

12 And when the children of Israel heard of it, the whole Congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to goe by to warre against them.

13 And the children of Israel sent vnto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the halfe tribe of Manasseh into the lande of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the Priest,

14 And with him ten princes, of each chiefe house a prince, throughout all the tribes of Israel, and each one was an head of the house of their fathers, among the thousands of Israel.

15 And they came vnto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the halfe tribe of Manasseh vnto the land of Gilead, and they spake with them, saying,

16 Thus saith the whole Congregation of the LORD, what trespasse is this that ye haue committed against the God of Israel, to turne away this day from following the LORD, in that ye haue builded you an altar, that yee might rebell this day against the LORD:

17 Is the iniquitie * of Beor too little for vs, from which we are not cleansed vntil this day, (although there was a plague in the Congregation of the LORD)

18 But that ye must turne away this day from following the LORD: and it will be, seeing yee rebell to day against the LORD, that to morrow he will be wroth with the whole Congregation of Israel.

19 Notwithstanding, if the lande of your possession be vncleane, then passe yre ouer vnto the land of the possession of the LORD, wherein the LORDS Tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among vs: but rebell not against the LORD, nor rebell against vs, in building you an altar, beside the Altar of the LORD our God.

20 Did not Achan the sonne of Zerah commit a trespasse in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on * all the Congregation of Israel: and that man perished not alone in his iniquitie.

21 Then the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the halfe tribe of Manasseh, answered and saide vnto the heads of the thousands of Israel,

22 The LORD God of gods, the

LORD God of gods, hee knoweth, and Israel he shall know, if it bee in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (saue vs not this day,)

23 That wee haue built vs an altar to turne from following the LORD, or if to offer thereon burnt offering, or meat offering, or if to offer peace offerings thereon, let the LORD himselfe require it;

24 And if we haue not rather done it for feare of this thing, saying, † In time to come your children might speake vnto our children, saying, what haue you to doe with the LORD God of Israel:

25 For the LORD hath made Jordan a border betweene vs and you, yee children of Reuben, and children of Gad, yee haue no part in the LORD: so shal your children make our children cease from fearing the LORD:

26 Therefore we said, Let vs now prepare to build vs an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice,

27 But that it may bee * a witnesse betweene vs and you, and our generations after vs, that we might do the seruice of the LORD before him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings, that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye haue no part in the LORD.

28 Therefore said we, that it shalbe, when they should so say to vs, or to our generations in time to come, that wee may say againe, Beholde the paterne of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifices, but it is a witnes betweene vs and you.

29 God forbid that we should rebell against the LORD, and turne this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for meate offerings, or for sacrifices, besides the Altar of the LORD our God that is before his Tabernacle.

30 And when Phinehas the Priest and the Princes of the Congregation, and heads of the thousands of Israel which were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad, and the children of Manasseh spake, † it pleased them.

31 And Phinehas the sonne of Eleazar the Priest said vnto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day

† Heb. house of the father.

† Heb. to morrow.

* Gen. 31. 48. chap. 24. 27. ver. 34.

* Num. 25. 4.

* Chap. 7. 1. 5.

† Heb. it was good in their eyes.

We perceiue that the LORD is among vs, because ye haue not committed this trespasse against the LORD: † now ye haue deliuered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD.

32 ¶ And Phinehas the sonne of Eleazar the Priest, and the Princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, vnto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, & brought them word againe.

33 And the thing pleased the children of Israel, and the children of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to goe by against them in battel, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

34 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad called the altar ¶ Ed: for it shall bee a witnesse betweene vs, that the LORD is God.

C H A P. XXIII.

1 Ioshuas exhortation before his death, 3 by former benefits, 5 by promises, 11 and by threatnings.

¶ And it came to passe, a long time after that the LORD had giuen rest vnto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Ioshua waxed old, and † stricken in age.

2 And Ioshua called for all Israel, and for their Elders, & for their heads, and for their Judges, and for their Officers, and said vnto them; I am old, and stricken in age.

3 And yee haue seene all that the LORD your God hath done vnto all these nations, because of you; for the LORD your God is hee that hath fought for you.

4 Behold, I haue diuided vnto you by lot these nations that remaine, to bee an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I haue cut off, euen vnto the great Sea † westward.

5 And the LORD your God, hee shall expell them from before you, and driue them from out of your sight, & ye shall possesse their land, as the LORD your God hath promised vnto you.

6 Be ye therefore very courageous to keepe and to doe all that is written in the booke of the Law of Moses, * that yee turne not aside therefrom, to the

right hand, or to the left,

7 That yee come not among these nations, these that remaine amongst you, neither * make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to sweare by them, neither serue them, nor bow your selues vnto them.

8 ¶ But cleaue vnto the LORD your God, as yee haue done vnto this day.

9 ¶ For the LORD hath driuen out from before you, great nations, and strong: But as for you, no man hath beene able to stand before you vnto this day.

10 * One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as hee hath promised you.

11 Take good heed therefore vnto your † selues, that ye loue the LORD your God.

12 Else, if ye do in any wise go backe, and cleaue vnto the remnant of these nations, euen these that remaine among you, and shall make marriages with them, and goe in vnto them, and they to you:

13 Know for a certaintie, that the LORD your God will no more driue out any of these nations from before you: * but they shall be snares and traps vnto you, and scourges in your sides, and thornes in your eyes, vntill yee perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath giuen you.

14 And behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth, and ye know in all your hearts, and in all your soules, that * not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to passe vnto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

15 Therefore it shall come to passe, that as all good things are come vpon you, which the LORD your God promised you: so shall the LORD bring vpon you all euill things, vntill hee haue destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath giuen you.

16 When yee haue transgressed the Couenant of the LORD your God, which hee commaunded you, and haue gone and serued other gods, and bowed your selues to them: then shall the anger of the LORD bee kindled against you, and yee shall perish quickly from

† Hebr. Tben.

¶ That is, a witnesse.

† Hebr. come into dayes.

* Exod. 14. 4

† Hebr. at the Sunne set.

* Deut. 5. 32. and 28. 14.

* Psal. 16. 4.

¶ Or, for if you will cleaue, &c.

¶ Or, then the LORD will driue.

* Leuit. 26. 8. deut. 32. 30.

† Hebr. soules.

* Exod. 23. 33. numb. 33. 55. deut. 7. 16.

* Chap. 21. 45.

from off the good land which hee hath giuen vnto you.

C H A P. XXIII.

1 Ioshua assembleth the tribes at Shechem. 2 A briefe historie of Gods benefites from Terah. 14 He reneweth a couenant betweene them and God. 26 A stone the witnessse of the couenant. 29 Ioshuas age, death and buriall. 32 Iosephs bones are buried. 33 Eleazar dieth.

AND Ioshua gathered all the Tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the Elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their Judges, and for their Officers, and they presented themselves before God.

2 And Ioshua said vnto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, * Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, euen Terah the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they serued other gods.

3 And I tooke your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and * gaue him Isaac.

4 And I gaue vnto Isaac, * Jacob and Esau: & I gaue vnto * Esau mount Seir, to possesse it: * but Jacob and his children went downe into Egypt.

5 * I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did amongst them: and after ward, I brought you out.

6 And I * brought your fathers out of Egypt: and you came vnto the sea, and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with charets and horsemen vnto * the red sea.

7 And when they cried vnto the LORD, hee put darkenesse betweene you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea vpon them, and covered them, and your eyes haue seene what I haue done in Egypt, and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season.

8 And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt on the other side Jordan: * and they fought with you, and I gaue them into your hand, that ye might possesse their land, and I destroyed them from before you.

9 Then Balak the sonne of Zippor king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and * sent and called Ba-

laam the sonne of Beor to curse you:

10 But I would not hearken vnto Balaam, therefore he blessed you still: so I deliuered you out of his hand.

11 And ye went ouer Jordan, and came vnto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, & the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Gurgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, and I deliuered them into your hand.

12 And * I sent the hornet before you, which draue them out from before you, euen the two kings of the Amorites: but not with thy sword, nor with thy bow.

13 And I haue giuen you a land for which ye did not labour, & cities which ye built not, and yee dwell in them: of the vineyards and Oliue-yards which ye planted not, doe ye eate.

14 **N**OW therefore, feare the LORD, and serue him in sinceritie, and in trueth, and put away the gods which your fathers serued on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt: and serue yee the LORD.

15 And if it seeme euill vnto you to serue the LORD, choole you this day whome you will serue, whether the gods which your fathers serued that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose lande ye dwell: but as for mee and my house, we will serue the LORD.

16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that wee should forsake the LORD, to serue other gods.

17 For the LORD our God, he it is that brought vs by and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, & which did those great signes in our sight, and preserved vs in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed.

18 And the LORD draue out from before vs all the people, euen the Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serue the LORD, for he is our God.

19 And Ioshua said vnto the people, Ye cannot serue the LORD: for hee is an holy God: he is a ielous God, he will not forgieue your transgressions nor your sinnes.

20 If yee forsake the LORD, and serue strange gods, * then he will turne, and doe you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

21 And the people said vnto Ioshua, Nay,

* Exod. 23.
28. deut. 7.
20.

* Gen. 11.
31. iudit. 5.
6, 7.

* Gen. 21. 2

* Gen. 25.
26.
* Gen. 36. 8
* Gen. 46. 6

* Exo. 3. 10

* Exod. 12.
37.

* Exod. 14.
9.

* Num. 21
33.

* Num. 22.
5. deut. 23. 4

* Chap. 23.
15.

May, but we will serue the LORD.
 22 And Joshua said vnto the people, See are witnesses against your selues, that yee haue chosen you the LORD, to serue him. And they said, We are witnesses.
 23 Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and encline your heart vnto the LORD God of Israel.
 24 And the people saide vnto Joshua; The LORD our God will we serue, and his voice will we obey.
 25 So Joshua made a couenant with the people that day, and set them a Statute, & an Ordinance in Shechem.
 26 And Joshua wrote these words in the booke of the Law of God, and tooke a great stone, and set it by there, vnder an oake, that was by the Sanctuary of the LORD.
 27 And Joshua saide vnto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness vnto vs; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which hee spake vnto vs; it shall be there for a witness vnto you, lest ye deny your God.

28 So Joshua let the people depart, euery man vnto his inheritance.
 29 And it came to passe after these things, that Joshua the sonne of Nun the seruant of the LORD died, being an hundred and ten yeeres old.
 30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Tinnath-Serah, which is in mount Ephraim, on the North side of the hill of Gaath.
 31 And Israel serued the LORD all the dayes of Joshua, & all the dayes of the Elders that ouerliued Joshua, and which had knowen al the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel.
 32 And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought vp out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcell of ground which Jacob bought of the sonnes of Hamor the father of Shechem, for an hundred pieces of siluer; and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.
 33 And Eleazar the sonne of Aaron died, and they buried him in a hill that pertained to Phinehas his son, which was giuen him in mount Ephraim.

* Chap. 19. 50. iudg. 2. 9.

† Hebr. prolonged their dayes after Iosua.

* Gen. 50. 25. exod. 13. 19.

* Gene. 33. 19.

Or, lambi.



THE BOOKE OF Iudges.

CHAP. I.

1 The actes of Iudah and Simeon. 4 Adoni-bezek iustly requited. 8 Hierusalem taken. 10 Hebron taken. 11 Othniel hath Achsah to wife for taking of Debir. 16 The Kenites dwel in Iudah. 17 Hormah, Gaza, Askelon and Ekron taken. 21 The acts of Benjamin. 22 Of the house of Ioseph, who take Bethel. 30 Of Zebulun. 31 Of Asher. 33 Of Naphtali. 34 Of Dan.



Now after the death of Joshua, it came to passe, that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, who shall goe by for vs against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?

2 And the LORD sayd, Iudah shall goe by: Behold, I haue deliuered the land into his hand.
 3 And Iudah saide vnto Simeon his brother, Come by with me into my lot, that wee may fight against the Canaanites, and I likewise will goe with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him.
 4 And Iudah went by, and the LORD deliuered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men.
 5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites, and the Perizzites.
 6 But Adoni-bezek fled, and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbes, and his great toes.

7 And

7 And Adoni-bezek said, Three score & ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered their meate vnder my table: as I haue done, so God hath requited mee, and they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

8 (Now the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the citie on fire)

9 **C** And afterward the children of Judah went downe to fight against the Canaanites that dwelt in the mountaine, & in the South, and in the valley.

10 And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron (nowe the name of Hebron before was *Kiriath-arba*) and they slew Shechai, and Ahiman, and Talmai.

11 And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir, (the name of Debir before was *Kiriath-sepher*)

12 And Caleb said, Hee that smiteth *Kiriath-sepher*, and taketh it, to him will I giue Achlah my daughter to wife.

13 And Othniel the sonne of Kenaz Calebs yonger brother tooke it: and he gaue him Achlah his daughter to wife.

14 And it came to passe when shee came to him, that she moued him to aske of her father a field: and shee lighted from off her asse, and Caleb said vnto her, What wilt thou?

15 And she said vnto him, Giue me a blessing: for thou hast giuen mee a South land, giue me also springs of water. And Caleb gaue her the vpper springs, and the nether springs.

16 **C** And the children of the Kenite, Moses father in law, went by out of the citie of palme trees, with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which lieth in the South of Arad, and they went and dwelt among the people.

17 And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and vtterly destroyed it, (and the name of the citie was called *Hormah*.)

18 Also Judah tooke Gaza with the coast thereof, and Askelon with the coast thereof, and Ekron with the coast thereof.

19 And the **LORD** was with Judah, and hee draue out the inhabitants of the mountaine, but could not driue out

the inhabitants of the valley, because they had charets of yron.

20 And they gaue Hebron vnto Caleb, *as Moses saide: and hee expelled thence the three sonnes of Anak.

21 And the children of Benjamin did not driue out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem: but the Jebusites dwelt with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem, vnto this day.

22 **C** And the house of Joseph, they also went by against Bethel: and the **LORD** was with them.

23 And the house of Joseph sent to descree Bethel (nowe the name of the citie before was **Luz*)

24 And the spies sawe a man come forth out of the citie, and they said vnto him, Shew vs, wee pray thee, the entrance into the citie, and *we will shew thee mercie.

25 And when hee shewed them the entrance into the citie, they smote the citie with the edge of the sword: but they let goe the man and all his familie.

26 And the man went into the lande of the Hittites, and built a citie, and called the name thereof *Luz*: which is the name thereof vnto this day.

27 **C** Neither did Manasseh driue out the inhabitants of Bethshean, and her townes, nor Taanach and her townes, nor the inhabitants of Dor, and her townes, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam, and her townes, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo, and her townes: but the Canaanites would dwelt in that land.

28 And it came to passe when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not vtterly driue them out.

29 **C** Neither did Ephraim driue out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gazer: but the Canaanites dwelt in Gazer among them.

30 **C** Neither did Zebulun driue out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol: but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

31 **C** Neither did Asher driue out the inhabitants of Accho, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor Achzib, nor Helbath, nor Aphik, nor of Rehob:

32 But the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not driue them out.

33 **C** Nei-

† Hebr. the thumbs of their hands and of their feete.
|| Or, gleaned

* Iosh. 10. 36. and 11. 21. and 15. 13.
|| Or, lowe country.

* Iosh. 15. 13.

* Num. 14. 24. iosh. 14. 13. & 15. 14.

* Gen. 28. 19.

* Iosh. 2. 14

* Iosh. 17. 11, 12.

* Iosh. 16. 10.

* Num. 21. 3.

|| Or, he possessed the mountaine.

33 Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Bethshemesh, nor the inhabitants of Bethanath, but hee dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: neuerthelesse, the inhabitants of Bethshemesh, and of Bethanath, became tributaries vnto them.

34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountaine: for they would not suffer them to come downe to the valley.

35 But the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres in Aialon, & in Shaalbim: yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became tributaries.

36 And the coast of the Amorites was from the going vp to Akkrabbim, from the rocke, and vppward.

CHAP. II.

1 An Angel rebuketh the people at Bochim.

6 The wickednesse of the new generation after Ioshua. 14 Gods anger and pitie towards them. 20 The Canaanites are left to prooue Israel.

And an Angel of the LORD came vpp from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to goe vpp out of Egypt, and haue brought you vnto the land which I sware vnto your fathers, and I said, I will neuer breake my Couenant with you.

2 And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land, ye shall throw downe their altars: But ye haue not obeyed my voyce; why haue ye done this?

3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you: but they shall be as thornes in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare vnto you.

4 And it came to passe when the Angel of the LORD spake these words vnto all the children of Israel, that the people lift vpp their voice, and wept.

5 And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there vnto the LORD.

6 And when Ioshua had let the people goe, the children of Israel went euery man vnto his inheritance, to possess the land.

7 And the people serued the LORD all the dayes of Ioshua, and all the

dayes of the Elders that outliued Ioshua, who had seene all the great workes of the LORD, that hee did for Israel.

8 And Ioshua the sonne of Nun, the seruant of the LORD died, being an hundred and ten yeeres old.

9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the North side of the hill Gaash.

10 And also all that generation were gathered vnto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the workes which hee had done for Israel.

11 And the children of Israel did euil in the sight of the LORD, and serued Baalim:

12 And they forsooke the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselues vnto them, and prouoked the LORD to anger.

13 And they forsooke the LORD, and serued Baal and Ashtaroth.

14 And the anger of the LORD was hote against Israel, and he deliuered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

15 Whither soeuer they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for euill, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn vnto them: and they were greatly distressed.

16 Neuerthelesse, the LORD rayled vpp Iudges, which deliuered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

17 And yet they would not hearken vnto their Iudges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselues vnto them: they turned quickly out of the way, which their fathers walked in, obeying the Commandments of the LORD; but they did not so.

18 And when the LORD raised them vpp Iudges, then the LORD was with the Iudge, and deliuered them out of the hand of their enemies, all the dayes of the Iudge (for it repented the LORD, because of their gronings by reason

† Hebr. was heavy.

|| Or, Maale-Akrabbim.

|| Or, messenger.

* Deut. 7. 2. * Deut. 12. 3.

* Iosh. 23. 13. * Exod. 23. 33. and 34. 12.

* That is, weepers.

† Hebr. prolonged dayes after Ioshua.

* Psal. 44. 12. isa. 50. 1.

* Leuit. 26. deut. 28.

† Hebr. serued.

reason of them that oppressed them, and vered them:)

* Chap. 3. 12. Or, were corrupt. † Hebr. they let nothing fall of their.

19 And it came to passe * when the Judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselues more then their fathers, in following other gods, to serue them, and to bow downe vnto them: † they ceased not from their owne doings, nor from their stubborne way.

20 And the anger of the LORD was hote against Israel, and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my Couenant which I commanded their fathers, and haue not hearkened vnto my voice:

21 I also will not henceforth driue out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died: 22 That through them I may proue Israel, whether they will keepe the way of the LORD, to walke therein, as their fathers did keepe it, or not.

23 Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out hastily, neither deliuered he them into the hand of Joshua.

CHAP. III.

- 1 The nations which were left to prooue Israel. 6 By communion with them they commit idolatrie. 8 Othniel deliuereth them from Chushan-Rishathaim. 12 Ehud from Eglon. 31 Shamgar from the Philistines.

Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to prooue Israel by them, (euen as many of Israel as had not knowen all the warres of Canaan;

2 Onely that the generations of the children of Israel might know to teach them warre, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof:)

3 Namely five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hittites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baalhermon, vnto the entring in of Hamath.

4 And they were to prooue Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken vnto the Commandements of the LORD, which hee commaunded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

5 And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites,

6 And they tooke their daughters to be their wiues, and gaue their daughters to their sonnes, and serued their gods.

7 And the children of Israel did euill in the sight of the LORD, and forgate the LORD their God, and serued Baalim, and the groues.

8 Therefore the anger of the LORD was hote against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushan-Rishathaim king of † Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel serued Chushan-Rishathaim eight yeeres.

9 And when the children of Israel cryed vnto the LORD, the LORD raised by a † deliuerer to the children of Israel, who deliuered them, euen Othniel the sonne of Kenaz, Calebs yonger brother.

10 And the Spirit of the LORD † came vpon him, and he iudged Israel, and went out to warre, & the LORD deliuered Chushan-Rishathaim king of † Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand preuailed against Chushan-Rishathaim.

11 And the land had rest forty yeeres: and Othniel the sonne of Kenaz died.

12 And the children of Israel did euill againe in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done euill in the sight of the LORD.

13 And hee gathered vnto him the children of Ammon, and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of palme-trees.

14 So the children of Israel serued Eglon the King of Moab eighteene yeeres.

15 But when the children of Israel cried vnto the LORD, the LORD raised them by a deliuerer, Ehud the sonne of Gera, † a Beniamite, a man † left handed: and by him the children of Israel sent a present vnto Eglon the king of Moab.

16 But Ehud made him a dagger (which had two edges) of a cubite length, and he did gird it vnder his raiment, vpon his right thigh,

17 And he brought the present vnto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon was a very fat man.

18 And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present.

† Hebr. Aram-naharaim.

† Hebr. saviour.

† Hebr. was.

† Hebr. Aram.

Or, the sonne of Iemini.

† Hebr. scut of his right hand.

CHAP. III.

1 Deborah and Barak deliuer them from Iabin and Sifera. 18 Iael killeth Sifera.

AND the children of Israel againe did euil in the sight of the LORD, when E hud was dead.

2 And the LORD sold them into the hande of Jabin king of Canaan: that reigned in Hazor, the cap taine of whose host was Sifera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

3 And the children of Israel cried vnto the LORD: for he had nine hun dred charets of yron: and twentie yeres hee mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

4 And Deborah a prophetesse, the wife of Lapidoth, shee iudged Is rael at that time.

5 And shee dwelt vnder the palme tree of Deborah, betweene Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came by to her for iudgement.

6 And shee sent and called Barak the sonne of Abinoam, out of Kedesh Naphthali, and said vnto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commaun ded, saying, Goe, and drabe toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naph tali, and of the children of Zebulun:

7 And I wil draw vnto thee to the *riuer Kishon, Sifera the captaine of Jabins army, with his charets, and his multitude, and I will deliuer him into thine hand.

8 And Barak said vnto her, If thou wilt goe with me, then I wil goe: but if thou wilt not goe with mee, then I will not goe.

9 And she said, I wil surely go with thee, notwithstanding the iourney that thou takest, shal not be for thine honor: for the LORD shall sell Sifera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, & went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 And Barak called Zebulun, and Naphthali to Kedesh, and he went by with ten thousand men at his feete: and Deborah went by with him.

11 Now Heber the Kenite, which was of the children of *Hobab the fa ther in law of Moses, had seuered him selfe from the Kenites, and pitched his tent vnto the plaine of Zaanaim, which is by Kedesh.

12 And

19 But hee himselfe turned againe from the || quarries that were by Gil gal, and said, I haue a secret errand vn to thee, O king: who said, Keepe silence. And all that stood by him, went out from him.

20 And Ehud came vnto him, and he was sitting in † a Summer parlour, which hee had for himselfe alone: And Ehud said, I haue a message from God vnto thee. And he arose out of his seat.

21 And Ehud put forth his left hand, and tooke the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly.

22 And the haft also went in after the blade: and the fatte closed vpon the blade, so that hee could not drawe the dagger out of his belly, and the || dirt came out.

23 Then Ehud went forth through the porche, and shut the doores of the parlour vpon him, and locked them.

24 When he was gone out, his ser uants came, and when they saw, that behold, the doores of the parlour were locked, they said, Surely he || couereth his feet in his Summer chamber.

25 And they taried till they were a shamed: and behold, he opened not the doores of the parlour, therefore they tooke a key, and opened them: and be hold, their lord was fallen downe dead on the earth.

26 And Ehud escaped while they ta ried: and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped vnto Seirath.

27 And it came to passe when hee was come, that hee blew a trumpet in the mountaine of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went downe with him from the mount, & he before them.

28 And hee said vnto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath deliue red your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went downe af ter him, and tooke the foords of Jor dan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to passe ouer.

29 And they slewe of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all † lusty, and all men of valour, and there escaped not a man.

30 So Moab was subdued that day vnder the hand of Israel: and the land had rest fourescore yeres.

31 And after him was Shamgar the sonne of Anath, which slew of the Philistines sixe hundred men with an ore goad, and he also deliuered Israel.

|| Or, grauen images.

† Heb. apar-tour of cool-ing.

|| Or, it came out at the fundament.

|| Or, doth his casement.

† Heb. fat.

* Psa. 83, 9, 10.

* Numb. 10, 29.

12 And they shewed Sisera, that Barak the sonne of Abinoam was gone vnto mount Tabor.

13 And Sisera † gathered together all his charrets, euen nine hundred charrets of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles, vnto the riuier of Kishon.

14 And Deborah said vnto Barak, Up, for this is the day in which the LORD hath deliuered Sisera into thine hand: Is not the LORD gone out before thee: so Barak went downe from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.

15 And the * LORD discomfited Sisera, and all his charrets, and all his hoste with the edge of the sword, before Barak: so that Sisera lighted downe off his charret, and fled away on his feet.

16 But Barak pursued after the charrets, and after the hoste vnto Harosheth of the Gentiles, and all the host of Sisera fell vpon the edge of the sword; and there was not † a man left.

17 Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet, to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for there was peace betweene Jabin the king of Hazor, and the house of Heber the Kenite.

18 And Jael went out to meete Sisera, and said vnto him, Turne in, my lord, turne in to me, feare not. And when hee had turned in vnto her, into the tent, shee covered him with a mantle.

19 And he said vnto her, Giue me, I pray thee, a litle water to drinke, for I am thirstie. And she opened * a bottle of milke, and gaue him drinke, and covered him.

20 Againe he said vnto her, Stand in the doore of the tent, and it shall bee when any man doeth come and enquire of thee and say, Is there any man here: that thou shalt say, No.

21 Then Jael Hebers wife, † tooke a naile of the tent, and tooke an hammer in her hand, and went softly vnto him, and smote the naile into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: (for he was fast asleepe, and weary;) so he died.

22 And behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said vnto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Si-

sera lay dead, and the naile was in his temples.

23 So God subdued on that day, Jabin the king of Canaan, before the children of Israel.

24 And the hand of the children of Israel † prospered, & preuailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, vntill they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

CHAP. V.

1 The Song of Deborah and Barak.

Then sang Deborah, and Barak the son of Abinoam, on that day, saying,
2 Praise ye the LORD, for the auenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves.

3 Heare, O ye kings, giue care, O ye Princes: I, euen I will sing vnto the LORD, I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel.

4 LORD, * when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heauens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.

5 * The mountaines † melted from before the LORD, euen * that Sinai, from before the LORD God of Israel.

6 In the dayes of * Shagar the son of Anath, in the dayes of * Jael, the high wayes were vnocupied, and the † traueilers walked thorow † by-wayes.

7 The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, vntill that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel.

8 They chose new gods; then was warre in the gates: was there a shield or speare scene among fourtie thousand in Israel?

9 My heart is toward the gouernours of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people: Blesse ye the LORD.

10 || Speake yee that ride on white asses, yee that sit in Judgement, and walke by the way.

11 They that are deliuered from the noise of Archers in the places of drawing water; there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the LORD, euen the † righteous acts towards the inhabitants of his villages in Israel: then shall the people of the LORD goe downe to the gates.

Z 12 Awake,

† Hebr. gathered by cry or proclamation.

* Psal. 83. 10.

† Hebr. vnto one.

Or, yugge, or blankst.

* Chap. 5. 25.

† Hebr. put.

† Hebr. going, went and was hard.

* Deut. 4. 11.

* Psal. 97. 5. † Hebr. flowed.

* Exod. 19. 18. * Chap. 3. 31. * Chap. 4. 18.

† Hebr. walkers of paths. † Hebr. crooked wayes.

Or, meditate.

† Hebr. righteousnesses of the Lord.

The song of Iudges. Deborah and Barak.

12 Awake, awake Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise Barak, and leade thy captiuitie captiue, thou sonne of Abinoam.

13 Then hee made him that remaineth, haue dominion ouer the Nobles among the people: the LORD made me haue dominion ouer the mightie.

14 Out of Ephraim was there a roote of them against Amalek, after thee Benjamin, among thy people: Out of Machir came downe governours, and out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer.

15 And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah: euen Issachar, and also Barak, he was sent on foot into the valley: for the diuisions of Reuben, there were great thoughts of heart.

16 Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds, to heare the bleatings of the flocks: for the diuisions of Reuben there were great searchings of heart.

17 Gilead abode beyond Jordan: and why did Dan remaine in ships: Asher continued on the sea shore, and abode in his breaches.

18 Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that ieoparded their liues vnto the death, in the high places of the field.

19 The kings came and fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo, they tooke no gaine of money.

20 They fought from heauen, the starres in their courses fought against Sisera.

21 The riuer of Kishon swept them away, that ancient riuer, the riuer Kishon: O my soule, thou hast troden downe strength.

22 Then were the horse hooves broken, by the meanes of the pransings, the pransings of their mightie ones.

23 Curse ye Heroz (said the Angel of the LORD) curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof: because they came not to the helpe of the LORD, to the helpe of the LORD against the mighty.

24 Blessed aboue women shall Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, blessed shall she be aboue women in the tent.

25 He asked water, and she gaue him milke, shee brought forth butter in a lordly dish.

26 Shee put her hand to the naile, and her right hand to the workemens hammer: and with the hammer shee smote Sisera, shee smote off his head,

When she had pearced & striken through his temples.

27 At her feete he bowed, he fell, he lay downe: at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he fel down dead.

28 The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattesse, why is his charet so long in comming: why tarie the wheeles of his charrets:

29 Her wise ladies answered her, yea she returned & answered to her selfe,

30 Haue they not sped: haue they not diuided the pray to euery man a damo: sell or two: To Sisera a pray of diuers colours, a pray of diuers colours, of needle worke, of diuers colours of needle worke on both sides, meet for the necks of them that take the spoile:

31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but let them that loue him, be as the Sunne when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest fourtie yeeres.

CHAP. VI.

1 The Israelites for their sinne are oppressed by Midian. 8 A prophet rebuketh them. 11 An Angel sendeth Gideon for their deliuerance. 17 Gideons Present is consumed with fire. 24 Gideon destroyeth Baals altar, and offreth a sacrifice vpon the altar Iehouah-shalom. 28 Ioash defendeth his son, & calleth him Ierubbaal. 33 Gideons armie. 36 Gideons signes.

AND the children of Israel did euill in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD deliuered them into the hande of Midian seven yeeres.

