note on 1 Kings 5. 13; 9. 16, 21, 22.

13. 1–20. 22 (Q. p. 421). DAVID’S SIN. PUNISHED. (Division.)

13. 1–14. 33. AMNON’S SIN. (Introversion and Extended Alternation.)

1 after this: i.e. 998. David, 63; Amnon, 22; Absalom, 20; Tamar, 15; Solomon, 2. Absalom. Son of Maacah, daughter of king of Geshur (see note on 3. 3). Amnon. Son of Ahinoam (3. 2).
3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very subtle man.

4 And he said unto him, "Why art thou, being the king's son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me?" And Amnon said unto him, "I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister."

5 And Jonadab said unto him, "Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, 'I pray thee, let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go out, and bolt the door after her.'"

6 So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, "I pray thee, let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go out, and bolt the door after her."

7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, "Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat."

8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and she was laid on a bed, and she made him cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes. And he took flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes. And she took "a pan, and "poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, "Have out all these men from me." And they went out every man from me."

10 And Amnon said unto Tamar, "Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand."

11 And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, "Come lie with me, my sister." And she answered him, "Nay, my brother, do not force me; for such a thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly.

13 And I will, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee."

14 Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.

15 Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, "Arise, be gone."

16 And she said unto him, "There is no cause: this evil in sending me away is greater than the other that thou didst unto me." But he would not hearken unto her.

17 Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, "Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her."

19 And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying.

20 And Absalom her brother said unto her, "Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; regard not this thing." So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

21 But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth.

22 And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

23 And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal-hazor, which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons.

24 And Absalom came to the king, and said, "Behold now, thy servant hath sheepshearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go with thy servant."

25 And the king said to Absalom, "Nay, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable unto thee." And he pressed him: howbeit he would not go, but blessed him.

26 Then said Absalom, "If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us." And the king said unto him, "Why should he go with thee?"

27 But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

28 Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, "Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, 'Smite Amnon;' then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded thee? be courageous, and be valiant."

29 And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded.
Then all the king’s sons arose, and every man got him up upon his mule, and fled.

And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, “Absalom hath slain all the king’s sons, and there is not one of them left.”

Then the king arose, and tare his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent.

And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David’s brother, answered and said, “Let not my lord suppose that they have slain all the young men the king’s sons; for Ammon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar.

And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, &c., there came people by the way of the hill side behind him.

And Jonadab said unto the king, &c., “Behold, the king’s sons come: as thy servant said, so it is.”

And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, &c., the king’s sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept very sore.

But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day.

So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years.

And &c., the soul of king David longed to go forth unto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Ammon, seeing he was dead.

Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king’s heart was toward Absalom.

And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched a woman that had two sons, and they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, “come in unto the king.”

And he answered, &c., am indeed a widow woman, and mine husband is dead. And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and there was none to part them, but the one smote the other, and slew him.
11 Then said she, “I pray thee, let the king turn to his own house, and let him not see my face.” And the woman said, “Hast thou thought such a thing against the soul of my lord the king?”

12 Then the woman said, “Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak one word unto my lord the king.” And he said, “Say on.” And the woman said, “Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the soul of my lord the king? for the king doth speak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished.

13 And the woman said, “That which thou hast spoken is good: for thy servant Joab, and all his people, and all the men of Israel, have in this thing done wrong.

14 For we must needs die, and see the king’s face; and if there be sin in thy servant, judge, I pray thee, between thy servants; and let thine handmaid have mercy in thine own eyes.”

15 Then the woman said, “Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the soul of my lord the king? for the king is the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head, to discern good and bad: therefore I pray thee, let thine handmaid speak but this one word.”

16 For the king will hear, and deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man that would destroy me, and my son together out of the inheritance of 11 God.

17 Then thine handmaid said, “The word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable: for as an angel of 11 God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad: therefore let the LORD thy God be with thee.”

18 Then the woman answered and said unto the woman, “Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that thou shalt ask thee.” And the woman said, “Let my lord the king now speak to his handmaid.”

19 And the king said, “Is not the 9 hand of Joab with thee in all this?” And the woman answered and said, “As thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from ought that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Joab, he sware to me, and let me put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid.”

