

1 AND 2 KINGS.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE TWO BOOKS* AS A WHOLE.

THE KINGDOM.

(Division.)

A¹ | 1 Kings **1. 1 — 12. 15.** THE KINGDOM. UNITED.

A² | 1 Kings **12. 16 — 2 Kings 25. 30.** THE KINGDOM. DIVIDED.

(Covering a period of 444 years : viz. 921-477).

1 Kings **1. 1 — 12. 15** (**A¹**, above). THE KINGDOM. UNITED.

(Division.)

A¹ | **B¹** | 1 Kings 1. 1—2. 11. DAVID.

B² | 1 Kings 2. 12—11. 43. SOLOMON.

B³ | 1 Kings 12. 1-15. REHOBOAM.

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

(Introversion and Repeated Alternation.)

A² | **C¹** | 1 Kings 12. 16-19. THE DIVISION OF THE KINGDOM.

D¹ | **E¹** | 1 Kings 12. 20—14. 20. ISRAEL (JEROBOAM I).

F¹ | 1 Kings 14. 21—15. 24. JUDAH (REHOBOAM, 14. 21-31; ABIJAM, 15. 1-8; ASA, 15. 9-24).

E² | 1 Kings 15. 25—22. 40. ISRAEL (NADAB, 15. 25-31; BAASHA, 15. 32—16. 7; ELAH, 16. 8-14; ZIMRI, 16. 15-20; (INTERREGNUM, 16. 21, 22); OMRI, 16. 23-28; AHAB, 16. 29—22. 40.

F² | 1 Kings 22. 41-50. JUDAH (JEHOSHAPHAT).

E³ | 1 Kings 22. 51—2 Kings 8. 15. ISRAEL (AHAZIAH, 1 Kings 22. 51—2 Kings 1. 18; (ELIJAH'S Translation, 2 Kings 2. 1-25). JORAM, 2 Kings 3. 1—8. 15).

F³ | 2 Kings 8. 16-9. 29. JUDAH (JEHORAM, 8. 16-24; AHAZIAH, 8. 25—9. 29).

E⁴ | 2 Kings 9. 30—10. 36. ISRAEL (Jehu).

F⁴ | 2 Kings 11. 1—12. 21. JUDAH (ATHALIAH, 11. 1-16; JOASH, 11. 17 } DISRUPTION
—12. 21). } OF ISRAEL
AND JUDAH. †

D² | **E⁵** | 2 Kings 13. 1-25. ISRAEL (JEHOAHASH, 13. 1-9; JEHOASH, 13. 10-25).

F⁵ | 2 Kings 14. 1-22. JUDAH (AMAZIAH, 14. 1-20; UZZIAH, 14. 21, 22).

E⁶ | 2 Kings 14. 23-29. ISRAEL (JEROBOAM II).

F⁶ | 2 Kings 15. 1-7. JUDAH (UZZIAH).

E⁷ | 2 Kings 15. 8-31. ISRAEL (ZACHARIAH, 15. 8-12; SHALLUM, 15. 13-16; MENAHEM, 15. 17-22; PEKAHIAH, 15. 23-26; PEKAH, 15. 27-31).

F⁷ | 2 Kings 15. 32—16. 20. JUDAH (JOTHAM, 15. 32-38; AHAZ, 16. 1-20).

E⁸ | 2 Kings 17. 1-41. ISRAEL (HOSHEA).

F⁸ | 2 Kings 18. 1—24. 20. JUDAH (HEZEKIAH, 18. 1—20. 21; MANASSEH, 21. 1-18; AMON, 21. 19-26; JOSIAH, 22. 1—23. 30; JEHOAHASH, 23. 31-35; JEHOIAKIM, 23. 36—24. 7; JEHOIACHIN, 24. 8-16; ZEDEKIAH, 24. 17-20. } DISPERSION
OF ISRAEL
AND
CAPTIVITY
OF JUDAH. †

C² | 2 Kings 25. 1-30. THE ENDING OF THE KINGDOM.

* For the cause of the division of the book of KINGS into two books, and for their relation to the two books of SAMUEL, see note on page 366.

† Note the division of the eight pairs into two groups, by the events which characterise the last pair of each group.

THE °FIRST BOOK OF THE °KINGS,

COMMONLY CALLED,

THE °THIRD BOOK OF THE KINGS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

b

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

kingdom, and ends with David's last successor released from the house of his captivity. Characters of all are tested by the standard of David. old: about seventy. Cp. 2 Sam. 5. 4, 5. gat no heat. Cp. Ps. 32. 3, 4. 2 servants: i. e. his advisers, probably medical. virgin = damsel. Heb. *bethulah*. 3 coasts = borders.

5-10 (L, above). SOLOMON. WRONGFUL SUCCESSORS. (Alternation.)

L	a	5-7. His adherents. Invited.
	b	8. Non-adherents.
	a	9. His adherents. Invited.
	b	10. Non-invited.

5 Adonijah. Fourth son of David (2 Sam. 3. 4). Amnon dead (2 Sam. 13. 29), Absalom dead (2 Sam. 18. 14), and probably Chileab (2 Sam. 3. 3). men. Heb. *'ish*. Ap. 14. II. **6** his mother: i. e. "Haggith". See v. 5. **7** Joab. This is why his name is not in 2 Sam. 23. See note on 2 Sam. 23. 24. **8** mighty men. See 2 Sam. 23. 8, 9, 16, 22. **9** En-rogel = well or spring of Rogel. South side of Jerusalem, in the Kidron valley. men. Heb. *'enosh*. Ap. 14. III. the king's. Some codices, with Syr., read "and the", &c.

TITLE, First . . . third. See note on p. 366. The wrong division into two books cuts up the histories of Ahaziah and Elijah.

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

x	2 Sam. 2. 1-4. 12. The Divided kingdom.
y	2 Sam. 5. 1-24. 25. The United kingdom.
y	1 Kings 1. 1-12. 15. The United kingdom.
x	1 Kings 12. 16-2 Kings 25. 30. The Divided kingdom.

Kings. As compared with Chronicles, Kings and Samuel give the history from the human point of view, while Chronicles gives the same history from the Divine standpoint. The former, as man ruled the history; the latter, as God overruled it. Cp. Saul's death, 1 Sam. 31. 6, with 1 Chron. 10. 13, 14; and in Kings, three verses given to Hezekiah's reformation, and in Chronicles, three chapters.

For the parallel passages in the Book of Chronicles, see Ap. 36, and note on Title of 1 Samuel, p. 366.

1. 1-2. 11 (**B¹**, p. 446). DAVID.

(Repeated Alternation with Introversions.)

B¹ G¹ J	J	1. 1. David. Length of years.
	K	1. 2-4. Advice of servants to David.
	H L	1. 5-10. Solomon. Wrongful succession.
	M N	1. 11-14. Na- than.
	O	1. 15-. Bath- sheba.
		Counter- action.
G²	-15. David.	Very old.
	H M	1. 16-21. Bath- sheba.
	N	1. 22-27. Na- than.
		Counter- action.
	L	1. 28-53. Solomon. Rightful suc- cession.
G³	K	2. 1-9. Advice of David to Solomon.
	J	2. 10, 11. David. Length of reign.

1 king David: occurs in 2 Sam. 6. 12, 16; 7. 18; 8. 8, 11; 9. 5; 13. 21, 39; 16. 5, 6; 17. 17, 21; 19. 11, 16. Book begins with king David and ends with king of Babylon. Opens with Temple built, and closes with Temple burnt. Begins with David's first successor on the throne of his

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

g 18 And now, ¹⁴ behold, Adonijah reigneth; and ° now, my lord the king, thou knowest it not:

h 19 And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called.

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

21 Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted ° offenders."

N e 22 And, ° lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in.

23 And they told the king, saying, "Behold Nathan the prophet." And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.

f 24 And Nathan said, "My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?"

g 25 For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest;

h and, ²³ behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, ¹⁷ 'God save king Adonijah.'

26 But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called.

1. 11-14 (N, p. 447). NATHAN AND BATH-SHEBA. COUNTERACTION. (*Introversion.*)

N	c	11. Bath-sheba. Danger.	
	d	12. Advice for David.	
	d	13. Advice for Bath-sheba.	
	c	14. Bath-sheba. Support.	

12 life=soul. Heb. *nephesh*. Ap. 13.

13 Didst not thou . . . ? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

why then . . . ? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

14 Behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6. Some codices, with Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "And behold".

16-27 (M, p. 447). NATHAN AND BATH-SHEBA. COUNTERACTION. (*Extended Alternation.*)

M	O	e	16. Obeisance of Bath-sheba.	Nathan's advice followed.
	f	17. Rightful successor?		
	g	18. Adonijah.		
	h	19. Feast.		
	i	20, 21. Expectation.		
N	e	22, 23. Obeisance of Nathan.	Nathan's promise fulfilled.	
	f	24. Wrongful successor.		
	g	25-. Adonijah.		
	h	-25, 26. Feast.		
	i	27. Inquiry.		

16 said. Some codices, with Syr. and Vulg., add "to her".

17 My lord. Some codices, with Sept. and Syr., add "O king".

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

God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.

18 now. A special reading (*Sevir*, Ap. 34), with three early printed editions, Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "thou". But the *Massōrah* (Ap. 30) says the scribes were misled in reading 'attāh (thou) instead of 'attāh (now).

20 thou=thou therefore. Some codices, with three early printed editions, and Aram., read "And now". See note on v. 18.

21 sleep with his fathers. See note on Deut. 31. 16. offenders. See Ap. 44. i.

22 lo. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

23 Behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

28-53 (L, p. 447). SOLOMON. RIGHTFUL SUCCESSOR. (*Division.*)

L	P ¹	28-40. Proclamation and anointing.
	P ²	41-53. Adonijah. Rebellion quelled.

28-40 (P¹, above). PROCLAMATION AND ANOINTING. (*Extended and Repeated Alternation.*)

P ¹	Q ¹	j ¹ 28. Call for Bath-sheba (David).
	k ¹	29, 30. Command. Given.
	l ¹	31. Acquiescence. Reverence.
Q ²	j ²	32. Call for Zadok (David).
	k ²	33-35. Command. Given.
	l ²	36, 37. Acquiescence. Benediction.
Q ³	j ³	38. Call for Solomon (Zadok).
	k ³	39. Command. Obeyed.
	l ³	40. Acquiescence. Rejoicing.

29 soul. Heb. *nephesh*. Ap. 13.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed it unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?"

28 Then king David answered and said, "Call me Bath-sheba." And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king.

29 And the king sware, and said, "As ¹⁷ the LORD liveth, That hath redeemed my ° soul out of all distress,

921 30 Even °as I swear unto thee by ¹⁷the LORD ¹⁷God of Israel, saying, 'Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead;' even so will I certainly do this day."

¹ 31 Then Bath-sheba bowed with *her* face (p. 448) to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, "Let my lord king David live for ever."

Q² j² 32 And king David said, "Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada." And they came before the king.

k² 33 The king also said unto them, "Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon °mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon:

34 And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, ¹⁷'God save king Solomon.'

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

¹ 36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, "Amen: ¹⁷the LORD ¹⁷God of my lord the king say so too.

37 ³⁰As ¹⁷the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be He with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David."

Q¹ j³ 38 So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon.

k³ 39 And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the °tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the People said, ¹⁷"God save king Solomon."

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

P² m (p. 449) 41 And Adonijah and all the guests that were with him heard *it* as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, "Wherefore *is this* noise of the city being in an uproar?"

n 42 And while he yet spake, ²³behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said unto him, "Come in; for *thou art* a valiant °man, and bringest good tidings."

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

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

45 And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and

30 as = according as.

33 mine own mule. David had not disobeyed Deut. 17. 16, as Absalom had done (2 Sam. 15. 1) and Adonijah (1 Kings 1. 6).

35 sit, &c. As associate king, Solomon being nineteen years of age.

39 tabernacle = tent. Heb. *'ohel*. Not the Tabernacle at Gibeon, but David's tabernacle (2 Sam. 6. 17). See Ap. 40.

40 piped with pipes = playing loudly on pipes. Fig. *Polypytōton*. Ap. 6.

rejoiced with great joy = greatly rejoiced. Fig. *Polypytōton*. Ap. 6.

the earth rent. Fig. *Hyperbolē*. Ap. 6.

41-53 (P², p. 448). ADONIJAH. REBELLION QUELLED. (*Alternation*.)

P² m | 41. Alarm.

n | 42-48. Tidings brought to Adonijah.

m | 49, 50. Fear and flight.

n | 51-53. Tidings brought to Solomon.

43 And = But.

Jonathan. David's faithful messenger of 2 Sam. 15. 36 and 17. 17.

Verily = of a truth; or, truth to tell.

44 Cherethites, &c. A bodyguard (1 Sam. 30. 14).

46 sitteth = hath taken [his] seat.

47 God. Heb. *Elohim*. Ap. 4. I. Some codices read, "thy God".

bowed = worshipped. Cp. Gen. 47. 31.

51 lo. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

52 shew himself. Some codices, with one early printed edition, add "toward me".

worthy man = a son of valour.

not an hair, &c. Fig. *Paræmia*. Ap. 6.

they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. *This is* the noise that ye have heard.

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

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

48 And also thus said the king, 'Blessed be ¹⁷the LORD ¹⁷God of Israel, Which hath given *one* to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing *it*.'"

49 And all the guests that were with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every ⁶man his way. m

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

51 And it was told Solomon, saying, ²³"Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, °lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let king Solomon swear unto me to day that he will not slay his servant with the sword.'"