2 And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel: and because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made them the dennes which are in the mountaines, and caues, & strong holds.

3 And so it was when Israel had sowed, that the Midianites came by, & the Amalekites, & the children of the East, euen they came by against them,

4 And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come vnto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheepe, nor ore, nor asse.

5 For they came by with their cattell and their tents, and they came as Grasshoppers for multitude, for both they and their camels were without number:

† Hebr. drawe with the pen, &c.

† Hebr. his feete. || Or, in the diuisions, &c.

† Hebr. impressions. || Or, in.

|| Or, port.

|| Or, creeks.

† Hebr. exposed to reproch.

† Hebr. paths.

|| Or, trampings, or plungings.

† Hebr. hammered.

† Hebr. be-weene.

† Hebr. destroyed.

† Hebr. words

† Hebr. to the head of a man.

† Hebr. for the neckes of the spoile.

† Hebr. was strong.

|| Or, goats.

number: and they entred into the land to destroy it.

6 And Israel was greatly impou-
rished, because of the Midianites, and
the children of Israel cryed vnto the
LORD.

7 And it came to passe when
the children of Israel cryed vnto the
LORD, because of the Midianites,

8 That the LORD sent † a Pro-
phet vnto the children of Israel, which
said vnto them: Thus saith the LORD
God of Israel, I brought you vp from
Egypt, and brought you forth out of the
house of bondage,

9 And I deliuered you out of the
hand of the Egyptians, and out of the
hand of al that oppressed you, and draue
them out from before you, and gaue
you their land:

10 And I said vnto you, I am the
LORD your God, * feare not the gods
of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell:
But ye haue not obeyed my voice.

11 And there came an Angel of
the LORD, and sate vnder an Oake
which was in Ophrah, that pertained vn-
to Joash the Abi-Ezrite: and his sonne
* Gideon threshed wheat by the wine-
presse, † to hide it from the Midianites.

12 And the Angel of the LORD
appeared vnto him, and said vnto him,
The LORD is with thee, thou mighty
man of valour.

13 And Gideon said vnto him, Oh
my Lord, if the LORD bee with vs,
why then is all this befallen vs: and
where be all his miracles which our fa-
thers tolde vs of, saying, Did not the
LORD bring vs vp from Egypt: but
now the LORD hath forsaken vs, and
deliuered vs into the hands of the Mi-
dianites.

14 And the LORD looked vpon
him, and said, Goe in this thy might,
and thou shalt saue Israel from the
hand of the Midianites: haue not I
sent thee?

15 And hee said vnto him, Oh my
lord, wherewith shall I saue Israel:
behold, my family is poore in Manaf-
seh, and I am the least in my fathers
house.

16 And the LORD said vnto him,
Surely I will be with thee, and thou
shalt smite the Midianites, as one man.

17 And he said vnto him, If now I
haue found grace in thy sight, then shew
me a signe, that thou talkest with me.

18 Depart not hence, I pray thee,
vntil I come vnto thee, and bring forth
my || Present, and set it before thee. And
hee saide, I will tary vntill thou come
againe.

19 And Gideon went in, and made
ready † a kid, and vnleauened cakes of
an Ephah of floure: the flesh he put in a
basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and
brought it out vnto him vnder the oake,
and presented it.

20 And the Angel of God sayd vn-
to him, Take the flesh, and the vnleau-
ened cakes, and lay them vpon this
rocke, and powze out the broth. And he
did so.

21 Then the Angel of the LORD
put foorth the end of the staffe that was
in his hand, and touched the flesh, and
the vnleauened cakes, and there rose vp
fire out of the rocke, and consumed the
flesh and the vnleauened cakes: then
the Angel of the LORD departed out
of his sight.

22 And when Gideon perceiued that
hee was an Angel of the LORD, Gi-
deon said, Alas, O Lord GOD: * for
because I haue seene an Angel of the
LORD face to face.

23 And the LORD said vnto him,
Peace be vnto thee, feare not, thou shalt
not die.

24 Then Gideon built an Altar
there vnto the LORD, and called it
|| Jehouah-shalom: vnto this day it is
yet in Ophrah, of the Abi-Ezrites.

25 And it came to passe the same
night, that the LORD said vnto him,
Take thy fathers yong bullocke, || even
the second bullocke of seven yeeres old,
and throw downe the altar of Baal
that thy father hath, and cut downe the
groue that is by it:

26 And builde an Altar vnto the
LORD thy God vpon the top of this
† rocke, in || the ordered place, and take
the second bullocke, and offer a burnt
sacrifice with the wood of the groue,
which thou shalt cut downe.

27 Then Gideon tooke ten men of
his seruants, and did as the LORD
had said vnto him: And so it was be-
cause hee feared his fathers household,
and the men of the city, that he could
not doe it by day, that hee did it by
night.

28 And when the men of the citie
arose early in the morning, behold, the
altar of Baal was cast downe, and the
groue

|| Or, meat
offering.

† Hebr. a
kid of the
goates.

† Hebr. a
man, a Pro-
phet.

* 2. King.
17. 35. 38.
Ierem. 10. 2.

* Feb. 11.
3 called
Gideon.
† Hebr. to
cast it to
fly.

* Exod. 33.
20. chap.
13. 22.

|| That is,
The Lord
send peace.

|| Or, and.

† Hebr.
strong place.
|| Or, in an
orderly ma-
ner.

|| My
hand is
theeane st.

groue was cut downe that was by it, and the second bullocke was offered vpon the altar that was built.

29 And they said one to another, who hath done this thing? And when they enquired and asked, they said, Gideon the sonne of Joash hath done this thing.

30 Then the men of the citie said vnto Joash, Bring out thy sonne, that he may die: because he hath cast downe the altar of Baal, and because hee hath cut downe the groue that was by it.

31 And Joash said vnto all that stood against him, Will ye pleade for Baal? Will ye saue him? He that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilest it is yet morning: if he be a god, let him plead for himselfe, because one hath cast down his altar.

32 Therefore on that day hee called him Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal plead against him, because hee hath thrown downe his altar.

33 Then all the Midianites, and the Amalekites, and the children of the East were gathered together, and went ouer, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.

34 But the Spirit of the LORD came vpon Gideon, and hee blewe a trumpet, and Abiezer was gathered after him.

35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, who also was gathered after him, and hee sent messengers vnto Asher, and vnto Zebulun, and vnto Naphtali, and they came vp to meete them.

36 And Gideon said vnto God, If thou wilt saue Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said,

37 Beholde, I will put a fleece of wooll in the flooze: and if the dew be on the fleece onely, and it bee drie vpon all the earth beside, then shall I know that thou wilt saue Israel by my hande, as thou hast said.

38 And it was so: for he rose vpearely on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowle full of water.

39 And Gideon said vnto God, Let not thine anger be hote against me, and I will speake but this once: Let mee prooue, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece. Let it now be drie onely vpon the fleece, and vpon all the ground let there be dew.

40 And God did so that night: for it was drie vpon the fleece onely, and there was dew on all the ground.

CHAP. VII.

1 Gideons armie of two and thirtie thousand is brought to three hundred. 9 He is encouraged by the dreame and interpretation of the barley cake. 16 His stratageme of trumpets and lampes in pitchers. 24 The Ephraimites take Oreb and Zeeb.

Then Jerubbaal (who is Gideon) and all the people that were with him, rose vpearely, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the hoste of the Midianites were on the North side of them by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

2 And the LORD said vnto Gideon, The people that are with thee, are too many for me to giue the Midianites into their handes, lest Israel vaunt themselues against mee, saying, Mine owne hand hath saued me.

3 Now therefore go to, proclaime in the eares of the people, saying, Who-soeuer is fearefull and afraid, let him returne and depart earely from mount Gilead: and there returned of the people twentie and two thousand, & there remained ten thousand.

4 And the LORD said vnto Gideon, The people are yet too many: bring them downe vnto the water, and I will trie them for thee there: and it shall bee that of whome I say vnto thee, This shall goe with thee, the same shall goe with thee: and of whomsoever I say vnto thee, This shall not goe with thee, the same shall not goe.

5 So he brought downe the people vnto the water: and the LORD sayd vnto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himselfe, likewise every one that boweth downe vpon his knees to drinke.

6 And the number of them that lapped putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed downe vpon their knees to drinke water.

7 And the LORD said vnto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped, will I saue you, and deliuer the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people goe every man vnto his place.

8 So

† Hebr. clothed.
* Num. 10. 3. chap. 3. 27.
† Heb. was called after him.

* Gen. 18. 32.

* Deut. 21. 8
1. mac. 3. 56

A dreame declared. Chap.vij. Midian destroyed.

8 So the people tooke victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all the rest of Israel, every man vnto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the hoste of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

9 And it came to passe the same night, that the LORD sayd vnto him, Arise, get thee downe vnto the hoste, for I haue deliuered it into thine hand.

10 But if thou feare to goe downe, goe thou with Phurah thy seruant downe to the hoste.

11 And thou shalt heare what they say, and afterward shall thine handes be strengthened to goe downe vnto the hoste. Then went hee downe, with Phurah his seruant, vnto the outside of the **||** armed men, that were in the hoste.

12 And the Midianites, and the Amalekites, and *all the children of the East, lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude, and their camels were without number, as the sand by the Sea side for multitude.

13 And when Gideon was come, beholde, there was a man that tolde a dreame vnto his fellow, and sayd, Behold, I dreamed a dreame, and loe, a cake of Barley bread tumbled into the hoste of Midian, and came vnto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and ouerturned it, that the tent lay along.

14 And his fellow answered, and said, This is nothing els saue the sword of Gideon the sonne of Joash, a man of Israel: for into his hand hath God deliuered Midian, and all the hoste.

15 And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dreame, and **†** the interpretation thereof, that hee worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and sayd, Arise, for the LORD hath deliuered into your hand the hoste of Midian.

16 And he diuided the three hundred men into three companies, and hee put a **†** trumpet in euery mans hand, with empty pitchers, and **||** lampes within the pitchers,

17 And hee said vnto them, Looke on mee, and doe likewise; and beholde, when I come to the outside of the campe, it shall be that as I doe, so shall ye doe.

18 when I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with mee, then blow

ye the trumpets also on euery side of all the campe, and say, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.

19 So Gideon and the hundred men that were with him, came vnto the outside of the campe, in the beginning of the middle watch, and they had but newly set the watch, and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands.

20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lampes in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withall: and they cryed, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.

21 And they stood euery man in his place, round about the campe: and all the host ranne, and cried, and fled.

22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and *the LORD set euery mans sword against his fellow, euen throughout all the host: and the host fled to Beth-shittah, **||** in Zererath, and to the **†** border of Abel Beholah, vnto Tabbath.

23 And the men of Israel gathered themselues together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after the Midianites.

24 And Gideon sent messengers throughout all mount Ephraim, saying; Come downe against the Midianites, and take before them the waters vnto Beth-barah, and Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselues together, and tooke the waters vnto Beth-barah, and Jordane.

25 And they tooke *two Princes of the Midianites, Oreb, and Zeeb: and they slew Oreb vpon the rocke Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepresse of Zeeb, and pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb, to Gideon on the other side Jordan.

CHAP. VIII.

- 1 Gideon pacifieth the Ephraimites. 4 Succoth and Penuel refuse to relieue Gideons army. 10 Zebah and Zalmunna are taken. 13 Succoth and Penuel are destroyed. 17 Gideon reuengeth his brethrens death on Zebah and Zalmunna. 22 Hee refuseth gouernment. 24 His Ephod cause of Idolatry. 28 Midian subdued. 29 Gideons children, and death. 33 The Israelites idolatry, and ingratitude.

Or, rankes by five.

Chap. 6. 33.

* Esay 9. 4.

Or, towards. † Hebr. lip.

* Psal. 83. 11. csa. 10. 26.

† Hebr. the breaking thereof.

† Hebr. trumpets in the hand of all of them. † Or, fire-brands: or torches.

† Hebr. what
thing is this,
thou hast
done vnto
vs?

† Hebr.
strongly.

† Hebr. spirit.

† Hebr. thresb

|| Or, an hun-
dred and
twenty thou-
sand, euery
one drawing
a sword.

† Hebr. terri-
fied.

AND the men of Ephraim said vnto him, † why hast thou serued vs thus, that thou calledst vs not when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites: And they did chide with him † sharply.

2 And he said vnto them, what haue I done now in comparison of you: Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better then the vintage of Abiezzer?

3 God hath deliuered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to doe in comparison of you: then their † anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.

4 **C** And Gideon came to Jordan, and passed ouer, hee, and the three hundred men that were with him, faint, yet pursuing them.

5 And he said vnto the men of Succoth, Giue, I pray you, loaves of bread vnto the people that follow me, for they bee faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian.

6 **C** And the princes of Succoth said, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hands, that wee should giue bread vnto thine armie?

7 And Gideon said, Therefore when the **L O R D** hath deliuered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I will teare your flesh with the thornes of the wilderness, and with briers.

8 **C** And he went by thence to Penuel, and spake vnto them likewise: and the men of Penuel answered him, as the men of Succoth had answered him.

9 And he spake also vnto the men of Penuel, saying, when I come againe in peace, I will breake downe this towre.

10 **C** Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkoz, and their hostes with them, about fiftene thousand men, all that were left of all the hostes of the children of the East: for there fell || an hundred and twentie thousand men that drew sword.

11 **C** And Gideon went by by the way of them that dwelt in tents, on the East of Nobah, and Jogbehah, and smote the host: for the host was secure.

12 And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah, and Zalmunna, † † discomfited all the host.

13 **C** And Gideon the sonne of Joash

returned from battel before the Sunne was by,

14 And caught a yong man of the men of Succoth, and enquired of him: and he † described vnto him the princes of Succoth and the elders thereof, euen threescore and seenteene men.

15 And he came vnto the men of Succoth, and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom ye did bybraid me, saying, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should giue bread vnto thy men that are wearie?

16 And hee tooke the Elders of the citie, and thornes of the wilderness, and briers, and with them hee † taught the men of Succoth.

17 And he beat downe the towre of *Penuel, and slew the men of the citie.

18 **C** Then said he vnto Zebah and Zalmunna, what maner of men were they whom ye slew at Tabor: And they answered, As thou art, so were they, ech one † resembled the children of a king.

19 And hee said, They were my brethren, euen the sonnes of my mother: as the **L O R D** liueth, if yee had saued them alieue, I would not slay you.

20 And he said vnto Jether his first borne, Up, and slay them: but the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he was yet a youth.

21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall vpon vs: for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose, and slewe Zebah and Zalmunna, † † tooke away the || ornaments that were on their camels neckes.

22 **C** Then the men of Israel saide vnto Gideon, Rule thou ouer vs, both thou, and thy sonne, † † thy sonnes sonne also: for thou hast deliuered vs from the hand of Midian.

23 And Gideon said vnto them, I will not rule ouer you, neither shall my sonne rule ouer you: the **L O R D** shall rule ouer you.

24 **C** And Gideon said vnto them, I would desire a request of you, that you would giue me euery man the eare-rings of his pray. For they had golden eare-rings, because they were Ishmaelites.

25 And they answered, we will willingly giue them. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein, euery man the eare-rings of his pray.

26 And the weight of the golden eare-

† Hebr. writ.

† Hebr. made to know.

* 1. King. 12 25.

† Hebr. according to the forme, &c.

|| Or, ornaments like the moons.

earrings that hee requested, was a thousand and seuen hundred shekels of gold, beside ornaments, and collars, & purple raiment that was on the kings of Midian, and beside the chaines that were about their camels necks.

27 And Gideon made an Ephod thereof, and put it in his citie, euen in Ophrah: and all Israel went thither a whooring after it; which thing became a snare vnto Gideon, and to his house.

28 Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel; so that they lifted vp their heads no more: and the countrey was in quietnesse fourtie yeeres, in the dayes of Gideon.

29 And Jerubbaal the sonne of Joash went & dwelt in his owne house.

30 And Gideon had threescore and ten sonnes of his body begotten: for he had many wiues.

31 And his concubine that was in Shechem, shee also bare him a sonne, whose name he called Abimelech.

32 And Gideon the sonne of Joash died, in a good olde age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abi-Ezrites.

33 And it came to passe as soone as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned againe, and went a whooring after Baalim, and made Baal-Berith their god.

34 And the children of Israel remembred not the LORD their God, who had deliuered them out of the hands of all their enemies, on euery side:

35 Neither shewed they kindnesse to the house of Jerubbaal, namely Gideon, according to all the goodnesse which he had shewed vnto Israel.

CHAP. IX.

1 Abimelech by conspiracie with the Shechemites, and murder of his brethren, is made King. 7 Iotham by a parable rebuketh them and foretellet their ruine. 22 Gaal conspireth with the Shechemites against him. 30 Zebul reuealeth it. 34 Abimelech ouercommeth them, and soweth the citie with salt. 46 Hee burneth the holde of the god Berith. 50 At Thebez he is slaine by a piece of a millstone. 56 Iothams curse is fulfilled.

AND Abimelech the sonne of Jerubbaal went to Shechem, vnto his mothers brethren, and communed with them, and

with all the family of the house of his mothers father, saying;

2 Speake, I pray you, in the eares of all the men of Shechem; † whether is better for you, either that all the sonnes of Jerubbaal (which are threescore and ten persons) reigne ouer you, or that one reigne ouer you? Remember also, that I am your bone, and your flesh.

3 And his mothers brethren spake of him in the eares of all the men of Shechem, all these wordes, and their hearts inclined to † follow Abimelech: for they said, he is our brother.

4 And they gaue him threescore and ten pieces of siluer, out of the house of Baal-Berith, wherewith Abimelech hired baine & light persons, which followed him.

5 And hee went vnto his fathers house at Ophrah, and slewe his brethren the sonnes of Jerubbaal, being threescore and tenne persons, vpon one stone: notwithstanding, yet Iotham the youngest sonne of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himselfe.

6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech King, || by the plaine of the pillar that was in Shechem.

7 And when they told it to Iotham, he went and stood in the top of mount Gerizim, and lift vp his voice, and cried, and said vnto them, hearken vnto mee, you men of Shechem, that God may hearken vnto you.

8 The trees went foorth on a time to annoint a King ouer them, and they said vnto the Oliue tree, Reigne thou ouer vs.

9 But the Oliue tree saide vnto them, Should I leaue my fatnesse, wherewith by mee they honour God and man, and || goe to bee promoted ouer the trees?

10 And the trees said to the Figge tree, Come thou, and reigne ouer vs.

11 But the Figge tree saide vnto them, Should I forsake my sweetnesse, and my good fruit, and goe to be promoted ouer the trees?

12 Then saide the trees vnto the Vine, Come thou, and reigne ouer vs.

13 And the Vine said vnto them, Should I leaue my wine, which cheareth God and man, and goe to be promoted ouer the trees?

14 Then

Or, sweete jewels.

† Heb. What is good? whether & c.

† Heb. after.

† Heb. going out of his thigh.

† Heb. set.

|| Or, by the oke of the pillar. See Ios. 24. 26.

|| Or, goe vp and downe for other trees.

Gaal conspireth Iudges. against Abimelech:

14 Then said all the trees vnto the
Or, thistle. Bramble, Come thou, and reigne o-
 uer vs.

15 And the Bramble said vnto the
 trees, If in trueth ye anoint me King
 ouer you, then come, and put your trust
 in my shadow: and if not, let fire come
 out of the Bramble, and deuoure the
 Cedars of Lebanon.

16 Now therefore, if yee haue done
 truely and sincerely, in that yee haue
 made Abimelech King, and if yee haue
 dealt well with Jerubbaal, and his
 house, and haue done vnto him accor-
 ding to the deseruing of his hands:

17 (For my father fought for you,
† Heb. cast his life. and † aduентured his life farre, and de-
 liuered you out of the hand of Midian:

18 And yee are risen vp against my
 fathers house this day, and haue slaine
 his sonnes, threescore and ten persons,
 vpon one stone, and haue made Abime-
 lech the sonne of his maidservant, king
 ouer the men of Shechem, because he is
 your brother.)

19 If yee then haue dealt truely and
 sincerely with Jerubbaal, and with his
 house this day, then reioyce yee in Abi-
 melech, and let him also reioyce in you.

20 But if not, let fire come out from
 Abimelech, and deuoure the men of
 Shechem and the house of Milo: and
 let fire come out from the men of She-
 chem, and from the house of Milo, and
 deuoure Abimelech.

21 And Jotham ran away, and fled,
 and went to Beer, and dwelt there for
 feare of Abimelech his brother.

22 ¶ When Abimelech had reigned
 thre yeeres ouer Israel,

23 Then God sent an euill spirit be-
 tweene Abimelech & the men of She-
 chem: and the men of Shechem dealt
 treacherously with Abimelech:

24 That the crueltie done to the
 threescore and ten sonnes of Jerubbaal
 might come, and their blood be laid vpon
 Abimelech their brother which slew
 them, and vpon the men of Shechem
 which † aided him in the killing of his
 brethren.

25 And the men of Shechem set ly-
 ers in wait for him in the toppe of the
 mountaines, and they robbed all that
 came along that way by them: and it
 was told Abimelech.

26 And Gaal the sonne of Ebed came
 with his brethren, and went ouer to
 Shechem: and the men of Shechem

put their confidence in him.

27 And they went out into the fields,
 and gathered their vineyards, and
 trode the grapes, and made merry, and
 went into the house of their god, and
 did eate and drinke, and cursed Abime-
 lech.

28 And Gaal the sonne of Ebed said,
 who is Abimelech, and who is She-
 chem, that we should serue him? Is not
 he the sonne of Jerubbaal: and Zebul
 his officer: serue the men of Hamor the
 father of Shechem: for why should we
 serue him?

29 And would to God this people
 were vnder my hand; then would I re-
 moue Abimelech. And he said to Abi-
 melech, Increase thine armie and come
 out.

30 ¶ And when Zebul the ruler of
 the citie heard the wordes of Gaal the
 sonne of Ebed, his anger was kindled.

31 And he sent messengers vnto Abi-
 melech † priuily, saying, Behold, Gaal
 the sonne of Ebed, and his brethren, be
 come to Shechem, and behold, they for-
 tifie the citie against thee.

32 Now therefore vp by night, thou
 and the people that is with thee, and lie
 in wait in the field.

33 And it shalbe, that in the morning
 as soone as the Sunne is vp, thou shalt
 rise early, and set vpon the citie: and
 behold, when he and the people that is
 with him, come out against thee, then
 mayest thou doe to them † as thou shalt
 finde occasion.

34 ¶ And Abimelech rose vp, and
 all the people that were with him, by
 night, and they laid wait against She-
 chem in foure companies.

35 And Gaal the sonne of Ebed went
 out, and stood in the entring of the gate
 of the citie: and Abimelech rose vp, and
 the people that were with him, from ly-
 ing in waite.

36 And when Gaal saw the people,
 he said to Zebul, Behold, there come
 people downe fro the top of the moun-
 taines. And Zebul saide vnto him,
 Thou seest the shadow of the moun-
 taines, as if they were men.

37 And Gaal spake againe, and said,
 See, there come people downe by the
 † middle of the land, and another com-
 panie come along by the plaine of Be-
 onenim.

38 Then said Zebul vnto him, where
 is now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst,
 who

Or, songs.

Or, host.

† Heb. craftily, or to Tormab.

† Heb. as thine hand shall find.

† Hebr. strengthened his hands to kill.

† Heb. manell Or, the regards of times.

who is Abimelech, that wee should serue him: Is not this the people that thou hast despised: Goe out, I pray now, and fight with them.

39 And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.

40 And Abimelech chased him, and hee fledde before him, and many were ouerthrowen and wounded, euen vnto the entring of the gate.

41 And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem.

42 And it came to passe on the morrow, that the people went out into the field, and they tolde Abimelech.

43 And he tooke the people, and diuided them into three companies, and laide waite in the field, and looked, and behold, the people were come forth out of the citie, and he rose vp against them, and smote them.

44 And Abimelech, and the companie that was with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entring of the gate of the citie: and the two other companies ranne vpon all the people that were in the fields, and slew them.

45 And Abimelech fought against the citie all that day, and he tooke the citie, and slewe the people that was therein, and beat downe the citie, and sowed it with salt.

46 And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard that, they entred into an holde of the house of the god Berith.

47 And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the towre of Shechem were gathered together.

48 And Abimelech gate him vp to mount Zalmon, hee and all the people that were with him, & Abimelech tooke an axe in his hand, and cut downe a bough from the trees, and tooke it, and laide it on his shoulder, and said vnto the people that were with him, what ye haue seene I me doe, make haste, and doe as I haue done.

49 And all the people likewise cut downe euery man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the holde, and set the holde on fire vpon them: so that all the men of the towre of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

50 Then went Abimelech to The-

bez, and encamped against Thebez, and tooke it.

51 But there was a strong towre within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the citie, and shut it to them, and gate them vp to the top of the towre.

52 And Abimelech came vnto the towre, and fought against it, and went hard vnto the doore of the towre, to burne it with fire.

53 And a certaine woman * cast a piece of a millstone vpon Abimelechs head, and all to brake his skull.

54 Then hee called hastily vnto the young man his armour-bearer, and said vnto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slewe him: and his young man thrust him through, and he died.

55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed euery man vnto his place.

56 Thus God rendred the wickednesse of Abimelech which hee did vnto his father, in slaying his seuentie brethren.

57 And all the euill of the men of Shechem, did God render vpon their heads: and vpon them came the curse of Jotham the sonne of Jerubbaal.

C H A P. X.

1 Tola iudgeth Israel in Shamir. 3 Iair, whose thirtie sonnes had thirtie cities. 6 The Philistines and Ammonites oppresse Israel. 10 In their miserie, God sendeth them to their false gods. 15 Vpon their repentance, hee pitieth them.

And after Abimelech, there arose to defend Israel, Tola the sonne of Puah, the sonne of Dodo, a man of Issachar, and he dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim.

2 And he iudgeth Israel twenty and three yeeres, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

3 And after him arose Jair a Gileadite, and iudgeth Israel twentie and two yeeres.

4 And hee had thirtie sonnes that rode on thirtie asse-colts, and they had thirtie cities, which are called Hauoth-Jair vnto this day, which are in the land of Gilead.

5 And Jair died, and was buried in Camon.

6 And

* 2.Sam.
11.21.

|| Or, deliner.
Heb. sauc.

|| Or, the vil-
lages of Jair.

† Heb. I
haue done.

* Chap. 2.
1 I. and 3. 7.
and 4. 1. &
6. 1. & 13. 1
* Chap. 2.
13.

6 **And** the children of Israel did euill againe in the sight of the LORD, and serued Baalim and * Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsooke the LORD, and serued not him.

7 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and hee solde them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.

† Hebr. crushed.

8 And that yere they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel: eighteene yeeres, all the children of Israel that were on the other side Jordan, in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

9 Moreover, the children of Ammon passed ouer Jordan, to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed.

10 **And** the children of Israel cried vnto the LORD, saying, Wee haue sinned against thee, both because wee haue forsaken our God, and also serued Baalim.

11 And the LORD said vnto the children of Israel, Did not I deliuer you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines?

12 The Zidonians also and the Amalekites, and the Moabites did oppresse you, and ye cried to me, and I deliuered you out of their hand.

* Deut. 32.
15. ierem. 2.
13.

13 * Yet ye haue forsaken me, and serued other gods: wherefore I will deliuer you no more.

14 Go, and cry vnto the gods which ye haue chosen, let them deliuer you in the time of your tribulation.

† Hebr. is good in thine eyes.

15 **And** the children of Israel said vnto the LORD, We haue sinned, doe thou vnto vs whatsoeuer † seemeth good vnto thee, deliuer vs onely, wee pray thee, this day.

† Hebr. gods of strangers.

16 And they put away the † strange gods from among them, and serued the LORD: and his soule † was grieved for the misery of Israel.

† Hebr. was shortened.

17 Then the children of Ammon were † gathered together, and encamped in Gilead: and the children of Israel assembled themselues together, and encamped in Mizpeh.

† Hebr. cried together.

18 And the people and Princes of Gi-

lead, said one to another, what man is hee that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon: he shall * be head ouer all the inhabitants of Gilead.

* Chap. 11.
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CHAP. XI.

1 The Couenant betweene Iephthah and the Gileadites, that hee should be their head. 12 The treaty of peace betweene him and the Ammonites is in vaine. 29 Iephthahs vow. 32 His conquest of the Ammonites. 34 He performeth his vow on his daughter.

NOW * Iephthah the Gileadite was a mightie man of valour, and he was the sonne of † an harlot: and Gilead begate Iephthah.

* Hebr. 11.
32. called Iephth.

† Hebr. a woman, an harlot.

2 And Gileads wife bare him sonnes, and his wifes sonnes grew vp, and they thrust out Iephthah, and said vnto him, Thou shalt not inherite in our fathers house, for thou art the son of a strange woman.

3 Then Iephthah fled † from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vaine men to Iephthah, and went out with him.

† Hebr. from the face.

4 **And** it came to passe, † in procelle of time, that the children of Ammon made warre against Israel.

† Hebr. after dayes.

5 And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the Elders of Gilead went to fetch Iephthah out of the land of Tob,

6 And they said vnto Iephthah, Come and bee our Captaine, that wee may fight with the children of Ammon.

7 And Iephthah said vnto the Elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and expell me out of my fathers house: And why are ye come vnto mee now when ye are in distresse?

8 And the Elders of Gilead said vnto Iephthah, Therefore we turne againe to thee now, that thou mayest go with vs, and fight against the children of Ammon, and bee our head ouer all the inhabitants of Gilead.

9 And Iephthah said vnto the Elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home againe to fight against the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliuer them before me; shall I be your head?

10 And the Elders of Gilead said vnto Iephthah, The LORD † be witness betweene vs, if we doe not so according to thy words.

† Hebr. be the beaver betweene vs.

11 Then Iephthah went with the Elders

ders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captaine ouer them: and Jephthah vttered all his words before the LORD in Mizpeh.

12 And Jephthah sent messengers vnto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, what hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against mee to fight in my land:

13 And the king of the children of Ammon answered vnto the messengers of Jephthah; * Because Israel tooke away my land when they came by out of Egypt, from Arnon euen vnto Jabbok, and vnto Jordan: now therefore restore those lands againe peaceably.