20 To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord 11 is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of 11 God, to know all things that are in the earth.”

21 And the king said unto Joab, “Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again.”

22 And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and thanked the king: and Joab said, “To day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of his servant.”

23 So Joab arose, and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

24 And the king said, “Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face.” So Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the king’s face.

25 But in all Israel there was none so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

26 And when he polled his head, (for it was at every year’s end that he polled it: because the hair was heavy on him, therefore he polled it;) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the king’s weight.

27 And unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance.

28 So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the king’s face.

29 Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come.

30 Therefore he said unto his servants, “See, Joab’s field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire.” And Absalom’s servants set the field on fire.

31 Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom unto his house, and said unto him, “Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire?”

32 And Absalom answered Joab. “Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, ‘Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, ‘Wherefore am I come from Geshur? it had been good for me to have been there still: now therefore let me see the king’s face; and if there be any iniquity in me, let him kill me.’”
14. 33.

33 So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king:

and the king kissed Absalom.

15 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots and fifty mares, and fifty men to {o} run before him.

2 And Absalom {o} rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, "Of what city art thou?"

And he said, "Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel."

3 And Absalom said unto him, "See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee."

4 Absalom said moreover, "Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, "Of what city art thou?"

And he said, "Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel."

5 And Absalom said unto him, "Thy servant {o} is appointed of one of the tribes of Israel."

6 And on this manner did Absalom to all the men of Israel that came to the king for judgment:

so Absalom stole the {o} hearts of the men of Israel.

7 And it came to pass after forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, "I pray thee, let me go and pay the tribute of my vow, which I have vowed in Hebron."

8 For thy servant {o} vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, 'I f will not return to go and pay the tribute of my vow, which I have vowed in Hebron.'"

9 And the king said unto him, "Go in peace." So he arose, and went to Hebron.

10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, 'Absalom reigneth in Hebron.'"

11 And with Absalom went two hundred {m} men out of Jerusalem, that were called; and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not any thing.

12 And Absalom {o} sent for Ahithophel, David's counsellor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he {o} offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the People {o} increased continually with Absalom.

13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom."

14 And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not else escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring {o} evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword."

15 And the king's servants said unto the king, "Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint."

16 And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, which were concubines, to keep the house.

17 And the king went forth, and all the People after him, and tarried in a place that was far off.

18 And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the {o} Gittites, six hundred {m} men which

15. 1—19. 43 (Y², p. 424) ABSALOM'S REBELLION. (Alternations, Simple and Extended.)

15. 1-13 (J, above). REBELLION MADE. (Introversion and Alternation.)

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15. 18. II. SAMUEL.

15. 19. stranger = foreigner.
20. mercy = lovingkindness, or grace.
21. truth = faithfulness. Sept. and Syr. read “Jehovah will deal with thee in lovingkindness and faithfulness”.
22. all: i.e. all the country round him. (Interversion.)
23. country. Put by Fig. Synecdoche (of the Whole). Fig. Symmetry.
24. lo. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.
27. Sam. 22. 20. 1 Kings 10. 9. 2 Chron. 9. 8. Ps. 18. 19; 41. 11; 86. 2 (marg). Acts 7. 46.
28. as = according as.
29. See. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.
32. head covered. Symbol for self-condemnation.
34. tell. Cp. Ps. 41. 9 and 55. 12-14.
35. turn, &c. Cp. Ps. 41. 55; 69; 109.
36. the top. Doubtless a high place where God was worshipped. Nob was near where the Tabernacle once stood.
38. behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.
40. Archite. Probably = a native of Archi, on frontier of Benjamin and Ephraim. coat = the long tunic with sleeves.
41. hast thou not ...? Fig. Erotêsis. Ap. 6.


1. top. Cp. 15. 32.
2. bear. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

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38. And Hushai David's friend came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

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11 And Absalom said to Ahishai, and to all his servants, “Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the Lord hath bidden him.

12 It may be that the Lord will look on mine affliction, and that the Lord will requite me good for his cursing this day.”

13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hillside over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust.

14 And the king, and all the People that were with him, came weary and refreshed themselves there.

15 And Absalom, and all the People the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

16 And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David’s friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, “God save the king, God save the king.”