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

53 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, "Go to thine house."

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2 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die;

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and he °charged Solomon his son, saying,
2 “**3** go °the way of all the earth: be thou °strong therefore, and shew thyself a °man;
3 And keep the °charge of °the LORD thy °God, to walk in His ways, °to keep His statutes, and His commandments, and His judgments, and His testimonies, °as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest °prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:

4 That ³the LORD may °continue His word which He spake concerning me, saying, ‘If thy °children take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their °soul, there shall not °fail thee’ (said He) ‘a ²man on the throne of Israel.’

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

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

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7 But shew kindness unto the sons of °Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother.

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8 And, °behold, thou hast with thee °Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and °I swear to him by ³the LORD, saying, ‘I will not put thee to death with the sword.’

9 Now therefore hold him not guiltless: °(for thou art a wise ²man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him); °but his hoar head bring thou down to °the grave with blood.”

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10 So David °slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

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

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12 Then sat °Solomon upon the throne of David his father;

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and his kingdom was established greatly.

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13 And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, “Comest thou peaceably?” And he said, “Peaceably.”

14 He said moreover, “I have somewhat to say unto thee.” And °she said, “Say on.”

15 And he said, “³Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother’s: for it was his from ³the LORD.

2. 1-10 (K, p. 447). ADVICE OF DAVID TO SOLOMON. (*Introversion and Alternations.*)

K | o | 1-. David. End near.

p | q | -1-4. For good. Solomon.

r | 5, 6. For retribution. Joab.

p | q | 7. For good. Barzillai.

r | 8, 9. For retribution. Shimei.

o | 10. David. Death.

1 charged. Cp. Josh. 1. 6-9.

2 the way of all the earth. Cp. Josh. 23. 14. strong = resolute. Necessary advice for Solomon = the peaceable. man. Heb. *'ish*. Ap. 14. II.

3 charge. Cp. Lev. 8. 35; 18. 30. the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II. God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.

to keep. Some codices, with three early printed editions, read “and to keep”, thus enlarging the Fig. *Polysyndeton* (Ap 6) in this verse.

as it is written. Cp. Deut. 17. 18, 19. Josh. 1. 6-8. Note the emphasis laid on God’s Word written. See note on Ex. 17. 14, and Ap. 47.

prosper = do wisely. 4 continue = establish.

children = sons. Cp. 2 Sam. 7. 8, 11-16.

soul. Heb. *nepshesh*. Ap. 13. fail = be cut off from.

5 Joab . . . Zeruiah. David’s own sister’s son. did to me. David does not mention the worst sin, the death of Absalom.

Abner. Cp. 2 Sam. 3. 27, 39.

Amasa. Cp. 2 Sam. 20. 9-11. 1 Chron. 2. 17.

6 the grave. Heb. *Sheol*. Ap. 35. Note “the”, not “a”. Cp. v. 9.

7 Barzillai. Cp. 2 Sam. 17. 27, 29; 19. 31, 32.

8 behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

Shimei. Cp. 2 Sam. 16. 5-13; 19. 18-23.

I swear. Cp. 2 Sam. 19-23.

9 for. Note the parenthesis as indicated. Fig. *Epitrichon* (Ap. 6).

but = neither, as in Ps. 38. 1, the second negative being omitted, as is frequently the case. Lit. “and [not]”. See Ps. 9. 18 (R. V. nor); 38. 1 (neither); 75. 5. Prov. 24. 12; 25. 27. Isa. 38. 18. The Ellipsis must be supplied here, as it is in the above passages. The Heb. *Vav* (v) is *disjunctive* (as well as *conjunctive*), and is frequently translated “or” (see note on Judg. 11. 31), and with a negative “nor” and “neither”, as it should be here (1 Kings 2. 9). Cp. Ex. 20. 17. Num. 16. 14 (R.V.); 22. 26. Deut. 7. 25. 2 Sam. 1. 21. Ps. 26. 9. Prov. 6. 4. Solomon obeyed David’s former alternative and did not “hold him guiltless” (v. 36); but punished him for a fresh offence (vv. 42-46).

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

2. 12-11. 43 (B², p. 446). SOLOMON. (*Introversion.*)

B² | R | 2. 12-. Solomon. Accession.

S | 2. -12-11. 40. Reign. Events.

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

R | 11. 43-. Solomon. Death and burial.

12 Solomon. Born in 940. Now twenty years old.

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

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

U | 3. 1. Marriage.

T | 3. 2-10. 29. Government.

U | 11. 1-40. Marriages, &c.

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

T | V | -12. Establishment of kingdom.

W | X¹ | 13-25. Execution. Adonijah.

Y¹ | 26, 27. Deposition. Abiathar.

X² | 28-34. Execution. Joab.

Y² | 35. Substitution. Benaiah and Zadok.

X³ | 36-46-. Execution. Shimei.

V | -46. Establishment of kingdom.

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

920 16 And now I ask one petition of thee, °deny me not." And she said unto him, "Say on."

t 17 And he said, "Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not °say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife."

u 18 And Bath-sheba said, °"Well; I will speak for thee unto the king."

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

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

t 21 And she said, "Let Abishag the Shunammite °be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife."

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

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

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

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

W Y¹ (p. 450) 26 And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, "Get thee to °Anathoth, unto thine own °fields; for thou art °worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the °Lord GOD before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted."

27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto °the LORD; that he might °fulfil the word of °the LORD, which He spake concerning the house of Eli in °Shiloh.

X² 28 Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after °Absalom. And Joab fled unto the °tabernacle of °the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

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

30 And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of °the LORD, and said unto him, "Thus saith the king, 'Come forth.'" And he said, °"Nay; but I will die here." And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, "Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me."

2. 13-25 (X¹, p. 450). EXECUTION. ADONIJAH. (Extended Alternation.)

X¹ | s | 13-16. Bath-sheba. Approached by Adonijah.
t | 17. Adonijah's request.
u | 18. Promise made.
s | 19, 20. Bath-sheba. Approach to Solomon.
t | 21. Adonijah's request.
u | 22-25. Promise fulfilled. Result.

16 deny me not. Heb. idiom = "turn not away my face": face being put by Fig. *Synecdoche* (of Part) for the whole person. Ap. 6.

17 say thee nay = turn away thy face. See note above.

18 Well = good.

19 seat = throne.

21 be given. The verb is masc., as it usually is when a woman acts a man's part.

23 life = soul. Heb. *nephesh*. Ap. 13.

24 as = according as.

promised. Cp. 2 Sam. 7. 12, 13.

26 Anathoth. Cp. Josh. 21. 18.

fields. Some codices, with three early printed editions, Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "estate".

worthy of death. Heb. idiom = "a man of death" = doomed to death. Heb. *'ish*. Ap. 14. II.

Lord GOD = Adonai Jehovah. Ap. 4. II, and VIII (2).

27 fulfil. Cp. 1 Sam. 2. 31, 36. Already partly fulfilled (1 Sam. 4. 11; and now, wholly, in v. 36).

Shiloh. Cp. 1 Sam. 2. 35.

28 Absalom. Syr. and Vulg. read "Solomon".

tabernacle. Heb. *'ohel*, tent. See Ap. 40.

30 Nay; but . . . here. The famous *Mugah* codex quoted in the *Massōrah* adds "to him". Ap. 30.

32 men. Heb. *'ēnāsh*. Ap. 14. III.

36 any whither. Fig. *Paronomasia*. Ap. 6. Heb. *'āneh vā'ānāh* = hither and thither.

37 on the day. Same as Gen. 2. 17. Here several days must have elapsed.

31 And the king said unto him, "Do °as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father."

32 And °the LORD shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two °men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing thereof, to wit, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah.

33 Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace for ever from °the LORD."

34 So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him: and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

Y² 35 And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar.

X³ 36 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, "Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence °any whither."

37 For it shall be, that °on the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kidron, thou

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

45 And king Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before °the LORD for ever."

46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; which went out, and fell upon him, that he died.

v And the kingdom was established in the hand (p. 450) of Solomon.

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

T A v 2 ° Only the people sacrificed ° in high places, (p. 452) because there was no house built unto the name of °the LORD, until those days.

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

4 And the king went to °Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon °offer upon that altar.

w 5 In Gibeon °the LORD appeared to Solomon in a °dream by night:

x y and °God said, "Ask what I shall give thee."

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

shalt surely die. Fig. *Polypytoton*. Ap. 6. Heb. "a dying thou shalt die", as in Gen. 2. 17.

thine own head = thyself, "head" being put by Fig. *Synecdoche* (of the Part) for the whole person. Ap. 6. See note on 2. 9.

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

44 wickedness. Heb. *rā'a'*. Ap. 44. viii.

3. 1 affinity = relationship by marriage. the LORD. Heb. *Jehovah*. Ap. 4.

3. 2-10. 29 (T, p. 450). GOVERNMENT. (Alternations, Simple and Extended, with Introversion.)

T	A		3. 2-15. First appearance of Jehovah to Solomon.
	B		3. 16-4. 34. Wisdom and riches. Two women.
	D		5. 1-12. Contract with Hiram.
	F		5. 13-18. Levy.
	G		6. 1-8. 66. Temple (part).
A		9. 1-9. Second appearance of Jehovah to Solomon.	
	B		9. 10-14. Contract with Hiram.
	F		9. 15-24. Levy.
	G		9. 25. Temple (general).
	C		9. 26-10. 29. Riches and wisdom. One woman (Queen of Sheba).

2 Only. May imply regret rather than censure. Cp. 15. 14, &c.

in high places. Deut. 12. 11, 14, 26, 27, not obeyed since Jehovah had forsaken Shiloh. Cp. Ps. 78. 60, 67-69. Jer. 7. 12-14.

3. 2-15 (A, above). FIRST APPEARANCE OF JEHOVAH TO SOLOMON.

(Introversion and Alternation.)

A	v		2-4. Solomon's worship at Gibeon.
	w		5-. Dream.
	x		y -5. Jehovah. Offer.
			z 6-9. Solomon. Choice.
	x		y 10. Jehovah. Approbation.
			z 11-14. Solomon. Gifts.
	w		15-. Dream.
	v		-15. Solomon's worship at Jerusalem.

3 statutes of David. Contrast "the statutes of Omri" (Mic. 6. 16), and "statutes of the heathen" (2 Kings 17. 8). high places. Not necessarily idolatrous (see note on v. 2, and cp. 1 Chron. 16. 39; 21. 29. 2 Chron. 1. 3, 13), though perhaps copied from Canaanites. Practice too deeply rooted for even Asa and Hezekiah to remove. Josiah it was who finally desecrated them. Anglo-Saxon = Hoes.

4 Gibeon = a high place, where the Tabernacle was. Cp. Josh. 9. 3. 2 Sam. 2. 12, 13.

offer = offer up. See Ap. 43. I. vi.

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

God. Heb. *Elohim*. Ap. 4.

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

mercy = grace, or lovingkindness.

7 a little child. In his father's eyes a "wise man" (2. 6, 9).

I know not = I shall not know. Some codices, with Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "and know not", indicating the Fig. *Polysynæton* here, and in the following verses. Ap. 6.

to go out or come in. Cp. Num. 27. 17. Fig. *Synecdoche* (of Part). Ap. 6. Put for whole manner of life.

given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7 And now, O °LORD my °God, Thou hast made Thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but °a little child: °I know not how °to go out or come in.

920 **8** And Thy servant *is* in the midst of Thy People which Thou hast chosen, a great People, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

9 °Give therefore Thy servant an °understanding heart to judge Thy People, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this Thy so great a People?"

x y (p. 452) **10** And the speech pleased °the LORD*, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 And °God said unto him, "Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the °life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;

12 °Behold, I have done according to thy words: °lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none °like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be °any among the kings ¹²like unto thee all thy days.

14 And if thou wilt walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, °as °thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days."

10 **15** And Solomon awoke; and, ¹²behold, *it* was a dream.

v And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of ¹⁰the LORD*, and °offered up burnt offerings, and °offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

C H a (p. 453) **16** Then came there two women, *that were* harlots, unto the king, and stood before him.

17 And the one woman said, "O my lord, ³and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.

18 And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and *we were* together; °*there* was no stranger with us in the house, save ¹¹we two in the house.

19 And this woman's °child died in the night; because she °overlaid it.

20 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, ¹²behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear."

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

b **23** Then said the king, "The one saith, 'This *is* my son that liveth, and thy son *is* the dead:' and the other saith, 'Nay; but thy son *is* the dead, and my son *is* the living.'"

24 And the king said, "Bring me a sword." And they brought a sword before the king.

25 And the king said, "Divide the living child

9 Give. Cp. 2 Chron. 1. 10.

understanding – hearing. Solomon began by asking wisdom from God. Rehoboam (his son) began by asking counsel from man (12. 6, 8).

10 the LORD*. One of the 134 places where the *Sopherim* put "Adonai" instead of "Jehovah". See Ap. 32, and cp. Ap. 30.

11 life – soul. Heb. *nephesh*. Ap. 13.

12 Behold... lo. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6. like thee. Supply Fig. *Ellipsis* (Ap. 6), by adding "among the kings" from v. 13 and 10. 23.

13 any = a man. Heb. *'ish*. Ap. 14. II.

14 as = according as. thy father David. Cp. 15. 5.

15 offered = prepared. See Ap. 43. I. iii. Showing that the Ceremonial Law was in writing before the days of Solomon, and not a later production, as asserted and assumed by some.

3. 16–4. 34 (C, p. 452). WISDOM AND RICHES. (*Introversion*.)

C | H | 3. 16–28. Wisdom.