14 And Jephthah sent messengers againe vnto the king of the children of Ammon:

15 And said vnto him, Thus saith Jephthah; * Israel tooke not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon:

16 But when Israel came by from Egypt, and walked through the wilderness, vnto the red sea, and came to Kadesh;

17 Then * Israel sent messengers vnto the king of Edom saying, Let me, I pray thee, passe through thy land. But the king of Edom would not hearken thereto: And in like maner they sent vnto the king of Moab: but hee would not consent: & Israel abode in Kadesh.

18 Then they went along through the wilderness, and compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the Eastside of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, * but came not within the border of Moab: for Arnon was the border of Moab.

19 And * Israel sent messengers vnto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon, and Israel said vnto him, Let vs passe, we pray thee, thorow thy land, vnto my place.

20 But Sihon trusted not Israel, to passe through his coast: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

21 And the LORD God of Israel deliuered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that countrey.

22 And they possessed * all the coasts of the Amorites, from Arnon euen vnto Jabbok, and from the wilderness euen vnto Jordan.

23 So now the LORD God of Israel hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and shouldst thou possesse it?

24 Wilt not thou possesse that which Chemosh thy god giueth thee to possesse: so whomsoever the LORD our God shall driue out from before vs, them will we possesse.

25 * And now, art thou any thing better then Balak the sonne of Zippor king of Moab: Did hee euer strue against Israel, or did hee euer fight against them,

26 While Israel dwelt in Heshbon, and her towne, and in Aroer, and her towne, and in all the cities that bee along by the coasts of Arnon, three hundred yeeres: why therefore did yee not recouer them within that time:

27 Wherefore, I haue not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to warre against mee: the LORD the Judge, bee Judge this day betweene the children of Israel, and the children of Ammon.

28 Howbeit, the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not vnto the words of Jephthah which hee sent him.

29 Then the Spirit of the LORD came vpon Jephthah, and he passed ouer Gilead and Manasseh, and passed ouer Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead hee passed ouer vnto the children of Ammon.

30 And Jephthah bowed a bowe vnto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without faile deliuer the children of Ammon into mine hands,

31 Then it shall be, that † whatsoever commeth forth of the doores of my house to meete me, when I returne in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORDS, || and I will offer it by for a burnt offering.

32 So Jephthah passed ouer vnto the children of Ammon to fight against them, and the LORD deliuered them into his hands.

33 And he smote them from Aroer, euen till thou come to Minnith, euen twentie cities, and vnto the || plaine of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter: thus the children of Ammon

* Deut. 2, 36.

* Num. 22. 2. deut. 23. 4. iosh. 24. 9

* Num. 21. 13.

* Deut. 2. 9.

* Num. 20. 14.

* Num. 22. 13. and 22. 24.

* Deut. 2. 26.

† Hebr. that which cometh forth shall come forth.

|| Or, I will offer it, &c.

|| Or, Abel.

mon were subdued before the children of Israel.

34 **C** And Jephthah came to Mizpeh vnto his house, and beholde, his daughter came out to meete him with timbrels and with dances, and she was his onely childe: || beside her he had neither sonne nor daughter.

|| Or, he had not of his owne either sonne or daughter. Heb. of himselfe.

35 And it came to passe when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter, thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I haue opened my mouth vnto the LORD, and I cannot goe backe.

36 And she said vnto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth vnto the LORD, doe to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth: forasmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, euen of the children of Ammon.

37 And she said vnto her father, Let this thing be done for me: Let me alone two moneths, that I may † goe by and downe vpon the mountaines, and bewaile my virginity, I, and my fellows.

† Heb. Goe, and goe downe.

38 And he said, Goe. And he sent her away for two moneths, and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity vpon the mountaines.

39 And it came to passe at the ende of two moneths that she returned vnto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man: † it was a || custome in Israel,

|| Or, ordinance.

40 That the daughters of Israel went † yeerely || to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite foure dayes in a yeere.

† Heb. from yeere to yeere. || Or, to talke with.

CHAP. XII.

1 The Ephraimites quarrelling with Jephthah, and discerned by Shibolet, are slaine by the Gileadites. 7 Jephthah dieth. 8 Ibzan, who had thirtie sonnes and thirtie daughters, 11 and Elon, 13 and Abdon who had fourtie sonnes, and thirtie nephewes, iudged Israel.

AND the men of Ephraim † gathered themselves together, and went Northward, & said vnto Jephthah, wherefore passedst thou ouer to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call vs to goe with thee: wee will burne thine house vpon thee with fire.

† Hebr. were called.

2 And Jephthah saide vnto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon: and when I called you, ye deliuered me not out of their hands.

3 And when I sawe that ye deliuered me not, I put my life in my handes, and passed ouer against the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliuered them into my hand: wherfore then are ye come by vnto me this day, to fight against me?

4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, Wee Gileadites are fugitiues of Ephraim, among the Ephraimites and among the Manassites.

5 And the Gileadites tooke the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was so that when those Ephraimites which were escaped saide, Let me go ouer, that the men of Gilead said vnto him, Art thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay:

6 Then said they vnto him, Say now, Shibolet: and he said, Sibboleth: for hee could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they tooke him, and slewe him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites, fourtie & two thousand.

7 And Jephthah iudged Israel sixe yeeres: then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.

8 **C** And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem iudged Israel.

9 And hee had thirtie sonnes, and thirtie daughters, whome hee sent abroad, and tooke in thirtie daughters from abroad for his sonnes. And hee iudged Israel seven yeeres.

10 Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Bethlehem.

11 **C** And after him, Elon, a Zebulonite iudged Israel, and he iudged Israel ten yeeres.

12 And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aialon in the countrey of Zebulun.

13 **C** And after him, Abdon, the sonne of Hillel a Pirathonite iudged Israel.

14 And he had forty sonnes, and thirtie † nephewes, that rode on threescore and ten asse-colts: and he iudged Israel eight yeeres,

† Heb. sonnes.

15 And Abdon the sonne of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Israel is in the hand of the Philistines. 2 An Angel appeareth to Manoahs wife. 8 The Angel appeareth to Manoah. 15 Manoahs sacrifice, whereby the Angel is discovered. 24 Samson is borne.

AND the children of Israel [†] * did euill againe in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD deliuered them into the hand of the Philistines forty yeeeres.

2 **C** And there was a certaine man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah, and his wife was barren, and bare not.

3 And the Angel of the LORD appeared vnto the woman, and said vnto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceiue and beare a sonne.

4 Now therefore beware * I pray thee, and drinke not wine, nor strong drinke, and eat not any vncleane thing.

5 For loe, thou shalt conceiue, and beare a sonne, and * no rasoꝝ shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite vnto God from the wombe: and he shall begin to deliuer Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

6 **C** Then the woman came, and told her husband, saying; A man of God came vnto mee, and his countenance was like the countenance of an Angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name:

7 But he said vnto mee, Behold, thou shalt conceiue and beare a sonne; and now, drinke no wine nor strong drinke, neither eate any vncleane thing: for the childe shall be a Nazarite to God, from the wombe, to the day of his death.

8 **C** Then Manoah entreated the LORD, and said, O my LORD, let the man of God which thou didst send, come againe vnto vs, & teach vs what we shall do vnto the childe that shall be borne.

9 And God hearkened to the voyce of Manoah; and the Angel of God came againe vnto the woman as shee

sate in the field: But Manoah her husband was not with her.

10 And the woman made haste, and ranne, and shewed her husband, and said vnto him; Behold, the man hath appeared vnto me, that came vnto me the other day.

11 And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said vnto him, Art thou the man that spakest vnto the woman? And he said, I am.

12 And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to passe: [†] How shall wee order the childe, and ^{||} how shall we doe vnto him?

13 And the Angel of the LORD said vnto Manoah, Of all that I said vnto the woman, let her beware.

14 She may not eate of any thing that commeth of the Vine, neither let her drinke wine or strong drinke, nor eat any vncleane thing: all that I commanded her, let her obserue.

15 **C** And Manoah saide vnto the Angel of the LORD, I pray thee let vs deteine thee, vntill wee shall haue made ready a kid [†] for thee.

16 And the Angel of the LORD said vnto Manoah, Though thou deteine mee, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it vnto the LORD: for Manoah knew not that he was an Angel of the LORD.

17 And Manoah said vnto the Angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to passe, we may doe thee honour?

18 And the Angel of the LORD said vnto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is ^{||} secret?

19 So Manoah tooke a kid, with a meat offering, and offered it vpon a rocke vnto the LORD: and the Angel did wonderously, and Manoah and his wife looked on.

20 For it came to passe, when the flame went vnto heauen from off the altar, that the Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar: and Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground.

21 (But the Angel of the LORD did no more appeare to Manoah and to his wife:) then Manoah knewe that he was an Angel of the LORD.

22 And Manoah said vnto his wife,

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† Hebr. added to com- mit, &c. * Chap. 2. 11. and 3. 7. and 4. 1. and 6. 1. and 10. 6.

* Num. 6. 2. 3.

* Num. 6. 5. 1. sam. 1. 11.

† Hebr. what shall be the maner of the, &c. || Or, what shall he doe? Hebr. What shall be his worke?

† Hebr. be- fore thee.

|| Or, wonderfull.

*Exod. 33.
20. chap. 6.
22.

*Wee shall surely die, because wee haue seene God.

23 But his wife said vnto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill vs, he would not haue receiued a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would hee haue shewed vs all these things, nor would as at this time haue told vs such things as these.

24 And the woman bare a sonne, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, & the LORD blessed him.

25 And the Spirit of the LORD beganne to mooue him at times in the campe of Dan, betweene Zorah and Eshtaol.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Samson desireth a wife of the Philistines. 2 In his iourney hee killeth a Lion. 8 In a second iourney hee findeth hony in the carkeis. 10 Samsons marriage feast. 12 His riddle by his wife is made knowen. 19 He spoileth thirtie Philistines. 20 His wife is married to another.

AND Samson went down to Timnath, and sawe a woman in Timnath, of the daughters of the Philistines.

2 And hee came by, and told his father and his mother, and said, I haue seene a woman in Timnath, of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.

3 Then his father and his mother said vnto him, Is there neuer a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the vncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said vnto his father, Get her for me, for shee pleaseth me well.

† Heb. she is right in mine eyes.

4 But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that hee sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion ouer Israel.

5 Then went Samson downe, and his father & his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and behold, a young Lion roared † against him.

† Hebr. in meeting him.

6 And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily vpon him, and hee rent him as he would haue rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but hee told not his father or his mother what hee had done.

7 And hee went downe and talked with the woman, and shee pleased Samson well.

8 And after a time hee returned to take her, and hee turned aside to see the carkeis of the Lion: and beholde, there was a swarme of Bees, and hony in the carkeis of the Lion.

9 And hee tooke thereof in his handes, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and hee gaue them, and they did eate: but hee told not them that he had taken the hony out of the carkeis of the Lion.

10 So his father went downe vnto the woman, and Samson made there a feast: for so vbled the young men to doe.

11 And it came to passe when they saw him, that they brought thirtie companions to be with him.

12 And Samson said vnto them, I will now put foorth a riddle vnto you: if you can certainly declare it me, within the seuen dayes of the feast, and finde it out, then I will giue you thirtie sheetes, and thirtie change of garments:

Or, shirts.

13 But if ye cannot declare it me, then shall yee giue me thirtie sheetes, and thirtie change of garments. And they said vnto him, Put foorth thy riddle, that we may heare it.

14 And hee said vnto them, Out of the eater came foorth meate, and out of the strong came foorth sweetnesse. And they could not in three dayes expound the riddle.

15 And it came to passe on the seuenth day, that they said vnto Samsons wife, Entice thy husband, that hee may declare vnto vs the riddle, lest we burne thee and thy fathers house with fire: haue yee called vs, † to take that wee haue: is it not so?

† Heb. to possess vs, or to impoverish vs?

16 And Samsons wife wept before him, and said, Thou doest but hate me, and louest me not: thou hast put foorth a riddle vnto the children of my people, and hast not tolde it me. And hee said vnto her, Behold, I haue not tolde it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell it thee?

17 And shee wept before him || the seuen dayes, while the feast lasted: and it came to passe on the seuenth day, that he tolde her, because shee lay sore vpon him: and she tolde the riddle to the children of her people.

Or, the rest of the seven dayes, &c.

18 And the men of the city said vnto him on the seventh day before the sunne went downe, what is sweeter then honye: and what is stronger then a Lion: And he said vnto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, yee had not found out my riddle.

19 ¶ And the Spirit of the LORD came vpon him, and hee went downe to Ashkelon, and slewe thirtie men of them, and tooke their spoile, and gaue change of garments vnto them which expounded the riddle, and his anger was kindled, and hee went vp to his fathers house.

20 But Samsons Wife was giuen to his companion, whom hee had vsed as his friend.

C H A P. XV.

1 Samson is denied his wife. 3 He burneth the Philistines corne with foxes and firebrands. 6 His wife and her father are burnt by the Philistines. 7 Samson smiteth them hip and thigh. 9 He is bound by the men of Iudah and deliuered to the Philistines. 14 Hee killeth them with a iawbone. 18 God maketh the fountaine En-hakkore for him in Lehi.

BUt it came to passe within a while after, in the time of wheat haruest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid, and he said, I will goe in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to goe in.

2 And her father saide, I verily thought that thou haddest viterly hated her, therefore I gaue her to thy companion: is not her younger sister fairer then she: † take her, I pray thee, in stead of her.

3 ¶ And Samson said concerning them, Now shall I be more blamelesse then the Philistines, though I do them a displeasure.

4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and tooke firebrands, and turned taile to taile, and put a firebrand in the midst betweene two tailes.

5 And when hee had set the brands on fire, he let them goe into the standing corne of the Philistines, and burnt vp both the shokes, and also the standing corne, with the vineyards and oliues.

6 ¶ Then the Philistines saide, who hath done this: and they answered, Samson the sonne in law of

the Timnite, because hee had taken his wife, and giuen her to his companion. And the Philistines came vp, and burnt her and her father with fire.

7 ¶ And Samson said vnto them, Though ye haue done this, yet will I be auenged of you, and after that, I will cease.

8 And he smote them hip and thigh, with a great slaughter; and hee went downe and dwelt in the top of the rocke Etam.

9 ¶ Then the Philistines went vp, and pitched in Iudah, and spread themselves in Lehi.

10 And the men of Iudah said, why are ye come vp against vs: and they answered, To bind Samson are we come vp, to doe to him, as he hath done to vs.

11 Then three thousand men of Iudah † went to the top of the rocke Etam, and sayd to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers ouer vs: what is this that thou hast done vnto vs: And he said vnto them, As they did vnto me, so haue I done vnto them.

12 And they said vnto him, wee are come downe to binde thee, that we may deliuer thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said vnto them, Swear vnto me, that yee will not fall vpon me your selues.

13 And they spake vnto him, saying; No: but wee will binde thee fast, and deliuer thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cordes, and brought him vp from the rocke.

14 ¶ And when he came vnto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily vpon him, and the cordes that were vpon his armes became as flaxe that was burnt with fire, & his bands † loosed from off his hands.

15 And he found a † new iawbone of an asse, and put forth his hand, and tooke it, and slewe a thousand men therewith.

16 And Samson said, with the iawbone of an asse, † heapes vpon heapes, with the iaw of an asse haue I slaine a thousand men.

17 And it came to passe when he had made an end of speaking, that hee cast away the iaw bone out of his hand, and called that place Ramath-Lehi.

18 ¶ And hee was sore athirst, and called on the LORD, and said, Thou

Or, apparel.

† Heb. went downe.

† Heb. let her be thine.

Or, now shall I be blamelesse from the Philistines, though, &c.
Or, torches.

† Hebr. were melted.

† Heb. moist.

† Heb. an heape, two heapes.

That is, The lifting up of the iaw-bone, or, casting away of the iaw-bone.

Samson and Delilah: Iudges. She betrayeth him.

hast giuen this great deliuerance into the hand of thy seruant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the vncircumcised:

|| Or, Lehi.

19 But God claue an hollow place that was in || the iawe, and there came water thereout, & when he had drunke, his spirit came againe, and he reuiued: wherefore hee called the name thereof || En-hakkore, which is in Lehi, vnto this day:

|| That is, the well of him that called or cried.

20 And he iudged Israel in the dayes of the Philistines twentie yeeres.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Samson at Gaza escapeth, and carieth away the gates of the city. 4 Delilah corrupted by the Philistines, entiseth Samson. 6 Thrice she is deceiued. 15 At last shee ouercometh him. 21 The Philistines take him, and put out his eyes. 22 His strength renewing, hee pulleth downe the house vpon the Philistines, and dieth.

When went Samson to Gaza, and saw there † an harlot, and went in vnto her.

† Heb. a woman an harlot.

2 And it was told the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed him in, and layd wait for him all night in the gate of the citie, and were † quiet all the night, saying, In the morning when it is day, we shall kill him.

† Heb. silent.

3 And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and tooke the doores of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, † barre and all, and put them vpon his shoulders, and caried them vp to the toppe of an hill that is before Hebron.

† Heb. with the barre.

4 And it came to passe after ward, that he loued a woman in the valley || of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

|| Or, by the brooke.

5 And the lords of the Philistines came vp vnto her, and said vnto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what meanes we may preuaile against him, that we may bind him, to || afflict him: and we will giue thee euery one of vs, eleuen hundredth pieces of siluer.

|| Or, humble.

6 And Delilah said to Samson, Tel me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lyeth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound, to afflict thee.

7 And Samson said vnto her, If they binde mee with seuen || greene withs, that were neuer dried, then shall

|| Or, newe coards. heb. moist.

I be weake, and be as † another man.

† Heb. one.

8 Then the lords of the Philistines brought vp to her seuen greene withs, which had not bene dried, & she bound him with them.

9 Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber: and she said vnto him, The Philistines be vpon thee, Samson. And he brake the withs, as a threed of tow is broken, when it † toucheth the fire: so his strength was not knowen.

† Heb. smelteth.

10 And Delilah said vnto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told mee lies: now tell mee, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.

11 And he said vnto her, If they bind me fast with newe ropes † that neuer were occupied, then shall I be weake, and be as another man.

† Heb. wherewith worke hath not bin done.

12 Delilah therfore tooke new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said vnto him, The Philistines be vpon thee, Samson. (And there were liers in wait abiding in the chamber.) and hee brake them from off his armes, like a threed.

13 And Delilah said vnto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told mee lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said vnto her, If thou weauest the seuen lockes of my head with the web.

14 And she fastened it with the pinne, and said vnto him, The Philistines be vpon thee, Samson. And hee awaked out of his sleepe, and went away with the pinne of the beame, & with the web.

15 And shee said vnto him, How canst thou say, I loue thee, when thine heart is not with mee: Thou hast mocked mee these three times, and hast not told me wherin thy great strength lieth.

16 And it came to passe, when she pressed him daily with her wordes, and vrged him, so that his soule was † vexed vnto death,

† Heb. scorned.

17 That he told her all his heart, and said vnto her, There hath not come a razor vpon mine head: for I haue bene a Nazarite vnto God from my mothers wombe: If I be shauen, then my strength will goe from me, and I shall become weake, and bee like any other man.

18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the Lords of the Philistines, saying, Come vp this once, for hee hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines

Philistines came vnto her, & brought money in their hand.

19 And she made him sleepe vpon her knees, and she called for a man, and she caused him to shauē off the seuen lockes of his head, and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

20 And she said, The Philistines be vpon thee, Samson. And hee awoke out of his sleepe, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake my selfe. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

21 But the Philistines tooke him and † put out his eyes, and brought him downe to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brasse, and he did grind in the prison house.

22 Howbeit, the haire of his head began to grow againe, || after he was shauen.

23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together, for to offer a great sacrifice vnto Dagon their god, and to reioyce: for they said, Our god hath deliuered Samson our enemy into our hand.

24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath deliuered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our countrey, † which slew many of vs.

25 And it came to passe when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that hee may make vs sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house, and he made † them sport, and they set him betweene the pillars.

26 And Samson said vnto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer mee, that I may feele the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may leane vpon them.

27 Now the house was full of men and women, and all the lords of the Philistines were there: and there were vpon the rooffe about three thousand men and women, that behelde while Samson made sport.

28 And Samson called vnto the LORD, and said, O LORD GOD, remember me, I pray thee, & strengthen mee, I pray thee, onely this once, O God, that I may be at once auenged of the Philistines, for my two eyes.

29 And Samson tooke hold of the two middle pillars, vpon which the house stood, and || on which it was borne

vp, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

30 And Samson said, Let † me die with the Philistines: & he bowed himselfe with all his might: and the house fel vpon the lords, and vpon all the people that were therein: so the dead which he slew at his death, were more, then they which he slew in his life.

31 Then his brethren, and all the house of his father, came downe, and tooke him, and brought him vp, and buried him betweene Zorah and Eshatol, in the burying place of Manoah his father: and hee iudged Israel twentie yeeres.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Of the money that Micah first stole, then restored, his mother maketh Images, 5 and hee ornaments for them. 6 He hireth a Leuite to be his Priest.

AND there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah.

2 And he said vnto his mother, The eleuen hundred shekels of siluer, that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine eares, behold, the siluer is with mee, I tooke it. And his mother said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my sonne.

3 And when hee had restored the eleuen hundred shekels of siluer to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the siluer vnto the LORD, from my hand, for my sonne, to make a grauen image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it vnto thee.

4 Yet hee restored the money vnto his mother, and his mother tooke two hundred shekels of siluer, and gaue them to the founder, who made thereof a grauen image and a molten image, and they were in the house of Micah.

5 And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an * Ephod, and * Teraphim, and † consecrated one of his sonnes, who became his Priest.

6 * In those dayes there was no king in Israel, but euery man did that which was right in his owne eyes.

7 And there was a young man out of Bethlehem Judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Leuite, and he sojourned there.

8 And the man departed out of the

† Hebr. boarded out.

† Or, as when he was shauen.

† Hebr. and who multiplied our slaine.

† Hebr. before them.

† Or, he leant on them.

† Hebr. my soule.

* Chap. 8.

27.

* Gen. 31.

19. ofe. 3. 4

† Hebr. filled

the hand.

* Chap. 18.

1. and 21.

25.

citie from Bethlehem Judah, to sojourn where he could finde a place: and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, † as he journeyed.

† Heb. in making his way.

9 And Micah said vnto him, whence comiest thou? And he said vnto him, I am a Leuite, of Bethlehem Judah, and I goe to sojourn where I may finde a place.

10 And Micah said vnto him, Dwell with me, and be vnto me a father and a Priest, and I will giue thee ten shekels of siluer by the yeere, and || a suite of apparell, and thy victuals. So the Leuite went in.

|| Or, a double suit, &c. Heb. an order of garments.

11 And the Leuite was content to dwell with the man, and the yong man was vnto him as one of his sonnes.

12 And Micah consecrated the Leuite, and the yong man became his Priest, and was in the house of Micah.

13 Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will doe me good, seeing I haue a Leuite to my Priest.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The Danites send fve men to seeke out an inheritance. 3 At the house of Micah they consult with Ionathan, and are encouraged in their way. 7 They search Laish, and bring backe newes of good hope. 11 Six hundred men are sent to surprize it. 14 In the way they robbe Micah of his Priest and his consecrate things. 27 They win Laish and call it Dan. 30 They set vp Idolatrie, wherein Ionathan inherited the Priesthood.

* Chap. 17. 6. and 21. 25.

In those dayes there was no king in Israel: and in those daies the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in: for vnto that day, all their inheritance had not fallen vnto them, among the tribes of Israel.

2 And the children of Dan sent of their family, fve men from their coasts, † men of valour, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it, and they said vnto them, Goe, search the land: who when they came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah, they lodged there.

† Hebr. sonnes.

3 When they were by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the yong man the Leuite: and they turned in thither, & said vnto him, who brought thee hither? And what makest thou in this place: and what hast thou here?

4 And hee said vnto them, Thus and thus dealeth Micah with me, and hath hired me, and I am his Priest.

5 And they sayd vnto him, Aske counsell, we pray thee, of God, that we may know, whether our way which we goe, shall be prosperous.

6 And the Priest said vnto them, Goe in peace: before the LORD is your way wherein ye goe.

7 ¶ Then the fve men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that were therein, how they dwelt carelesse, after the maner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure, and there was no † magistrate in the land that might put them to shame in any thing, and they were farre from the Zidonians, and had no businesse with any man.

† Heb. possessor, or heire of restraint.

8 And they came vnto their brethren to Zorah, and Eshtaol: and their brethren said vnto them, what say ye?

9 And they said, Arise, that we may goe by against them: for we haue seene the land, and behold, it is very good: and are ye still? Bee not slothfull to goe, and to enter to possesse the land.

10 When ye goe, ye shall come vnto a people secure, and to a large land: for God hath giuen it into your handes: a place where there is no want of any thing, that is in the earth.

11 ¶ And there went from thence of the family of the Danites out of Zorah, and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men, † appoynted with weapons of warre.

† Heb. girded.

12 And they went by, and pitched in Kiriath-earim, in Judah: wherefore they called that place Mahaneh-Dan, vnto this day: behold, it is behinde Kiriath-earim.

13 And they passed thence vnto mount Ephraim, and came vnto the house of Micah.

14 ¶ Then answered the fve men that went to spie out the countrey of Laish, and saide vnto their brethren, Doe ye know that there is in these houses an Ephod, and Teraphim, and a grauen image, and a molten image? Now therefore consider what ye haue to doe.

15 And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of the yong man the Leuite, euen vnto the house of Micah, and † saluted him.

† Heb. asked him of peace.

16 And the six hundred men appointed

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ted with their weapons of war, which were of the children of Dan, stood by the entring of the gate.

17 And the five men that went to spie out the land, went by and came in thither, and tooke the grauen image, and the Ephod, and the Teraphim, and the molten image: and the Priest stood in the entring of the gate, with the six hundred men that were appointed with weapons of warre.

18 And these went into Micahs house, and fetched the carued image, the Ephod, and the Teraphim, and the molten image: then said the Priest vnto them, what doe ye?

19 And they said vnto him, hold thy peace, lay thine hand vpon thy mouth, and goe with vs, and bee to vs a father and a Priest: Is it better for thee to bee a Priest vnto the house of one man, or that thou be a Priest vnto a tribe and a family in Israel?

20 And the Priests heart was glad, and he tooke the Ephod, and the Teraphim, and the grauen image, and went in the midst of the people.

21 So they turned, and departed, and put the little ones, and the cattell, and the cariage before them.

22 And when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that were in the houses neere to Micahs house, were gathered together, and ouertooke the children of Dan.

23 And they cried vnto the children of Dan: and they turned their faces, and said vnto Micah, what aileth thee, that thou comest with such a company?

24 And he said, Bee haue taken away my gods which I made, and the Priest, and ye are gone away: and what haue I more: and what is this that yee say vnto me, what aileth thee?

25 And the children of Dan said vnto him, Let not thy voyce bee heard among vs, lest angry fellows run by on thee, and thou lose thy life, with the liues of thy household.

26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah sawe that they were too strong for him, he turned and went backe vnto his house.

27 And they tooke the things which Micah had made, and the Priest which hee had, and came vnto Laish, vnto a people that were at quiet, and secure, and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the citie with fire.

28 And there was no deliuerer, because it was farre from Zidon, and they had no businesse with any man: and it was in the valley that lieth by Beth-rehob, and they built a citie, and dwelt therein.

29 And they called the name of the city, Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was borne vnto Israel: howbeit the name of the citie was Laish at the first.

30 And the children of Dan set by the grauen image: and Jonathan the sonne of Gershom, the sonne of Manasseh, hee and his sonnes, were Priests to the tribe of Dan, vntill the day of the captiuitie of the land.

31 And they set them by Micahs grauen image, which hee made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

C H A P. XIX.

1 A Leuite goeth to Bethlehem to fetch home his wife. 16 An old man entertaineth him at Gibeah. 22 The Gibeonites abuse his concubine to death. 29 He diuideth her into twelue pieces to send them to the twelue tribes.

AD it came to passe in those dayes, when there was no King in Israel, that there was a certaine Leuite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who tooke to him a concubine out of Bethlehem Judah.

2 And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him vnto her fathers house to Bethlehem Judah, and was there foure whole moneths.

3 And her husband arose, and went after her to speake friendly vnto her, and to bring her againe, hauing his seruant with him, and a couple of asses: and shee brought him into her fathers house, and when the father of the damsell saw him, he reioyced to meet him.

4 And his father in law, the damosels father, retained him, and hee abode with him three dayes: so they did eate and drinke, and lodged there.

5 And it came to passe on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose by to depart: and the damosels father saide vnto his sonne in lawe, Comfort thine heart with a morsell of bread, and after ward goe your way.

6 And

* Iosh. 19. 47.

* Chap. 17. 6. and 18. 1 and 21. 25.

† Heb. a woman a concubine, or a wife a concubine.

|| Or, a yeere and foure moneths. Heb. dayes, foure moneths. † Heb. to her heart.

† Heb. strengthen.

† Heb. that thou art gathered together?

† Heb. bitter of soule.

6 And they sate downe, and did eat and drinke both of them together: for the damosels father had saide vnto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tary all night, and let thine heart be merrie.

7 And when the man rose vp to depart, his father in law bryged him: therefore he lodged there againe.

8 And hee arose early in the morning on the fift day to depart, and the damosels father sayd, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they taried vntill after noone, and they did eate both of them.

9 And when the man rose vp to depart, hee and his concubine, and his seruant; his father in law, the damosels father, said vnto him, Behold, now the day draweth towardes euening, I pray you tarie all night: behold, the day groweth to an ende, lodge heere, that thine heart may be merrie; and to morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest goe home.

10 But the man would not tary that night, but he rose vp and departed, and came ouer against Jebus (which is Jerusalem:) and there were with him two asses sadled, his concubine also was with him.

11 And when they were by Jebus, the day was farre spent, and the seruant said vnto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let vs turne in into this citie of the Jebusites, and lodge in it.

12 And his master said vnto him, We will not turne aside hither into the citie of a stranger, that is not of the children of Israel, we wil passe ouer to Gibeah.

13 And hee sayde vnto his seruant, Come, and let vs draw neere to one of these places to lodge all night, in Gibeah, or in Ramah.

14 And they passed on and went their way, and the sunne went downe vpon them when they were by Gibeah, which belongeth to Benjamin.

15 And they turned aside thither, to go in and to lodge in Gibeah: and when he went in, he sate him downe in a street of the citie: for there was no man that tooke them into his house to lodging.

16 And behold, there came an olde man from his worke out of the field at euen, which was also of mount Ephraim; and hee sojourned in Gibeah, but the men of the place were Beniamites.