3 he said. This was slander. See 19. 24–30, and cp. the two Structures.

16. 5–13 (s, p. 429). IMPERATION OF SHIMEI. (Introversion.)

1 Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, ‘To day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father.’”

3 And when king David came to a Bahurim, his behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came.

5 And king David came to a Bahurim, his behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came.

7 And thus said Shimei when he cursed, “Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou slain man of Belial:

8 ‘The Lord hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the Lord hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, behold, thou art taken in thy mischief, because thou art a bloody man.’”

10 And the king said, “What have I to do with thee, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse thee, and take off his head.”

12 look on mine affliction. This is one of the eighteen emendations of the Sopherim (Ap. 53). The primitive text reads “Jehovah will behold with His eye”. This was thought to be too anthropomorphic, and so was altered, and the alteration recorded.


14 weary. Heb. ‘Ayyish. Perhaps the name of a place, or of a caravansary with that name, for the weary.”

16. 15–17. 23 (N, p. 428). JERUSALEM. ABSALOM’S ENTRY. (Introversion.)


18 choose = hath chosen.

17 And Absalom said to Hushai, “Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend?”

18 And Hushai said unto Absalom, “Nay; but whom the Lord, and this People, and all the men of Israel, choose, his will be, and with him will I abide.

19 And again, whom should I serve? should I not serve in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father’s presence, so will I be in thy presence.”

20 Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, “Give counsel among you what we shall do.”
21 And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, "Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong."

22 So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel. 23 And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was so as if a man had enquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

17 Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom, "Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night: 2 And I will come upon him while he is weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the People that are with him shall flee: and I will smite the king only; 3 And I will bring back all the People unto thee: the man whom thou seest is as if all returned: so all the People shall be in peace.

4 And the saying pleased Ahithophel well, and all the elders of Israel.

5 Then said Absalom, "Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he saith."

6 And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, "Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do after his saying? if not; speak thou after thine own will."

7 And Hushai said unto Absalom, "The counsel that Ahithophel hath given is not good at this time. 8 For, if thou knowest thy father and his men, that they be mighty men, and thou be chafed in the minds of all these men, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the People. 9 Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some other place: and it will come to pass, when all Israel knoweth that thy father is not, and all these men be overthrown at the counsel of this day: then shall whosoever heareth it will say, 'There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom.' 10 And he also that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they which be with him are valiant men. 11 Therefore I counsel that all Israel be gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, 12 So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him and of all these men that be with him there shall not be left so much as one. 13 Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there."

14 And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel." For the LORD had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom.
And Absalom passed over Jordan, the host instead of Joab. And Absalom was made Amasa, captain of the host instead of Joab: which Amasa was a man's son, whose name was Amasa, and whose mother was Abigail, the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah Joab's mother. And all Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

And it came to pass, when David was numbered= mustered, or inspected. David was now fifty-six. Of those come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, brought beds, and basins, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched corn, and beans, and lentiles, and parched pulse. And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the People that were with him, to eat: for they said, "The People is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.'


And the king said unto them, "What seemeth you best I will do." And the king stood by the gate side, and all the People came out by hundreds and by thousands. And the king commanded Joab and Abshai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom." And all the People heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

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6 So the People went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim;
8 For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country; and the wood "devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

9 And Absalom met the servants of David.
And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was "taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away.

10 And a certain "man saw it, and told Joab, and said, "Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak."

11 And Joab said unto the "man that told him, "And, 10th behold, thou sawest him, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten "shekels of silver, and a "girdle."

12 And the "man said unto Joab, "Though I should receive a thousand "shekels of silver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son: for in "our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Beware that none touch the young man Absalom.

13 Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldest have set thyself against me."

14 Then said Joab, "I may not tarry thus against the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Beware that none touch the young man Absalom.

15 And ten young men that bare Joab's "girdle came and reared up for himself a "pillar after his own name: and it is called till this day, Absalom's "place."

16 And Joab blew the trumpet, and the People returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the People.

17 And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great "heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent.

18 (Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a "pillar, which is in the king's gate: for he said: "I have no son to keep my name in remembrance:" and he called the "pillar after his own name: and it is called unto this day, Absalom's "place."