J | 4. 1–28. Dominion and riches.

H | 4. 29–34. Wisdom.

3. 16–28 (H, above). WISDOM. (*Alternation*.)

H | a | 16–22. Case propounded.

b | 23–25. Sentence pronounced.

a | 26. Case withdrawn.

b | 27, 28. Judgment executed.

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

19 child = son.

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

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

26 said = kept on saying.

28 wisdom of God = Divine wisdom. Genitive of Character. See Ap. 17, and cp. note on v. 9 above.

4. 1–28 (J, above). DOMINION AND RICHES. (*Repeated Alternation*.)

J | c¹ | 1–19. Solomon. Riches (officers).

d¹ | 20. People. Prosperity.

c² | 21. Solomon. Dominion (foreign).

d² | 22–23. People. Provision.

c³ | 24. Solomon. Dominion (foreign).

d³ | 25. People. Security.

c⁴ | 26–28. Solomon. Riches (officers).

1 all Israel. Expression not peculiar to any writer or period.

in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other."

26 Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, "O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it." But the other °said, "Let it be neither mine nor thine, *but* divide *it*."

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

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

4 So king Solomon was king over °all Israel. J c¹

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

3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha,

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scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the °recorder.

4 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the host: and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests:

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

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

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

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

9 The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and °Elon-beth-hanan:

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

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

12 Baana the son of Ahilud; to him pertained Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean, which is by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to °Abel-meholah, even unto the place that is beyond Jokneam:

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

14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo had °Mahanaim:

15 Ahimaaz was in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

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

17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar:

18 Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin:

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

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

c²

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

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

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

c³

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

d³

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

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

5 Nathan. Probably David's son. Cp. Luke 3. 31.

principal officer = priest. See Heb. (2 Sam. 8. 18). the king's friend, as Hushai had been David's (2 Sam. 15. 37).

7 twelve officers. Cp. David's twelve captains (1 Chron. 27. 2-15).

8 mount = hill country.

9 Elon-beth-hanan. Some codices, with three early printed editions, read "Elon-ben-hanan". Other codices read "Elon and Beth-hanan". Sept. reads "Elon as far as Beth-hanan".

11 Dor. Cp. Josh. 11. 2; 12. 23; 17. 11.

12 Abel-meholah. The country of Elisha (19. 16, 21). Cp. Judg. 7. 22.

13 Ramoth-gilead. In the tribe of Gad. Famous for Ahab's last battle (22. 20). Cp. Josh. 20. 8. Judg. 11. 29. region. A sharply defined border, defining the rocky rampart encircling the "Lejah" as it is called to-day.

Argob = Edrei, one of "the giant cities of Bashan". See Ap. 23 and 25.

14 Mahanaim. Cp. Gen. 32. 2. Josh. 13. 26.

16 Hushai. See note on v. 5.

19 he = Geber.

officer. Not the same word as in v. 7.

in the land = in the land [of Bashan].

20 as the sand. Fig. *Paræmia*. Ap. 6. Cp. Gen. 13. 16; 22. 17, &c.

sea. Some codices, with Syr., read "sea shore".

21 the river = the Euphrates. Cp. Gen. 15. 18. Josh. 1. 4.

unto = even unto. Cp. 2 Chron. 9. 26.

brought presents. Cp. Ps. 72. 10, 11.

22 provision. Heb. bread, put by Fig. *Synecdoche* (of the Species) for all kinds of food. Ap. 6.

measures. See Ap. 51. III. 3.

24 on this side, or beyond.

25 safely = confidently.

man. Heb. *ish*. Ap. 14. II.

Dan even to Beer-sheba. The two extremities. Cp. Judg. 20. 1 and 1 Sam. 3. 20, &c.

26 forty thousand. In 2 Chron. 9. 25 it is 4,000, which is much more likely to be correct. The 12,000 are the same in both places. The ancient Hebrew characters were Phœnician, and may be seen on the Moabite Stone. These were in current use till about 140 B. C., and were gradually replaced by the modern Hebrew "square" characters. Mistakes in copying occurred through the similarity of certain letters. See notes on 2 Sam. 24. 10. Jer. 3. 8. Ezek. 6. 4; 22. 20.

horses. A breach of Deut. 17. 16. It began by breeding mules (1. 33, 38, 44), which was a breach of Lev. 19. 19.

4. 29-34 (H, p. 453). WISDOM. (Alternation.)

H | e | 29. Extent.

f | 30, 31. Others. Pre-eminence over.

e | 32, 33. Extent.

f | 34. Others. Resort by.

29 God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.

26 And Solomon had °forty thousand stalls of °horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

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

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

29 And °God gave Solomon wisdom and

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920 understanding °exceeding much, and largeness
to of heart, even ²⁰ as the sand that *is* on the sea
917 shore.

f 30 And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wis-
(p. 454) dom of all the °children of the east country,
and all the wisdom of Egypt.

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

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

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

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

E h 5 And °Hiram king of Tyre sent his serv-
(p. 455) ants unto Solomon; for he had heard
that they had anointed him king in the room
of his father: for Hiram was ever a °lover of
David.

i k 2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,
3 °"Thou knowest how that David my father
°could not build an house unto the name of
°the LORD his °God for the wars which were
about him on every side, until °the LORD put
them under the soles of his feet.

4 But now °the LORD my °God hath given
me rest on every side, so that there is neither
°adversary nor evil occurrent.

5 And, behold, I purpose to build an house
unto the name of °the LORD my °God, °as
°the LORD spake unto David my father, say-
ing, 'Thy son, whom I will set upon thy
throne in thy room, he shall build an house
unto My name.'

6 Now therefore command thou that they
hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my
servants shall be with thy servants:

1 and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants
according to all that thou shalt appoint: for
thou knowest that *there is* not among us °any
that can skill to hew timber like unto the
Sidonians."

i k 7 And it came to pass, when Hiram heard
the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly,
and said, "Blessed be °the LORD this day,
Which hath given unto David a wise son over
this great People."

8 And Hiram °sent to Solomon, saying, "I
have considered the things which thou sentest
to me for: and I will do all thy desire con-
cerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber
of °fir.

9 My servants shall °bring them down from
Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them
by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt
appoint me, and will cause them to be dis-
charged there, and thou shalt receive them:
and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving
food for my household."

10 So Hiram °gave Solomon cedar trees and
°fir trees according to all his desire.

exceeding much = very great. Syr. reads this in
connection with "largeness of heart", instead of with
"understanding".

30 children = sons.

31 all men = any man.

men. Heb. 'ādām, with Art. (Ap. 14. I) = any human
being.

Ethan. The same four names occur among the sons
of Zerah the son of Judah (1 Chron. 2. 6), except Darda
for Darda; but cp. 1 Chron. 6. 44 and 33.

fame = name.

32 proverbs. Some included in the book of that
name.

songs. Cp. Ps. 72 and 127.

34 people = peoples. Cp. ch. 10.

5. 1-12 (E, p. 452). CONTRACT WITH HIRAM. (Introversion and Alternation.)

E h | 1. Hiram and Solomon. Congratulations.

i | k | 2-6. Timber required.

l | -6. Payment.

i | k | 7-10. Timber required.

l | 11. Payment.

h | 12. Hiram and Solomon. Covenant.

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

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

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

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

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

God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.

4 adversary. Heb. sātān.

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

6 any = a man. Heb. 'ish. Ap. 14. II.

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

fr. Or, cypress.

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

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

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

measures. See Ap. 51. III. 3.

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

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

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

13 levy = tribute of men for free labour, not the bond-
service of 9. 21, 22. Cp. 4. 6. 2 Sam. 20. 24. Foretold
in 1 Sam. 8. 16. David employed forced service of
resident aliens (1 Chron. 22. 2; and notes on 2 Sam.
12. 31).

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

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

13 And king Solomon raised a °levy out of

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all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand °men.

14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levy.

15 And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains;

16 Beside the chief of Solomon's officers which were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work.

17 And the king commanded, and they °brought °great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.

18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew *them*, and the °stonesquarers: °so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

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6 And it came to pass in the °four hundred and eightieth year after the °children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which *is* the second month, that he began to build °the house of °the LORD.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 And *then* he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

men. Heb. *'ish*. Ap. 14. II.

17 brought = quarried.

great stones. These stones illustrate the work of conversion in the sinner. Hewed out of nature's dark quarry (Isa. 51. 1, 2), cut and carved for a place in the temple of glory (Eph. 2. 20-22).

18 stonesquarers = men of Gebal, or Glibites, as Ezek. 27. 9, now Jubeil, forty miles north of Sidon. Cp. Ps. 83. 7. Phoenician masons' marks still visible on them. so = and.

6. 1-8. 66 (G, p. 452). THE TEMPLE. (PARTICULAR.) (Introversion.)

G K | 6. 1-38. The Temple.
L | 7. 1-12. Other buildings.
K | 7. 13-8. 66. The Temple.

6. 1-38 (K, above). THE TEMPLE. (Introversion.)

K M | 1. Date of commencement.
N | 2-8. Exterior of house.
O | 9, 10. Completion.
P | 11-13. Word of Jehovah.
O | 14. Completion.
N | 15-36. Interior of house.
M | 37, 38. Date of completion.

1 four hundred and eightieth year. Note that the number is *Ordinal* (not Cardinal) = the 480th year of some longer and larger period, viz. the 490 years from the Exodus to the Dedication of the Temple; the difference of ten years being made up of seven years in building (v. 38) and three years in furnishing. Dedicated not in seventh year, for Completion took place in the eighth month of one year (v. 38), and the Dedication in the seventh month of another (8. 2). The *chronological* period was 40 years in wilderness + 450 years under judges + 40 years of Saul + 40 years of David + 3 years of Solomon (v. 1) = 573 (from 1490-917). The *mystical* period of 480 years is obtained by deducting the period of 93 years, when Israel's national position was in abeyance. Thus: 8 (Judg. 3. 8) + 18 (Judg. 3. 14) + 20 (Judg. 4. 3) + 7 (Judg. 6. 1) + 40 (Judg. 13. 1) = 93. (N.B. The eighteen years of Judg. 10. 7, 9, was local and beyond Jordan. It did not affect the national position). Hence 573 - 93 = 480 (from 873-93). See Ap., pp. 41, 56. children = sons.

the house of the LORD = the Temple. Similar in plan to the Tabernacle, but double the size. the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4.

6. 2-8 (N, above). EXTERIOR OF HOUSE. (Alternation.)

N m | 2. House. Dimensions.
n | 3-6. Accessories. Porch, &c.
m | 7. House. Materials.
n | 8. Accessories. Door, &c.

2 cubits. See Ap. 51. III. 2.

3 according to. Or, in the front of.

5 oracle. See note on 2 Sam. 16. 23.

7 made ready = made perfect.

before: i.e. in the quarries afar off, or beneath the city.

heard. So in the spiritual house. Eph. 2. 20-22.

12 which I spake unto David. Cp. 2 Sam. 7. 13, 1 Chron. 22. 10.

11 And the word of °the LORD came to Solomon, saying,

12 "Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in My statutes, and execute My judgments, and keep all My commandments to walk in them; then will I perform My word with thee, °which I spake unto David thy father:

13 And I will dwell ° among the ¹ children of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel."

14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

(P. 456) ^{N o¹} 15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the cieling: and he ° covered *them* on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

^{p¹} 16 And he built twenty ² cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built *them* for it within, *even* for the ° oracle, *even* for the most holy place.

17 And the house, that *is*, the temple before it, was forty ² cubits long.

^{o²} 18 And the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar; there was ° no stone seen.

^{p²} 19 And the ° oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of ¹ the LORD.

20 And the ° oracle in the forepart was twenty ² cubits in length, and twenty ² cubits in breadth, and twenty ² cubits in the height thereof: and he ° overlaid it with pure gold; and so ¹⁶ covered the altar *which was of cedar*.

^{o³} 21 So Solomon ²⁰ overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold.

22 And the ° whole house he ²⁰ overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that was by the ° oracle he overlaid with gold.

^{p³} 23 And within the ° oracle he made ° two cherubims of ° olive tree, *each* ten ² cubits high. 24 And five ² cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five ² cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten ² cubits.

25 And the other cherub was ten ² cubits: both the cherubims were of one measure and one size.

26 The height of the one cherub was ten ² cubits, and so was *it* of the other cherub.

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

28 And he ²⁰ overlaid the cherubims with gold.

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

^{o⁴} 30 And the floor of the house he ²⁰ overlaid with gold, within and without.

^{p⁴} 31 And for the entering of the ° oracle he made doors of olive tree: the lintel and side posts were a fifth part of the wall.

32 The ° two doors also were of olive tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cheru-

13 among = in the midst of.

6. 15-36 (N, p. 456). INTERIOR OF HOUSE. (Repeated Alternation.)

^N ^{o¹} | 15. Covering. Walls, within, covered, cedar.
^{p¹} | 16, 17. Oracle. Dimensions.
^{o²} | 18. Covering. Walls, within, carved, cedar.
^{p²} | 19, 20. Oracle. Ark, &c.
^{o³} | 21, 22. Covering. Walls, within, gold.
^{p³} | 23-29. Oracle. Cherubim.
^{o⁴} | 30. Covering. Floor, covered, gold.
^{p⁴} | 31-36. Oracle. Entrances.

15 covered. Note that all the stonework was covered with cedar wood; and the cedar wood covered with gold. Even so the saved sinner is covered with Christ's human and Divine righteousness imputed to him. Cp. Luke 15. 22. Phil. 3. 9.