17 And when he had lift vp his eyes, he saw a wayfaring man in the streete

of the citie: and the old man said, Whither goest thou: and whence comest thou?

18 And he said vnto him, We are passing from Bethlehem Judah, toward the side of mount Ephraim, from thence am I: and I went to Bethlehem Judah, but I am now going to the house of the LORD, and there is no man that receiueth me to house.

19 Yet there is both straw and prouender for our asses, and there is bread and wine also for me and for thy handmaid, and for the young man which is with thy seruants: there is no want of any thing.

20 And the olde man said, Peace be with thee; howsoeuer, let all thy wants lie vpon me; only lodge not in the street.

21 So he brought him into his house, and gaue prouender vnto the asses: and they washed their feet, and did eate and drinke.

22 Now as they were making their hearts merrie, behold, the men of the citie, certaine sonnes of Belial, beset the house round about, and beat at the doore, and spake to the master of the house, the olde man, saying; Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him.

23 And the man, the master of the house, went out vnto them, and said vnto them, Nay my brethren, nay, I pray you doe not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, doe not this folly.

24 Behold, here is my daughter, a maiden, and his concubine, them I wil bring out now, and humble yee them, and doe with them what seemeth good vnto you: but vnto this man doe not so vile a thing.

25 But the men would not hearken to him: so the man tooke his concubine, and brought her forth vnto them, and they knew her, and abused her all the night vntil the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her goe.

26 Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell downe at the doore of the mans house, where her lord was, till it was light.

27 And her lord rose vp in the morning, & opened the doores of the house, and went out to goe his way: and behold, the woman his concubine was fallen downe at the doore of the house, and her hands were vpon the threshold.

28 And

† Heb. till the day declined.

† Heb. it is weak.

† Heb. it is the pitching time of the day.

† Heb. to thy tent.

† Heb. to ouer against Jebus.

† Heb. ga- thereth.

* Genes. 19.6.

† Heb. the matter of this folly.

28 And he said vnto her, Up, and let vs be going. But none answered: then the man tooke her vp vpon an asse, and the man rose vp, and gate him vnto his place.

29 **C** And when he was come into his house, hee tooke a knife, and layd hold on his concubine, and diuided her, together with her bones, into twelue pieces, and sent her into all the coasts of Israel.

30 And it was so that all that saw it, said, There was no such deed done nor scene, from the day that the children of Israel came vp out of the land of Egypt, vnto this day: consider of it, take aduise, and speake your mindes.

CHAP. XX.

- 1 The Leuite in a generall assembly declareth his wrong. 8 The decree of the assembly. 12 The Beniamites being cited, make head against the Israelites. 18 The Israelites in two battels loose fourty thousand. 26 They destroy by a stratageme all the Beniamites, except fixe hundred.

When all the children of Israel went out, and the Congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan euen to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, vnto the **L D R D** in Mizpeh.

2 And the chiefe of al the people, euen of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, foure hundred thousand footmen that drew sword.

3 (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone vp to Mizpeh.) Then said the children of Israel, Tell vs, how was this wickednesse?

4 And [†]the Leuite the husband of the woman that was slaine, answered and said, I came into Gibeah that belongeth to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge.

5 And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about vpon me by night, and thought to haue slaine mee, and my concubine haue they [†]forced that she is dead.

6 And I tooke my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the countrey of the inheritance of Israel: for they haue committed lewdnesse and folly in Israel.

7 Behold, ye are all children of Israel, giue here your aduise and counsell.

8 **C** And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any of vs goe to his tent, neither will wee any of vs turne into his house:

9 But now, this shall bee the thing which we will doe to Gibeah, we will goe vp by lot against it:

10 And we will take ten men of a hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and an hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victuall for the people, that they may doe, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they haue wrought in Israel.

11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the citie, [†]knit together as one man.

12 **C** And the tribes of Israel sent men thorow all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickednesse is this that is done among you?

13 Now therfore deliuer vs the men, the children of Belial which are in Gibeah, that wee may put them to death, and put away euill from Israel: but the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel.

14 But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities, vnto Gibeah, to goe out to battell against the children of Israel.

15 And the children of Benjamin were numbred at that time out of the cities, twentie and six thousand men that drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbred seven hundred chosen men.

16 Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men ^{*}left handed, euery one could sling stones at an haire breadth, and not misse.

17 And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbred foure hundred thousand men that drew sword; all these were men of warre.

18 **C** And the children of Israel arose, and went vp to the house of God, and asked counsell of God, and saide, which of vs shall goe vp first to the battell against the children of Benjamin: And the **L D R D** said, Judah shall goe vp first.

19 And the children of Israel rose vp in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah.

20 And

[†]Hebr. fellows.

^{*}Chap. 3. 15.

[†]Heb. the man the Leuite.

[†]Heb. humbled.

20 And the men of Israel went out to battell against Benjamin, and the men of Israel put themselves in aray to fight against them at Gibeah.

21 And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed downe to the ground of the Israelites that day, twenty & two thousand men.

22 And the people the men of Israel encouraged themselves, & set their battell againe in aray, in the place where they put themselves in aray the first day.

23 (And the children of Israel went by and wept before the LORD untill Euen, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, Shall I goe by againe to battell against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the LORD saide, Goe by against him.)

24 And the children of Israel came neere against the children of Benjamin, the second day.

25 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, & destroyed downe to the ground of the children of Israel againe, eightene thousand men, all these drew the sword.

26 ¶ Then all the children of Israel, and all the people went by, and came vnto the house of God, and wept, and sate there before the LORD, and fasted that day untill Euen, and offered burnt offerings, and peace offerings before the LORD.

27 And the children of Israel enquired of the LORD, (for the Arke of y^e covenant of God was there in those daies,

28 And Phinehas the sonne of Eleazar the sonne of Aaron stood before it in those dayes.) saying; Shall I yet againe goe out to battell against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Goe by; for to morrow I will deliuer them into thine hand.

29 And Israel set liers in waite round about Gibeah.

30 And the children of Israel went by against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in aray against Gibeah, as at other times.

31 And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawn away from the citie, and they began to smite of the people and kill as at other times, in the high wayes, of which one goeth by to the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirtie men of Israel.

32 And the children of Benjamin said, They are smitten downe before vs, as at the first: But the children of Israel said, Let vs flee, and draw them from the citie, vnto the high wayes.

33 And all the men of Israel rose by out of their place, and put themselves in aray at Baal Tamar: and the liers in waite of Israel came forth out of their places, euen out of the medowes of Gibeah.

34 And there came against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men, out of all Israel, and the battell was sore: but they knew not that euill was neere them.

35 And the LORD smote Benjamin before Israel, and the children of Israel destroyed of the Beniamites that day, twentie and five thousand, and an hundred men; all these drew the sword.

36 So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten: for the men of Israel gaue place to the Beniamites, because they trusted vnto the liers in wait, which they had set beside Gibeah.

37 And the liers in wait hasted, and rushed vpon Gibeah, and the liers in wait drew themselves along, and smote all the citie with the edge of the sword.

38 Nowe there was an appointed signe between the men of Israel and the liers in wait, that they should make a great flame with smoke rise by out of the citie.

39 And when the men of Israel retired in the battell, Benjamin began to smite and kill of the men of Israel about thirtie persons; for they saide, Surely they are smitten downe before vs, as in the first battell.

40 But when the flame began to arise by out of the citie, with a pillar of smoke, the Beniamites looked behind them, and behold, the flame of the citie ascended by to heauen.

41 And when the men of Israel turned againe, the men of Benjamin were amased; for they saw that euill was come vpon them.

42 Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Israel, vnto y^e way of the wilderness, but the battell ouertooke them: & them which came out of the citie, they destroyed in the midst of them.

43 Thus they inclosed the Beniamites round about, and chased them, and trode them downe with ease & ouer against Gibeah toward the sunne rising.

44 And there fell of Benjamin eightene

† Hebr. to smite of the people wounded as at &c.
|| Or, Bethel.

|| Or, made a long sound with the trumpet.
|| Or, time.
† Heb. with.
† Heb. elevation.

† Hebr. to smite the wounded.

† Heb. the whole consumption.

† Heb. touched them.

|| Or, from Menuchah, &c.
† Heb. vnto ouer against.

eighteene thousand men; all these were men of valour.

45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness vnto the rocke of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the high wayes five thousand men: and pursued hard after them vnto Sidon, and slew two thousand men of them.

46 So that all which fell that day of Benjamin, were twentie and five thousand men that drew the sword; all these were men of valour.

47 *But sixe hundred men turned and fledde to the wilderness vnto the rocke Rimmon, and abode in the rocke Rimmon foure moneths.

48 And the men of Israel turned againe vpon the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well the men of euery citie, as the beast, and all that came to hand: also they set on fire all the citiees that they came to.

C H A P. XXI.

- 1 The people bewaile the desolation of Benjamin. 8 By the destruction of Iabesh Gilead they prouide them foure hundred wiues.
- 16 They aduise them to surprise the virgines that daunced at Shiloh.

NOwe the men of Israel had sworne in Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of vs giue his daughter vnto Benjamin to wife.

2 And the people came to the house of God, and abode there till euen before God, and lift vp their voices, and wept sore:

3 And said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to passe in Israel, that there should bee to day one tribe lacking in Israel:

4 And it came to passe on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an Altar, and offered burnt offerings, and peace offerings.

5 And the children of Israel sayd, who is there among all the tribes of Israel, that came not vp with the congregation vnto the LORD: for they had made a great oath concerning him that came not vp to the LORD to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

6 And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day:

7 How shall wee doe for wiues for them that remaine, seeing wee haue sworne by the LORD, that wee will not giue them of our daughters to wiues:

8 And they said, what one is there of the tribes of Israel, that came not vp to Mizpeh to the LORD: And beholde, there came none to the campe from Iabesh Gilead to the assembly.

9 For the people were numbred, and behold, there were none of the inhabitants of Iabesh Gilead there.

10 And the congregation sent thither twelue thousand men of the valiantest, and commaunded them, saying, Goe, and smite the inhabitants of Iabesh Gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children.

11 And this is the thing that yee shall doe, * yee shall utterly destroy euery male, and euery woman that hath been by man.

12 And they found among the inhabitants of Iabesh Gilead, foure hundred yong virgins that had knowen no man, by lying with any male: and they brought them vnto the campe to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

13 And the whole Congregation sent some to speake to the children of Benjamin that were in the rocke Rimmon, and to call peaceably vnto them.

14 And Benjamin came againe at that time, and they gaue them wiues which they had saued aliuie of the women of Iabesh Gilead: and yet so they sufficed them not.

15 And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

16 Then the Elders of the Congregation said, how shall we doe for wiues for them that remaine: seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin.

17 And they said, There must be an inheritance for them that bee escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not destroyed out of Israel.

18 Howbeit wee may not giue them wiues of our daughters. For the children of Israel haue sworne, saying, Cursed be he that giueth a wife to Benjamin.

19 Then they said, Behold, there is a feast of the LORD in Shiloh yearly, in a place which is on the Northside of Bethel on the East side of the hie way that

* Chap. 21. 13.

† Heb. was found. † Heb. were found.

* Num. 31. 17.

† Heb. knoweth the lying with man. † Heb. yong women virgins.

† Heb. and spake and called. † Or, proclaime peace.

† Heb. from yeere to yeere. † Or, towards the Sunne rising. † Or, on.

that goeth by from Bethel to Shechem, and on the South of Lebanon.

20 Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Goe and lie in wait in the vineyards.

21 And see, and behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to daunce in daunces, then come yee out of the vineyards, and catch you euery man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and goe to the land of Benjamin.

22 And it shall bee when their fathers or their brethren come vnto vs to complaine, that we will say vnto them,

|| Or, gratifie vs in them.

|| Bee fauourable vnto them for our sakes: because we reserued not to each man his wife in the warre: for yee did

not giue vnto them at this time, that you should be guiltie.

23 And the children of Benjamin did so, and tooke them wiues according to their number, of them that daunced, whome they caught: and they went and returned vnto their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.

24 And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, euery man to his tribe, and to his family, and they went out from thence euery man to his inheritance.

25 * In those dayes there was no King in Israel: euery man did that which was right in his owne eyes.

* Chap. 17. 6. and 18. 1. and 19. 1.

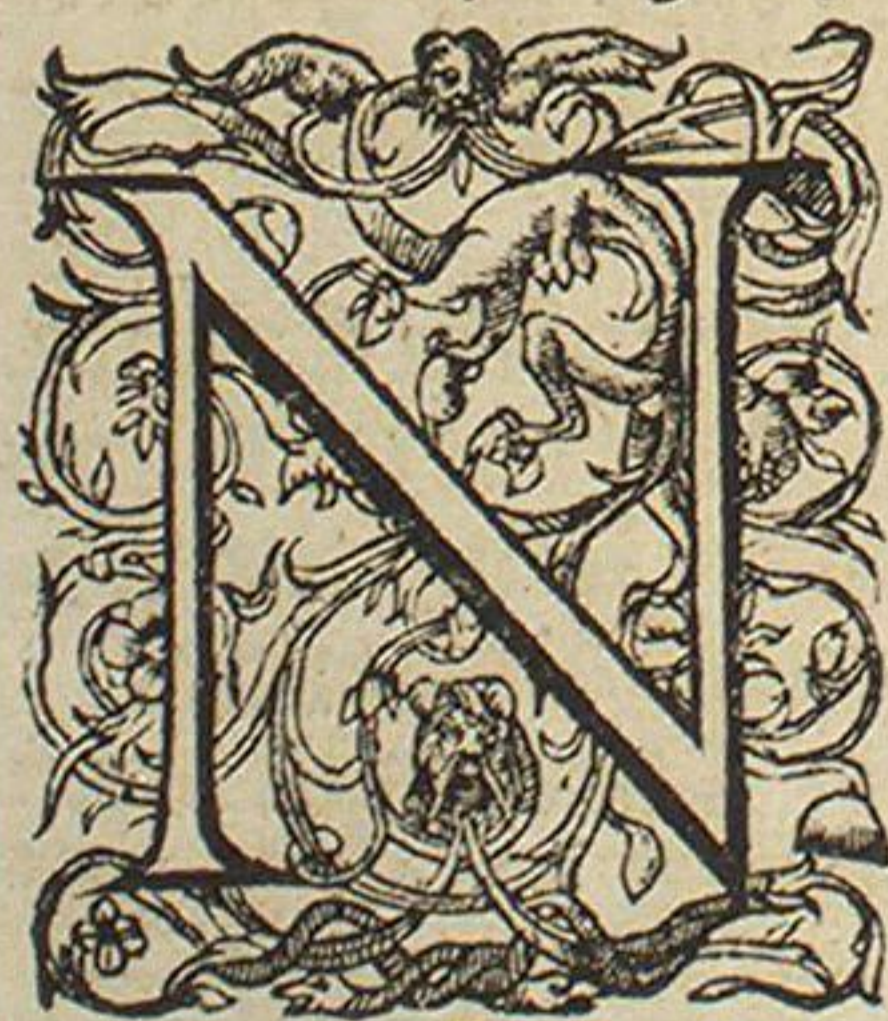


THE BOOKE OF Ruth.

CHAP. I.

1 Elimelech driuen by famine into Moab, dieth there. 4 Mahlon and Chilion, hauing married wiues of Moab, die also. 6 Naomi returning homeward, 8 disswadeth her two daughters in law from going with her. 14 Orpah leaueth her, but Ruth with great constancie accompanieth her. 19 They two come to Bethlehem, where they are gladly receiued.

† Hebr. iudged.



NOWE it came to passe in the dayes when † Judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land: and a certaine man of Bethlehem Iudah, went to sojourn in the countrey of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sonnes.

† Hebr. merc.

2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife, Naomi, and the name of his two sonnes, Mahlon, and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem Iudah: and they came into the countrey of Moab, and † continued there.

3 And Elimelech Naomies husband

died, and shee was left, and her two sonnes;

4 And they tooke them wiues of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten yeeres.

5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them, and the woman was left of her two sonnes, and her husband.

6 ¶ Then shee arose with her daughters in law, that shee might returne from the countrey of Moab: for shee had heard in the countrey of Moab, how that the LORD had visited his people, in giuing them bread.

7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her: and they went on the way to returne vnto the land of Iudah.

8 And Naomi said vnto her two daughters in law, Goe, returne each to her mothers house: the LORD deale kindly with you, as ye haue dealt with the dead, and with me.

9 The LORD graunt you, that you may finde rest each of you in the house of her husband. Then shee kissed them,

them, and they lift vp their voyce and wept.

10 And they said vnto her, Surely wee will returne with thee, vnto thy people.

11 And Naomi said, Turne againe, my daughters: why will you goe with mee? Are there yet any moe sonnes in my wombe, that they may be your husbands?

12 Turne againe, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to haue an husband: if I should say, I haue hope, if I should haue a husband also to night, and should also beare sonnes:

13 Would ye tary for them till they were growen: would ye stay for them from hauing husbands: nay my daughters: for it grieueth me much for your sakes, that the hand of the LORD is gone out against me.

14 And they lift vp their voyce, and wept againe: and Orpah kissed her mother in law, but Ruth claue vnto her.

15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone backe vnto her people, and vnto her gods: returne thou after thy sister in law.

16 And Ruth said, Intreate mee not to leaue thee, or to returne from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will goe; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

17 Where thou diest, wil I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD doe so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

18 When shee saue that shee was stedfastly minded to goe with her, then shee left speaking vnto her.

19 So they two went vntill they came to Bethlehem: And it came to passe when they were come to Bethlehem, that all the citie was mooued about them, and they said, Is this Naomi?

20 And she said vnto them, Call me not Naomi; call mee Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

21 I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home againe emptie: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitesse her daughter in law

with her, which returned out of the countrey of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem, in the beginning of barley haruest.

CHAP. II.

1 Ruth gleaneth in the fields of Boaz. 4 Boaz taking knowledge of her, 8 sheweth her great fauour. 18 That which shee got, shee carieth to Naomi.



And Naomi had a kinsman of her husbands, a mighty man of wealth, of the familie of Elimelech, and his name was Boaz.

2 And Ruth the Moabitesse saide vnto Naomi, Let me now goe to the field, and gleane eares of corne after him, in whose sight I shall finde grace. And shee saide vnto her, Goe, my daughter.

3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her happe was to light on a part of the fiede belonging vnto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

4 And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said vnto the reapers, The LORD bee with you; and they answered him, The LORD blesse thee.

5 Then said Boaz vnto his seruant, that was set ouer the reapers, whose damosell is this?

6 And the seruant that was set ouer the reapers, answered and said, It is the Moabitish damosell that came backe with Naomi out of the countrey of Moab:

7 And she said, I pray you, let mee gleane and gather after the reapers amongst the sheaves: so shee came, and hath continued even from the morning vntill now, that shee taried a little in the house.

8 Then said Boaz vnto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Goe not to gleane in another field, neither goe from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens.

9 Let thine eyes be on the field that they doe reape, and go thou after them: haue I not charged the young men, that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, goe vnto the vessels, and drinke of that which the yong men haue drawen.

10 Then she fel on her face, and bowed her selfe to the ground, and said vnto

Or, if I were with an husband.

Hebr. I haue much bitterness.

Or, be not against me.

Hebr. strengthened her selfe.

That is, pleasant.
That is, bitter.

Heb. happe happened.
Called Mar. 1. 5.
Booz.

him, why haue I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?

11 And Boaz answered and said vnto her, It hath fully bene shewed me, all that thou hast done vnto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy natiuitie, and art come vnto a people, which thou knewest not heretofore.

12 The LORD recompense thy worke, and a full reward be giuen thee of the LORD God of Israel, vnder whose wings thou art come to trust.

13 Then she said, || Let me finde fauour in thy sight, my lord, for that thou hast comforted mee, and for that thou hast spoken † friendly vnto thine handmaid, though I be not like vnto one of thy hand-maidens.

14 And Boaz sayde vnto her, At meale time come thou hither, and eate of the bread, and dip thy morsell in the vineger. And she sate beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corne, and she did eate, and was sufficed, and left.

15 And when shee was risen vp to gleane, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her gleane euen among the sheaues, & † reproch her not.

16 And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leaue them that she may gleane them, and rebuke her not.

17 So she gleaned in the field vntill euen, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an Ephah of barley.

18 And shee tooke it vp, and went into the citie: and her mother in lawe saw what shee had gleaned; and shee brought forth, and gaue to her that she had reserved, after she was sufficed.

19 And her mother in lawe said vnto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day: and where wroughtest thou: blessed be hee that did take knowledge of thee. And shee shewed her mother in lawe with whom shee had wrought, and said, The mans name with whom I wrought to day, is Boaz.

20 And Naomi said vnto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindnesse to the liuing and to the dead. And Naomi said vnto her, The man is neere of kin vnto vs, || one of our next kinsmen.

21 And Ruth the Moabitess said,

He said vnto me also, Thou shalt keepe fast by my yong men, vntill they haue ended all my haruest.

22 And Naomi said vnto Ruth her daughter in law, It is good, my daughter, that thou goe out with his maidens, that they || meete thee not in any other field.

23 So shee kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to gleane, vnto the end of barley haruest, and of wheat haruest, and dwelt with her mother in law.

CHAP. III.

1 By Naomi her instruction, 5 Ruth lieth at Boaz his feete. 8 Boaz acknowledgeth the right of a kinsman. 14 He sendeth her away with fixe measures of barley.

When Naomi her mother in law said vnto her, My daughter, shall I not seeke rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?

2 And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshing floore.

3 Wash thy selfe therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment vpon thee, and get thee downe to the floore: but make not thy selfe knowne vnto the man, vntill hee shall haue done eating and drinking.

4 And it shall be when hee lieth downe, that thou shalt marke the place where hee shall lie, and thou shalt goe in, and || vncouer his feete, and lay thee downe, and he will tell thee what thou shalt doe.

5 And shee said vnto her, All that thou sayest vnto me, I will doe.

6 And she went downe vnto the floore, and did according to all that her mother in lawe bade her.

7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunke, and his heart was merrie, hee went to lie downe at the ende of the heape of corne: and she came softly, and vncouered his feet, and laid her downe.

8 And it came to passe at midnight, that the man was afraid, and || turned himselfe: and behold, a woman lay at his feete.

9 And hee said, who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt ouer thine handmaid, for thou art || a neare kinsman.

10 And

|| Or, I finde fauour.

† Heb. to the heart.

† Heb. shame her not.

|| Or, one that hath right to redeme.

|| Or, fall on thee.

|| Or, lift up the clothes that are on his feete.

|| Or, tooke holde on.

|| Or, one that hath right to redeme.

10 And hee said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindnesse in the latter ende, then at the beginning, in as much as thou followedst not yong men, whether poore, or rich.

11 And now my daughter, feare not, I will doe to thee all that thou requir-
† Heb. gate. est: for all the [†] citie of my people doeth know, that thou art a vertuous woman.

12 And now it is true, that I am thy neare kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer then I.

13 Tary this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if hee will performe vnto thee the part of a kinsman, well, let him doe the kinsmans part: but if hee will not doe the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I doe the part of a kinsman to thee, as the LORD lueth: lie downe vntill the morning.

14 And shee lay at his feete vntill the morning: and she rose vp before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be knowen, that a woman came into the floore.

15 Also he said, Bring the ^{||} baile that thou hast vpon thee, and holde it. And when she helde it, he measured sixe ^{mea-} measures of barley, and laide it on her: and he went into the citie.

16 And when shee came to her mother in law, she said, Who art thou, my daughter: and she tolde her all that the man had done to her.

17 And she said, These sixe measures of barley gaue he me, for he said to me, Go not emptie vnto thy mother in law.

18 Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, vntill thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, vntill he haue finished the thing this day.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Boaz calleth into iudgment the next kinsman.

6 He refuseth the redemption according to the maner in Israel. 9 Boaz buyeth the inheritance. 11 He marieth Ruth. 13 She beareth Obed the grandfather of Dauid. 18 The generation of Pharez.

When went Boaz vp to the gate, and sate him downe there: and beholde, the kinsman of whome Boaz spake, came by, vnto whom he said, Ho, such a one: turne aside, sit downe here. And hee turned aside, and sate downe.

2 And hee tooke ten men of the Elders of the citie, and said, Sit ye downe here. And they sate downe.

3 And he said vnto the kinsman: Naomi that is come againe out of the countrey of Moab, selleth a parcell of land, which was our brother Elimelechs.

4 And [†] I thought to aduertise thee, saying, Buy it before the inhabitants, and before the Elders of my people. If thou wilt redeeme it, redeeme it, but if thou wilt not redeeme it, then tell mee, that I may know: for there is none to redeeme it, besides thee, and I am after thee. And he said, I will redeeme it.

*† Heb. I said
I wil reueale
in thine care.*

5 Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise vp the name of the dead vpon his inheritance.

6 And the kinsman said, I cannot redeeme it for my selfe, lest I marre mine owne inheritance: redeeme thou my right to thy selfe, for I cannot redeeme it.

7 * Now this was the maner in former time in Israel, concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirme all things: a man plucked off his shooe, and gaue it to his neighbour: and this was a testimonie in Israel.

** Deut. 25.
7.9.*

8 Therefore the kinsman said vnto Boaz, Buy it for thee: so he drew off his shooe.

9 And Boaz saide vnto the Elders, and vnto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I haue bought all that was Elimelechs, and all that was Chilion, and Mahlon, of the hande of Naomi.

10 Moreouer, Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, haue I purchased to be my wife, to raise vp the name of the dead vpon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.

11 And all the people that were in the gate, and the Elders said, Wee are witnesses: The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house, like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and ^{||} do thou multiply in Ephratah, and [†] bee famous in Bethlehem.

*|| Or, get
thee riches
or power.*

*† Hebr. pro-
claime thy
name.*

** Gen. 38.
29. 1. chro.
2. 4. matt.
1. 3.*

12 And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, (* whom Tamar bare vnto

to Judah) of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this yong woman.

13 **C** So Boaz tooke Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in vnto her, the LORD gaue her conception, and she bare a sonne.

14 And the women said vnto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD which hath not left thee this day without a kinseman, that his name may bee famous in Israel:

15 And he shall be vnto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law which loueth thee, which is better to thee then seven sonnes, hath borne him.

16 And Naomi tooke the childe, and

laid it in her bosome, and became nurse vnto it.

17 And the women her neighbours gaue it a name, saying, There is a sonne borne to Naomi, and they called his name Obed: hee is the father of Jesse the father of David.

18 **C** Now these are the generations of Pharez: * Pharez begate Hezron,

19 And Hezron begate Ram, and Ram begate Aminadab,

20 And Aminadab begate Nahshon, and Nahshon begate Salmon,

21 And Salmon begate Boaz, and Boaz begate Obed,

22 And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begate David.

† Hebr. caused to cease vnto thee.
Or, redeemer.

Hebr. to nourish.
Hebr. thy gray haire.

* 1. Chron. 2.4. matt. 1.3.

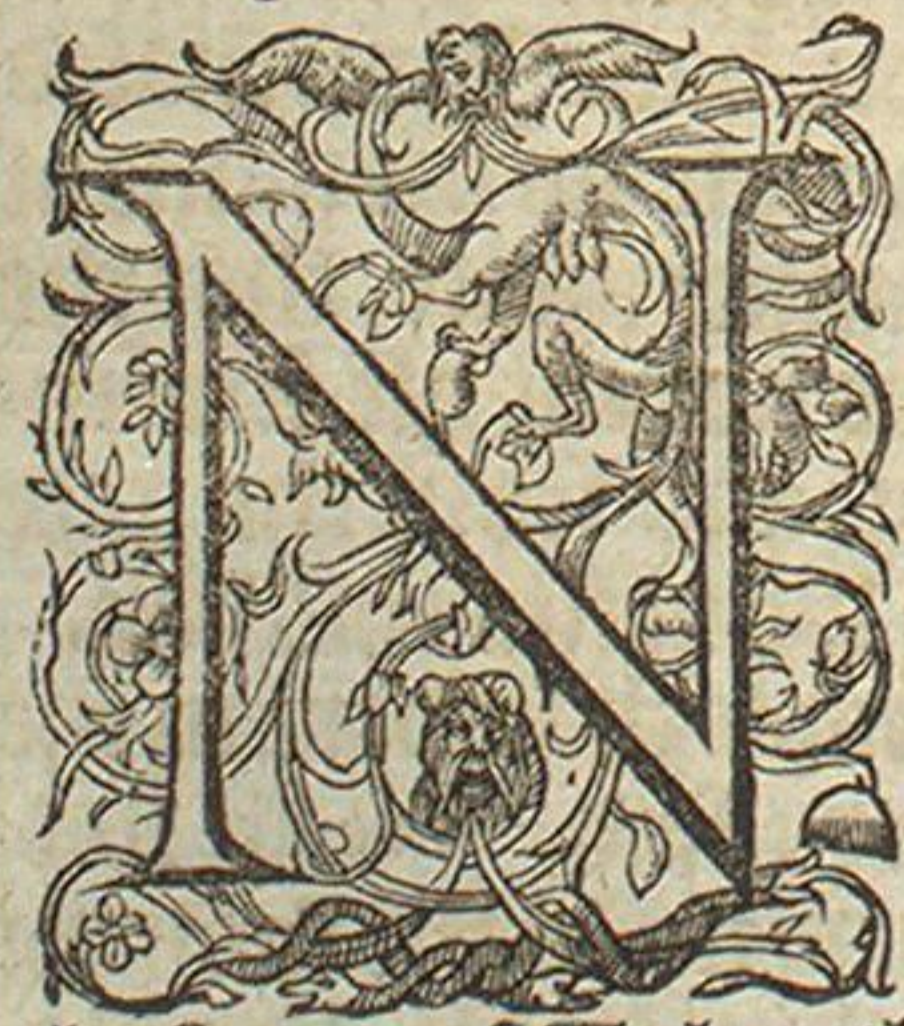
Or, Salmon.



THE FIRST BOOKE of Samuel, otherwise called, The first Booke of the Kings.

CHAP. I.

1 Elkanah a Leuite hauing two wiues, worshippeth yeerely at Shiloh. 4 Hee cherisheth Hannah, though barren, and prouoked by Peninnah. 9 Hannah in grieffe, prayeth for a childe. 12 Eli first rebuking her, afterwards blesseth her. 19 Hannah hauing borne Samuel, stayeth at home till he be weaned. 24 She presenteth him, according to her vow, to the LORD.