19 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, "Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the "LORD hath avenged him of his enemies."

20 And Joab said unto him, "Thou shalt not bear tidings this day: but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead."

21 Then said Joab to Cushi, "Go tell the king what thou hast seen." And Cushi bowed himself unto Joab, and ran.

22 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, "But howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cushi."

23 "But howsoever," said he, "let me run." And he said unto him, "Run." Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran Cushi.

24 And David sat "between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and "saw a man running alone.

25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, "If he be alone, there is tidings in his mouth." And he came near, and drew near.

And the watchman saw another "man running: and the watchman called unto the
27 And the watchman said, "Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok." And the king said, "He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings." 28 And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, "All is well." And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, "Blessed be the Lord thy God. Which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king." 29 And the king said, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" And Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab sent the king's servant, and me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was." 30 And the king said unto him, "Turn aside, and stand here." And he turned aside, and stood still.

31 And, behold, Cushi came; and Cushi said, "Tidings, my lord the king: for the king's servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was." 32 And the king said unto Cushi, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" And Cushi answered, "The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise up against thee, be as that young man is." 33 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and all the People wept with the king. 34 And the king said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

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19 And it was told Joab, "Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom."

1 And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the People: for the People heard say that day how the king was grieved unto all the People; for the People weepeth and mourneth for Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

4 But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, "O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

5 And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, "Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines; 6 In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thine friends. For thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest neither princes nor servants: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well. 7 Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the Lord, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until now."

8 Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the People, saying, "Behold, the king doth sit in the gate." And all the People came before the king: for Israel had fled every man to his tent. 9 And all the People were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land for Absalom. 10 And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why should we speak any word of bringing the king back?"

11 And king David sent to Zadok and to Ahithabh the priests, saying, "Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, 'Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house?' seeing..."
And Shimei fell down before the king, as he was come over Jordan; and said unto the king, "Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart.

For thy servant doth know that I have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king."

But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, "Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the Lord's anointed?"

And David said, "What have I to do with ye, sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be adversaries unto me? shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for do not I know that Joab is to go down to meet my lord the king?"

Therefore the king said unto Shimei, "Thou shalt not die." And the king spake unto Abishai, saying, "Petition for Shimei." And he said, "My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant said, "I will saddle me an ass. that I may ride thereon, and go to the king;" because thy servant is lame.

And he had slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king is as an angel of God: do therefore what is good in thine eyes.

For all of my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king: yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table. What right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king?"
29 And the king said unto him, 8 Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? "I have said, " The king is come again in peace unto his own house."

30 And Mephibosheth said unto the king, " Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house."

31 And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan.

32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, even fourscore years old: and he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he was a very great man.

33 And the king said unto Barzillai, "Come with me, and I will feed thee in Jerusalem." And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king; and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward? forasmuch as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house.

34 And Barzillai said unto the king, "How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king? I am fourscore years old: wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's provision? or hath he given us any gift?"

35 3 am this day fourscore years old: and can I discern between good and evil? o can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? wherefore then should thy servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king?

36 Thy servant will go a little way over Jordan with my lord the king; and whatsoever thou shalt require of me, or whatsoever thou shalt require of me, that will I do for thee.

37 Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, and be buried by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold thy servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt require of me, that will I do for thee.

38 And the king answered, "Chimham shall go over with me, and I will feed him in Jerusalem."

39 And all the people went over Jordan.

And when the king was come over, the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place.

40 Then the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him:

And all the People of Judah conducted the king, and also half the People of Israel.

41 And, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, o Why have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and have brought the king, and his household, and all David's men with him, over Jordan?"

42 And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, "Because the king is near to us: wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's cost? or hath he given us any gift?"

43 And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, "We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more right in David than ye: why then did ye despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king?"

And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? Fig. Erotësia (Ap. 6), to show dissatisfaction with Mephibosheth's defence. Hence his division of Saul's estate. See note on 28. I have said. Cp. 9. 10. David revokes 16. 4, and falls back on 9. 10. Thou and Ziba. Cp. 16. 4. the land: i.e. Saul's estate.

forthasmuch = now that.

31. 32. (N, p. 428). JERUSALEM. DAVID'S RE-ENTRY. (Alternation.)