18 no stone seen. Fig. *Pleonasm*. Ap. 6. Words not necessary for grammar, or sense; but used to emphasise the completeness of our covering by Christ's merits. Cp. Eph. 1. 6. Col. 1. 28; 2. 10; 4. 12.

20 overlaid. See note on covered, 15 and 18.

22 whole house. Fig. *Synecdoche* (of Whole). Ap. 6. Put for every part of it.

23 two cherubims. See Ap. 41.

olive tree = oil tree, as in Isa. 41. 19: rendered pine (Neh. 8. 15); but, *Oleaster* according to Tristram.

32 two doors = two-leaved (or double) doors.

33 door = entrance.

37 Zif. The second month.

38 eighth month. See note on v. 1, and cp. Dedication later, in "seventh month" (8. 2); so that more than one, and probably three, years in completing the appointments. *parts* = appointments.

seven years. See note on v. 1. Seven years for the building itself, and probably three years for the "appointments". Contrast these seven with the thirteen of 7. 1, and see Ap. 10.

7. 1-12 (L, p. 456). OTHER BUILDINGS. (Introversion.)

^L ^q | 1. Solomon's own house. Time.
^r | 2-8-. House of forest of Lebanon.
^{r'} | -8. House of the queen.
^q | 9-12. Solomon's house. Materials.

1 thirteen. Cp. 6. 38, and see Ap. 10.

bims and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid *them* with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm trees.

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

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

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

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

37 In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of ¹ the LORD laid, in the month ° Zif:

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

7 But Solomon was building his own house ° thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

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2 He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was an hundred ° cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty ° cubits, and the height thereof thirty ° cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre.

15 He was ° a widow's son of the tribe of ° Naphtali, and his father was a ° man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and ° cunning to work all ° works in brass.

16 And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.

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

18 And he made two ° chapters of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one ° chapter was ° five ° cubits, and the height of the other ° chapter was five ° cubits:

19 And ° nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the ° chapters which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one ° chapter, and seven for the other ° chapter.

20 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover

2 cubits. See Ap. 51. III. 2.

5 doors = entrances.

9 sawed with saws. Fig. *Polyptoton*. Ap. 6.

7. 13-8. 66 (K, p. 456). THE TEMPLE. (Division.)

K | Q¹ | 7. 13-51. The work itself.

Q² | 8. 1-66. The dedication of the work.

7. 13-51 (Q¹, above). THE WORK. (Division.)

Q¹ | R¹ | 13, 14-. The worker.

R² | -14-51. The works.

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

14 a widow's. One of nine widows specially mentioned. See note on Gen. 38. 19.

Naphtali: by marriage. By birth, of Dan (2 Chron. 2. 14). Dan furnished Aholiab, one of the builders of the Tabernacle (Ex. 31. 6).

man. Heb. 'ish. Ap. 14. II.

cunning = knowing, or skilful. Cp. 1 Sam. 16. 18. 1 Chron. 22. 15.

works in brass = castings in bronze. These were the subjects of later prophecy (Jer. 27. 19), fulfilled in 2 Kings 25. 13-17.

7. -14-51 (R², above). THE WORKS. (Alternation.)

R² | S | -14-40-. Description.

T | -40. Completion.

S | 41-50. Enumeration.

T | 51. Completion.

7. -14-40 (S T, above). DESCRIPTION. (Introversion.)

S | s | -14. Hiram commences the work.

t | 15-22. The position of pillars.

u | 23-37. The sea. } Water.

u | 38. The lavers. }

t | 39, 40-. The position of sea and lavers.

T | s | -40. Hiram completes the work.

15 cast. Heb. fashioned.

two pillars = the two pillars: i. e. the two notable pillars, for ornament, not for support, and hollow (Jer. 52. 21).

eighteen cubits high apiece. So 2 Kings 25. 17 and Jer. 52. 21. But 2 Chron. 3. 15 (marg.) says thirty-five cubits long: i. e. together, the top of "each" being reckoned separately. Therefore the height here was 17½ + ½ cubit being taken up in the joining on of the capital.

apiece. This is the reckoning here. In 2 Chron. 3. 15 they are reckoned together. See margin.

16 chapters. Old French *chapiteau*, from Lat. *capitulum* = capitals, or crowns.

five cubits. So 2 Chron. 3. 15. But 2 Kings 25. 17 says three cubits, not including the "wreathen" or lattice work, which is described separately, and must have been two cubits.

17 nets = frames, or net- or lattice-work. These are included in the five cubits here and in 2 Chron. 3. 15, but not in 2 Kings 25. 17.

20 belly = swell, or protuberance.

the 16 chapters that were upon the top, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other 16 chapter.

19 And the 16 chapters that were upon the top of the pillars were of lily work in the porch, four ° cubits.

20 And the 16 chapters upon the two pillars had pomegranates also above, over against the ° belly which was by the network: and the

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pomegranates were °two hundred in rows round about upon the other ¹⁶chapter.

21 And he set up the pillars °in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof °Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof °Boaz.

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

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23 And he made a °molten sea, ten ²cubits from the one brim to the other: it was round all about, and his height was five ²cubits: and °a line of thirty ²cubits did compass it round about.

24 And under the brim of it round about there were knops compassing it, ten in a ²cubit, compassing the sea round about: the knops were cast in two rows, when it was cast.

25 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

26 And it was an hand breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained °two thousand °baths.

27 And he made ten bases of brass; four ²cubits was the length of one base, and four ²cubits the breadth thereof, and three ²cubits the height of it.

28 And the work of the bases was on this manner: they had °borders, and the °borders were between the ledges:

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

30 And every base had four brasen °wheels, and °plates of brass: and the four corners thereof had °undersetters: under the laver were °undersetters molten, °at the side of every ²⁹addition.

31 And the mouth of it within the ¹⁶chapter and above was a ²cubit: but the mouth thereof was round after the work of the base, a ²cubit and an half: and also upon the mouth of it were gravings with their °borders, foursquare, not round.

32 And under the ²⁸borders were four ³⁰wheels; and the axletrees of the wheels were joined to the base: and the height of a wheel was a ²cubit and half a ²cubit.

33 And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their °naves, and their °felloes, and their °spokes, were all molten.

34 And there were four ³⁰undersetters to the four corners of one base: and the ³⁰undersetters were of the very base itself.

35 And in the top of the base was there a round compass of half a ²cubit high: and on the top of the base the ledges thereof and the borders thereof were of the same.

36 For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the

two hundred. In v. 42 called four hundred, because two hundred reckoned to each, as in 2 Chron. 4. 13. In 2 Chron. 3. 16 they are called one hundred, because reckoned one hundred to each row. In Jer. 52. 23 they are ninety-six "on a side" (Heb. *rūachah* = to windward: i. e. exposed to the wind or open air. The others within, or sheltered).

21 in the porch = for the porch.

Jachin = He (God) will establish. } Referring to His Boaz = In Him (God) is strength. } People Israel.

23 molten sea = brazen laver. "Sea" put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct) for what contained it.

a line of thirty cubits. Here the proportion of the diameter to the circumference (1:3) was revealed, while human wisdom was still searching it out.

26 two thousand. 2 Chron. 4. 5 says three thousand. But 1 Kings 7. 26 speaks of what it *did* (usually) contain; while 2 Chron. 4. 5 speaks of what it *could* "receive and hold". No bath in use is filled to its full capacity.

baths. See Ap. 51. III. 3.

28 borders = panels, or enclosures.

29 additions = connections. Probably wreaths. Occurs only here and vv. 29, 30, 36.

30 wheels: showing that these lavers were movable; and indicating that when "that which is perfect should come (viz. the washing with spirit, Acts 1. 5), the type (water) was to be wheeled away".

plates = axletrees.

undersetters = projections, or supports.

at the side of = opposite.

31 borders = panels. Removed by Ahaz (2 Kings 16. 17). Replaced by Hezekiah (2 Chron. 29. 19). Existed at taking of Temple (Jer. 52. 17, 20).

33 naves = felloes.

felloes = spokes.

spokes = naves.

36 proportion: i. e. on a reduced scale, as the plates required.

40 lavers = cauldrons (for boiling the peace offerings). Some codices, with three early printed editions, Sept., and Vulg., read "pans". Cp. v. 45 and 2 Chron 4. 11. made = made for.

41 networks = lattices.

42 upon = upon the face of. Fig. Pleonasm. Ap. 6.

°proportion of every one, and ²⁹additions round about.

37 After this manner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one size.

38 Then made he ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty ²⁶baths: and every laver was four ²cubits: and upon every one of the ten bases one laver.

39 And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward over against the south.

40 And Hiram made the °lavers, and the shovels, and the basins.

So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he °made king Solomon for the house of ¹²the LORD:

41 The two pillars, and the two bowls of the ¹⁶chapters that were on the top of the two pillars; and the two °networks, to cover the two bowls of the ¹⁶chapters which were upon the top of the pillars;

42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, even two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the ¹⁶chapters that were °upon the pillars;

43 And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases;

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44 And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea;

45 And the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of ¹²the LORD, were of bright brass.

46 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarthan.

47 And Solomon left all the vessels *unweighed*, because they were °exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass °found out.

48 And Solomon made all the °vessels that pertained unto the house of ¹²the LORD: the °altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the shewbread was,

49 And the °candlesticks of °pure gold, five on the right *side*, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold,

50 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner house, °the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple.

T (p. 458) 51 So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of ¹²the LORD. And Solomon brought in °the things which David his father had dedicated; *even* the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of ¹²the LORD.

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8 Then Solomon assembled °the elders of Israel, °and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the °fathers of the °children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of °the LORD °out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.

2 And all the °men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month °Ethanin, which *is* °the seventh month.

3 And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests °took up the ark.

4 And they brought up the ark of ¹the LORD, and °the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in °the tabernacle, *even those* did the °priests and the °Levites bring up.

w 5 And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

u 6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of ¹the LORD unto his place, into the °oracle of the house, to °the most holy place, *even* under the wings of the cherubims.

7 For the cherubims spread forth *their* two wings °over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

8 And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the °oracle, and they were not seen °without: and there they are °unto this day.

9 There was nothing in the ark °save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, °when ¹the LORD made a covenant with the

47 exceeding many. Heb. many many. Fig. *Epi-zeurais* (Ap. 6) for emphasis: thus well rendered. found out = sought out.

48 vessels = furniture.

altar: i. e. the altar of incense. Cp. 6. 22.

49 candlesticks. Cp. 2 Chron. 4. 20. Solomon exceeded the pattern in number but followed the design in shape. Size not stated.

pure gold. In Palestine, gold has the least possible alloy, and is exceedingly malleable.

50 the most holy place = the holy of holies.

51 the things which David his father had dedicated = the holy things of David. Heb. *qodesh*. See note on Ex. 3. 5.

8. 1-66 (Q², p. 458). THE DEDICATION. (Introversion and Alternation.)

Q² U | 1-11. The Feast.
V | W | Y | 12-21. Blessing.
Z | 22. Station.
X | 23-53. PRAYER.
V | W | Z | 54, 55. Station.
Y | 56-61. Blessing.
X | 62-64. WORSHIP.
U | 65, 66. The Feast.

1-11 (U, above). THE FEAST. (Alternation.)

U | v | 1-4. The Ark brought up.
w | 5. "Could not be numbered." (Multitude.)
v | 6-9. The Ark brought in.
w | 10, 11. "Could not stand." (Cloud.)

1 the elders. Some codices, with Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "all the elders".

and. Some codices, with three early printed editions, Aram., and Sept., omit "and".

fathers = fathers' houses = families.

children = sons.

the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4.

out of the city of David: i. e. up out of Zion (the former Jebus, 2 Sam. 5. 6-9) to Moriah, where the Temple had been built (1 Chron. 21. 28-22. 1). Cp. 2 Sam. 6. See Ap. 68.

2 men. Heb. *'ish*. Ap. 14. II.

Ethanin. Same as Tisri.

the seventh month. Cp. Lev. 23. 24. See note on 6. 38.

3 took up. As commanded in Num. 4. 5, 15, 19.

4 the tabernacle = the tent. Heb. *'ohel*. See Ap. 40. Brought from Gibeon (2 Chron. 1. 3, 4). Probably put among the treasures of 7. 51.

priests: the ministers of sacrifice.

Levites: the ministers of praise.

6 oracle = the most holy place. Cp. 2 Sam. 16. 23.

the most holy place = the holy of holies.

7 over. Heb. text reads "unto". A.V. "over" agrees with Aram., Sept., and Vulg. Cp. 2 Chron. 5. 8.

8 without = outside: i. e. outside the holy place.

unto this day: i. e. 1 Kings written while Temple was still standing; therefore before its destruction by Nebuchadnezzar, and before the Captivity. Cp. 2 Chron. 5. 9, and see 9. 21; 12. 19. 2 Kings 8. 22; 10. 27.

9 save, &c. Heb. 9. 4 speaks of the Ark as it was in the Tabernacle, not as in the Temple. Cp. Heb. 9. 2, 3, 4. when . . . Israel. The Sept. reads "the Tables which Moses placed [there] in Horeb, which [Tables] the Lord covenanted with the sons of Israel".

10 filled. Cp. Ex. 40. 34.

1 children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud °filled the house of ¹the LORD,

11 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of ¹the LORD had filled the house of ¹the LORD.

Y x¹ 12 Then spake Solomon, ¹“The LORD said that He would ° dwell in the thick darkness.