Now there was a certaine man of Ramathaim Zophim, of mount Ephraim, & his name was Elkanah, the sonne of Jeroham, the sonne of Elihu, the sonne of Tohu, the sonne of Zuph, an Ephrathite;

2 And he had two wiues, the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 And this man went vp out of his citie *† yeerely, to worship and to sacrifice vnto the LORD of hostes in Shiloh; and the two sonnes of Eli, Hophni, and Phinehas, the Priests of the LORD, were there.

4 **C** And when the time was, that Elkanah offered, he gaue to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sonnes, and her daughters, portions.

5 But vnto Hannah he gaue a worthy portion: (for he loued Hannah, but the LORD had shut vp her wombe.

6 And her aduersary also prouoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut vp her wombe.)

7 And as he did so yeere by yeere, when she went vp to the house of the LORD, so she prouoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.

8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou: and why eatest thou not: and why is thy heart grieved: Am not I better to thee, then ten sonnes:

9 **C** So Hannah rose vp after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunke,

* Deut. 16. 16.
† Hebr. from yeere to yeere.

Or, a double portion.

† Hebr. angred her.

Or, from the time that she &c. Hebr. from her going vp.

drunke; (now Eli the Priest sate vpon a seat by a poste of the Temple of the LORD.)

† Hebr. bitter of soule.

10 And shee was † in bitternesse of soule, and prayed vnto the LORD, and wept sore.

† Hebr. seed of men.

11 And she bowed a bow, and said, O LORD of hostes, if thou wilt indeed looke on the affliction of thine handmayd, and remember me, and not forget thine handmayd, but wilt giue vnto thine handmayd † a man childe, then I will giue him vnto the LORD all the dayes of his life, and * there shall no rasor come vpon his head.

* Num. 6. 5. iudg. 13. 5.

† Hebr. multiplied to pray.

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

13 Now Hannah, shee spake in her heart; onely her lippes mooued, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had bene drunken.

14 And Eli said vnto her, How long wilt thou be drunken: put away thy wine from thee.

† Hebr. hard of spirit.

15 And Hannah answered, and said, No, my lord, I am a woman † of a sorrowfull spirit: I haue drunke neither wine nor strong drinke, but haue poured out my soule before the LORD.

† Or, meditation.

16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my || complaint and grieffe, haue I spoken hitherto.

17 Then Eli answered, and said, Goe in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition, that thou hast asked of him.

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

19 And they rose vp in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knewe Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembred her.

† Hebr. reuelation of dayes.

|| That is, asked of God.

20 Wherefore it came to passe when the † time was come about, after Hannah had conceived, that shee bare a sonne, and called his name || Samuel, saying; Because I haue asked him of the LORD.

21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went vp to offer vnto the LORD the yeerely sacrifice, and his vowe.

22 But Hannah went not vp; for

shee said vnto her husband, I will not goe vp vntill the childe be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appeare before the LORD, and there abide for euer.

23 And Elkanah her husband said vnto her, Do what seemeth thee good, tary vntill thou haue weaned him, onely the LORD establieth his word: so the woman abode, and gaue her sonne sucke vntill she weaned him.

24 And when shee had weaned him, shee tooke him by with her, with three bullocks, and one Ephah of floure, and a bottle of wine, and brought him vnto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the childe was young.

25 And they slew a bullocke, and brought the childe to Eli.

26 And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soule liueth, my lord, I am the woman, that stood by thee heere, praying vnto the LORD.

27 For this childe I prayed, and the LORD hath giuen me my petition, which I asked of him:

28 Therefore also I haue || lent him to the LORD as long as hee liueth, || he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

|| Or, returned him, whom I haue obtained by petition to the LORD.
|| Or, hee whom I haue obtained by petition, shall be returned.

CHAP. II.

1 Hannahs song in thankfulness. 12 The sinne of Elies sonnes. 18 Samuels ministrie. 20 By Elies blessing, Hannah is more fruitfull. 22 Eli reprooueth his sonnes. 28 A prophecie against Elies house.

AND Hannah prayed, and said, My heart reioyceth in the LORD, mine home is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged ouer mine enemies: because I reioyce in thy saluation.

2 There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any Rocke like our God.

3 Talke no more so exceeding proudly, let not † arrogancie come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

† Hebr. hard.

4 The bowes of the mightie men are broken, and they that stumbled are girt with strength.

5 They that were full, haue hired out themselves for bread: and they that were hungry, ceased: so that the barren

hath borne seuen, and she that hath many children, is waxed feeble.

* Deut. 32.
39. wifd.
16. 13. tob.
13. 2.

6 *The LORD killeth and maketh aliue, he bringeth downe to the graue, and bringeth vp.

7 The LORD maketh poore, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth vp.

* Psal. 113.
7.

8 He *raileth vp the poore out of the dust, and lifteth vp the begger from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORDS, and hee hath set the world vpon them.

9 He will keepe the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall bee silent in darke- nesse; for by strength shall no man pre- uaike.

* Chap. 7.
10.

10 The aduersaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces: * out of heauen shall he thunder vpon them: the LORD shall iudge the ends of the earth, and he shall giue strength vnto his king, and ex- alt the home of his Anointed.

11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house, and the child did minister vn- to the LORD before Eli the Priest.

12 Now the sonnes of Eli were sonnes of Belial, they knewe not the LORD.

13 And the priests custome with the people was, that when any man offred sa- crifice, the priestes seruant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshy- hooke of three teeth in his hand,

14 And he strooke it into the panne, or kettle, or caldron, or pot: all that the fleshy- hooke brought vp, the priest tooke for himselfe: so they did in Shiloh vnto all the Israelites that came thither.

15 Also before they burnt the fat, the priests seruant came, & said to the man that sacrificed, Giue flesh to roste for the priest, for he wil not haue sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

† Hebr. as
on the day.

16 And if any man said vnto him, Let them not faile to burne the fat pre- sently, and then take as much as thy soule desireth: then hee would answer him, Nay, but thou shalt giue it mee now: and if not, I will take it by force.

17 Wherefore the sinne of the yong men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

* Exod. 28.
4.

18 But Samuel ministred before the LORD, being a child, * girded with a linnen Ephod.

19 Moreover, his mother made him a litle coate, and brought it to him from yeere to yeere, when she came vp with her husband, to offer the yeerely sa- crifice.

20 And Eli blessed Elkanah, and his wife, and said, The LORD giue thee seed of this woman, for the *||* loane which is lent to the LORD. And they went vnto their owne home.

|| Or, petition
which hee
asked, &c.

21 And the LORD visited Hannah, so that shee conceived, and bare three sonnes, and two daughters: and the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

22 Now Eli was very olde, and heard all that his sonnes did vnto all Israel, and how they lay with the wo- men that *†* assembled at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

† Hebr. as-
sembled by
troupes.

23 And he said vnto them, Why doe ye such things: for *||* I heare of your euil dealings, by all this people.

|| Or, I heare
euil words
of you.

24 Nay my sonnes: for it is no good report that I heare; yee make the LORDS people to *||* transgresse.

|| Or, to cry
out.

25 If one man sinne against an- other, the Judge shall iudge him: but if a man sinne against the LORD, who shall intreat for him: Notwithstan- ding they hearkened not vnto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

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

27 And there came a man of God vnto Eli, and saide vnto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly ap- peare vnto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Phara- ohs house:

28 And did I chuse him out of all the tribes of Israel, to be my Priest, to offer vpon mine altar, to burne incense, to weare an Ephod before mee: and * did I giue vnto the house of thy fa- ther, all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel:

* Leuit. 10.
14.

29 Wherefore kicke ye at my sacrifice, and at mine offering, which I haue commaunded in my habitation, and honourest thy sonnes aboue mee, to make your selues fat with the chiefest of all the offrings of Israel my people:

30 Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I sayd indeede, that thy house, & the house of thy father should walke before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it farre from mee, for

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for them that honour me, I will honour, and they that despise me, shall be lightly esteemed.

31 Behold, the dayes come, that I will cut off thine arme, and the arme of thy fathers house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.

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

33 And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine Altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieue thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die † in the floure of their age.

34 And this shall be a signe vnto thee, that shall come vpon thy two sonnes, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they shall die both of them.

35 And I will raise me by a faithful Priest, that shall doe according to that which is in my heart and in my mind, and I will build him a sure house, and hee shall walke before mine Anointed for ever.

36 And it shall come to passe, that euery one that is left in thine house, shall come and crouch to him for a piece of siluer, and a morcel of bread, and shall say, Put me (I pray thee) into || one of the Priests offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

C H A P. III.

i How the word of the Lord was first reuealed to Samuel. 11 God telleth Samuel the destruction of Elies house. 15 Samuel, though loth, telleth Eli the vision. 19 Samuel groweth in credit.

AND the child Samuel ministered vnto the LORD before Eli: and the word of the LORD was precious in those daies; there was no open vision.

2 And it came to passe at that time, when Eli was layd downe in his place, and his eyes beganne to waxe dimme, that he could not see;

3 And yer the lampe of God went out in the Temple of the LORD, where the Arke of God was, and Samuel was layd downe to sleepe;

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

5 And he ranne vnto Eli, and sayd,

Here am I, for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie downe againe. And he went and lay downe.

6 And the LORD called yet againe, Samuel. And Samuel arose, and went to Eli, and said, Here am I, for thou diddest call me. And he answered, I called not, my sonne; lie downe againe.

7 || Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet reuealed vnto him.

8 And the LORD called Samuel againe the third time. And hee arose, and went to Eli, and said, Here am I, for thou diddest call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the childe.

9 Therefore Eli said vnto Samuel, Go, lie downe, & it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speake LORD, for thy seruant heareth. So Samuel went, and lay downe in his place.

10 And the LORD came, and stood and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speake, for thy seruant heareth.

11 And the LORD sayd to Samuel, Behold, I will doe a thing in Israel, at which, both the eares of * euery one that heareth it, shall tingle.

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

13 || * For I haue tolde him, that I will iudge his house for ever, for the iniquitie which hee knoweth: because his sonnes made themselves || vile, and he † restrained them not.

14 And therefore I haue sborne vnto the house of Eli, that the iniquitie of Elies house shall not be purged with sacrifice, nor offering for ever.

15 And Samuel lay vntill the morning, and opened the doores of the house of the LORD: and Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.

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

17 And he said, what is the thing that the LORD hath said vnto thee: I pray thee hide it not from mee: God doe so to thee, and † more also, if thou hide any || thing from me, of all the things that hee said vnto thee.

18 And Samuel tolde him † euery whit, and hid nothing from him. And hee

|| Or, the affliction of the Tabernacle, for all the wealth which God would haue giuen Israel.

† Heb. xxi.

† Heb. ioyne. || Or, Some-what about the Priest-hood.

|| Or, thus did Samuel, before he knew the LORD; and before the word of the LORD was reuealed vnto him.

* 2. Kin. 21. 12.

† Hebr. beginning and ending. || Or, and I will tell him, &c. * Chap. 2. 29, 30, 31, &c. || Or, accursed. † Heb. frowned not vpon them.

† Hebr. so adde. || Or, word. † Heb. all the things, or words.

he said, It is the LORD: Let him doe what seemeth him good.

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

20 And all Israel from Dan euen to Beer-sheba, knew that Samuel was established to bee a Prophet of the LORD.

21 And the LORD appeared againe in Shiloh: for the LORD reuelled himselfe to Samuel in Shiloh, by the word of the LORD.

CHAP. III.

1 The Israelites are overcome by the Philistines at Aben-Ezer. 3 They fetch the Arke, vnto the terrour of the Philistines. 10 They are smitten againe, the Arke taken, Hophni and Phinehas are slaine. 12 Eli at the newes, falling backward, breaketh his necke. 19 Phinehas wife, discouraged in her trauaile with Ichabod, dieth.

And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battell, and pitched beside Eben-ezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphetk.

2 And the Philistines put themselves in aray against Israel: and when they ioyned battell, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the armie in the field, about foure thousand men.

3 And when the people were come into the campe, the Elders of Israel said, wherefore hath the LORD smitten vs to day before the Philistines: Let vs fetch the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD out of Shiloh vnto vs, that when it commeth among vs, it may saue vs out of the hand of our enemies.

4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD of hostes, which dwelleth betweene the Cherubims: and the two sonnes of Eli, Hophni, and Phinehas were there, with the Arke of the Couenant of God.

5 And when the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD came into the campe, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang againe.

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, what meaneth the noise of this great shout in

the campe of the Hebrewes: And they vnderstood, that the Arke of the LORD was come into the campe.

7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they saide, God is come into the campe. And they said, woe vnto vs: for there hath not bene such a thing hertofore.

8 Woe vnto vs: who shall deliuer vs out of the hand of these mightie Gods: these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

9 Bee strong, and quit your selues like men, O ye Philistines, that yee be not seruants vnto the Hebrewes, as they haue bene to you: quit your selues like men, and fight.

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

11 And the Arke of God was taken, and the two sonnes of Eli, Hophni, and Phinehas were slaine.

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

13 And when hee came, loe, Eli sate vpon a seat by the way side, watching: for his heart trembled for the Arke of God. And when the man came into the citie, and told it, all the city cried out.

14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, hee said; what meaneth the noise of this tumult: And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.

15 Now Eli was ninetie and eight yeeres old, and his eyes were dimme, that he could not see.

16 And the man said vnto Eli, I am he, that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, what is there done, my sonne?

17 And the messenger answered, and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath bene also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sonnes also, Hophni & Phinehas, are dead, and the Arke of God is taken.

18 And it came to passe when hee made mention of the Arke of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his necke brake, and hee died: for hee was an old man, and heauie, and hee had iudged Israel fortie yeeres.

19 And

Or, faith-fall.

Or, came to passe: Hebr. was.

Hebr. the battell was spread. Hebr. the aray.

Hebr. take vnto vs.

Hebr. yesterday, or the third day.

Judg. 13. 1. Hebr. Be men.

Hebr. died.

Chap. 3. 2. Hebr. food.

Hebr. is the thing.

Dagons fall. The Chap.v.vj. Philistins plagued.

19 **A**nd his daughter in law Phinehas wife was with childe neere to be deliuered: and when shee heard the tidings that the Arke of God was taken, and that her father in law, and her husband were dead, shee bowed her selfe and traueyled; for her paines came vpon her.

|| Or, to crie out.

† Hebr. were turned.

20 And about the time of her death, the women that stood by her, said vnto her: Feare not, for thou hast borne a sonne. But she answered not, neither did she regard it.

† Heb. set not her heart

21 And she named the childe Isha- bod, saying, || The glory is departed from Israel, (because the Arke of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.)

|| That is, where is the glory?
|| Or, there is no glory.

22 And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the Arke of God is taken.

CHAP. V.

1 The Philistines hauing brought the Arke into Ashdod, set it in the house of Dagon. 3 Dagon is smitten downe and cut in pieces, and they of Ashdod smitten with Emerods. 8 So God dealeth with them of Gath, when it was brought thither: 10 and so with them of Ekron when it was brought thither.

And the Philistines tooke the Arke of God, and brought it from Ebenezer vnto Ashdod.

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

3 And when they of Ashdod arose earely on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen vpon his face to the earth, before the Arke of the LORD: and they tooke Dagon, and set him in his place againe.

4 And when they arose earely on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen vpon his face to the ground, before the Arke of the LORD: and the head of Dagon, and both the palmes of his hands were cut off vpon the threshold, only the stumpe of Dagon was left to him.

|| Or, the fl- thy part.

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

6 But the hand of the LORD was heavy vpon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with *E-

* Psal. 78. 66.

merods, euen Ashdod, and the coastes thereof.

7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The Arke of the God of Israel shall not abide with vs: for his hand is sore vpon vs, and vpon Dagon our god.

8 They sent therefore, and gathered all the lords of the Philistines vnto them, and said, what shall we doe with the Arke of the God of Israel: And they answered, Let the Arke of the God of Israel bee caried about vnto Gath. And they caried the Arke of the God of Israel about thither.

9 And it was so, that after they had caried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the citie with a very great destruction: and hee smote the men of the citie both small and great, and they had Emerods in their secret parts.

10 Therefore they sent the Arke of God to Ekron: and it came to passe as the Arke of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They haue brought about the Arke of the God of Israel to vs, to slay vs, and our people.

11 So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the Arke of the God of Israel, and let it goe againe to his owne place, that it slay vs not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the citie: The hand of God was very heavy there.

12 And the men that died not, were smitten with the Emerods: and the cry of the citie went vp to heauen.

CHAP. VI.

1 After seuen moneths the Philistines take counsell, how to send backe the Arke. 10 They bring it on a new cart with an offering vnto Bethshemesh. 19 The people are smitten for looking into the Arke. 21 They send to them of Kiriath- iearim to fetch it.

And the Arke of the LORD was in the countrey of the Philistines seuen moneths.

2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diuiners, saying, what shall we doe to the Arke of the LORD: Tell vs wherewith we shall send it to his place:

3 And they said, If yee send away the Arke of the God of Israel, send it not

not

not empty: but in any wise returne him a trespasse offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you, why his hand is not remooued from you.

4 Then said they, what shall be the trespasse offering, which wee shall returne to him: They answered, Five golden Emerods, and five golden mite, according to the number of the lordes of the Philistines: for one plague was on you all, and on your lordes.

† Heb. them.

5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your Emerodes, and images of your Dice, that marre the land, and ye shall giue glory vnto the God of Israel: peradventure hee will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

6 Wherefore then doe yee harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts: when he had wrought || wonderfully among them, * did they not let † the people goe, and they departed:

|| Or, reprochfully.
* Exod. 12.
31.

† Heb. them.

7 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch-kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring the calves home from them.

8 And take the Arke of the LORD, and lay it vpon the cart, and put the iewels of golde, which ye returne him for a trespasse offering, in a coffer by the side thereof, and send it away, that it may goe.

9 And see, if it goeth by by the way of his owne coast to Bethshemesh, then || he hath done vs this great euill: but if not, then wee shall know that it is not his hand that smote vs; it was a chance that happened to vs.

|| Or, it.

10 ¶ And the men did so: and tooke two milch-kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut vp their calves at home.

11 And they layde the Arke of the LORD vpon the cart, and the coffer, with the mite of golde, and the images of their Emerods.

12 And the kine tooke the straight way to the way of Bethshemesh, and went along the high way, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand, or to the left: and the lordes of the Philistines went after them, vnto the border of Bethshemesh.

13 And they of Bethshemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted vp their eyes, and saw the Arke, and reioyced to see it.

14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua a Bethshemite, & stood there, where there was a great stone: and they claue the wood of the cart, and offered the kine, a burnt offering vnto the LORD.

15 And the Levites tooke downe the Arke of the LORD, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the iewels of golde were, and put them on the great stone: And the men of Bethshemesh offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed sacrifices the same day vnto the LORD.

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

17 And these are the golden Emerods which the Philistines returned for a trespasse offering vnto the LORD: for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one.

18 And the golden Dice according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines, belonging to the five lordes, both of fenced cities, and of countrey villages, euen vnto the || great stone of Abel, whereon they set downe the Arke of the LORD; which stone remaineth vnto this day, in the field of Joshua the Bethshemite.

|| Or, great stone.

19 ¶ And he smote the men of Bethshemesh, because they had looked into the Arke of the LORD, euen he smote of the people fiftie thousand, and threescore and tenne men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter.

20 And the men of Bethshemesh said, who is able to stand before this holy LORD God: and to whom shall he goe vp from vs:

21 ¶ And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-iearim, saying, The Philistines haue brought againe the Arke of the LORD; come ye downe, and fetch it vp to you.

CHAP. VII.

- 1 They of Kiriath-iearim bring the Arke into the house of Abinadab, and sanctifie Eleazar his sonne to keepe it. 2 After twentie yeeres 3 The Israelites, by Samuels meanes, solemnly repent at Mizpeh. 7 While Samuel prayeth and sacrificeth, the Lord discomfitteth the Philistines by thunder, at Eben-ezer. 13 The Philistines are subdued. 15 Samuel peaceably and religiously iudgeth Israel.

And

And the men of Kiriath-
iearim came, and fetcht by
the Arke of the LORD,
and brought it into the
house of Abinadab in the
hill, and sanctified Eleazar his sonne,
to keepe the Arke of the LORD.

2 And it came to passe while the
Arke abode in Kiriath-
iearim, that the
time was long: for it was twentie
yeeres: and all the house of Israel la-
mented after the LORD.

3 And Samuel spake vnto all the
house of Israel, saying, If ye doe re-
turne vnto the LORD with all your
hearts, then* put away the strange gods,
and *Ahtaroth from among you, and
prepare your hearts vnto the LORD,
and *serue him onely: for he will deliuer
you out of the hand of the Philistines.

4 Then the children of Israel did
put away *Baalim, and Ahtaroth, and
serued the LORD onely.

5 And Samuel said, Gather all Is-
rael to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you
vnto the LORD.

6 And they gathered together to
Mizpeh, and drew water, and powred
it out before the LORD, and fasted on
that day, and said there, We haue sinned
against the LORD. And Samuel iud-
ged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

7 And when the Philistines heard
that the children of Israel were gathe-
red together to Mizpeh, the lords of the
Philistines went vp against Israel:
and when the children of Israel heard
it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 And the children of Israel said to
Samuel, † Cease not to crie vnto the
LORD our God for vs, that he will
saue vs out of the hand of the Philis-
tines.

9 And Samuel tooke a sucking
lambe, and offered it for a burnt offe-
ring wholly vnto the LORD: and Sa-
muel cried vnto the LORD for Israel,
and the LORD heard him.

10 And as Samuel was offering
by the burnt offering, the Philistines
drew neere to battell against Israel:
but the LORD thundred with a great
thunder on that day vpon the Philis-
tines, and discomfited them, and they
were smitten before Israel.

11 And the men of Israel went out of
Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines,
and smote them, vntill they came vnder
Bethcar.

12 Then Samuel tooke a stone, and
set it betweene Mizpeh and Shen,
and called the name of it || Eben-Ezer,
saying, Hitherto hath the LORD
helped vs.

13 So the Philistines were subdu-
ed, and they came no more into the coast
of Israel: and the hand of the LORD
was against the Philistines, all the
dayes of Samuel.

14 And the cities which the Philis-
tines had taken from Israel, were re-
stored to Israel, from Ekron euen vn-
to Gath, and the coasts thereof did Is-
rael deliuer out of the hands of the Phi-
listines: and there was peace betweene
Israel and the Amorites.

15 And Samuel iudged Israel all
the dayes of his life.

16 And he went from yeere to yeere
† in circuit to Bethel, and Gilgal, and
Mizpeh, and iudged Israel in all those
places.

17 And his returne was to Ramah:
for there was his house: and there hee
iudged Israel, and there hee built an
altar vnto the LORD.

CHAP. VIII.

1 By occasion of the ill gouernment of Samu-
els sonnes, the Israelites aske a King. 6 Sa-
muel praying in grieffe is comforted by God.
10 Hee telleth the manner of a King. 19
God willeth Samuel to yeeld vnto the im-
portunitie of the people.

And it came to passe, when
Samuel was old, that he
made his sonnes Judges
ouer Israel.

2 Now the name of
his first borne was Joel, and the name
of his second, Abiah: they were Judges
in Beer-sheba.

3 And his sonnes walked not in his
wayes, but turned aside after lucre, and
* tooke bribes, & peruerted iudgement.

4 Then all the Elders of Israel
gathered themselves together, and
came to Samuel vnto Ramah,

5 And said vnto him, Behold, thou
art olde, and thy sonnes walke not in
thy wayes: now * make vs a King to
iudge vs, like all the nations.

6 But the thing † displeased Sa-
muel, when they said, Giue vs a King
to iudge vs: and Samuel prayed vnto
the LORD.

7 And the LORD said vnto Sa-
muel,

|| That is,
the stone of
helpe.

† Heb. and
he circuited.

* Iosh. 24.
15. 23.
* Iudg. 2.
13.
* Deut. 6. 4.
matt. 4. 10.
luke 4. 8.

* Iudg. 2.
11.

† Heb. be not
silent from
vs from cry-
ing.

|| Or, answe-
red.

* Deut. 16.
19.

* Ose. 13. 10
acts 13. 21.

† Heb. was e-
will in the
eyes of Sa-
muel.

muel, Hearken vnto the voyce of the people in all that they say vnto thee: for they haue not reietted thee, but they haue reietted mee, that I should not reigne ouer them.

8 According to all the works which they haue done since the day that I brought them vp out of Egypt euen vnto this day, wherewith they haue forsaken me, and serued other gods: so doe they also vnto thee.

9 Nowe therefore || hearken vnto their voyce: || howbeit, yet protest solemnly vnto them, and shew them the maner of the King that shall reigne ouer them.

10 And Samuel told all the words of the LORD vnto the people, that asked of him a King.

11 And hee sayd, This will be the maner of the king that shall reigne ouer you: hee will take your sonnes, and appoint them for himselfe for his charets, and to bee his horsemen, and some shall runne before his charets.

12 And hee will appoint him Captaines ouer thousands, and captaines ouer fifties, and will set them to eare his ground, and to reape his haruest, and to make his instruments of warre, and instruments of his charets.

13 And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cookes, and to be bakers.

14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliue-yards, euen the best of them, and giue them to his seruants.

15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and giue to his officers, and to his seruants.

16 And hee will take your men seruants, and your mayd seruants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his worke.

17 Hee will take the tenth of your sheepe, and ye shall be his seruants.

18 And ye shall cry out in that day, because of your king which ye shall haue chosen you; and the LORD will not heare you in that day.

19 Neuerthelesse, the people refused to obey the voyce of Samuel; and they said, Nay, but we wil haue a King ouer vs:

20 That we also may be like all the nations, and that our King may iudge vs, and goe out before vs, and fight our battels.

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the eares of the LORD.

22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken vnto their voyce, and make them a King. And Samuel said vnto the men of Israel, Goe yee euery man vnto his citie.

C H A P. IX.

1 Saul despairing to finde his fathers asses, 6 by the counsell of his seruaunt, 11 and direction of young maidens, 15 according to Gods reuelation, 18 commeth to Samuel. 19 Samuel entertaineth Saul at the feast. 25 Samuel after secret communication, bringeth Saul on his way.

NOW there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was *Kish, the sonne of Abiel, the sonne of Zeror, the sonne of Bechorath, the sonne of Aphiah, a Benjaminite, a mighty man of power.

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

3 And the asses of Kish, Sauls father, were lost; and Kish said to Saul his sonne, Take nowe one of the seruants with thee, and arise, goe seeke the asses.

4 And he passed thorow mount Ephraim, and passed thorow the land of Shalisha, but they found them not: then they passed thorow the land of Shalim, and there they were not: and hee passed thorow the land of the Beniamites, but they found them not.

5 And when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his seruaunt that was with him, Come, and let vs returne, lest my father leaue caring for the asses, and take thought for vs.

6 And hee said vnto him, Behold now, there is in this citie a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he saith, commeth surely to passe: Now let vs goe thither; peradventure he can shew vs our way that we should goe.

7 Then said Saul to his seruaunt, But behold, if we goe, what shall wee bring the man: for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring

|| Or, obey.

|| Or, notwithstanding, when thou hast solemnly protested against them, then thou shalt shew, &c.

† Heb. En-nuches.

* Chap. 24. 51. 1. chro. 8. 33.

|| Or, the sonne of a man of lemini. || Or, substance.

† Hebr. is gone out of &c.

† Hebr. is with vs?

bring to the man of God: what † have wee?

† Hebr. there is found in my hand.

8 And the servant answered Saul againe, and said, † Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver; that wil I giue to the man of God, to tell vs our way.

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

† Hebr. thy word is good.

10 Then said Saul to his servant, † Well said, come, let vs go: so they went vnto the city where the man of God was.

† Hebr. in the ascent of the citie.

11 ¶ And as they went by † the hill to the city, they found yong maydens going out to draw water, and said vnto them, Is the Seer here?

12 And they answered them, and said, He is: behold, he is before you, make haste now: for he came to day to the citie; for there is † a sacrifice of the people to day in the hie place.

Or, feast.

13 Assoone as ye be come into the citie, ye shall straightway finde him, before he goe by to the high place to eate: for the people will not eate vntill hee come, because he doth blesse the sacrifice, and afterwards they eat that he bidden: Now therefore get you by, for † about this time ye shall finde him.

† Hebr. so day.

14 And they went by into the citie: and when they were come into the citie, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to goe by to the hie place.

* Chap. 15. 1. acts. 13. 21.

15 ¶ Now the LORD had † told Samuel in his eare a day before Saul came, saying,

† Hebr. re- uenied the care of Samuel.

16 To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoynt him to be Captaine ouer my people Israel, that he may saue my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked vpon my people, because their cry is come vnto me.

17 And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said vnto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of: this same shall † reigne ouer my people.

† Hebr. re- straine in.

18 Then Saul drew neere to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the Seers house is.

19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the Seer: Goe by before me vnto the high place, for ye shall eate with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee goe, and will tell thee all

that is in thine heart.

20 And as for thine asses that were lost † three dayes agoe, let not thy minde on them, for they are found: And on whom is all the desire of Israel: is it not on thee, & on all thy fathers house?

† Hebr. to day three dayes.

21 And Saul answered, and said, Am not I a Beniamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel: and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin: wherefore then speakest thou † so to me?

† Hebr. according to this word?

22 And Samuel tooke Saul, and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, & made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which were about thirtie persons.

23 And Samuel said vnto the cooke, Bring the portion which I gaue thee, of which I said vnto thee, Set it by thee.

24 And the cooke took by the shoulder, and that which was vpon it, and set it before Saul, and Samuel said, Behold, that which is † left, set it before thee, and eate: for vnto this time hath it bene kept for thee, since I said I haue inuited the people: So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

Or, reserved.

25 ¶ And when they were come downe from the high place into the citie, Samuel communed with Saul vpon the top of the house.

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

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

† Hebr. to day.

CHAP. X.

- 1 Samuel anoynteth Saul. 2 Hee confirmeth him by prediction of three signes. 9 Sauls heart is changed, and he prophecieth. 14 He concealeth the matter of the kingdome from his vnkle. 17 Saul is chosen at Mizpeh by lot. 26 The different affections of his subiects.

When Samuel tooke a viall of oile, and powred it vpon his head, & kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anoynted thee to be captain ouer his inheritance:

Saul prophecieth, I. Samuel. and is chofen king.

2 When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by

* Gen. 35.
20.

† Heb. the
businessse.