31. 32. Barzillai. 
33. 34. The People.
35. 36. The People.
37. 38. The People.
39. 40. The People.
41. 42. THE PEOPLE.

(Repeated Alternation.)

43. (t, above). THE PEOPLE. (Repeated Alternation.)

Y1 | w | 1, 2. Sheba. Revolt made.
Y2 | x | 2. Judah's loyalty.
Y3 | y | 3. David's concubines.


21. 22. (Y3, p. 424). SHEBA'S REVOLT. (Introversion.)

w | 5-10. Amasa, Murder.

20. And there happened to be there a man of Belial, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew a trumpet, and said, "We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to his tents, O Israel."

2 So every man of Israel went up from after David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri: but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem.

3 And David came to his house at Jerusalem; and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood.

4 Then said the king to Amasa, "Assemble me the men of Judah within three days, and be thou here present."
5 So Amasa went to assemble the men of Judah: but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him.

6 And David said to Abishai, "Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than did Absalom: take thou thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape us."

7 And there went out after him Joab's men, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men: and they went out after Sheba the son of Bichri.

8 When they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa before them. And Joab's garment that he had put on was girded with the right hand to kiss him.

9 And Joab said to Amasa, "Art thou in health, my brother?" And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him.

10 But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand: so he smote him therewith in the fifth rib, and struck him not again; and he died.

11 And one of Joab's men stood by, and said, "He that favoureth Joab, and he that is for David, let him go after Joab."

12 And Amasa wallowed in blood in the midst of the highway. And when the man saw that all the People stood still, he removed Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a cloth upon him, when he saw that every one that came by him stood still.

13 When he was removed, all the People went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

14 And he went through all the tribes of Israel unto Abel, and to Beth-maachah, and all the Berites: and they were gathered together, and went also after him.

15 And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maachah, and they cast up a bank against the city, and it stood in the trench: and all the People that were with Joab battered the wall, to throw it down.

16 Then cried a wise woman out of the city, "Hear, hear: say, I pray you, unto Joab, 'Come near hither, that I may speak with thee.'"

17 And when he was come near unto her, the woman said, "Art thou Joab?" And he answered, "I am he." Then she said unto him, "Hear the words of thine handmaid." And he answered, "I do hear." 18 Then she spake, saying, "They were wont to speak in old time, saying, 'They shall surely ask counsel at Abel.' and so they ended the matter.

19 "And am one of them that are peaceable and faithful in Israel: thou seestkest to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of "the LORD?"

20 And Joab answered and said, "Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy.

21 The matter is not so: but a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, even against David: deliver him only, and I will depart from the city." And the woman said unto Joab, "Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall."

22 Then the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast it out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

23 Now Joab was over all the host of Israel: and 3 Benaijah the son of Jehohada was over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites:

24 And 9 Adoram was over the tribute: and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder:

25 And Sheva was 9 scribe: and Zadok and Abiathare were the priests:

26 And Ira also the Jairite was 9 chief ruler about David.
Then there was a "famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, "It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites."

2 And the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them, "(now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah.)

3 Wherefore David said unto the Gibeonites, "What shall I do for you, and wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless to slay them in his zeal to the house of David and Jonathan the son of Saul."

4 And the Gibeonites said unto him, "We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel." And he said, "What shall I do for you, and wherewith will I make the atonement of the Lord?"

5 And they answered the king, "The man that consumed us, and that devised against us to destroy us, and that consumed us, and that devised against us in Israel." And be said, "What will I do for you?"

6 And seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the Lord in Gibeah of Saul, whom the Lord did choose." And the king said, "I will do this thing for thee."

7 But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.

8 But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite:

9 And he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the hill before the Lord; and they fell all seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley harvest.

10 And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.

11 And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done.

12 And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, which had stolen them from the street of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa:

13 And he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged.

14 And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was intreated for the land.

15 Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint.

16 And Ishbi-benob, which was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David.

17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David were sworn unto him, saying, "Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Israel."

18 And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob:

Then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which was of the sons of the giant.
21. 19.  

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22. 16.  