(p. 46r) 910 y¹ 13 I have surely built Thee an ° house to dwell in, a settled place for Thee to abide in for ever.”

x² 14 And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the ° congregation of Israel: (and all the ° congregation of Israel stood;)

15 And he said, “Blessed be ¹the LORD ° God of Israel, Which spake with His mouth unto David my father, and hath with His hand fulfilled it, ° saying,

16 ‘Since the day that I brought forth My People Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that My name might be ° therein; but I chose David to be over My People Israel.’

y¹ 17 And it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of ¹the LORD ¹⁵God of Israel.

x³ 18 And ¹the LORD ° said unto David my father, ‘Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto My name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart.

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

y³ 20 And ¹the LORD hath performed His word that He spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as ¹the LORD promised, and have built an house for the name of ¹the LORD ¹⁵God of Israel.

21 And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein is ° the covenant of ¹the LORD, which He made with our fathers, when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.”

Z (p. 46o) 22 And Solomon ° stood before the altar of ¹the LORD in the presence of all the ° congregation of Israel, and ° spread forth his hands toward heaven:

X A¹ a (p. 46r) 23 And he said, ¹“LORD ¹⁵God of Israel, there is no ¹⁵God like Thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, Who keepest covenant and ° mercy with Thy servants that walk before Thee with all their heart:

24 Who hast kept with Thy servant David my father that Thou promisedst him: Thou spakest also with Thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with Thine hand, as it is this day.

b 25 Therefore now, ¹LORD ¹⁵God of Israel, keep with Thy servant David my father that Thou promisedst him, saying, ‘There shall not fail thee a ²man in My sight to sit on the throne of Israel; ° so that thy ¹children take heed to their way, that they walk before Me ° as thou hast walked before Me.’

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

a 27 But ° will ¹⁵God ° indeed ¹²dwell on the earth? ° behold, the ° heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee; ° how much less this house that I have builded?

8. 12-21 (Y, p. 460). THE BLESSING. (Repeated Alternation.)

Y x¹ | 12. Words of and to Jehovah.
y¹ | 13. The house.
x² | 14-16. Words of and to Jehovah.
y² | 17. The house.
x³ | 18, 19. Words of and to Jehovah.
y³ | 20, 21. The house.

12 dwell. Fig. *Anthropopatheia*. Ap. 6.

13 house to dwell in. Heb. *beth zebul* = Assyrian *bit-zabali* = high or lofty house. Cp. Zebulun (Gen. 30. 20).

14 congregation = assembly.

15 God. Heb. *Elohim*. Ap. 4.

saying. Cp. 2 Sam. 7. 6.

16 therein = there, with Sept. and 2 Chron. 6. 5. The Sept. adds after this word “and I have chosen Jerusalem that My Name might be there”. This is preserved in 2 Chron. 6. 6. The scribe’s eye, in copying, went back to the next word, “I have chosen David”, and went on from there, omitting the sentence given above.

18 said. Cp. 2 Sam. 7. 12.

21 the covenant. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Subject). Ap. 6. for the two tables of stone on which it was written. Cp. v. 9.

22 stood = took his position: position, not posture. See note on v. 54.

spread forth. He did this kneeling. See v. 54 and 2 Chron. 6. 13.

23 mercy = lovingkindness, or grace.

23-53 (X, p. 460). THE PRAYER. (Division.)

X | A¹ | 23-30. General. Jehovah and himself.
| A² | 31-53. Special. The people.

23-30 (A¹, above). GENERAL. (Alternation.)

A¹ | a | 23, 24. Jehovah’s faithfulness.
| b | 25, 26. Solomon’s plea.
| a | 27. Jehovah’s immensity.
| b | 28-30. Solomon’s plea.

25 so that = provided that.

as = according as.

26 God = *Elohim*. Ap. 4. I. Some codices, with Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read “Jehovah *Elohim*”. Ap. 4. I, II. word. Heb. *dabar*. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Subject), Ap. 6, for the promises made by it. See v. 66, and Ap. 73. x. 27 will . . . ? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6. Cp. 2 Chron. 6. 18. Isa. 66. 1. Acts 7. 48, 49.

indeed = in truth.

behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

heaven, &c. Fig. *Polyptōton* (Ap. 6), for emphasis.

how much . . . ? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

28 prayer. Includes every thought of the heart which is Godward.

supplication = entreaty (for favour).

cry = the vehement utterance of either.

29 toward. So written, but some codices read “upon”.

make toward. Hence Daniel’s act (Dan. 6. 10).

28 Yet have Thou respect unto the ° prayer of Thy servant, and to his ° supplication, O ¹LORD my ¹⁵God, to hearken unto the ° cry and to the prayer, which Thy servant prayeth before Thee to day:

29 That Thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even ° toward the place of which Thou hast said, ‘My name shall be there:’ that Thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which Thy servant shall ° make toward this place.

910 30 And hearken Thou to the supplication of Thy servant, and of Thy People Israel, when they shall pray ²⁹ toward this place: and hear ³⁰ Thou in heaven Thy °dwelling place: and when Thou hearest, forgive.

A² B c¹ (p. 462) 31 ° If any ² man °trespass against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, ° and the oath come before Thine altar in this house:

d¹ 32 Then hear ³¹ Thou in heaven, and do, and judge Thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

C c² 33 ° When Thy People Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have °sinned against Thee, and shall turn again to Thee, and confess Thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto Thee in this house:

d² 34 Then hear ³² Thou in heaven, and forgive the ³³ sin of Thy People Israel, and °bring them again unto the land which Thou gavest unto their fathers.

c³ 35 ° When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have ³⁴ sinned against Thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess Thy name, and turn from their sin, when Thou afflictest them:

d³ 36 Then hear ³⁵ Thou in heaven, and forgive the ³⁶ sin of Thy servants, and of Thy People Israel, °that Thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon Thy land, which Thou hast given to Thy People for an inheritance.

c⁴ 37 If there be in the land famine, if there be °pestilence, °blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their °cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness *there be*;

38 What ³⁷ prayer and ³⁸ supplication soever be *made* by any °man, or by all Thy People Israel, which shall °know °every man the °plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:

d¹ 39 Then hear ³⁸ Thou in heaven Thy ³⁹ dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to ⁴⁰ every man according to °his ways, whose heart ⁴¹ Thou knowest; (°for Thou, *even* ⁴² Thou only, knowest the hearts of all the ⁴³ children of °men;)

40 That they may fear Thee all the days that they live in the land which Thou gavest unto our fathers.

B c⁵ 41 Moreover concerning a °stranger, that is not of Thy People Israel, but cometh out of a far country for Thy name's sake;

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

d⁵ 43 Hear ⁴² Thou in heaven Thy ⁴³ dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to Thee for: that all people of the earth may know Thy name, to fear ⁴⁴ Thee, as do Thy People Israel; and that they may know that

31-53 (A², p. 461). SPECIAL. THE PEOPLE. (Introversion and Repeated Alternation.)

A ²	B	c ¹	31. Subject.	} Individual.
		d ¹	32. "Hear Thou".	
	C	c ²	33. Subject.	} National.
		d ²	34. "Hear Thou".	
		c ³	35. Subject.	
		d ³	36. "Hear Thou".	
		c ⁴	37, 38. Subject.	} National.
		d ⁴	39, 40. "Hear Thou".	
	B	c ⁵	41, 42. Subject.	} Individual.
		d ⁵	43. "Hear Thou".	
	C	c ⁶	44. Subject.	} National.
		d ⁶	45. "Hear Thou".	
		c ⁷	46-48. Subject.	
		d ⁷	49-53. "Hear Thou".	

30 dwelling place. Fig. *Anthropopatheia*. Ap. 6.
31 If = When, or Whosoever shall trespass. See Ap. 44. i. This shows an acquaintance with the Pentateuch. See v. 33, and Ap. 47.
and the oath come. Omitted by Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg. versions.

33 When. Note how these petitions are based on the *Pentateuch*. Cp. Lev. 26. 17. Deut. 28. 25. sinned. Heb. *chayā*. Ap. 44. i.

34 bring them again. See Deut. 30. 1-8. Neh. 1. 8, 9.

35 When heaven is shut up. Cp. Lev. 26. 19. Deut. 11. 17. Cp. ch. 17. 1.

36 that Thou teach = because Thou wilt teach.

37 pestilence = death. Cp. Lev. 26. 26.

blasting = blight.

cities. Heb. gates. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Adjunct) for cities.

38 man. Heb. *ādām*. Ap. 14. I.

know = perceive in his own heart. Lat. *conscio*, or have conscience.

every man. Heb. *ish*. Ap. 14. II.

plague = punishment. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Cause), Ap. 6, for the sin which produces it.

39 his = all his, as in 2 Chron. 6. 30.

for Thou, &c. Fig. *Epitrichon*. Ap. 6.

men. Heb. *ādām*. Ap. 14. I.

41 stranger = foreigner, or alien. Already contemplated in Num. 15. 14. Deut. 10. 19.

42 they shall hear. Cp. 10. 1, 6, 7.

44 enemy. Some codices, with Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "enemies".

45 cause. Heb. judgment: i. e. execute judgment for them.

46 there is no man that sinneth not. Fig. *Paremia*. Ap. 6. Cp. Prov. 20. 9. Ecc. 7. 20. Jas. 3. 2. 1 John 1. 8, 10.

this house, which I have builded, is called by Thy name.

44 If Thy people go out to battle against their °enemy, whithersoever Thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto ⁴⁵ the LORD ⁴⁶ toward the city which Thou hast chosen, and toward the house that I have built for Thy name:

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

46 If they ⁴⁷ sin against Thee, (⁴⁸ for °there is no man that ⁴⁹ sinneth not,) and Thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;

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47 Yet °if they shall °bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto Thee in the land of them that carried them captives, °saying, 'We have ³³sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed °wickedness;

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

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49 Then hear Thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven Thy ³⁰dwelling place, and maintain their ⁴⁵cause,

50 And °forgive Thy People that have ³³sinned against Thee, and all their °transgressions wherein they have °transgressed against Thee, and °give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them:

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

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

53 For Thou °didst separate them from among all the °people of the earth, to be Thine inheritance, ²⁵as Thou spakest °by the hand of °Moses Thy servant, when Thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O °Lord °GOD."

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

55 And he stood, and blessed all the ¹⁴congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

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56 "Blessed be °the LORD, That hath °given rest unto His people Israel, according to all that He promised:

f there hath °not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised by the hand of °Moses His servant.

f 57 °The LORD our ¹⁵God be with °us, ²⁵as He was with our fathers: °let Him not leave us, nor forsake us:

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

59 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before °the LORD, be nigh unto °the LORD our ¹⁵God day and night, that He maintain the ⁴⁵cause of His servant, and the ⁴⁵cause of His people Israel °at all times, as the matter shall require:

60 That all the ⁵³people of the earth °may know that °the LORD °is ¹⁵God, and that there is none else.

e 61 Let your heart therefore be °perfect with °the LORD our ¹⁵God, to walk in His statutes, and to keep His commandments, as at this day."

47 if, &c. Deuteronomy supplied the Lord with answers in His temptation; and supplied Solomon with petitions for his prayer. Cp. 30. 1-3, 4, 20; 9. 26, 29 (cp. vv. 51, 52 below); 7. 9 (cp. v. 23 above); and 10. 14 (cp. v. 27 above), &c.

bethink themselves = call themselves to their right mind. (The verb is in the Hiphil.) saying, We have sinned. Cp. Neh. 1. 6, 7. Dan. 9. 8.

wickedness. Heb. *rāsha'*. Ap. 44. x.

48 soul. Heb. *nephesh*. Ap. 13.

toward their land. Cp. Dan. 6. 10; 9. 5-19. Ezra 9. 5-15; 10. 1. Neh. 9. 16-35. Ps. 106. 6.

the city. Some codices, with two early printed editions, and Vulg., read "and the city".

I have built. Heb. text written "Thou hast built", but some codices, with three early printed editions, Aram., Sept., and Vulg., read "I have built", as in A.V.

50 forgive Thy People. Cp. Lev. 26. 40, 42. transgressions . . . transgressed. Heb. *pāsha'*. Ap. 44. ix.

give them. Cp. Ezra 1. 1, 3.

51 furnace = furnace for the smelting of iron; not made of iron. Cp. Gen. 15. 17.

53 didst separate. Cp. Lev. 20. 24, 26.

people = peoples.

by the hand. Fig. *Pleonasm*. Ap. 6.

Moses Thy servant. First of three occurrences. Cp. Neh. 1. 8; 9. 14.

Lord GOD = Adonai Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

54 praying . . . prayer = making this solemn prayer. Fig. *Polyptoton*. Ap. 6.

kneeling. See note on v. 22, and cp. 19. 18. Isa. 45. 23. Ezra 9. 5. 2 Chron. 6. 13. Dan. 6. 10. Ps. 95. 6. Standing was the earlier practice (1 Sam. 1. 26).

8. 56-61 (Y, p. 460). THE BLESSING. (Introversion.)

Y | e | 56-. The faithfulness of Jehovah. Celebrated.

f | -56. Retrospective. Praise.

f | 57-60. Prospective. Prayer.

e | 61. The faithfulness of His People. Exhortation.

56 given rest. Cp. Ex. 33. 14.

not failed. Not fallen [to the ground]. Heb. *nāphal*, to fall. Solomon knows Josh. 23. 14. Cp. Josh. 21. 45.

Moses His servant. See note on Ex. 14. 31.

57 us. Note that Solomon includes himself. let Him not leave us, &c. See note on Gen. 28. 15. Cp. Deut. 31. 6. Josh. 1. 5.

58 incline our hearts. Cp. Lev. 26. 3-13. Deut. 28. 1-14. Some codices, with three early printed editions, Sept., and Vulg., read "heart".