* Rachels sepulchre in the border of Benjamin, at Zelzah: and they will say vnto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seeke, are found: and loe, thy father hath left † the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, what shall I doe for my sonne?

3 Then shalt thou goe on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plaine of Tabor, and there shall meete thee three men, going vp to God to Bethel, one carying three kids, and another carying three loaves of bread, and another carying a bottle of wine.

† Heb. aske
thee of peace

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

5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garison of the Philistines: and it shall come to passe when thou art come thither to the citie, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets comming downe from the high place, with a psalterie, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harpe before them, and they shall prophetic.

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

† Heb. and it
shall come to
passe that
when these
signes &c.

7 And † let it be when these signes are come vnto thee, † that thou doe as occasion serue thee, for God is with thee.

† Heb. do for
thee as thine
hand shall
finde.

8 And thou shalt goe downe before me to Gilgal, and behold, I will come downe vnto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: * seuen dayes shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt doe.

* Chap. 13.
8.

† Heb. shoul-
der.
† Heb. tur-
ned.

9 And it was so that when he had turned his † backe to go from Samuel, God † gaue him another heart: and all those signes came to passe that day.

10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of the prophets met him, and the spirit of God came vpon him, and hee prophesied among them.

11 And it came to passe when all that knew him befozetime, saw, that behold, hee prophesied among the prophets, then the people said † one to another, what is this that is come vnto the sonne of Kish: * Is Saul also among the prophets?

† Heb. A
man to his
neighbor.
* Chap. 19.
24.

† Heb. from
thence.

12 And one † of the same place an-

swered, and sayd, But who is their father: Therefore it became a prouerbe, Is Saul also among the prophets?

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

14 And Sauls vnckle saide vnto him, and to his seruant, whither went ye: And he said, To seeke the asses: and when we saw that they were no where, we came to Samuel.

15 And Sauls vnckle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said vnto you.

16 And Saul sayd vnto his vnckle: He told vs plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

17 And Samuel called the people together vnto the LORD to Mizpeh:

18 And said vnto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought by Israel out of Egypt, and deliuered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you.

19 And ye haue this day reiected your God, who himselfe saued you out of all your aduersities & your tribulations: and ye haue said vnto him, Nay, but set a king ouer vs. Now therefore present your selues before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.

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

21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come neere by their families, the familie of Patri was taken, and Saul the sonne of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither: and the LORD answered, Behold, hee hath hid himselfe among the stufte.

23 And they ranne, and fetched him thence, and when he stood among the people, he was higher then any of the people, from the shoulders & vppward.

24 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whome the LORD hath chofen, that there is none like him among all the people: And all the people shouted, and saide, † God saue the King.

† Heb. let
the king live

25 Then Samuel tolde the people the

the maner of the kingdome, and wrote it in a booke, and layd it by before the LORD, and Samuel sent all the people away, euery man to his house.

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

27 But the children of Belial sayd, Howe shall this man saue vs? and they despised him, and brought him no presents: but he held his peace.

|| Or, he was, as though he had bene deafe.

CHAP. XI.

1 Nahash offereth them of Iabesh Gilead a reprochfull condition. 4 They send messengers and are deliuered by Saul. 12 Saul thereby is confirmed, and his kingdome renewed.

Then Nahash the Ammonite came by, and encamped against Iabesh Gilead: and all the men of Iabesh sayde vnto Nahash, Make a couenant with vs, and we will serue thee.

2 And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this condition will I make a couenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproch vpon all Israel.

3 And the Elders of Iabesh sayd vnto him, Give vs seuen daies respite, that we may send messengers vnto all the coasts of Israel: and then, if there be no man to saue vs, we will come out to thee.

4 Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the eares of the people: and all the people lift by their voyces, and wept.

5 And behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field, and Saul sayd, What aileth the people that they weep: and they told him the tidings of the men of Iabesh.

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

7 And he tooke a yoke of oren, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, whosoever commeth not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it bee done vnto his oren: and the feare of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

† Heb. as one man.

8 And when he numbred them in

Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

9 And they said vnto the messengers that came, Thus shall yee say vnto the men of Iabesh Gilead, To morrow by that time the sunne be hote, ye shall haue helpe. And the messengers came, and shewed it to the men of Iabesh, and they were glad.

|| Or, deliuerance.

10 Therefore the men of Iabesh said, To morrow wee will come out vnto you, and ye shall doe with vs all that seemeth good vnto you.

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

12 And the people said vnto Samuel, who is he that said, Shall Saul reigne ouer vs? bring the men, that we may put them to death.

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

14 Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let vs goe to Gilgal, and renew the kingdome there.

15 And all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul King before the LORD in Gilgal: and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD: and there Saul and all the men of Israel reioyced greatly.

CHAP. XII.

1 Samuel testifieth his integritie. 6 Hee reprooueth the people of ingratitude. 16 He terrifieth them with thunder in haruest time. 20 He comforteth them in Gods mercy.

AND Samuel saide vnto all Israel, Beholde, I haue hearkned vnto your voice in all that ye said vnto mee, and haue made a King ouer you.

2 And now behold, the King walketh before you: and I am olde, and gray headed, and behold, my sonnes are with you: and I haue walked before you from my childhood vnto this day.

3 Behold, * here I am, witnesse against

* Ecclus. 46. 19.

gainst me before the LORD, and before his Anoynted: whose ore haue I taken: or whose asse haue I taken: or whom haue I defrauded: Whom haue I oppressed: or of whose hand haue I receiued any [†] bribe || to blinde mine eyes therewith: and I will restore it you.

[†] Hebr. ran-
some.
|| Or, that I
should hide
mine eyes at
at him.

4 And they said, Thou hast not defrauded vs, nor oppressed vs, neither hast thou taken ought of any mans hand.

5 And hee said vnto them, The LORD is witnesse against you, and his Anoynted is witnesse this day, that ye haue not found ought in my hand: And they answered, He is witnesse.

|| Or, made.

6 And Samuel said vnto the people, It is the LORD that ^{||} advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers vp out of the land of Egypt.

[†] Hebr. righ-
teousneses,
Or, bene-
fits.

[†] Heb. with.
* Gen. 46.
5, 6.

* Exod. 4.
16.

7 Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD, of all the [†] righteous acts of the LORD, which he did [†] to you and your fathers.

8 * When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried vnto the LORD, then the LORD ^{*} sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.

* Iudg. 4. 2.

9 And when they forgat the LORD their God, ^{*} he sold them into the hand of Siser a captaine of the hoste of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them.

10 And they cried vnto the LORD, and said, Wee haue sinned, because we haue forsaken the LORD, and haue serued Baalim and Ashtaroth: but now deliuer vs out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serue thee.

* Iudg. 11.
1.

11 And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and ^{*} Jephthah, and Samuel, and deliuered you out of the hand of your enemies on euery side, and yee dwelled safe.

12 And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said vnto me, Nay, but a King shall reigne ouer vs, when the LORD your God was your King.

13 Now therefore, behold the King whom yee haue chosen, and whom yee haue desired: and behold, the LORD hath set a King ouer you.

14 If ye will feare the LORD, and serue him, and obey his voice, and not

rebell against the [†] Commandement of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the King that reigneth ouer you, [†] continue following the LORD your God.

[†] Hebr.
mouth.

[†] Hebr. be
after.

15 But if ye wil not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the Commandement of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as it was against your fathers.

16 Now therefore stand and see this great thing which the LORD will doe before your eyes.

17 Is it not wheat harvest to day: I will call vnto the LORD, and hee shall send thunder and raine, that ye may perceiue and see that your wickednesse is great, which ye haue done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a King.

18 So Samuel called vnto the LORD, and the LORD sent thunder and raine that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

19 And all the people said vnto Samuel, Pray for thy seruants vnto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we haue added vnto all our sinnes, this euil, to aske vs a King.

20 And Samuel saide vnto the people, Feare not: (ye haue done al this wickednesse, yet turne not aside from following the LORD, but serue the LORD with all your heart:

20 And turne ye not aside, for then should ye goe after vaine things, which cannot profit, nor deliuer, for they are vaine.)

22 For the LORD wil not forsake his people, for his great Names sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

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

[†] Hebr. from
ceasing.

24 Onely feare the LORD, and serue him in trueth with all your heart: for consider || how great things he hath done for you.

|| Or, what a
great thing
&c.

25 But if yee shall still doe wickedly, yee shall be consumed, both yee and your King.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Sauls selected band. 3 Hee calleth the Hebrewes to Gilgal against the Philistines, whose garrison Jonathan had smitten. 5 The Philistines

Sauls presumption. Chap. xiiij. He is reprovued.

lines great hoste. 6 The distresse of the Israelites. 8 Saul weary of staying for Samuel, sacrificeth. 11 Samuel reproveth him. 17 The three spoiling bands of the Philistines. 19 The policie of the Philistines, to suffer no Smith in Israel.

SAUL † reigned one yeere, and when he had reigned two yeeres ouer Israel,

2 Saul chose him three thousand men of Israel: whereof two thousand were with Saul in Michmash, and in mount Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent euery man to his tent.

3 And Jonathan smote the garison of the Philistines that was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it: and Saul blew the trumpet thorowout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrewes heare.

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

5 And the Philistines gathered themselues together, to fight with Israel, thirtie thousand charrets, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude, and they came by, and pitched in Michmash, Eastward from Bethauen.

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

7 And some of the Hebrewes went ouer Iordane, to the land of Gad and Gilead: as for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people † followed him trembling.

8 * And he taried seuen dayes, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal, and the people were scattered from him.

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

10 And it came to passe that as soone as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came, and Saul went out to meete him, that he might † salute him.

11 And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I sawe that the people were scattered from me, and that thou comest not within the dayes appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselues together to Michmash:

12 Therefore said I, The Philistines will come downe now vpon me to Gilgal, and I have not † made supplication vnto the LORD: I forced my selfe therefore, and offered a burnt offering.

13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which hee commanded thee: for now would the LORD haue established thy kingdome vpon Israel for euer.

14 But now thy kingdome shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his owne heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to bee captaine ouer his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.

15 And Samuel arose, and gate him by from Gilgal, vnto Gibeah of Benjamin, and Saul numbred the people that were † present with him, about six hundred men.

16 And Saul and Jonathan his sonne, and the people that were present with them, abode in Gibeah of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.

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

18 And another company turned the way to Bethoron: and another companie turned to the way of the border, that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19 Now there was no smith found thorowout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrewes make them swords or speares.

20 But all the Israelites went downe to the Philistines, to sharpen euery man his share and his coultter, and his axe, and his mattocke.

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

† Hebr. the soune of one yeere in his reigning.

Or, the hill.

† Hebr. did sinke.

† Hebr. trembled after him.
* Chap. 10. 8.

† Hebr. blisse him.

† Hebr. in-treated the face.

† Hebr. found.

† Hebr. a file with mouthes.
† Hebr. to set.

22 So it came to passe in the day of battell, that there was neither sword nor speare found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul & with Jonathan his sonne was there found.

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

CHAP. XIII.

1 Jonathan, vnwitting to his father, the Priest, or the people, goeth and miraculously smiteth the Philistines garrison. 15 A diuine terrour maketh them beate themselues. 17 Saul not staying the Priests answere, setteth on them. 21 The captiuated Hebrewes, and the hidden Israelites, ioyne against them. 24 Sauls vnaduised adiuration, hindreth the victory. 32 Hee restraineth the people from eating blood. 35 He buildeth an Altar. 36 Jonathan taken by lot, is saued by the people. 47 Sauls strength and family.

NOW it came to passe vpon a day, that Jonathan the sonne of Saul said vnto the yong man that bare his armour, Come, and let vs goe ouer to the Philistines garrison, that is on the other side: but hee told not his father.

2 And Saul taried in the vttermost part of Gibeah, vnder a Pomegranate tree, which is in Migron: and the people that were with him, were about fixe hundred men:

3 And Ahiah the sonne of Ahitub, Ichabods brother, the sonne of Phinehas, the sonne of Eli, the LORDS Priest in Shiloh, wearing an Ephod: and the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

4 And betweene the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go ouer vnto the Philistines garrison, there was a sharpe rocke on the one side, and a sharp rocke on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

5 The forefront of the one was situate Northward ouer against Michmash, and the other Southward ouer against Gibeah.

6 And Jonathan said to the yong man that bare his armour, Come, and let vs goe ouer vnto the garison of these vncircumcised; it may be that the LORD Will worke for vs: for there is

no restraint to the LORD, * to saue by many, or by few.

7 And his armour bearer sayd vnto him, Doe all that is in thine heart: turne thee, behold, I am with thee, according to thy heart.

8 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will passe ouer vnto these men, and we will discouer our selues vnto them.

9 If they say thus vnto vs, † Tary vntill we come to you: then wee will stand still in our place, and will not goe vp vnto them.

10 But if they say thus, Come vp vnto vs: then we will goe vp; for * the LORD hath deliuered them into our hand: and this shall be a signe vnto vs.

11 And both of them discovered themselues vnto the garison of the Philistines: and the Philistines sayd, Behold, the Hebrewes come forth out of the holes, where they had hid themselues.

12 And the men of the garison answered Jonathan and his armour bearer, and said, Come vp to vs, and wee will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said vnto his armour bearer, Come vp after me; for the LORD hath deliuered them into the hand of Israel.

13 And Jonathan climed vp vpon his hands, and vpon his feete, and his armour bearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armour bearer slew after him.

14 And that first slaughter which Jonathan and his armour-bearer made, was about twentie men, within as it were an halfe acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow.

15 And there was trembling in the hoste, in the field, and among all the people: the garison and the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was † a very great trembling.

16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked: and behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating downe one another.

17 Then said Saul vnto the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from vs. And when they had numbred, behold, Jonathan and his armour bearer were not there.

18 And Saul said vnto Ahiah, Bring hither the Arke of God: (for the Arke of God was at that time with the children of Israel.)

19 And it came to passe while Saul talked

† Or, standing campe.

† Or, there was a day.

* Chap. 4. 21.

† Heb. tooth.

* 2. Chron. 14. 11.

† Heb. be still.

* 1. Macc. 4. 30.

† Or, halfe a furrow of an acre of land.

† Hebr. a trembling of God.

Or, tumult.

talked vnto the Prielt, that the noife that was in the hoſte of the Philiftines went on, and increaſed: And Saul ſaid vnto the Prielt, withdraw thine hand.

† Heb. were cryed together.
* Iudg. 7.
22. 2. chro.
20. 23.

20 And Saul and all the people that were with him[†] aſſembled themſelues, and they came to the battell, and behold, * euery mans ſword was againſt his fellow, and there was a very great diſcomfiture.

21 Moreouer, the Hebrewes that were with the Philiftines before that time, which went by with them into the campe from the cuntry round about; euen they alſo turned to be with the Iſraelites, that were with Saul and Jonathan.

22 Likewise all the men of Iſrael, which had hid themſelues in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philiftines fled, euen they alſo followed hard after them in the battell.

23 So the LORD ſaued Iſrael that day: and the battell paſſed ouer vnto Beth-auen.

24 And the men of Iſrael were diſtreſſed that day; for Saul had aduured the people, ſaying, Cursed bee the man that eateth any foode vntill evening, that I may be auenged on mine enemies: ſo none of the people taſted any food.

25 And all they of the land came to a wood, and there was honie vpon the ground.

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

27 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath; wherefore he put forth the ende of the rodde that was in his hand, and dipt it in an hony combe, and put his hand to his mouth, and his eyes were enlightened.

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

Or, wearie.

29 Then ſaid Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: ſee, I pray you, how mine eyes haue bene enlightened, becauſe I taſted a little of this honie:

30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the ſpoile of their enemies which they found: for had there not bene now a

much greater ſlaughter among the Philiftines?

31 And they ſmote the Philiftines that day from Michmaſh to Aialon: and the people were very faint.

32 And the people ſlewe vpon the ſpoile, and tooke ſheepe, and oren, and calues, and ſlew them on the ground, and the people did eate them * With the blood.

* Leuit. 7.
26. and 19.
26. deut.
12. 16.

33 Then they tolde Saul, ſaying, Behold, the people ſinne againſt the LORD, in that they eate with the blood. And he ſaid, Bee haue tranſgreſſed: roule a great ſtone vnto mee this day.

Or, dealt treache-rouſly.

34 And Saul ſaid, Diſperſe your ſelues among the people, and ſay vnto them, Bring me hither euery man his ore, and euery man his ſheepe, and ſlay them here, and eat, and ſinne not againſt the LORD in eating with the blood. And all the people brought euery man his ore[†] with him that night, and ſlew them there.

† Heb. in his hand.

35 And Saul built an altar vnto the LORD: [†] the ſame was the firſt altar that he built vnto the LORD.

† Hebr. that Altar he beganne to build vnto the LORD.

36 And Saul ſaide, Let vs goe downe after the Philiftines by night, and ſpoile them vntil the morning light, and let vs not leaue a man of them. And they ſaid, Doe whatſoever ſeemeth good vnto thee. Then ſaid the prielt, Let vs draw neere hither vnto God.

37 And Saul aſked counſell of God, Shall I goe downe after the Philiftines: wilt thou deliuer them into the hand of Iſrael: But he answered him not that day.

38 And Saul ſaid, Draw yee neere hither * all the [†] chiefe of the people: and know and ſee, wherein this ſinne hath bene this day.

* Iudg. 20. 2
† Heb. corners.

39 For as the LORD liueth, which ſaueth Iſrael, though it bee in Jonathan my ſonne, he ſhall ſurely die: But there was not a man among all the people that answered him.

40 Then ſaid he vnto all Iſrael, Be ye on one ſide, and I, and Jonathan my ſonne will be on the other ſide. And the people ſaid vnto Saul, Doe what ſeemeth good vnto thee.

41 Therefore Saul ſaide vnto the LORD God of Iſrael, Give a perfect lot. And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people[†] eſcaped.

Or, ſhem the innocēt.

42 And Saul ſaid, Caſt lots betweene me

† Heb. went forth.

me and Jonathan my sonne. And Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan tolde him, and saide, I did but taste a litle hony with the end of the rodde that was in mine hand, and loe, I must die.

44 And Saul answered, God do so, and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan.

45 And the people said vnto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great saluation in Israel: God forbid: as the LORD liueth, there shall not one haire of his head fall to the ground: for hee hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that hee died not.

46 Then Saul went by from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their owne place.

47 So Saul tooke the kingdom ouer Israel, and fought against all his enemies on euery side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever hee turned himselfe, hee vered them.

Or, wrought mightily.

48 And he gathered an hoste, and smote the Amalekites, and deliuered Israel out of the handes of them that spoiled them.

49 Now the sonnes of Saul, were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchithua: and the names of his two daughters were these: the name of the first borne Merab, and the name of the younger Michal:

50 And the name of Sauls wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz, and the name of the captaine of his host was Abner, the sonne of Ner, Sauls vnckle.

51 And Kish was the father of Saul, and Ner the father of Abner was the sonne of Abiel.

52 And there was sore warre against the Philistines, all the dayes of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he tooke him vnto him.

CHAP. XV.

1 Samuel sendeth Saul to destroy Amalek. 6 Saul fauoureth the Kenites. 8 Hee spareth Agag and the best of the spoile. 10 Samuel denounceth vnto Saul commending and ex-

cusing himselfe, Gods reiection of him for his disobedience. 24 Sauls humiliation. 32 Samuel killeth Agag. 34 Samuel and Saul part.

And Samuel also saide vnto Saul, * The LORD sent me to annoint thee to be king ouer his people, ouer Israel: now therefore hearken thou vnto the voyce of the words of the LORD.

* Chap. 9. 16.

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

* Exod. 17. 8. num. 24. 20.

3 Now goe, and smite Amalek, and vtterly destroy all that they haue, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ore and sheepe, camell and asse.

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

5 And Saul came to a citie of Amalek, and laid waite in the valley.

Or, fought.

6 And Saul saide vnto the Kenites, Goe, depart, get you downe from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for yee shewed kinnesse to all the children of Israel when they came by out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7 And Saul smote the Amalekites from Haurah, vntill thou comest to Shur, that is ouer against Egypt.

8 And hee tooke Agag the king of the Amalekites alieue, and vtterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheepe, and of the oren, and of the fatlings, and the lambes, and all that was good, and would not vtterly destroy them: but euery thing that was vile, and refuse, that they destroyed vtterly.

Or, of the second sort.

10 Then came the word of the LORD vnto Samuel, saying;

11 It repenteth me that I haue set by Saul to be king: for hee is turned backe from following me, and hath not performed my commandements. And it grieued Samuel: and he cried vnto the LORD all night.

12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was tolde Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set him by a place, and is gone

gone about, and passed on, and gone downe to Gilgal.

13 And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said vnto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I haue performed the commandement of the LORD.

14 And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheepe in mine eares, and the lowing of the oxen which I heare?

15 And Saul sayde, They haue brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheepe, and of the oxen, to sacrifice vnto the LORD thy God, and the rest we haue vtterly destroyed.

16 Then Samuel sayd vnto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to mee this night. And he said vnto him, Say on.

17 And Samuel said, When thou wast litle in thine owne sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee King ouer Israel?

18 And the LORD sent thee on a iourney, and said, Goe, and vtterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them, vntill † they be consumed.

19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst flie vpon the spoile, and didst euill in the sight of the LORD?

20 And Saul said vnto Samuel: Yea, I haue obeyed the voice of the LORD, and haue gone the way which the LORD sent me, and haue brought Agag the king of Amalek, and haue vtterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But the people tooke of the spoile, sheepe and oxen, the chiefe of the things which should haue bene vtterly destroyed, to sacrifice vnto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

22 And Samuel saide, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, * to obey, is better then sacrifice: and to hearken, then the fat of rammes.

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornnesse is as iniquitie and idolatrie: because thou hast reiected the word of the LORD, he hath also reiected thee from being king.

24 And Saul said vnto Samuel, I haue sinned: for I haue transgressed the Commandement of the LORD,

and thy wordes; because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sinne, and turne againe with me, that I may worship the LORD.

26 And Samuel said vnto Saul, I will not returne with thee: for thou hast reiected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath reiected thee from being king ouer Israel.

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

28 And Samuel said vnto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdome of Israel from thee this day, and hath giuen it to a neighbour of thine, that is better then thou.

29 And also the strength of Israel will not lie, nor repent: for he is not a man that he should repent.

30 Then he said, I haue sinned; yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the Elders of my people, and before Israel, and turne againe with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.

31 So Samuel turned againe after Saul, and Saul worshipped the LORD.

32 Then said Samuel, Bring you hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites: and Agag came vnto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.

33 And Samuel said, * As thy sword hath made women childlesse, so shall thy mother bee childlesse among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

34 Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went by to his house to Gibeah of Saul.

35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul vntill the day of his death: neuertheless, Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king ouer Israel.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Samuel sent by God, vnder pretence of a sacrifice, commeth to Bethlechem. 6 His humane iudgement is reprovued. 11 He anointeth Dauid. 15 Saul sendeth for Dauid to quiet his euill spirit.

And the LORD said vnto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourne for Saul, seeing I haue reiected him from reigning ouer Israel:

|| Or, eternitie: or, victory.

* Exod 17. 11. num. 14. 45.

† Heb. they consume them.

* Eccles. 4. 17. ofc. 6. 7. matt. 9. 13. and 12. 7. † Heb. diuination.

Samuel is sent, and I. Samuel. annointeth Dauid.

Israel: Fill thine home with oile, and goe, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I haue provided mee a King among his sonnes.

2 And Samuel said, How can I goe: if Saul heare it, he will kill mee. And the LORD said, Take an heifer † with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt doe: and thou shalt anoynt vnto mee him whom I name vnto thee.

4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem: and the elders of the towne trembled at his † coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

5 And hee said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice vnto the LORD: sanctifie your selues, and come with me to the sacrifice: and he sanctified Jesse, and his sonnes, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 And it came to passe when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORDS annointed is before him.

7 But the LORD said vnto Samuel, Looke not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature, because I haue refused him: for the LORD seeth not, as man seeth; For man looketh on the † outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the * heart.

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him passe before Samuel: and he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

9 Then Jesse made Shamnah to passe by: and he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

10 Againe Jesse made seuen of his sonnes to passe before Samuel; and Samuel said vnto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

11 And Samuel saide vnto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the yongest, and behold, he keepeth the sheepe. And Samuel said vnto Jesse, * Send, and fetch him: for we will not sit † downe, till hee come hither.

12 And he sent, and brought him in: now he was ruddy, and withal † of a beautifull countenance, and goodly to looke to: And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

13 Then Samuel tooke the horne of

oile, and annointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came vpon Dauid, from that day forward: So Samuel rose vp and went to Ramah.

14 C But the spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an euill spirit from the LORD troubled him.

15 And Sauls seruants said vnto him, Behold now, an euill spirit from God troubleth thee.

16 Let our lord now command thy seruants which are before thee, to seeke out a man, who is a cunning player on an harpe: and it shall come to passe when the euill spirit from God is vpon thee, that hee shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.

17 And Saul said vnto his seruants, Prouide mee now a man, that can play well, and bring him to me.

18 Then answered one of the seruants, and said, Behold, I haue seene a sonne of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of warre, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him.

19 C Wherefore Saul sent messengers vnto Jesse, and said, Send me Dauid thy sonne, which is with the sheepe.

20 And Jesse tooke an asse laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by Dauid his sonne vnto Saul.

21 And Dauid came to Saul, and stood before him: and hee loued him greatly, and hee became his armour bearer.

22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let Dauid, I pray thee, stand before me: for hee hath found fauour in my sight.

23 And it came to passe, when the euill spirit from God was vpon Saul, that Dauid tooke an harpe, and played with his hand: So Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the euill spirit departed from him.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The armies of the Israelites, and Philistines beeing readie to battell, 4 Goliath cometh proudly forth, to challenge a combate. 12 Dauid sent by his father to visit his brethren, taketh the challenge. 28 Eliab chideth him. 30 He is brought to Saul. 32 He sheweth the reason of his confidence. 38

Without

† Hebr. in thine hand.

† Hebr. meeting.

† Hebr. eyes.
* 1. Chron. 28. 9. psal. 7. 9. ierem. 11. 20. and 17. 10. and 20. 12.

* 2. Sam. 7. 8. psal. 78. 71.
† Hebr. round.

† Hebr. faire of eyes.

|| Or, terrified.

|| Or, speech.

Goliath defieth the Chap. xiiiij. armies of Israel.

Without armour, armed by faith, he slayeth the Giant. 55 Saul taketh notice of David.

NOW the Philistines gathered together their armies to battell, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched betweene Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephes-Dammim.

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

3 And the Philistines stood on a mountaine on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountaine on the other side: and there was a valley betweene them.

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

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

6 And he had greaves of brasse upon his legs, and a target of brasse betweene his shoulders.

7 And the staffe of his speare was like a weavers beame, and his speares head weighed six hundred shekels of yron: and one bearing a shield, went before him.

8 And hee stood and cried vnto the armies of Israel, and said vnto them, Why are yee come out to set your battell in aray: am not I a Philistine, and you seruants to Saul: chuse you a man for you, and let him come downe to me.

9 If he be able to fight with mee, and to kill me, then will we be your seruants: but if I preuaile against him, and kill him, then shall yee be our seruants, and serue vs.

10 And the Philistine said, I defie the armies of Israel this day: giue me a man, that we may fight together.

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

12 Now David was the sonne of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem Judah, whose name was Jesse, and hee had eight sonnes: and the man went among men for an old man in the dayes of Saul.

13 And the three eldest sonnes of Jesse went, and followed Saul to the battell: and the names of his three sonnes that

went to the battell, were, Eliab the first borne, and next vnto him, Abinadab, and the third, Shamamah.

14 And David was the yongest: and the three eldest followed Saul.

15 But David went, and returned from Saul, to feed his fathers sheepe at Bethlehem.

16 And the Philistine drewe neere, morning and euening, and presented himselfe forty dayes.

17 And Jesse said vnto David his sonne, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corne, and these ten loaves, and run to the campe to thy brethren.

18 And carie these ten cheeses vnto the Captaine of their thousand, and looke how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.

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

20 And David rose vp early in the morning, and left the sheepe with a keeper, and tooke, and went, as Jesse had commanded him: and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battell.

21 For Israel and the Philistines had put the battell in aray, army against armie.

22 And David left his cariage in the hand of the keeper of the cariage, and ranne into the armie, and came and saluted his brethren.

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

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

25 And the men of Israel said, Haue yee seene this man that is come by: Surely to defie Israel is he come by: and it shall be that the man who killeth him, the king wil enrich him with great riches, and will giue him his daughter, and make his fathers house free in Israel.

26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying: what shall bee done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproch from Israel: for who is this vncircumcised

Or, the coast of Dammim.

Heb. ranged the battell.

Heb. clothed.

Or, gorget.

Heb. cheeses of milke.
Heb. captaine of a thousand.

Or, place of the cariage.
Or, battell ray, or place of fight.

Heb. the vessels from upon him.

Heb. asked his brethren of peace.

Heb. from his face.

Iosh. 15. 16.

* Chap. 16. 1.

circumcised Philistine, that he should defie the armies of the living God:

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

28 ¶ And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake vnto the men, and Eliabs anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why comest thou down hither: and with whom hast thou left those few sheepe in the wilderness: I know thy pride, and the naughtinesse of thine heart: for thou art come downe, that thou mightest see the battell.

29 And David saide, what haue I now done: Is there not a cause:

30 ¶ And hee turned from him towards another, and spake after the same † maner: and the people answered him againe after the former maner.

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

32 ¶ And David said to Saul, Let no mans heart faile, because of him: thy seruant will goe and fight with this Philistine.

33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to goe against this Philistine, to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of warre from his youth.

34 And David said vnto Saul, Thy seruant kept his fathers sheepe, and there came a Lyon, and a Beare, and tooke a † lambe out of the flocke:

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

36 Thy seruant slew both the Lyon and the Beare: and this vncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

37 David saide moreouer, The LORD that deliuered me out of the paw of the Lyon, and out of the pawe of the Beare, he will deliuer me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said vnto David, Goe, and the LORD be with thee.

38 ¶ And Saul † armed David with his armour, and hee put an helmet of brasse vpon his head, also he armed him with a coat of male.

39 And David girded his sword vpon his armour, and he assayed to goe,

for he had not proued it: and David said vnto Saul, I cannot goe with these: for I haue not proued them. And David put them off him.