19 And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines,

20 And there was yet a battle in Gath,

22 These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

22 And David spake unto the Lord the words of this song in the day that the Lord had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

4 I will call on the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised:

5 When the waves of death compassed me, The floods of ungodly men made me afraid;

6 The sorrows of hell compassed me about; The snares of death prevented me; A

7 In my distress I called upon the Lord, And cried to my God; And He heard my voice out of His temple, And my cry did enter into His ears.

8 Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of heaven moved And shook, because He was wroth.

9 There went up a smoke out of His nostrils, And His lightnings out of His face; 10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down:

And darkness was under His feet.

11 And He rode upon a cherub, and did fly: And He was seen upon the wings of the wind.

12 And He made darkness pavilions round about Him, Dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

13 Through the brightness before Him were coals of fire kindled.
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22. 17-28 (I. p. 439). PRAYER ANSWERED. (Introversion.)

I | G | 17, 18. Deliverance.
H | —18. Enemies.

18 from. Some codices, with Syr. and Vulg., read "and from". Cp. Ps. 18. 17.
19 prevented = got before.
24 upright = blameless. Heb. tānim.
26 merciful = gracious.
And. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read this "And" in text.
27 shew Thyself unsavoury = show Thyself ready to contend.

29-49 (iii. p. 439). OVERTHROW OF ENEMIES. ARMS. (Extended Alternation.)

29 lamp = light.
30 By. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Sept., Aram., and Syr., read "And by".
31 GOD. Heb. 'El. Ap. 4. IV.
word = statements. Heb. 'imrah, what is said. See Ap. 73. v.
is tried = hath been proved.
32 who . . . ? Fig. Erotēsia. Ap. 6.
33 strength = fortress.
power = strength.
maketh my way perfect: or, showeth to the blameless His way. Some codices, with two early printed editions, read "my way", as in Ps. 18. 32.
34 setteth = maketh me to stand firm.
my high places. Contrast the "high places" so fatal to Jonathan and Saul (1. 26).
44 strivings = contentions.

39 And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise:
Yea, they are fallen under my feet.
40 For Thou hast girded me with strength to battle:
Them that rose up against me hast Thou subdued under me.
41 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies,
That I might destroy them that hate me.
42 They *looked, but there was none to save; Even unto *the LORD, but He answered them not.
43 Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth,
I did stamp them as the mire of the street, And did spread them abroad.
44 Thou also hast delivered me from the <strivings> of My people,
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23. 1-7 (T2, p. 439). LAST WORDS OF DAVID.

(THE SPEAKER.)

Heaven.

David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, 'The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and His word was in my tongue. He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.'

5 Although my house be not so with God; yet He hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure:

For this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although He make it not to grow.

23. 4-7 (T2, above). THE IDEAL RULE. (Introverson.)

And he shall be, Translate in present tense, describing such an ideal rule.

translated and translated:


1-4. David's house.
1-5. God's covenant with David.
1-6. God's covenant with David.


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23. 6, 7 (r2, p. 441). THE RULED. (Introversion.)
2. 6. But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns 12 thrust away,
Because they cannot be 12 taken with hands:
8. 7. But the 12 man that shall touch them must
be 12 fenced with iron and the staff of a spear;
And they shall be utterly burned with fire 12 in the same place.”

These be the names of the mighty men whom David had:
1. The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same was Adino the Ezrite:
2. He lifted up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time.
3. And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away:
4. And he arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword; and the LORD wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil.
5. And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines.
6. But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the host of the Philistines that sat in the seat, chief among the captains, the same was the Ahohite, whom he slew at one time.
7. And the LORD wrought a great victory.
8. And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim.
9. And David was then in the hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.
10. And David longed, and said, “Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, which is by the gate!”
11. And “three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD.
12. And he said, “Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives?” therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.

Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief among 13 three.
And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, and slew them, and had the name among 13 three.
3. 19. Was he not most honourable of three? therefore he was their captain: howbeit he attained not unto the first 14 three.
20. And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant 7 man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts,
he slew two lionlike men of Moab: he went among of.

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21 And he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

22 These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among three mighty men.

23 He was more honourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the first three. And David set him over his guard.