59 at all times. Heb. the matter of a day in its day: i. e. day by day.

60 may know. Cp. Deut. 4. 39.

is = *hē* [is].

61 perfect with = loyal: i. e. not divided between Jehovah and other gods; hence wholly devoted to. Not heeded by Solomon himself. Cp. 9. 6; 11. 4. 1 Chron. 29. 19.

62 offered sacrifice. Heb. sacrificed a sacrifice. Fig. *Polyptoton* (Ap. 6) = offered a great or abundant sacrifice. See Ap. 43. I. iv. Jehovah accepted them by fire from heaven, as recorded in 2 Chron. 7. 1. See note on Gen. 4. 4.

62 And the king, and all Israel with him, °offered sacrifice before °the LORD. X

63 And Solomon °offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he °offered unto °the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the °children of Israel dedicated the house of °the LORD.

64 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house

910 of ¹the LORD: for there he ^ooffered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brasen altar that was before ¹the LORD was too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 And at that time Solomon held ^oa feast, and all Israel with him, a great ¹⁴congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before ¹the LORD our ¹⁵God, ^oseven days and seven days, *even* fourteen days.

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

4 E¹ (P. 464) 897 **9** And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of ^othe LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,

2 That ¹the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, ^oas He had appeared unto him at Gibeon.

E² **3** And ¹the LORD said unto him, "I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before Me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put My name there for ever; and ^oMine eyes and ^oMine heart shall be there perpetually.

E³ g **4** And if thou wilt walk before Me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, ^oand wilt keep My statutes and My judgments:

h **5** Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, ^oas I promised to David thy father, saying, 'There shall not fail thee a ^oman upon the throne of Israel.'

g **6** But if ye shall at all turn from following Me, ye or your ^ochildren, and will not keep My commandments ^{and} My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:

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

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

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

B D E (P. 452) 917 to 897 **10** And it came to pass at the end of ^otwenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of ¹the LORD, and the king's house, **11** (^oNow Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and ^ofir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that

64 offered = prepared. Ap. 43. I. iii.

65 a feast = the feast: viz. the Feast of Tabernacles. See note on v. 2.

seven days and seven days. Fig. *Epizeuxis*. Ap. 6. The first seven the Feast of Dedication; the second the Feast of Tabernacles.

66 for David: i. e. in the person of Solomon his son. Fig. *Synecdoche* (of Part). Cp. 10. 9 and 2 Chron. 7. 10.

9. 1-9 (4, p. 452). SECOND APPEARANCE OF JEHOVAH. (*Division*.)

A | E¹ | 1, 2. Appearance.
E² | 3. Acceptance.
E³ | 4-9. Admonition.

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

2 as He had appeared. See 3. 5.

3 Mine eyes . . . Mine heart. Fig. *Anthropopatheia*. Ap. 6.

4-9 (E³, above). ADMONITION. (*Alternation*.)

E³ | g | 4. Obedience.
h | 5. Establishment.
g | 6. Disobedience.
h | 7-9. Rejection.

4 and. Sept., Syr., and Vulg. read this "and" in the text.

5 as = according as.

man. Heb. *'ish*. Ap. 14. II.

6 children = sons.

7 people = peoples.

8 And at this house, &c. Render thus: "And this house will become conspicuous; every passer by will be astonished, and hiss; and they will say", &c.

9 God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.

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

10 twenty years. Cp. 7. 1.

11 Now Hiram. Fig. *Parenthesis*. Ap. 6. fir, or cypress.

13 What cities . . . ? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

Cabul. The point of the sarcasm is not apparent to us on account of our not knowing the meaning of the word. It has been variously suggested as meaning "worthless", "not to my taste" (Josephus). Galilee always despised. Sept. says "frontier"; others, "received as a pledge"; others, "good for nothing".

14 sent: referring to v. 11. Perhaps this was an advance for which the cities of v. 11 were the security. talents. Ap. 51. II.

15-24 (F, p. 452). THE LEVY. (*Extended Alternation*.)

F | i | 15. Levy for buildings.
k | 16. Pharaoh's daughter. City given.
l | 17-19. Buildings. Gezer, &c.
i | 20-23. Levy for builders.
k | 24-. Pharaoh's daughter. House built.
l | -24. Building. Millo.

15 reason = account, or schedule.

levy: i. e. tribute of men. Same word as 5. 13-18; not the same word as v. 21. See Structure, F and F, p. 452.

then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

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

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

14 And Hiram ^osent to the king sixscore ^otalents of gold.

15 And this *is* the ^oreason of the ^olevy which

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king Solomon raised; for to build the house of ¹the LORD, and his own house, and °Millo, and °the wall of Jerusalem, and °Hazor, and °Megiddo, and °Gezer.

^k (p. 464) 16 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken ¹⁵Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a °present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife.

¹ 17 And Solomon °built Gezer, and Beth-horon the nether,

18 And Baalath, and °Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land,

19 And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

ⁱ 20 And all the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which were not of the °children of Israel,

21 Their °children that were left after them in the land, whom the °children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of °bondservice unto this day.

22 But of the °children of Israel did Solomon °make no bondmen: but they were °men of war, °and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

23 These were the chief of the officers that were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the People that wrought in the work.

^k 24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her:

^l then did he build Millo.

^G (p. 452) 25 And °three times in a year did Solomon °offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto ¹the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before ¹the LORD. So he finished the house.

^{C G¹} (p. 465) 26 And king Solomon made a navy of ships in °Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom.

27 And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

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

^{H¹} 10 And when the °queen of °Sheba °heard of the °fame of Solomon concerning the name of °the LORD, she came to prove him with °hard questions.

2 And °she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to °Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not.

Millo = the Millo. Part of Jebusite city, or the filling up between Jebus and Moriah. Hezekiah strengthened it. Shechem had a "Millo" (Judg. 9. 6). Cp. v. 24; 11. 27. 2 Sam. 5. 9. 1 Chron. 11. 8. 2 Chron. 32. 54. the wall. Begun by David (2 Sam. 5. 9. 1 Chron. 11. 8). Solomon closed the breaches (11. 27).

Hazor, an old Canaanitish town (Josh. 11. 1).

Megiddo, the same (Josh. 12. 21. Judg. 1. 27; 5. 19, and 1 Kings 4. 12).

Gezer. Gezer was formerly under the suzerainty of Egypt. Correspondence of the time of Amen-hotep III and IV, about 1450 B.C., has been found at Tel-el-Amarnah explorations, which mentions Yapakhi as "king" of Gezer. Letters from Abdkhiva, king of Jerusalem, complain of the Gezerites. First mentioned in Josh. 10. 33. Conquest only partial (Josh. 16. 10. Judg. 1. 29). Allotted to Levites (Josh. 21. 21). In excavation by Palestine Exploration Fund a contract was found, dated 649 B.C. (in Assyrian). Gezer then still under an Egyptian Governor. Another contract, dated 647 B.C., was found, showing an Assyrian occupation in the time of Manasseh. This may explain the "captains" of 2 Chron. 33. 11.

16 present = dowry.

17 built = rebuilt and fortified.

18 Tadmor. Called, later, Palmyra (from its palms).

21 bondservice. See note on v. 22.

22 make no bondmen. According to Lev. 25. 39. The levy, of 5. 13; 11. 28, was a levy for freeservice. This was for bondservice (v. 21).

men. Heb. 'ēnōsh. Ap. 14. III.

and. Note the Fig. Polysyndeton (Ap. 6) in this verse.

25 three times in a year. Cp. Ex. 23. 14-17. Deut. 16. 16. 2 Chron. 8. 13.

offer = offer up. See Ap. 43. I. vi.

9. 26-10. 29 (C, p. 452). RICHES AND WISDOM. (Repeated Alternation.)

^C G¹ | 9. 26-28. Riches. Navy.

H¹ | 10. 1-10. Wisdom. Queen of Sheba.

G² | 10. 11, 12. Riches. Navy.

H² | 10. 13. Wisdom. Queen of Sheba.

G³ | 10. 14-29. Riches. Possessions.

26 Ezion-geber. Cp. Num. 33. 35. Deut. 2. 8. Position lost when Edom revolted (2 Kings 8. 20). Restored by Uzziah (2 Kings 14. 22). Finally lost by Ahaz (2 Kings 16. 6).

28 Ophir. See note on 2 Chron. 8. 18.

10. 1 queen of Sheba. Cp. 2 Chron. 9. 1. Sheba, a grandson of Cush, settled in Ethiopia (Gen. 10. 7): i. e. Nubia and North Abyssinia, where female sovereigns were not unusual. Cp. Acts 8. 27.

heard = kept hearing. By the commercial intercourse of 9. 26-28. Cp. 2 Chron. 8. 17; 9. 1. Note her seven steps: heard (v. 1); came (v. 2); communed (v. 2); saw (v. 4); said (v. 6); gave (v. 10); returned (v. 13).

fame = report.

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

hard = abstruse, or difficult.

2 she came. Note the use of this made by the Lord Jesus in Matt. 12. 42. Luke 11. 31.

Solomon. Some codices, with four early printed editions, Syr., and Vulg., read "King Solomon".

4 and. Note the Fig. Polysyndeton (Ap. 6), vv. 4, 5.

5 sitting = seated assembly.

attendance = standing.

4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, °and the house that he had built,

5 And the meat of his table, and the °sitting of his servants, and the °attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers,

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and his ° ascent by which he went up unto the house of ° the LORD; there was no more ° spirit in her.

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

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

8 Happy are thy ° men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.

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

10 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty ° talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

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

ascent. The covered stairway connecting Mount Zion (Jebus) with Mount Moriah. Cp. 2 Kings 16. 18. Ascent is the word for burnt or "ascending offering", by the merits of which we ascend now.

spirit. Heb. *rûach*. Ap. 9.

6 acts = words.

7 behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

8 men. Heb. pl. of *'ish* or *'ênôsh*. Ap. 14.

9 God. Heb. *Elohim*. Ap. 4. I.

delighted. See note on Num. 14. 8. 2 Sam. 15. 26.

justice = righteousness.

10 talents. See Ap. 51. II.

11 navy also of Hiram. Joined with Solomon (v. 22; 9. 27, 28). Ophir. See note on 2 Chron. 8. 18.

almug. Not sandal wood, because found, too, in Lebanon (2 Chron. 2. 8). Cuneiform, *giz-ku* = precious wood; and Accadian, *giz-dan* = strong wood.

13 of his royal bounty. Heb. according to the hand of king Solomon.

10. 14-29 (G³, p. 465). RICHES. POSSESSIONS. (*Introversion and Alternation.*)

G³ | m | p | 14. Gold. Material.

q | 15. Means. Merchandise.

n | r | 16-21. Manufactures. Armour, &c.

s | 22. Means. Navy.

o | 23, 24. Pre-eminence.

n | s | 25. Means. Presents.

r | 26. Manufactures. Chariots, &c.

m | p | 27, 28-. Silver, cedars, &c. Material.

q | -28, 29. Means. Merchandise.

14 came. Probably in tariffs.

six hundred threescore and six=666. Symbolical of the height or essence of man's desire, but all vanity (Ap. 10). Cp. Ecc. 2. 8, 11. 1 Tim. 6. 10.

17 shields. Taken away by Shishak in the reign of Rehoboam (14. 26).

pound. Heb. *maneh*. See Ap. 51. II. 4.

18 the best=pure.

19 top=canopy.

stays=supports. Lit. hands.

22 navy of Tharshish=Tharshish ships, a name for large ocean-going ships (like English "East-Indiamen"). When mentioned as a place it is identified by Oppert with Tartessus = the Andalusia of to-day, noted for silver (not gold), iron, tin, and lead (Jer. 10. 9. Ezek. 27. 12). They sailed from Tyre to the West Mediterranean, and from Ezion-geber to Ophir (Arabia, India, and East Africa), 9. 26-28 and 10. 11.

ivory=elephants' tusks.

apes, and peacocks. The Heb. for these are Indian words (Tamil).

25 brought=kept bringing.

every man. Heb. *'ish*. Ap. 14. II.

27 as stones. Fig. *Hyperbole*. Ap. 6.

sycomore. Not English, but Eastern; a kind of fig, or mulberry.

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

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

25 And then ° brought ° every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year. n s

26 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem. r (p. 466)

27 And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem ° as stones, and cedars made he to be as the ° sycomore trees that are in the vale, for abundance. m p

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28 And Solomon had ° horses brought out of Egypt, and ° linen yarn:

q the king's merchants received ° the linen yarn at a price.

29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the ° kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring *them* out ° by their means.

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11 But king Solomon loved many ° strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;

2 Of the nations concerning which ° the LORD said unto the ° children of Israel, "Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods:" Solomon clave unto these in love.

3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was ° not perfect with ° the LORD his ° God, ° as was the heart of David his father.

5 For Solomon went after ° Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after ° Milcom the ° abomination of the Ammonites.

6 And Solomon did ° evil in the sight of ° the LORD, and went not fully after ° the LORD, ° as did David his father.

7 Then did Solomon build an high place for ° Chemosh, the ° abomination of Moab, in ° the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for ° Molech, the ° abomination of the ° children of Ammon.

8 And likewise did he for all his ° strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

u 9 And ° the LORD was ° angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from ° the LORD ° God of Israel, Which had appeared unto him ° twice,

10 And ° had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which ° the LORD ° commanded.

u J¹ 11 Wherefore ° the LORD said unto Solomon, "Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded thee, ° I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

12 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.

13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give ° one tribe to thy son for David My servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen."