40 And hee tooke his staffe in his hand, and chose him five smoothe stones out of the † brooke, and put them in a shepherds † bag which he had, euen in a scrip, and his sling was in his hande, and he drew neere to the Philistine.

41 And the Philistine came on and drew neere vnto David, and the man that bare the shield, went before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, hee disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a faire countenance.

43 And the Philistine said vnto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staues: and the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will giue thy flesh vnto the foules of the aire, and to the beasts of the field.

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to mee with a sword, and with a speare, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the Name of the LORD of hostes, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day wil the LORD † deliuer thee into mine hand, and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee, and I wil giue the carkeises of the host of the Philistines this day vnto the foules of the aire, and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 And all this assembly shal know that the LORD saueh not with sword & speare (for the battell is the LORDS) and he will giue you into our hands.

48 And it came to passe when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew neigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the armie to meete the Philistine.

49 And David put his hande in his bag, and tooke thence a stone, and slang it, & smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunke into his forehead, and he fell vpon his face to the earth.

50 So * David preuailed ouer the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him, but there was no sword in the hande of David.

51 There

† Hebr. word.

† Hebr. tooke him.

Or, kid.

† Hebr. clothed, &c. with his cloathes.

Or, valley. † Heb. vsf. sell.

† Hebr. sent thee up.

* Ecclus. 47.4. 1. macc. 4.30.

51 Therefore David ran and stood vpon the Philistine, and tooke his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines sawe their champion was dead, they fled.

52 And the men of Israel, and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, vntill thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron: and the wounded of the Philistines fell downe by the way to Shaaraim, euen vnto Gath, and vnto Ekron.

53 And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.

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

55 And when Saul sawe David goe forth against the Philistine, he sayd vnto Abner the captaine of the hoste, Abner, whose sonne is this youth? And Abner said, As thy soule liueth, O king, I cannot tell.

56 And the king said, Enquire thou whose sonne the stripling is.

57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner tooke him, & brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

58 And Saul saide to him, whose sonne art thou, thou yong man? And David answered, I am the sonne of thy seruant Jesse, the Bethlehemitte.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Jonathan loueth David. 5 Saul enuieith his praise, 10 Seeketh to kill him in his furie, 12 Feareth him for his good successe, 17 Offereth him his daughters for a snare. 22 David perswaded to be the Kings sonne in law, giueth two hundred foreskinnes of the Philistines for Michals dowrie. 28 Sauls hatred, and Davids glory increaseth.

AND it came to passe when hee made an ende of speaking vnto Saul, that the soule of Jonathan was knit with the soule of David, and Jonathan loued him as his owne soule.

2 And Saul tooke him that day, and would let him go no more home to his fathers house.

3 Then Jonathan and David made a couenant, because he loued him as his owne soule.

4 And Jonathan stript himselfe of the robe that was vpon him, and gaue it to David, and his garments, euen to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

5 And David went out, whither soeuer Saul sent him, and behaued himselfe wisely: and Saul set him ouer the men of warre, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Sauls seruants.

6 And it came to passe as they came when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meete king Saul, with tabrets, with ioy, and with instruments of musicke.

7 And the women answered one another as they played, and said, * Saul hath slaine his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him, and he sayd, They haue ascribed vnto David tenne thousands, and to me they haue ascribed but thousands: and what can he haue more, but the kingdome?

9 And Saul eyed David from that day, and forward.

10 And it came to passe on the morrow, that the euill spirit from God came vpon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a iauelin in Sauls hand.

11 And Saul cast the iauelin: for hee said, I will smite David euen to the wall with it: and David auoided out of his presence twice.

12 And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.

13 Therefore Saul remooued him from him, and made him his captaine ouer a thousand, and hee went out and came in before the people.

14 And David behaued himselfe wisely in all his wayes; & the LORD was with him.

15 Wherefore when Saul saw that hee behaued himselfe very wisely, hee was afraid of him.

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

17 And Saul said to David, Behold, my elder daughter Merab, her will I giue thee to wife: onely be thou

valiant

|| Or, prospered.

|| Or, Philistines.

† Heb. three stringed instruments.

* Chap. 21. 11. and 29. 5. ecclus. 47. 6.

† Heb. was euill in his eyes.

|| Or, prospered.

† Hebr. a
sonne of va-
lour.

† valiant for me, and fight the LORDS
battels: for Saul said, Let not mine
hand be vpon him, but let the hand of
the Philistines be vpon him.

18 And David said vnto Saul, who
am I: and what is my life, or my fa-
thers family in Israel, that I should
be sonne in law to the king:

19 But it came to passe at the time
when Merab Sauls daughter should
haue beene giuen to David, that shee
was giuen vnto Adriel the Ghehola-
chite to wife.

20 And Michal Sauls daughter lo-
ued David: and they tolde Saul, and
the thing † pleased him.

21 And Saul said, I will giue him
her, that she may be a snare to him, and
that the hand of the Philistines may be
against him. wherefore Saul said to
David, Thou shalt this day be my
sonne in law, in the one of the twaine.

22 And Saul commanded his ser-
uants, saying, Commune with David
secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath
delight in thee, and all his seruants loue
thee: now therefore be the kings sonne
in law.

23 And Sauls seruants spake those
wordes in the eares of David: And
David said, Seemeth it to you a light
thing to be a kings sonne in law, seeing
that I am a poore man, and lightly
esteemed:

24 And the seruants of Saul tolde
him, saying; † On this manner spake
David.

25 And Saul said, Thus shall yee
say to David, The King desireth not
any dowrie, but an hundred foreskinnes
of the Philistines, to be auenged of the
kings enemies. But Saul thought to
make David fal by the hand of the Phi-
listines.

26 And when his seruants told Da-
uid these wordes, it pleased David well
to be the kings sonne in lawe: and the
dayes were not † expired.

27 wherefore David arose, hee and
his men, and slew of the Philistines two
hundred men, and David brought their
foreskinnes, and they gaue them in full
tale to the king, that hee might be the
kings sonne in law: and Saul gaue him
Michal his daughter to wife.

28 And Saul saw and knew that
the LORD was with David, and that
Michal Sauls daughter loued him.

29 And Saul was yet the more a-

fraid of David; and Saul became Da-
uids enemie continually.

30 Then the Princes of the Philis-
tines went forth: and it came to passe
after they went forth, that David beha-
ued himselfe more wisely then all the
seruants of Saul, so that his name was
† much set by.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Jonathan discloseth his fathers purpose to kill
David. 4 Hee perswadeth his father to re-
conciliation. 8 By reason of Dauids good
successe in a new warre, Sauls malicious rage
breaketh out against him. 12 Michal decei-
ueth her father with an image in Dauids bed.
18 David commeth to Samuel in Naioth.
20 Sauls messengers sent to take David, 22
and Saul himselfe, prophesie.

And Saul spake to Jona-
than his sonne, and to
all his seruants, that they
should kill David.

2 But Jonathan Sauls
sonne delighted much in David, and
Jonathan told David, saying, Saul
my father seeketh to kill thee: Now
therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thy
selfe vntill the morning, and abide in a
secret place, and hide thy selfe:

3 And I will goe out and stand be-
side my father in the field where thou
art, and I will commune with my fa-
ther of thee, and what I see, that I will
tell thee.

4 And Jonathan spake good of
David vnto Saul his father, and said
vnto him, Let not the King sinne a-
gainst his seruant, against David: be-
cause hee hath not sinned against thee,
and because his workes haue bene to thee
ward very good.

5 For he did put his life in his hand,
and slew the Philistine, & the LORD
brought a great saluation for all Is-
rael: thou sawest it, and didst reioyce:
wherefore then wilt thou sinne against
innocent blood, to slay David without
a cause:

6 And Saul hearkened vnto the
boyce of Jonathan; and Saul sware,
As the LORD liueth, he shall not be
slaine.

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

8 And

† Hebr. was
right in his
eyes.

† Hebr. ac-
cording to
these words.

† Hebr. ful-
filled.

† Hebr. pre-
cious.

* Iudg. 9.
17. and 12.
3. chap. 28.
21. psalm.
119. 109.

† Hebr. ye-
sterday,
third day.

8 **C** And there was warre againe, and Dauid went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter, & they fled from † him.

† Heb. his face.

9 And the euill spirit from the **L O R D** was vpon Saul, as he sate in his house with his iavelin in his hand: and Dauid played with his hand.

10 And Saul sought to smite Dauid euen to the wall with the iavelin: but hee slipt away out of Sauls presence, and he smote the iavelin into the wall: and Dauid fled, and escaped that night.

11 Saul also sent messengers vnto Dauids house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal Dauids wife tolde him, saying, If thou saue not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slaine.

12 **C** So Michal let Dauid downe thorow a window: and hee went and fled, and escaped.

13 And Michal tooke an image, and laid it in the bedde, and put a pillow of goats haire for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth.

14 And when Saul sent messengers to take Dauid, she said, He is sicke.

15 And Saul sent the messengers againe to see Dauid, saying, Bring him vp to me in the bedde, that I may slay him.

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

17 And Saul said vnto Michal, why hast thou deceiued me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped: And Michal answered Saul, hee said vnto me, Let mee goe; why should I kill thee?

18 **C** So Dauid fledde, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him: and hee and Samuel went, and dwelt in Beroth.

19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, Dauid is at Beroth in Ramah.

20 And Saul sent messengers to take Dauid: and when they sawe the company of the Prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed ouer them, the Spirit of God was vpon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

21 And when it was tolde Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise: and Saul sent messen-

gers againe the third time, and they prophesied also.

22 Then went hee also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he asked, and said, where are Samuel and Dauid: And one said, Behold, they be at Beroth in Ramah.

23 And hee went thither to Beroth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was vpon him also, and he went on and prophesied vntill hee came to Beroth in Ramah:

24 And he stript off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and † lay downe naked all that day, and all that night: wherefore they say, * Is Saul also among the Prophets?

† Heb. fell.

* Chap. 10. 11.

C H A P. XX.

1 Dauid consulteth with Jonathan for his safetie. 11 Jonathan and Dauid renew their covenent by oath. 18 Ionathans token to Dauid. 24 Saul missing Dauid, seeketh to kill Ionathan. 35 Ionathan louingly taketh his leaue of Dauid.

AND Dauid fled from Beroth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, what haue I done: what is mine iniquity: and what is my sinne before thy father, that he seeketh my life?

2 And he said vnto him, God forbid, thou shalt not die; beholde, my father will doe nothing, either great or small, but that he will † shew it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me: it is not so.

† Heb. vncover mine care.

3 And Dauid sware moreouer, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I haue found grace in thine eyes, and he sayth, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieued: but truely, as the **L O R D** liueth, and as thy soule liueth, there is but a step betweene me & death.

4 Then said Jonathan vnto Dauid, || whatsoeuer thy soule † desireth, I will euen doe it for thee.

|| Or, Say, what is thy mind, and I will doe, &c. † Heb. speaketh, or thinketh.

5 And Dauid said vnto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow is the new moone, and I should not faile to sit with the king at meate: but let me goe, that I may hide my selfe in the fields vnto the third day at euen.

6 If thy father at all misse me, then say, Dauid earnestly asked leaue of me that he might runne to Bethlehem his

Or, feast. citie: for there is a yeerely sacrifice there for all the family.

7 If he say thus, It is well, thy servant shall haue peace: but if he be very wroth, then be sure that euill is determined by him.

* Chap. 18. 3. and 23. 18.

8 Therefore thou shalt deale kindly with thy servant, for thou hast brought thy servant into a couenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquitie, slay me thy selfe: for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father?

9 And Jonathan said, Farre be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that euill were determined by my father to come vpon thee, then would not I tell it thee?

10 Then said Dauid to Jonathan, Who shall tell me: or what if thy father answer thee roughly?

11 And Jonathan said vnto Dauid, Come, and let vs goe out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

† Heb. searched.

12 And Jonathan said vnto Dauid, O LORD God of Israel, when I haue sounded my father, about to morrow any time, or the third day, and behold, if there be good toward Dauid, and I then send not vnto thee, and I shew it thee;

† Heb. uncover thine care.

13 The LORD doe so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to doe thee euill, then I wil shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest goe in peace, and the LORD be with thee, as hee hath bene with my father.

14 And thou shalt not onely while yet I liue, shew me the kindnesse of the LORD, that I die not:

15 But also thou shalt not cut off thy kindnesse from my house for ever: no not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of Dauid, euery one from the face of the earth.

† Heb. cut.

16 So Jonathan made a couenant with the house of Dauid, saying, Let the LORD euen require it at the hande of Dauids enemies.

Or, by his loue towards him.

17 And Jonathan caused Dauid to sweare againe, because he loued him: for he loued him as he loued his owne soule.

† Heb. missed

18 Then Jonathan said to Dauid, To morrow is the newe moone: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat wil be empty.

19 And when thou hast stayed three dayes, then thou shalt goe downe quickly, and come to the place where thou diddest hide thy selfe, when the businesse was in hand, and shalt remaine by the stone Ezel.

Or, diligently. Heb. greatly. † Heb. in the day of the businesse. Or, that sheweth the way.

20 And I will shoot three arrowes on the side thereof, as though I shot at a marke.

21 And behold, I will send a ladde, saying, Goe, find out the arrowes. If I expressly say vnto the lad, Behold, the arrowes are on this side of thee, take them: then come thou, for there is peace to thee, and no hurt, as the LORD liueth.

† Heb. not any thing.

22 But if I say thus vnto the yong man, Behold, the arrowes are beyond thee: goe thy way, for the LORD hath sent thee away.

23 And as touching the matter which thou and I haue spoken of, behold, the LORD be betweene thee and mee for euer.

24 So Dauid hid himselfe in the field: and when the newe moone was come, the king sate him downe to eate meate.

25 And the king sate vpon his seate, as at other times, euen vpon a seate by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sate by Sauls side, and Dauids place was empty.

26 Neuerthelesse, Saul spake not any thing that day: for hee thought, Some thing hath befallen him, hee is not cleane; surely he is not cleane.

27 And it came to passe on the morrow which was the second day of the moneth, that Dauids place was empty: and Saul said vnto Jonathan his sonne, wherefore cometh not the sonne of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday nor to day?

28 And Jonathan answered Saul, Dauid earnestly asked leaue of me, to goe to Bethlehem.

29 And he said, Let me goe, I pray thee, for our familie hath a sacrifice in the citie, and my brother, hee hath commanded mee to be there: and now if I haue found fauour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren: Therefore he cometh not vnto the kings table.

30 Then Sauls anger was kindled against Jonathan, and hee said vnto him, Thou sonne of the peruerse rebellious woman, doe not I know that thou hast

Or, thou peruerse rebell. Heb. some of peruerser rebellion.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Dauid at Nob, obtaineth of Ahimelech hallowed bread. 7 Doeg was present. 8 Dauid taketh Goliaths sword. 10 Dauid at Gath faineth himselfe madde.

When came Dauid to Nob, to Ahimelech the Priest, and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of Dauid, and said vnto him, why art thou alone, and no man with thee?

2 And Dauid said vnto Ahimelech the Priest, The king hath commanded me a businesse, and hath said vnto me, Let no man know any thing of the businesse whereabout I send thee, and what I haue commanded thee: and I haue appointed my seruants to such and such a place.

3 Now therefore what is vnder thine hand: giue me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present.

4 And the Priest answered Dauid, and said, There is no common bread vnder mine hand, but there is hallowed bread: if the young men haue kept themselves at least from women.

5 And Dauid answered the Priest, and said vnto him, Of a trueth women haue bene kept from vs about these three dayes, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, || yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessell.

6 So the Priest gaue him hallowed bread; for there was no bread there, but the Shewbread that was taken from before the LORD, to put hote bread in the day when it was taken away.

7 Now a certaine man of the seruants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD, and his name was Doeg an Edomite, the chiefest of the heardmen that belonged to Saul.

8 And Dauid said vnto Ahimelech, And is there not here vnder thine hand speare or sword: for I haue neither brought my sword nor my weapons with mee, because the kings businesse required haste.

9 And the Priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whome thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is heere wrapt in a cloth behinde the Ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it; for there is no other saue that here. And

hast chosen the sonne of Jesse to thine owne confusion, and vnto the confusion of thy mothers nakednesse:

31 For as long as the sonne of Jesse liueth vpon the ground, thou shalt not be stablished, nor thy kingdome: wherefore now send and fetch him vnto mee, for he shall surely die.

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said vnto him, wherefore shall hee be slaine: what hath hee done?

33 And Saul cast a iavelin at him to smite him, whereby Jonathan knewe that it was determined of his father to slay Dauid.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eate no meat the second day of the moneth: for hee was grieued for Dauid, because his father had done him shame.

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

36 And he said vnto his lad, Runne, finde out now the arrowes which I shoothe. And as the ladde ranne, he shot an arrow beyond him.

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

38 And Jonathan cryed after the ladde, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathans ladde gathered vp the arrowes, and came to his master.

39 But the lad knew not any thing: onely Jonathan and Dauid knew the matter.

40 And Jonathan gaue his artillery vnto his ladde, and said vnto him, Goe, cary them to the citie.

41 And as soone as the ladde was gone, Dauid arose out of a place toward the South, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himselfe three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, vntill Dauid exceeded.

42 And Jonathan said to Dauid, Goe in peace, || forasmuch as wee haue sworne both of vs in the Name of the LORD, saying; The LORD be betweene me and thee, and betweene my seede and thy seede for euer. And hee arose, and departed: and Jonathan went into the citie.

† Heb. is the sonne of death.

† Hebr. to passe ouer him.

† Heb. instruments. † Hebr. that was his.

|| Or, The LORD be witnessse of that which, &c.

† Heb. found.

* Exod. 25. 30. leuit. 24. 5. matt. 12. 4.

|| Or, especially whē this day there is other sanctified in the vessell.

* Chap. 17. 2.

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Dauid saide, There is none like that, giue it me.

10 **C** And Dauid arose, and fled that day, for feare of Saul, and went to Achish, the king of Gath.

11 And the seruants of Achish sayd vnto him, Is not this Dauid the king of the land? Did they not sing one to another of him in daunces, saying, * Saul hath slaine his thousands, and Dauid his ten thousands?

12 And Dauid layd by these wordes in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

13 And he changed his behauiour before them, and fained himselfe mad in their hands, and scrabled on the doores of the gate, and let his spittle fall downe vpon his beard.

14 Then saide Achish vnto his seruants, Loe, you see the man is mad: Wherefore then haue yee brought him to mee?

15 Haue I need of mad-men, that ye haue brought this fellow to play the mad-man in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?

CHAP. XXII.

1 Companies resort vnto Dauid at Adullam. 3 At Mizpeh he commendeth his parents vnto the King of Moab. 5 Admonished by Gad, hee commeth to Hareth. 6 Saul going to pursue him, complaineth of his seruants vnfaithfulnesse. 9 Doeg accuseth Ahimelech. 11 Saul comandeth to kil the Priests. 17 The footmen refusing, Doeg executeth it. 20 Abiathar escaping, bringeth Dauid the newes.

D Auid therefore departed thence, and escaped to the caue Adullam: and when his brethren, and all his fathers house heard it, they went downe thither to him.

2 And every one that was in distresse, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves vnto him, and he became a captaine ouer them: and there were with him about foure hundred men.

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

4 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with

him all the while that Dauid was in the hold.

5 **C** And the Prophet Gad said vnto Dauid, Abide not in the hold, depart, and get thee into the land of Iudah. Then Dauid departed, and came into the forrest of Hareth.

6 **C** When Saul heard that Dauid was discovered, and the men that were with him: (now Saul abode in Gibeah vnder a tree in Ramah, hauing his speare in his hand, and all his seruants were standing about him.)

7 Then Saul saide vnto his seruants that stood about him, Heare now, ye Beniamites: Will the sonne of Jesse giue euery one of you fields, and Vineyards, and make you all captaines of thousands, and captaines of hundreds?

8 That all of you haue conspired against me, and there is none that sheweth mee, that my sonne hath made a league with the sonne of Jesse, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth vnto me that my sonne hath stirred by my seruant against me, to lye in wait, as at this day?

9 **C** Then answered Doeg the Edomite, (which was set ouer the seruants of Saul) and saide, I saw the sonne of Jesse comming to Nob, to Ahimelech the sonne of Ahitub.

10 And hee enquired of the LORD for him, and gaue him victuals, and gaue him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the Priest, the sonne of Ahitub, and all his fathers house, the Priests that were in Nob: and they came all of them to the king.

12 And Saul said, Heare now thou sonne of Ahitub: and hee answered, Here I am, my lord.

13 And Saul saide vnto him, Why haue ye conspired against me, thou and the sonne of Jesse, in that thou hast giuen him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against mee, to lye in waite, as at this day?

14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who is so faithfull among all thy seruants, as Dauid, which is the kings sonne in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?

15 Did I then beginne to enquire of God

* Chap. 18. 7. and 29. 5. eccclus. 47. 6.

|| Or, made markes.

|| Or, playeth the mad-man.

|| Or, growne in a his place.

† Hebr. con- sidereth mine care.

† Hebr. had a creditour. † Hebr. bitter of soule.

† Hebr. be- hold me.

God for him: be it farre from mee: let not the king impute any thing vnto his seruant, nor to all the house of my father: for thy seruant knew nothing of all this, † lesse or more.

16 And the king saide, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy fathers house.

17 **C** And the king said vnto the footmen that stood about him, Turne and slay the Priests of the LORD, because their hand also is with Dauid, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to mee. But the seruants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall vpon the Priestes of the LORD.

18 And the king said to Doeg, Turne thou and fall vpon the Priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and hee fell vpon the Priests, and slew on that day foure score and five persons that did weare a linnen Ephod.

19 And Nob the citie of the Priests smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen and asses, and sheepe, with the edge of the sword.

20 **C** And one of the sonnes of Ahimelech, the sonne of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped and fled after Dauid:

21 And Abiathar shewed Dauid that Saul had slaine the LORDS Priests.

22 And Dauid said vnto Abiathar, I knew it that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul: I haue occasioned the death of all the persons of thy fathers house.

23 Abide thou with me, feare not: for he that seeketh my life, seeketh thy life: but with me thou shalt bee in safe-gard.

C H A P. XXIII.

1 Dauid enquiring of the Lord by Abiathar, rescueth Keilah. 7 God shewing him the comming of Saul and the trecherie of the Keilites, he escapeth from Keilah. 14 In Ziph Jonathan commeth and comforteth him. 19 The Ziphites discover him to Saul. 25 At Maon he is rescued from Saul by the inuasion of the Philistines. 29 He dwelleth at En-gedi.

When they told Dauid, saying, Beholde, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the things floozes.

2 Therefore Dauid enquired of the

LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines: And the LORD said vnto Dauid, Goe, and smite the Philistines, and saue Keilah.

3 And Dauids men said vnto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if wee come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines:

4 Then Dauid enquired of the LORD yet againe: And the LORD answered him, and said, Arise, go down to Keilah: for I will deliuer the Philistines into thine hand.

5 So Dauid and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattell, and smote them with a great slaughter: so Dauid saued the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 And it came to passe when Abiathar the sonne of Ahimelech * fled to Dauid to Keilah, that hee came downe with an Ephod in his hand.

7 **C** And it was told Saul that Dauid was come to Keilah: and Saul said, God hath deliuered him into mine hand: for he is shut in, by entring into a towne that hath gates and barres.

8 And Saul called all the people together to warre, to goe downe to Keilah, to besiege Dauid, and his men.

9 **C** And Dauid knewe that Saul secretly practised mischief against him, and hee said to Abiathar the Priest, Bring hither the Ephod.

10 Then saide Dauid, O LORD God of Israel, thy seruant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the citie for my sake.

11 Will the men of Keilah deliuer me by into his hande: Will Saul come downe, as thy seruant hath heard, O LORD God of Israel: I beseech thee tell thy seruant. And the LORD said, He will come downe.

12 Then said Dauid, Will the men of Keilah † deliuer me, and my men, into the hand of Saul: And the LORD said, They will deliuer thee by.

13 **C** Then Dauid and his men, which were about sixe hundred, arose, and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoener they could goe: and it was told Saul that Dauid was escaped from Keilah, and hee forbare to goe forth.

14 And Dauid abode in the wilderness

† Hebr. little or great.

|| Or, guard. Heb. the runners.

* Chap. 22. 20.

† Hebr. shut vp.

nesse in strong holds, and remained in a mountaine in the wilderness of Ziph: and Saul sought him euery day, but God deliuered him not into his hand.

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

16 And Jonathan Sauls sonne arose, & went to Dauid into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.

17 And he said vnto him, Feare not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not finde thee, and thou shalt be king ouer Israel, and I shall be next vnto thee: and that also Saul my father knoweth.

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

19 Then came by the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not Dauid hide himselfe with vs in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the South of Jeshimon?

20 Now therefore, O king, come downe according to all the desire of thy soule to come downe, and our part shall be to deliuer him into the kings hand.

21 And Saul said, Blessed be yee of the LORD, for yee haue compassion on me.

22 Goe, I pray you, prepare yet, and know, and see his place where his haunt is, and who hath seene him there: for it is told mee that he dealeth very subtilly.

23 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himselfe, and come ye againe to me with the certainty, and I will goe with you: and it shall come to passe, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Iudah.

24 And they arose, & went to Ziph before Saul: but Dauid and his men were in the wilderness of Gaon, in the plaine on the South of Jeshimon.

25 Saul also and his men went to seeke him, and they told Dauid: wherefore he came downe into a rocke, and abode in the wilderness of Gaon: and when Saul heard that, he pursued after Dauid in the wilderness of Gaon.

26 And Saul went on this side of the mountaine, and Dauid and his men on that side of the mountaine: and Da-

uid made haste to get away for feare of Saul: for Saul and his men compassed Dauid and his men round about to take them.

27 But there came a messenger vnto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come: for the Philistines haue invaded the land.

28 Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after Dauid, & went against the Philistines; therefore they called that place Sela-Hammahlekoth.

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

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Dauid in a caue at Engedi, hauing cut off Sauls skirt, spareth his life. 8 Hee sheweth thereby his innocencie. 16 Saul acknowledging his fault, taketh an oath of Dauid, and departeth.

And it came to passe when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, Dauid is in the wilderness of En-gedi.

2 Then Saul tooke three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seeke Dauid and his men vpon the rockes of the wilde goates.

3 And hee came to the sheepe coates by the way, where was a caue, and Saul went in to couer his feete: and Dauid and his men remained in the sides of the caue.

4 And the men of Dauid sayd vnto him, Beholde the day of which the LORD sayd vnto thee, Behold, I will deliuer thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest doe to him as it shall seeme good vnto thee. Then Dauid arose, and cut off the skirt of Sauls robe priuily.

5 And it came to passe afterward, that Dauids heart smote him, because he had cut off Sauls skirt.

6 And hee sayd vnto his men, The LORD forbid that I should doe this thing vnto my master the LORDS Anoynted, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the Anoynted of the LORD.

7 So Dauid stayed his seruants with these wordes, and suffered them not to rise against Saul: but Saul rose by out of the caue, and went on his way.

8 Dauid also rose afterward, and went

† Hebr. on the right hand.

¶ Or, the wilderness?

† Hebr. foote shall be.

† Hebr. spread them selves upon &c.

¶ That is, the rocke of diuision.

† Hebr. after.

† Hebr. the robe, which was Sauls.

† Hebr. cut off.

Went out of the caue, and cryed after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behinde him, David stouped with his face to the earth, and bowed himselfe.

9 And David said to Saul, wherefore hearest thou mens words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?

10 Behold, this day thine eyes haue seene, how that the LORD had deliuered thee to day into mine hand in the caue: and some bade me kill thee, but mine eye spared thee, and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord, for hee is the LORDS Anointed.

11 Moreover my father, See, yea see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see, that there is neither euill nor transgression in mine hand, and I haue not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soule, to take it.

12 The LORD iudge betweene me and thee, and the LORD auenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be vpon thee.

13 As saith the prouerbe of the ancients, Wickednesse proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be vpon thee.

14 After whom is the king of Israel come out: after whom doest thou pursue: After a dead dogge, after a flea.

15 The LORD therefore be Judge, and iudge betweene me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and † deliuer me out of thine hand.

16 And it came to passe when David had made an ende of speaking these words vnto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my sonne David? And Saul lift vp his voice, and wept.

17 And he said to David, Thou art more righteous then I: for thou hast rewarded mee good, whereas I haue rewarded thee euill.

18 And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had † deliuered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not.

19 For if a man finde his enemy, will hee let him goe well away: wherefore the LORD reward thee good, for that thou hast done vnto me this day.

20 And now behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be King, and that

the kingdome of Israel shall be established in thine hand.

21 Swear now therefore vnto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seede after mee, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my fathers house.

22 And David sware vnto Saul, and Saul went home: but David and his men gate them vnto the holde.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Samuel dieth. 2 David in Paran sendeth to Nabal. 10 Prouoked by Nabals churlishnesse, hee mindeth to destroy him. 14 Abigail vnderstanding thereof, 18 taketh a present, 23 and by her wisdom 32 pacifieth David. 36 Nabal hearing thereof, dieth. 39 David taketh Abigail and Ahinoam to be his wiues. 44 Michal is giuen to Phalti.

AND * Samuel died, and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, & went downe to the wilderness of Paran.

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

3 Now the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife, Abigail: and shee was a woman of good vnderstanding, and of a beautifull countenance: but the man was churlish and euill in his doings, and hee was of the house of Caleb.

4 And David heard in the wilderness, that Nabal did sheare his sheepe.

5 And David sent out ten yong men, and David said vnto the young men, Get you vnto Carmel, and goe to Nabal, and † greeete him in my name;

6 And thus shall ye say to him that liueth in prosperitie, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be vnto all that thou hast.

7 And now, I haue heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepheards which were with vs, wee † hurt them not, neither was there ought missing vnto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

8 Aske thy yong men, and they will shew thee: wherefore let the yong men finde

* Chap. 28.
3. ecclus.
46. 13, 20.

Or, busines.

† Heb. aske
him in my
name, of
peace.

† Heb. sent
vp.

† Heb. iudge

† Heb. sent
vp.

finde fauour in thine eyes: (for we come in a good day) gaue, I pray thee, what soeuer commeth to thine hand, vnto thy seruants, and to thy sonne Dauid.

9 And when Dauids yong men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of Dauid, and † ceased.

10 **C** And Nabal answered Dauids seruants, and said, who is Dauid: and who is the sonne of Jesse: There bee many seruants now a daies that breake away euery man from his master.