24 Asahel, the brother of Joab, was one of the thirty;

Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem,

Shammah the Harodite,

Helez the Paltite,

Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,

Elika the Harodite,

Helez the son of Benaiah, a Netophathite,

Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah of the Benjaminites,

Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a Netophathite,

Zelek the Ammonite,

Shamhiah the Hararite,

Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite,

Eliphelet the son of Ahithophel, a Geshurite,

Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,

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Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah of the Benjaminites.

25 They passed over Jordan, and pitched on the land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahpanesh.

26 And they passed over jordan, and pitched in the wilderness of Gaash.

27 And they encamped beside the river of Gad, and to the eastward of Jazer.
7 And came to the "strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites; and they went out to the south of Judah, even to Beer-sheba.

8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

9 And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the People unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.

10 And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the People. And David said unto the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of Thy servant; for I have done very foolishly."

11 For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,

12 "Go and say unto David, 'Thus saith the LORD, "Seven years of famine shall come unto thee before thine enemies. And if thou pursue thee, or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? or wilt thou flee into the land? or wilt thou flee into the hand of the LORD, even to Beer-sheba."

13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, "Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee into the hand of the LORD? or wilt thou fall into the hand of the king?" And David answered Gad, "It is of the LORD to accept it: I will not resist thee."" (P. 443)

14 And David said unto Gad, "I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for His mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man." (P. 444)

15 So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed; and there died of the People from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy thousand men.

16 And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented of the evil, and said and said to the angel that destroyed the People, "It is enough: stay now thine hand." And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing place of Araunah the Jebusite.

17 And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the People, and said, "Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let Thine hand, I pray Thee, be against me, and against my father's house." (P. 445)

18 And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, "Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite."

19 And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the LORD commanded.

20 And Araunah "looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king, and said that he might offer the sacrifice, and bless the king."

21 And Araunah said, "Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant?"

22 And Araunah said unto David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood."

23 All these things did Araunah, as a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, "The LORD thy God accept thee."

24 And the king said unto Araunah, "Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price:  

went out. Some codices read 'came in'".  
south=the Negeb. Some codices read "land". See note on Gen. 13. 1. 
nine months, &c. The long time implies a period of great peace.  
9 Israel = 800,000 "valiant men". Heb. 'ish. Ap. 14. II.  
Judah = 500,000 "men". Heb. 'ish. Ap. 14. II. [Cp. 1 Chron. 21. 5, a different classification. Israel = 1,100,000, 'all they of Israel that drew sword' i.e. all adults, not necessarily 'valiant'. Judah = 470,000 'men that drew sword'; not all the 'men' by 30,000.  
10 I have sinned. Probably conviction of pride or other sinful motive. Heb. hagan. Ap. 44. i. take away = cause to pass over. See 12. 11. iniquity. See Ap. 44. iv.  
24. 11-18 (A, p. 443). JEHOVAH. JUDGMENT. 
(Introversio.)  
11 For And. was = rose.  
Gad. Cp. 1 Sam. 9. 9. Gad last mentioned, 1 Sam. 22. 5. Probably inspired to write this history.  
12 I offer thee = I impose on thee (Heb. natah). A choice out of God's four sore judgments (Exod. 14. 21).  
13 seven years. 1 Chron. 21. 12 = three years; also Sept. The Hebrew numeral letters for three and seven were probably very much alike. Hence perhaps mistaken by an ancient scribal. Both may be right = seven, or even three.  
14 mercies = compassions.  
15 time appointed. Sept. and Syr. say the plague lasted only till noon. So this "time" may mean for the evening sacrifice. 3 p.m. (cp. v. 18).  
16-25 (B, p. 443). EXPIATION OF THE SIN.  
(Introversio and Repeated Alternation.)  
B e | 16-17. Entreaty for the Land. David's.  
g h1 | 19. David's obedience.  
12 | 21. David's request.  
h | 24. David's refusal.  
Araunah the Jebusite. Perhaps spared in the taking of Jebus. See note on 5. 8.  
17 Lo. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.  
19 as = according as.  
20 looked = looked down.  
21 came = coming on - crossing over.  
22 burnt sacrifice. See Ap. 43. I. ii.  
22 And Araunah said unto David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood."

24 And the king said unto Araunah, "Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price:
neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing." So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.