J² v x 14 And ° the LORD stirred up ° an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king's seed in Edom.

28 horses. Cp. Isa. 31. 1; 36. 9. Also Ezek. 17. 15. linen yarn. Probably = by strings, or droves (i. e. the horses).

29 kings of the Hittites. Cp. 1 Sam. 26. 6. 2 Kings 7. 6. These passages alleged to be unhistoric! but they are confirmed by the discoveries made in 1874 throughout Asia Minor and North Syria, which identify them with the "sons of Heth" (Gen. 23. 3, 5, 7; 25. 10; 27. 46; 49. 32), the *Khatta* of the Accadian and the *Kheta* of the Egyptian records. They contended on equal terms with Assyria and Egypt. Crushed by Sargon II, 717 B.C. Chief centres, Carchemish on the Euphrates and Kadesh on the Upper Orontes.

by their means. Heb. by their hand. Hand put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Cause), Ap. 6, for what is done by it:—by means of Solomon's merchants.

11. 1-40 (U, p. 450). MARRIAGES. (Alternation.)

U | t | 1-8. Sins. Committed.
u | 9-. Jehovah's anger.
t | -9, 10. Sins. Charged.
u | 11-40. Jehovah's punishment.

1 strange = foreign. Note the frequent reference to these in the Book of Proverbs. Note the three steps in Solomon's fall: wealth, weapons, and women. Cp. Deut. 17. 16-17, where note the items in which Solomon failed.

2 the LORD (Heb. Jehovah) said. Ap. 4. II. See Ex. 34. 16. children = sons.

4 not perfect. See note on 8. 61. God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.

as = according to. David was faultless as to idolatry. 5 Ashtoreth. Cp. Judg. 2. 13. 1 Sam. 7. 3; 12. 10; 31. 10.

Milcom. Same as *Malcham*, the Aramaic pronunciation of Molech (v. 7). See Zeph. 1. 6. Translated "their king" (Jer. 49. 1. Amos 1. 15).

abomination. The word used for an idol by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Effect), because of Jehovah's hatred which it produced. Cp. 2 Kings 23. 13. Dan. 9. 27.

6 evil = the evil. Heb. *rā'a'*. Ap. 44. viii.

7 Chemosh. Cp. Num. 21. 29. Jer. 48. 7, 13, 46. 2 Kings 23. 13.

the hill, &c. = Mount of Olives! Hence called "the Mount of Corruption" (2 Kings 23. 13).

Molech. Generally has the article and denotes the king-idol (Lev. 18. 21; 20. 2, 3, 4, 5. 1 Kings 11. 7. 2 Kings 23. 10. Jer. 32. 35). Isa. 30. 33 and 57. 9 may be Molech, the idol, and not *Melek*, "king".

9 angry. Fig. *Prosopopæia*. Ap. 6. Heb. *'ānaph*. Used only of Divine anger. Occurs fourteen times: six in the *Hithpael* = to force one's self to be angry (as with one loved). See the six: Deut. 1. 37; 4. 21; 9. 8, 20. 1 Kings 11. 9. 2 Kings 17. 18.

twice. Cp. 3. 5; 9. 2.

10 had commanded him. Cp. 6. 12. commanded. Some codices, with three early printed editions, Sept., Syr., and Vulg., add "him".

11-40 (u, above). JEHOVAH. PUNISHMENT. (Division.)

u | J¹ | 11-13. Threatening (diminution).
J² | 14-40. Execution (adversaries).

11 I will surely rend = a rending I will rend. Fig. *Polyptoton*. Ap. 6. See note on Gen. 26. 28.

13 one tribe. Benjamin reckoned as part of Judah. Cp. vv. 30-32.

14-40 (J², above). EXECUTION (ADVERSARIES). (Introversion.)

J² | v | x | 14. Hadad.
y | 15-22. Cause.
w | 23-25. Rezon.
v | x | 26. Jeroboam.
y | 27-40. Cause.

14 an adversary = a Satan.

y (p. 467) 15 For ° it came to pass, when David was in
897 Edom, and ° Joab the captain of the host was
to gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten
880 every male in Edom;

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

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

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

19 And Hadad found great favour in the sight
of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the
sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes
the queen.

20 And the sister of Tahpenes bare him
Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned
in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in
Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pha-
raoh.

21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that
David ° slept with his fathers, and that Joab
the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said
to Pharaoh, "Let me depart, that I may go to
mine own country."

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

w 23 And ° God stirred him up another ° ad-
versary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled
from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 it came to pass, &c. Cp. 2 Sam. 8. 3-13.

Joab. Cp. Ps. 60, title, and see note on 2 Sam. 8. 13.
every male: i. e. who did not flee, as Hadad did.
Supply Fig. *Ellipsis* (Ap. 6), "every male [whom he
found] in Edom". See v. 17.

16 six months. See note on 2 Sam. 8. 13. Note also
Fig. *Parenthesis* (Ap. 6), v. 16.

18 men. Heb. *'enosh*. Ap. 14. III.

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

22 behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

25 reigned. David had subdued Syria (2 Sam. 8. 3, 6;
10. 8, 18). Now Solomon, weakened by sin, loses Syria.

26 Ephrathite = Ephraimite, as in 1 Sam. 1. 1. Not
a Bethlehemite, as in Ruth 1. 2. Zealous therefore for
his tribe as against Judah.

a widow. One of the nine widows mentioned in
Scripture. See note on Gen. 38. 19.

27 Millo = the Millo. See note on 9. 15.

28 man. Heb. *'ish*. Ap. 14. II.

made him ruler = gave him oversight, which gave
him opportunity to oppress and create disaffection.

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

Shilonite = a native of Shiloh, where the Tabernacle
and Ark had been placed (Josh. 18. 1). Cp. 1 Sam. 4. 3.

30 rent it. Symbolic act. Cp. 22. 11. Isa. 20. 2, &c.
Jer. 19. 1-13. Ezek. 12. 1-20. Zech. 11. 7, 10, 14.

31 Behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

ten. Levi not reckoned.

32 But he, &c. Note the Fig. *Parenthesis* (Ap. 6) of
this verse.

one tribe. Put for, and including, Simeon, Benjamin,
and Levi, and others who joined later. Cp. 12. 23.
2 Chron. 11. 13; 15. 9. All included in 12. 20 by Fig.
Synecdoche (of the Part), Ap. 6.

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

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

36 light = lamp. Cp. the "furnace" of 8. 51, and see
note on Gen. 15. 17. Cp. 2 Kings 8. 19. Ps. 18. 28. Jer.
25. 10: implying the continued existence of the Divine
purpose.

37 soul. Heb. *nephes*. Ap. 13.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

897 38 And it shall be, ° if thou wilt hearken unto
to all that I command thee, and wilt walk in My
880 ways, and do *that is* right in My sight, to keep
My statutes and My commandments, as David
My servant did; that I will be with thee, and
build thee ° a sure house, as I built for David,
and will give Israel unto thee.

39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David,
but ° not for ever. "

40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam.
And Jeroboam arose, and fled into ° Egypt, unto
Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until
the death of Solomon.

41 And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and
all that he did, and his wisdom, *are they* not
° written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

920 42 And the time that Solomon reigned in Jeru-
to salem over all Israel was ° forty years.

880 43 And Solomon ²¹ slept with his fathers, and
was buried in the city of David his father: and
Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

B³ z (p. 469) **12** And Rehoboam went to ° Shechem: for
all Israel were come to Shechem to make
him king.

a c 2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the
son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of
it, (° for he was fled from the presence of king
Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;)

3 That they sent and called him. And Jero-
boam and all the ° congregation of Israel came,
and spake unto Rehoboam, saying,

4 "Thy father ° made our yoke grievous: now
therefore make *thou* the grievous service of thy
father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon
us, lighter, and we will serve thee."

d 5 And he said unto them, "Depart yet *for*
three days, then come again to me." And the
People departed.

b 6 And king Rehoboam consulted with the
old men, that stood before Solomon his father
while he yet lived, and said, "How do ye
advise that I may answer this People?"

7 And they spake unto him, saying, "If thou
wilt be a servant unto this People this day,
and wilt serve them, and answer them, and
speak good words to them, then they will be
thy servants ° for ever."

8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men,
which they had given him, and consulted with
the young men that were grown up with him,
and which stood before him:

9 And he said unto them, "What counsel
give ye that we may answer this People, who
have spoken to me, saying, 'Make the yoke
which thy father did put upon us lighter?'"

10 And the young men that were grown up
with him spake unto him, saying, "Thus shalt
thou speak unto this People that spake unto
thee, saying, 'Thy father made our yoke heavy,
but make *thou it* lighter unto us;': thus shalt
thou say unto them, ° My little *finger* shall be
thicker than my father's loins.

11 And now whereas my father did lade you
with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke:
my father hath chastised you with ° whips, but
I will chastise you with ° scorpions."

a 12 So Jeroboam and all the People came to

38 if thou wilt hearken. Same conditions as
in 9. 4.

a sure house: i.e. a long and unbroken line of de-
scendants.

39 not for ever. Thus confirming the prophecy of
Gen. 49. 10, which refers to the *tribal pre-eminence* of
Judah (not national existence), which was preserved
till fulfilled in Christ, when David's line ended in
Him.

40 Egypt. This explains much. He must have
thought of Joseph's exaltation, and the blessing pro-
nounced on Ephraim (Gen. 48. 13-20; 49. 22-26); and
by Moses (Deut. 33. 13-17). It explains also the origin
of the "golden calves" (12. 28).

41 written in the book. See note on Ex. 17. 14, and
Ap. 47.

42 forty years: 920-880 B. C.

12. 1-15 (**B³**, p. 446). REHOBAM. (Introversions.)

B³ z | 1. Rehoboam. Accession to kingdom.
a | c | 2-4. Petition of Jeroboam. Made.
d | 5. Dismissal.
b | 6-11. Answer considered.
a | d | 12. Return.
c | 13, 14. Petition of Jeroboam. Answered.
z | 15. Rehoboam. Rending of kingdom.

1 Shechem. A national sanctuary (Josh. 24. 1).
Now *Nablous*, corruption of Neapolis, the (New town)
of Vespasian. The site of Abraham's first altar.
Jacob's first home. Here the tribes met. Here Joseph
was buried. All this before Jebus became Jerusalem.
Hence the envy of Ephraim for Judah (Isa. 11. 13).
Degraded by new name, Sychar = drunkenness (Isa.
28. 1-7). Yet here alone in all the world is the Paschal
lamb still slain.

2 for. Note the Fig. *Parenthesis*. Ap. 6.

3 congregation = assembly.

4 made our yoke grievous. Made by Jeroboam
himself owing to the opportunity afforded by Solomon's
action (11. 28).

7 for ever. Heb. all the days: i.e. always.

10 My little finger. Fig. *Paræmia*. Ap. 6.

11 whips. The badge of the taskmaster on the
Egyptian monuments. Cp. Ex. 1. 10, 14; 5. 13, 14
("beaten").

scorpions. A knotted whip, so called; as we call
another kind of whip the "cat".

12 as = according as.

13 gave him = counselled him.

15 the cause = the turning (of events), or overruling.
the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

spake. Cp. 11. 31.

Rehoboam the third day, ° as the king had ap-
pointed, saying, "Come to me again the third
day."

13 And the king answered the People roughly, c
and forsook the old men's counsel that they
° gave him;

14 And spake to them after the counsel of the
young men, saying, "My father made your yoke
heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father
also chastised you with ¹¹ whips, but I will chas-
tise you with ¹¹ scorpions."

15 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto z
the People; for ° the cause was from ° the LORD,
that He might perform His saying, which ° the
LORD ° spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto
Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 So when all Israel saw that the king heark- c¹
ened not unto them, the people answered the (p. 446)

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king, saying, "What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David." So Israel departed unto their tents.

17 But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

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

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

22 But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

23 "Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the People, saying,

24 'Thus saith the LORD, "Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from Me."' They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

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

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26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:

27 "If this People go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this People turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah."

O² g¹

28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."

29 And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan.

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

12. 28-33 (O², above). JEROBOAM. EXPEDIENTS. (Division.)

O² | g¹ | 28-30. Idolatry. The two calves.
| g² | 31-33. Idolatry. The high places.

28 took counsel: "but not of Jehovah" (Isa. 30. 1). behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6. Cp. Ex. 32. 4. Hos. 8. 5, 6; 10. 5. 29 one in Beth-el: was desecrated by Josiah (2 Kings 23. 15). in Dan. See note on Gen. 49. 17. Carried away by Tiglath-pileser (2 Kings 15. 29). The sons of Jonathan, the grandson of Moses (see note on Judg. 18. 30), were ready to act as priests.

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

to your tents. One of the emendations of the *Sopherim*. Ap. 33. The primitive text was "to your gods", because the sin here was apostasy from Jehovah's worship in Jerusalem. Two letters transposed made it read "to your tents". See note on 2 Sam. 20. 1, and cp. 2 Chron. 10. 16.

17 children = sons.

Israel which dwelt in... Judah. Here was a nucleus of true worshippers constantly increased (1 Kings 12. 19. 1 Chron. 9. 3. 2 Chron. 10. 17; 11. 3, 16, 17; 15. 9; 16. 1; 19. 8; 23. 2; 30. 1, 5, 10, 11; 31. 6). In Ezra 1. 5; 2. 2, 59, 70; 7. 13; 9. 1; 10. 5, those returning of Judah's captivity are called "of Israel", and "all Israel", 2. 2, 70; 3. 1; 6. 21; 7. 10, 13; 8. 25; 9. 1; 10. 1, 2, 5, 10, 25. Neh. 2. 10; 7. 7, 61, 73; 8. 17; 10. 33; 11. 3; 12. 47. Judah was thus always representative of "all Israel". Hence Acts 4. 27, "the People of Israel", and Acts 2. 14, 22, 36, "of Judah". The two words are used interchangeably, except where otherwise stated. See note on "all the house of Israel", Ex. 16. 31. Also on 1 Chron. 22. 17; 23. 2. 2 Chron. 12. 6, "princes of Israel", used of Judah before the division. Also, on the cause of the increase of Judah, see note on 2 Chron. 13. 3.