11 Shall I then take my bread and my water, and my † flesh that I haue killed for my shearers, and giue it vnto men, whom I know not whence they bee:

12 So Dauids yong men turned their way, and went againe, and came and told him all those sayings.

13 And Dauid said vnto his men, Gird you on euery man his sword. And they girded on euery man his sword, and Dauid also girded on his sword: and there went by after Dauid about foure hundred men, and two hundred abode by the stuffe.

14 **C** But one of the yong men told Abigail Nabals wife, saying, Behold, Dauid sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master: and † he railed on them.

15 But the men were very good vnto vs, and we were not † hurt, neither misfed we any thing as long as wee were conuersant with them, when we were in the fields.

16 They were a wall vnto vs both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping sheepe.

17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt doe: for euill is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a sonne of Belial, that a man cannot speake to him.

18 **C** Then Abigail made haste, and tooke two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheepe readie dressed, and five measures of parched corne, and an hundred || clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figges, and laid them on asses.

19 And she said vnto her seruants, Goe on before me, behold, I come after you: but she told not her husband Nabal.

20 And it was so as she rode on the

asse, that she came downe by the couert of the hill, and behold, Dauid and his men came downe against her, and she met them.

21 (Now Dauid had said, Surely in vaine haue I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained vnto him: and he hath requited me euil for good.

22 So and more also doe God vnto the enemies of Dauid, if I leaue of all that pertaine to him by the morning light, any that pisseth against the wall.)

23 And when Abigail saw Dauid, she hastened, and lighted off the asse, and fell before Dauid on her face, and bowed her selfe to the ground,

24 And fell at his feet, and said, Vpon me, my lord, vpon me let this iniquitie be, and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speake in thine † audience, and heare the words of thine handmaid.

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

26 Now therefore, my lord, as the **L O R D** liueth, and as thy soule liueth, seeing the **L O R D** hath withholden thee from conning to shed blood, and from † auenging thy selfe with thine owne hand: now let thine enemies and they that seeke euill to my lord, bee as Nabal.

27 And now this || blessing which thine handmaid hath brought vnto my lord, let it euen be giuen vnto the yong men that † follow my lord.

28 I pray thee, forgieue the trespassse of thine handmaide: for the **L O R D** will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord fighteth the battels of the **L O R D**, and euill hath not bene found in thee all thy dayes.

29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seeke thy soule: but the soule of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the **L O R D** thy God, and the soules of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, † as out of the middle of a sling.

30 And it shall come to passe when the **L O R D** shall haue done to my lord, according to all the good that hee hath spoken concerning thee, and shall haue appointed thee ruler ouer Israel;

31 That

† Hebr. rested.

† Hebr. slaughter.

† Hebr. flew upon them.

† Hebr. shamed.

|| Or, lumps.

† Hebr. ears.

† Hebr. lay it to his heart.

† Hebr. saving thy selfe.

|| Or, present.

† Hebr. walk at the feet of &c.

† Hebr. in the midst of the bought of a sling.

† Hebr. no staggering: or, stumbling.

31 That this shall bee no † grieffe vnto thee, nor offence of heart vnto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causelesse, or that my lord hath auenged himselfe: But when the LORD shall haue dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmayd.

32 ¶ And Dauid sayd to Abigail, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me.

33 And blessed bee thy aduice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from comming to shed blood, and from auenging my selfe with mine owne hand.

34 For in very deed, as the LORD God of Israel liueth, which hath kept mee backe from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not bene left vnto Nabal, by the morning light, any that pisseth against the wall.

35 So Dauid receiued of her hand that which shee had brought him, and sayd vnto her, Goe by in peace to thine house: See, I haue hearkened to thy voyce, and haue accepted thy person.

36 ¶ And Abigail came to Nabal, and behold, he held a feast in his house like the feast of a king: & Nabals heart was merry within him, for hee was very drunken: Wherefore shee tolde him nothing, lesse or more, vntill the morning light.

37 But it came to passe in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone.

38 And it came to passe about ten dayes after, that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died.

39 ¶ And when Dauid heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproch from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his seruant from euil: for the LORD hath returned the wickednesse of Nabal vpon his owne head. And Dauid sent, and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife.

40 And when the seruants of Dauid were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake vnto her, saying, Dauid sent vs vnto thee, to take thee to him to wife.

41 And shee arose, and bowed her selfe on her face to the earth, and sayd, Beholde, let thine handmayd bee a ser-

uant to wash the feet of the seruants of my lord.

42 And Abigail hasted, and rose, and rode vpon an asse, with five damoels of hers that went † after her; and she went after the messengers of Dauid, and became his wife.

43 Dauid also tooke Ahinoam * of Jezreel, and they were also both of them his wives.

44 ¶ But Saul had giuen * Michal his daughter, Dauids wife, to Phalti the sonne of Laish, which was of Gallim.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 Saul by the discouery of the Ziphites, cometh to Hachilah against Dauid. 4 Dauid comming into the trench, stayeth Abishai from killing Saul, but taketh his speare and cruse. 13 Dauid reprooueth Abner, 18 and exhorteth Saul. 21 Saul acknowledgeth his sinne.

¶ And the Ziphites came vnto Saul to Gibeah, saying, * Doeth not Dauid hide himselfe in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon?

2 Then Saul arose, and went downe to the wilderness of Ziph, hauing thre thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seeke Dauid in the wilderness of Ziph.

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

4 Dauid therefore sent out spies, and vnderstood that Saul was come in very deed.

5 ¶ And Dauid arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and Dauid beheld the place where Saul lay, and * Abner the sonne of Ner the captaine of his hoste: and Saul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.

6 Then answered Dauid, and sayd to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the sonne of Zeruah brother to Joab, saying, who will goe downe with me to Saul to the campe? And Abishai sayd, I will goe downe with thee.

7 So Dauid and Abishai came to the people by night, and behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his speare sticke in the ground at his bolster:

† Hebr. at her feet.

* Iosh. 15. 56.

* 2. Sam. 3. 14, 15.

* Chap. 23. 19.

* Chap. 14. 50. and 17. 55.
¶ Or, midst of his cariages.

ster: but Abner and the people lay round about him.

† Heb. sount
up.

8 Then said Abishai to David, God hath † deliuered thineemie into thine hand this day: now therefore let mee smite him, I pray thee, with the speare, euen to the earth at once, and I will not finite him the second time.

9 And David sayd to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORDS Anointed, and be guiltlesse?

10 David said furthermore, As the LORD liueth, the LORD shall smite him, or his day shall come to die, or hee shall descend into battell, and perish.

11 The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORDS Anointed: but I pray thee, take thou now the speare that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let vs goe.

12 So David tooke the speare and the cruse of water from Sauls bolster, and they gate them away, and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither awaked: for they were all asleepe, because a deepe sleepe from the LORD was fallen vpon them.

13 Then David went ouer to the other side, and stood on the toppe of an hill asarre off (a great space being betweene them:)

14 And David cryed to the people, and to Abner the sonne of Ner, saying, Andwerest thou not, Abner: Then Abner answered, and sayd, who art thou that cryest to the King?

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

† Heb. the
sonnes of
death.

16 This thing is not good that thou hast done: as the LORD liueth, ye are † worthy to die, because yee haue not kept your master the LORDS Anointed: and now see where the Kings speare is, and the cruse of water that was at his bolster.

17 And Saul knew Davids voyce, and said, Is this thy voice, my sonne David: And David saide, It is my voice, my lord, O king.

18 And he said, wherefore doeth my lord thus pursue after his seruant: for what haue I done: or what euill is in mine hand?

19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king heare the words of his seruant: If the LORD haue stirred thee vp against mee, let him † accept an offering: but if they be the children of men, cursed be they before the LORD: for they haue driuen me out this day from † abiding in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Goe serue other gods.

† Heb. smell.

† Heb. clea-
ring.

20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD: for the king of Israel is come out to seeke a flea, as when one doeth hunt a partridge in the mountaines.

21 Then said Saul, I haue sinned: Returne, my sonne David, for I will no more doe thee harme, because my soule was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I haue played the foole, and haue erred exceedingly.

22 And David answered, and sayd, Behold the kings speare, and let one of the yongmen come ouer and fetch it.

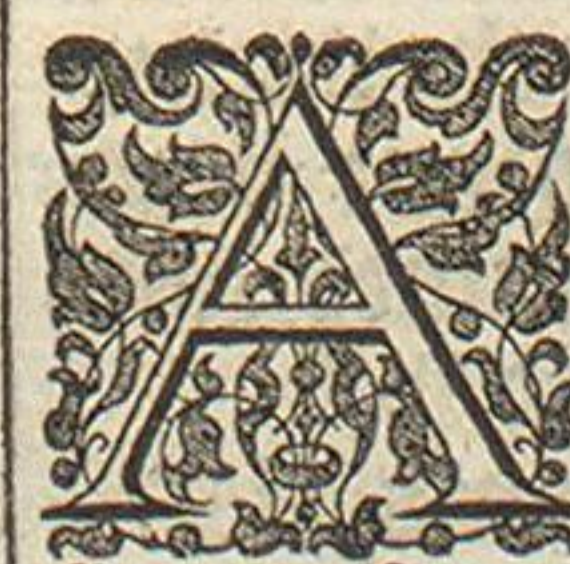
23 The LORD render to euery man his righteousnesse, and his faithfulness: for the LORD deliuered thee into my hand to day, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORDS Anointed.

24 And behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes: so let my life bee much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliuer me out of all tribulation.

25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my sonne David: thou shalt both doe great things, and also shalt still preuaile. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Saul hearing David to be in Gath, seeketh no more for him. 5 David beggeth Ziklag of Achish. 8 Hee inuading other countreys, perswadeth Achish he fought against Iudah.



AND David sayd in his heart, I shall now † perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me, then that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despaire of me, to seeke me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.

† Hebr. be
consumed.

2 And David arose, and hee passed ouer with the sixe hundred men that were

were with him, vnto Achish the sonne of Maach king of Gath.

3 And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he, and his men, euery man with his household, euen David with his two wiues, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess Nabals wife.

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

5 And David said vnto Achish, If I haue now found grace in thine eyes, let them giue mee a place in some towne in the countrey, that I may dwell there: for why should thy seruant dwell in the royall citie with thee?

6 Then Achish gaue him Ziklag that day: wherfore Ziklag pertaineth vnto the kings of Iudah vnto this day.

7 And the time that David dwelt in the countrey of the Philistines, was a full yeere, and foure moneths.

8 And David and his men went vp and inuaded the Geshurites, and the Gézrites, and the Amalekites: for those nations were of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shur, euen vnto the land of Egypt.

9 And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman aliué, and tooke away the sheepe, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparell, and returned, and came to Achish.

10 And Achish said, Whither haue ye made a rode to day? And David said, Against the South of Iudah, and against the South of the Jerahmeelites, and against the South of the Kenites.

11 And David saued neither man nor woman aliué, to bring tidings to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on vs, saying, So did David, and so will be his maner, all the while he dwelleth in the countrey of the Philistines.

12 And Achish beleued David, saying, Hee hath made his people Israel vtterly to abhorre him, therefore hee shall be my seruant for euer.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Achish putteth confidence in David. 3 Saul hauing destroyed the witches, 4 and now in his feare forsaken of God, 7 seeketh to a witch. 9 The witch, encouraged by Saul, raiseth vp Samuel. 15 Saul hearing his ruine, fainteth. 21 The woman with his seruants refresh him with meate.

And it came to passe in those dayes, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel: And Achish said vnto David, Knowe thou assuredly, that thou shalt goe out with me to battell, thou, and thy men.

2 And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy seruant can doe. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for euer.

3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, euen in his owne citie: and Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wyzards, out of the land.

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

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

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

7 Then said Saul vnto his seruants, Seeke me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may goe to her, and enquire of her. And his seruant said to him, Beholde, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.

8 And Saul disguised himselfe, and put on other raiment, and hee went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night, and he said, I pray thee diuine vnto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him by whom I shall name vnto thee.

9 And the woman saide vnto him, Beholde, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how hee hath cut off those that haue familiar spirits, and the wyzards out of the land: wherfore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

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

11 Then said the woman, Whome shall I bring by vnto thee: and he said, Bring me by Samuel.

12 And when the woman saw Samuel,

See Samuel,

† Heb. the number of dayes.

† Hebr. a yeere of dayes.

|| Or, Gézrites.

|| Or, did you not make a rode, &c.

† Hebr. to stinke.

* Chap. 25. 1.

mucl, he cried with a lowd voyce: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, why hast thou deceiued me: for thou art Saul.

13 And the king sayd vnto her, We not afraid: for what sawest thou: And the woman said vnto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.

† Hebr. what is his forme?

14 And he said vnto her, † what forme is he of: And she said, An old man cometh by, and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceiued that it was Samuel, and hee stouped with his face to the ground, and bowed himselfe.

† Hebr. by the hand of Prophets.

15 And Samuel said to Saul, why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me by: And Saul answered, I am sore distressed, for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by Prophets, nor by dreames: therefore I haue called thee, that thou mayst make knowen vnto me, what I shall doe.

16 Then said Samuel, wherefore then doest thou aske of mee, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy:

|| Or, for himselfe.
* Chap. 15. 28.
† Hebr. mine hand.

17 And the LORD hath done || to him, * as hee spake by † mee: for the LORD hath rent the kingdome out of thine hand, and giuen it to thy neighbour, euen to David:

18 Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath vpon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing vnto thee this day.

19 Moreover, the LORD will also deliuer Israel with thee, into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sonnes bee with mee: the LORD also shall deliuer the hoste of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

† Heb. made haste and fell with the fulnesse of his stature.

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

21 And the woman came vnto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and sayd vnto him, Behold, thine handmayd hath obeyed thy voice, and I haue put my life in my hand, and haue hearkened vnto thy words which thou spakest vnto me.

22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also vnto the voyce of thine handmaid, & let me set a morsel of bread before thee: & eat, that thou mayest haue strength, when thou goest on thy way.

23 But hee refused, and said, I will not eate. But his seruants together with the woman compelled him, and he hearkened vnto their voyce: so he arose from the earth, & sate vpon the bed.

24 And the woman had a fat calfe in the house, and she hasted, and killed it, and tooke flower and kneaded it, and did bake vneleuened bread thereof.

25 And she brought it before Saul, and before his seruants, and they did eate: then they arose by, and went away that night.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 David marching with the Philistines, 3 is disallowed by their Princes. 6 Achish dismisseth him with commendations of his fidelity.

NOW the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched by a fountaine which is in Jezreel.

2 And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but David and his men passed on in the reere-ward with Achish.

3 Then said the princes of the Philistines, what doe these Hebrewes here? And Achish said vnto the princes of the Philistines, Is not this David the seruant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath bene with me these dayes, or these yeeres, and I haue found no fault in him since he fell vnto me, vnto this day:

4 And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him, and the princes of the Philistines said vnto him, * Make this fellow returne, that he may goe againe to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go downe with vs to battel, lest in the battell he be an aduersary to vs: for wherewith should hee reconcile himselfe vnto his master: should it not be with the heads of these men?

* 1. Chron. 12. 19.

5 Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in daunces, saying, * Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands:

* Chap. 18. 7. and 21. 11.

6 Then Achish called David, and said vnto him, Surely, as the LORD liueth, thou hast bene vpright, and thy going out and thy comming in with me in the hoste is good in my sight: for I haue not found euil in thee, since the day of thy comming vnto me vnto this day: neuertheles, the † lords fauour thee not.

† Hebr. thou art not good in the eyes of the lords.

7 Wherefore now returne and goe in

† Hebr. dos
not euill in
the eyes of
the lords.

in peace, that thou †displease not the lords of the Philistines.

8 **C** And David said vnto Achish, But what haue I done: and what hast thou found in thy seruant so long as I haue bene †with thee vnto this day, that I may not goe fight against the enemies of my lord the king:

9 And Achish answered, and said to David, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an Angel of God: notwithstanding the Princes of the Philistines haue said, Hee shall not goe vp with vs to the battell.

10 Wherefore now rise vp early in the morning, with thy masters seruants that are come with thee: and as soone as yee be vp early in the morning, and haue light, depart.

11 So David and his men rose vp early to depart in the morning, to returne into the land of the Philistines; and the Philistines went vp to Jezreel.

C H A P. XXX.

1 The Amalekites spoile Ziklag. 4 David asking counsell, is encouraged by God to pursue them. 11 By the meanes of a reuiued Egyptian, he is brought to the enemies, and recouereth all the spoile. 22 Davids law to diuide the spoile equally betweene them that fight, and them that keepe the stuffe. 26 He fendeth presents to his friends.

AND it came to passe when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had inuaded the South and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burnt it with fire:

2 And had taken the women captiues, that were therein; they slewe not any either great or smal, but caried them away, and went on their way.

3 **C** So David and his men came to the citie, and beholde, it was burnt with fire, and their wiues, and their sonnes, and their daughters were taken captiues.

4 Then David and the people that were with him, lift vp their voice, and wept, vntill they had no more power to weepe.

5 And Davids two wiues were taken captiues, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

6 And David was greatly distres-

sed: for the people spake of stoning him, because the soule of all the people was †griued, euery man for his sonnes, and for his daughters: but David encouraged himselfe in the **L O R D** his God.

7 And David said to Abiathar the Priest Ahimelechs sonne, I pray thee, bring mee hither the Ephod: and Abiathar brought thither the Ephod to David.

8 And David enquired at the **L O R D**, saying; Shall I pursue after this troupe: shall I ouertake them: And he answered him, Pursue, for thou shalt surely ouertake them, and without faile recouer all.

9 So David went, hee, and the sixe hundred men that were with him, and came to the brooke Besor, where those that were left behinde, stayed.

10 But David pursued, he and foure hundred men: (for two hundred abode behinde, which were so faint that they could not goe ouer the brooke Besor.)

11 **C** And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gaue him bread, and he did eate, and they made him drinke water.

12 And they gaue him a peece of a cake of figges, and two clusters of raisins: and when hee had eaten, his spirit came againe to him: for hee had eaten no bread, nor drunke any water, three dayes and three nights.

13 And David sayde vnto him, To whome belongeth thou: and whence art thou: And he said, I am a yong man of Egypt, seruant to an Amalekite, and my master left me, because three dayes agone I fell sicke.

14 Wee made an inuasion vpon the South of the Cherethites, and vpon the coast which belongeth to Iudah, and vpon the South of Caleb, and wee burnt Ziklag with fire.

15 And David sayde to him, Canst thou bring me downe to this company: And he said, Swear vnto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliuer mee into the handes of my master, and I will bring thee downe to this company.

16 **C** And when he had brought him downe, behold, they were spread abroad vpon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dauncing, because of all the great spoile that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Iudah.

† Heb. bitter.

† Hebr. before thee.

† Heb. their
morrow.

17 And David smote them from the twilight, euen vnto the euening of † the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, saue foure hundred yong men which rode vpon camels, and fled.

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

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

20 And David tooke all the flockes, and the herds, which they draue before those other cattell, and said, This is Dauids spoile.

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

¶ Or, asked
them howe
they did.
† Heb. men.

22 Then answered all the wicked men, and men of Belial, of † those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with vs, we wil not giue them ought of the spoile, that wee haue recovered, saue to euery man his wife and his children, that they may leade them away, and depart.

23 Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath giuen vs, who hath preserved vs, and deliuered the companie that came against vs, into our hand.

24 For who will hearken vnto you in this matter: But as his part is that goeth downe to the battell, so shall his part bee that tarieth by the stufte: they shall part alike.

† Heb. and
forward.

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

26 ¶ And when David came to Ziklag, hee sent of the spoile vnto the Elders of Iudah, euen to his friends, (saying, Behold a † present for you, of the spoile of the enemies of the LORD)

† Heb. blef-
sing.

27 To them which were in Bethel, and to them which were in South Ramoth, and to them which were in Jattir,

28 And to them which were in Aroer, and to them which were in Siphmoth, and to them which were in Elhtemoa,

29 And to them which were in Rachal, and them which were in the cities of the

Jerahmeelites, and to them which were in the cities of the Kenites,

30 And to them which were in Hozmah, and to them which were in Chozhan, and to them which were in Athach,

31 And to them which were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himselfe and his men were wont to haunt.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 Saul hauing lost his armie, and his sonnes slaine, he and his armour bearer kill themselves. 7 The Philistines possesse the forsaken townes of the Israelites. 8 They triumph ouer the dead carkeises. 11 They of Iabesh Gilead, recovering the bodies by night, burne them at Iabesh, and mournfully burie their bones.

NOWE * the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell downe slaine in mount Gilboa.

* 1. Chron.
10.1.

2 And the Philistines followed hard vpon Saul, and vpon his sonnes, and the Philistines slewe Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, Sauls sonnes.

¶ Or, wounded.

3 And the battell went sore against Saul, and the † archers † hit him, and he was sore wounded of the archers.

† Heb. shoot-
ters, men
with bowes.

4 Then said Saul vnto his armour bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith, lest these vncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse mee. But his armour bearer would not, for he was sore afraid: therefore Saul tooke a sword, & fell vpon it.

† Heb. found
him.

5 And when his armour bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise vpon his sword, and died with him.

¶ Or, mocke
me.

6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armour bearer, and all his men that same day together.

7 ¶ And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Iordane, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sonnes were dead, they forsooke the cities and fled, and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 And it came to passe on the morrow when the Philistines came to strip the slaine, that they found Saul, and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

9 And they cut off his head, and stripped

stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about to publish it in the house of their idoles, and among the people.

10 And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroth: and they fastened his body to the wall of Bethshan.

¶ Or, concerning him.

11 And when the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead heard of that which the

Philistines had done to Saul:

12 All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and tooke the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sonnes from the wall of Bethshan, and came to Jabesh, and * burnt them there.

13 And they tooke their bones, and * buried them vnder a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seuen dayes.

* Iere. 34.

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* 2. Sam. 2.

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THE SECOND BOOKE
of Samuel, otherwise called, The
second Booke of the Kings.

CHAP. I.

1 The Amalekite, who brought tidings of the ouerthrow, and accused himselfe of Sauls death, is slaine. 17 Dauid lamenteth Saul and Ionathan with a song.



ow it came to passe after the death of Saul, when Dauid was returned from * the slaughter of the Amalekites, and Dauid had abode two daies in Ziklag,

* 1. Sam. 30. 17.

2 It came euen to passe on the third day, that behold, a man came out of the campe from Saul, with his clothes rent, and earth vpon his head: and so it was when he came to Dauid, that hee fell to the earth, and did obeysance.

3 And Dauid said vnto him, From whence comest thou? And he said vnto him, Out of the campe of Israel am I escaped.

† Heb. what was &c.

4 And Dauid said vnto him, † How went the matter? I pray thee, tell mee. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battell, and many of the people also are fallen and dead, and Saul and Jonathan his sonne are dead also.

5 And Dauid said vnto the yong man that told him, How knowest thou

that Saul and Jonathan his sonne be dead?

6 And the yong man that told him, said, As I happened by chance vpon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned vpon his speare: and loe, the charrets and horsemens followed hard after him.

7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called vnto mee: and I answered, † Here am I.

8 And hee said vnto mee, Who art thou? and I answered him, I am an Amalekite.

9 He said vnto me againe, Stand, I pray thee, vpon me, and slay me: for anguish is come vpon mee, because my life is yet whole in me.

10 So I stood vpon him, and slew him, because I was sure that hee could not liue after that hee was fallen: And I tooke the crowne that was vpon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arme, and haue brought them hither vnto my lord.

11 Then Dauid tooke hold on his clothes, and * rent them, and likewise all the men that were with him.

12 And they mourned and wept, and fasted vntill euen, for Saul and for Jonathan his sonne, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel, because they were fallen by the sword.

13 And Dauid said vnto the yong man that told him, Whence art thou?

† Hebr. behold me.

¶ Or, my coat of male, (or, my embroidered coat) hindereth mee, that my, &c.

* Chap. 3. 31. and 13. 31.

And he answered, I am the sonne of a stranger, an Amalekite.

*Psal. 105.
15.

14 And David said vnto him, *How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand, to destroy the LORDS Anointed?

15 And David called one of the yong men, and sayd, Goe neere, and fall vpon him. And hee smote him, that hee dyed.

16 And David said vnto him, Thy blood be vpon thy head: for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I haue slaine the LORDS Annoynted.

17 And David lamented with this lamentation ouer Saul, and ouer Jonathan his sonne:

* Iosh. 10.
13.
|| Or, of the upright.

18 (Also hee bade them teach the children of Judah the vse of the bow: behold, it is written* in the booke || of Jasher.)

19 The beauty of Israel is slaine vpon thy high places: how are the mightie fallen!

* Micah 1.
10.

20 * Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streetes of Askelon: lest the daughters of the Philistines reioyce, lest the daughters of the vncircumcised triumph.

21 Bee mountaines of Gilboa, let there bee no dewe, neither let there be raine vpon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mightie is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, as though hee had not bene annoynted with oile.

22 From the blood of the slaine, from the fat of the mightie, the bow of Jonathan turned not backe, and the sword of Saul returned not emptye.

|| Or, sweet.

23 Saul and Jonathan were louely and || pleasant in their liues, and in their death they were not diuided: they were swifter then Eagles, they were stronger then Lions.

24 Bee daughters of Israel, weepe ouer Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights, who put on ornaments of golde vpon your apparell.

25 How are the mightie fallen in the midst of the battell! O Jonathan, thou wast slaine in thine high places.

26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan, very pleasant hast thou bene vnto mee: thy loue to mee was wonderfull, passing the loue of women.

27 How are the mightie fallen, and the weapons of warre perished!

CHAP. II.

1 David by Gods direction, with his companie goeth vp to Hebron, where he is made King of Iudah. 5 He commendeth them of Iabesh Gilead, for their kindnesse to Saul. 8 Abner maketh Ishbosheth king of Israel. 12 A mortall skirmish betweene twelue of Abners, and twelue of Iobabs men. 18 Asahel is slaine. 25 At Abners motion Iobab soundeth a retreat. 32 Asahels buriall.

And it came to passe after this, that David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I goe vpon into any of the Cities of Judah? And the LORD said vnto him, Goe vp. And David said, Whither shall I goe vp? And he said, Vnto Hebron.

2 So David went by thither, and his two wiues also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabals wife the Carmelite.

3 And his men that were with him, did David bring vp, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

4 And * the men of Judah came, and there they annoynted David king ouer the house of Judah: and they tolde David, saying; That * the men of Iabesh Gilead were they that buried Saul.

* 1. Macc. 2. 57.
* 1. Sam. 31. 13.

5 And David sent messengers vnto the men of Iabesh Gilead, and said vnto them, Blessed be ye of the LORD, that ye haue shewed this kindnesse vnto your lord, euen vnto Saul, and haue buried him.

6 And now the LORD shewe kindnesse and trueth vnto you: and I also will requite you this kindnesse, because ye haue done this thing.

7 Therefore now let your handes be strengthened, and † be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah haue annoynted me king ouer them.

† Heb. beye the somes of valour.

8 But Abner the sonne of Ner, captaine of † Sauls hoste, tooke Ishbosheth the sonne of Saul, and brought him ouer to Mahanaim.

† Heb. the hoste which was Sauls.

9 And hee made him king ouer Gilead, and ouer the Ashurites, and ouer Jezreel, and ouer Ephraim, and ouer Beniamin, and ouer all Israel.

10 Ishbosheth Sauls sonne was forty yeeres olde when he began to reigne ouer Israel, and reigned two yeeres: but the house of Judah followed David.

11 (And

† Heb. number of dayes.

11 And the † time that Dauid was King in Hebron ouer the house of Iudah, was seuen yeeres, and sixe moneths)

12 And Abner the sonne of Ner, and the seruants of Ishbosheth the sonne of Saul, went out from Mahanaim, to Gibeon.

† Heb. them together.

13 And Joab the sonne of Zeruiah, and the seruants of Dauid went out, and met † together by the poole of Gibeon: and they sate downe, the one on the one side of the poole, and the other on the other side of the poole.

14 And Abner said to Joab, Let the yong men now arise, and play before vs: and Joab saide, Let them arise.

15 Then there arose and went ouer by number twelue of Benjamin, which pertained to Ishbosheth the sonne of Saul, and twelue of the seruants of Dauid.

16 And they caught euery one his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellowes side, so they fell downe together: wherfore that place was called Helkath-hazzurim, which is in Gibeon.

† That is, the field of strong men.

17 And there was a very sore battell that day: and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the seruants of Dauid.

18 And there were three sonnes of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel was as light † of foot † as a wilde Boe.

† Heb. of his feete..

† Heb. as one of the Rees that is in the field.

† Heb. from after Abner.

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, I am.

21 And Abner said to him, Turne thee aside to thy right hand, or to thy left, and lay thee holde on one of the yong men, and take thee his † armour. But Asahel would not turne aside from following of him.

† Or, spoile.

22 And Abner said againe to Asahel, Turne thee aside from following me: wherfore should I smite thee to the ground: how then should I holde by my face to Joab thy brother?

23 Howbeit he refused to turne aside: wherfore Abner with the hinder ende of the speare smote him vnder the fift ribbe, that the speare came out behinde him, and hee fell downe there, and died

in the same place: and it came to passe, that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell downe and died, stood still.

24 Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the Sunne went downe 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 themselues together after Abner, and became one troupe, and stood on the top of an hill.

26 Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword deuoure for euer? Knowest thou not that it wil be bitterness in the latter end: how long shall it bee then, yer thou bid the people returne from following their brethren?

27 And Joab said, As God liueth, vnlesse thou hadst spoken, surely then † in the morning the people had † gone by euery one from following his brother.

† Heb. from the morning.
† Or, gone away.

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 thorow the plaine, and passed ouer Iordane, and went thorow all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim.

30 And Joab returned from following Abner; and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of Dauids seruants nineteene men, and Asahel.

31 But the seruants of Dauid had smitten of Benjamin and of Abners men, so that three hundred and threescore men died.

32 And they tooke by Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father which was in Bethlehem: and Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at breake of day.

CHAP. III.

1 During the warre Dauid still waxeth stronger.

2 Sixe sonnes were borne to him in Hebron.

6 Abner displeased with Ishbosheth, 12 reuolteth to Dauid.

13 Dauid requireth a condition to bring him his wife Michal.

17 Abner hauing communed with the Israelites, is feasted by Dauid, and dismissed.

22 Joab returning from battell, is displeased with the king, and killeth Abner.

28 Dauid curseth Joab, 31 and mourneth for Abner.

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Now