18 stoned him. One of the nine stonings recorded. See note on Lev. 24. 14.

made speed. Heb. strengthened himself.

to Jerusalem: from Shechem.

19 unto this day. Cp. 8. 8. This was written certainly before the removal of Israel in 2 Kings 17.

12. 20-14. 20 (E¹, p. 446). ISRAEL.

JEROBOAM I. (Introversion.)

E¹ | K | 12. 20. Jeroboam. Accession.

L | 12. 21-24. Reign. Assured.

L | 12. 25-14. 18. Reign. Events.

K | 14. 19, 20. Jeroboam. Record.

20 Judah only. See note on "one tribe" (11. 32).

21 an hundred, &c. 180,000. In David's time there were 470,000. See note on 2 Sam. 24. 9.

22 God. Heb. *Elohim*. Ap. 4.

Shemaiah. Cp. 2 Chron. 11. 2; 12. 5.

the man of God = prophet. See the first occurrence, Deut. 33. 1, and Ap. 49.

24 every man. Heb. *ish*. Ap. 14. II.

this thing: i. e. the division of the kingdom. Not the rebellion of Jeroboam. Cp. 2 Chron. 13. 4-12.

12. 25-14. 18 (L, above). REIGN. EVENTS. (Introversion and Alternation.)

L | M | 12. 25. Reign. Beginning.

N | e | 12. 26-33. Idolatry. Commenced.

f | 13. 1-32. Warning. Prophet from Judah.

N | e | 13. 33, 34. Idolatry. Persistence.

f | 14. 1-17. Warning. Ahijah.

M | 14. 18. Reign. End.

25 built=rebuilt, or repaired. This doubtless included increased fortification (2 Chron. 11. 11). Mesha uses the word (on Moabite stone) of cities he took. See Ap. 54.

mount=hill-country.

Penuel. On east of Jordan (Gen. 32. 30. Judg. 8. 8).

12. 26-33 (e, above). IDOLATRY. COMMENCED. (Division.)

e | O¹ | 26, 27. Jeroboam. Fear.

O² | 28-33. Jeroboam. Expedients.

880 30 And this thing °became a sin: for the
to People went *to worship* before the one, *even*
858 unto Dan.

g² 31 And he made an °house of high places,
(p. 470) and made priests of the lowest of the People,
which were not of the sons of Levi.

32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that *is* in Judah, and he °offered upon the altar. (°So did he in Beth-el,) sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places which he had made.

33 So he °offered upon the altar which he had made in Beth-el the fifteenth day of the eighth month, *even* in the month which he had devised °of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the °children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

f h i¹ 13 And, °behold, there came °a °man of
(p. 471) °God out of Judah by the word of °the LORD unto Beth-el: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

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

j¹ 3 And he gave °a sign the same day, saying, “This *is* the sign which °the LORD hath spoken; °Behold, the altar °shall be rent, and the ashes that *are* upon it shall be poured out.”

i² 4 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the °man of °God, which had cried against the altar in Beth-el, that he °put forth his hand from the altar, saying, “Lay hold on him.” And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

j² 5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of °God had given by the word of °the LORD.

i³ 6 And the king answered and said unto the °man of °God, “Intreat now the face of °the LORD °thy °God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again.” And the man of °God besought °the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as *it was* before.

h k¹ 7 And the king said unto the °man of God, “Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.”

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

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

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

i¹ 11 Now there dwelt an old prophet °in Beth-

30 became a sin. See Ap. 44. i. Hence the repeated stigma who “made Israel to sin”. Cp. 13. 34; 14. 16; 15. 26, 30, 34; 16. 2, 19, 26, &c.

31 house = a temple. Not merely “high places”.

32 offered = offered up. Ap. 43. I. vi.

So did he, &c. Note the Fig. *Parenthesis*. Ap. 6.

33 of his own heart. Heb. text reads “by himself”. Some codices, with three early printed editions, Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read as A.V. Man-made feasts go with man-made priests (v. 31).

13. 1-32 (f, p. 470). WARNING. BY MAN OF GOD. (*Repeated Alternation.*)

f	h	i ¹	1, 2. Jeroboam. Warned.	} Arrival.
		j ¹	3. Sign given.	
		i ²	4. Jeroboam. Smitten.	
		j ²	5. Sign fulfilled.	} Return.
		i ³	6. Jeroboam. Healed.	
h	k ¹	7-10. Obedience.		
		l ¹	11-14. Old prophet.	}
	k ²	15-19. Disobedience.		
		l ²	20-32. Old prophet.	

1 behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

a man of God. Cp. Deut. 33. 1, and see Ap. 49.

man. Heb. *ish*. Ap. 14. II.

God. Heb. *Elohim*. Ap. 4. I.

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

2 O altar, altar. Figs. *Apostrophe* and *Epizeuxis*. Ap. 6. child = son.

Josiah by name. Cyrus is the only other so foretold (177 years before). Josiah knew (2 Kings 23. 17, 18). Cyrus knew (2 Chron. 36. 22, 23. Isa. 44. 28).

offer (in sacrifice) = slay, or slaughter. Ap. 43. I. iv.

men's: human. Heb. *ādām*. Ap. 14. I. shall be. This was fulfilled in 2 Kings 23. 16 (360 years later).

3 a sign. We have similar signs in Ex. 3. 12. 2 Kings 19. 29; 20. 8. Isa. 7. 14; 8. 18.

4 put forth his hand. One of the eleven rulers who thus assaulted Jehovah's witnesses. See note on Ex. 10. 28.

6 thy God. He dare not say “my God”.

8 half thine house. Remembering Num. 22. 18; 24. 13.

11 in Beth-el. A true prophet could not have remained there. Cp. 2 Chron. 11. 16, 17.

and his sons. Sept. reads “whose sons”.

the words. Syr. and Vulg. read “and the words”.

13 me = for me. him = for him.

14 an oak = the oak.

17 said. Cp. “charged”: showing a weakening from v. 9.

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

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

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

14 And went after the °man of °God, and found him sitting under °an oak: and he said unto him, “Art *thou* the °man of °God that camest from Judah?” And he said, “*Y am.*”

15 Then he said unto him, “Come home with me, and eat bread.” k²

16 And he said, “I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:

17 For it was °said to me by the word of °the

880 LORD, 'Thou shalt °eat no bread nor drink
to water there, nor turn again to go by the way
858 that thou camest.'"

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

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

1² 20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, (p. 471) that the word of °the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:

21 And he cried unto the °man of °God that came from Judah, saying, "Thus saith °the LORD, 'Forasmuch as thou hast °disobeyed the mouth of °the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which °the LORD thy °God commanded thee,

22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the LORD did say to thee, 'Eat no bread, and drink no water; °thy carcase shall not come unto the °sepulchre of thy fathers.'"

23 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, °to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 And when he was gone, °a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.

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

26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, "It is the °man of °God, who was °disobedient unto the word of °the LORD: therefore °the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of °the LORD, °which He spake unto him."

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

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

29 And the prophet took up the carcase of the °man of °God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

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

31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, "When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the °man of °God is buried; °lay my bones beside his bones:

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

N 33 After this thing Jeroboam returned not (p. 470) from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the People priests of the high places: who-

eat no bread. To avoid what might have been offered to idols.

18 an angel spake. A solemn warning for all who listen to any revelation outside Scripture which purports to come from God, even though an "old prophet" asserts it. Cp. Gal. 1. 8, 9. Of all such it may be said "he lied unto him".

21 disobeyed = rebelled against. The same expression used of Moses and Aaron at Meribah (Num. 20. 24; 27. 14). Safety found only in the path of obedience. Cp. v. 26.

22 sepulchre. Heb. *keber*, a burying-place.

23 to wit = that is to say.

24 a lion. For lions in Palestine see Judg. 14. 5. 1 Sam. 17. 34. 2 Sam. 23. 20. 1 Kings 20. 36.

25 behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

men. Heb. *'ēnōsh*. Ap. 14. III.

26 disobedient, by listening to the alleged word of an angel, instead of obeying the voice of Jehovah. See note on v. 18.

which He spake. Cp. v. 22.

30 grave = sepulchre. Heb. *keber*, a burying-place, a pit. Cp. Ap. 35.

31 lay my bones: i. e. lay them not with the bones of those referred to in v. 2. Cp. 2 Kings 23. 18.

32 he cried. Cp. v. 2.

33 became one of the priests. Sept., Syr., and Vulg. reads "became priest".

34 became sin = became the sin. See note on 12. 30. the face of. Fig. *Pleonasm*. Ap. 6.

14. 1-17 (f, p. 470). WARNING FROM AHIJAH. (Repeated Alternation.)

f | m¹ | 1-4. Message from Jeroboam by his wife.
n¹ | 5, 6. Messenger revealed to Ahijah.
m² | 7-11. Message from Jehovah to Jeroboam.
n² | 12, 13. Messenger to return.
m³ | 14-16. Message from Jehovah.
n³ | 17. Messenger returns.

2 get thee to Shiloh. He had no confidence in his own gods. They were only political expedients. See the Structure of O², p. 470.

behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

3 cruse = flask, or bottle.

he. Some codices, with Sept., read "and he".

4 were set. Cp. 1 Sam. 4. 15. One of the nine afflicted with blindness. See note on Gen. 19. 11.

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

soever would, he consecrated him, and he °became one of the priests of the high places.

34 And this thing °became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off °the face of the earth.

14 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, "Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and °get thee to Shiloh: °behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, which told me that I should be king over this People.

3 And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a °cruse of honey, and go to him: °he shall tell thee what shall become of the child."

4 And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see; for his eyes °were set by reason of his age.

5 And °the LORD said unto Ahijah, 2 "Be- hold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a

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thing of thee for her son; for *he is sick*: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that *she* shall feign herself *to be another woman*."

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

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7 Go, tell Jeroboam, ' Thus saith ° the LORD ° God of Israel, "Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the People, and made thee prince over My People Israel,

8 And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and yet thou hast not been as My servant David, who kept My commandments, and who followed Me with all his heart, to do *that only which was right* in Mine eyes;

9 But hast done ° evil above ° all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee ° other gods, and molten images, to provoke Me to anger, and hast cast Me behind thy back:

10 Therefore, ° behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam ° him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is ° shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, ° as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned were ° two and twenty years: and he ° slept

6 door=entrance.

7 God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.

9 evil. Heb. *rā'a'*. Ap. 44. viii.

all. Not merely kings, but all other rulers. No anachronism.

other gods. Jehovah does not recognise the calves as being what Jeroboam intended, mere political expedients. See note on v. 2.

10 him that, &c. = every male.

shut up and left. The commentators speak of the text being obscure or corrupt. But *'āzab* is a *Homonym*, meaning: (1) *to leave* (as in Gen. 2. 24; 39. 6. Neh. 5. 10. Ps. 49. 10. Mal. 4. 1); and (2) *to restore, repair, fortify* (as in Neh. 3. 8. Ex. 23. 5 (see note there). Deut. 32. 36. 1 Kings 14. 10. 2 Kings 14. 26. Jer. 49. 26). Here it means "strengthened and fortified": i. e. they will not escape. Cp. 21. 21. 2 Kings 9. 8.

as=according as.

13 grave = a burying-place. Heb. *keber*, not *she'ol*. See Ap. 35.

14 but what? even now. Here again the text is supposed to be obscure. It is on account of the Figures of speech (Ap. 6) used: (1) Ellipsis = "But what [am I saying 'That day']? Even now [hath He raised him up]". (2) Note the Fig. *Amphidiorthōsis*. Ap. 6.

15 smite Israel, [shaking him] as a reed is shaken, &c. The Fig. *Ellipsis* (Ap. 6) to be thus supplied, this good land. Occurs only here and Josh. 23. 13, 15. the river: i. e. the Euphrates. groves = *'Ashērim*. See Ap. 42. 16 sins. Heb. *chātā'*. Ap. 44. i.

made Israel to sin. The first of twenty-one occurrences in these two books: 14. 16; 15. 26, 30, 34; 16. 19, 26; 21. 22; 22. 52. 2 Kings 3. 3; 10. 29, 31; 13. 2, 6, 11; 14. 24; 15. 9, 18, 24, 28; 16. 13; 17. 21; 23. 15.

17 Tirzah. Afterward made the capital by Baasha (15. 21), till Samaria was built by Omri (15. 33; 16. 8, 15, 23, 24).

18 by the hand. Fig. *Pleonasm*. Ap. 6.

19 the rest. See 2 Chron. 13. 3-20.

20 two and twenty years. In 15. 25 Nadab reigned two years, and began in the second year of Asa, which was the twenty-first of Jeroboam, so that Nadab's two years fall within the time of his father's twenty-two. But from 2 Chron. 13. 20 we learn that Jeroboam was stricken with a languishing disease, in which time Nadab reigned with him, and died the same year as his father. The number "twenty-two" is associated with disorganisation and disintegration (=2×11). It is associated with the worst two reigns: Jeroboam, here; and Ahab in 16. 29.

slept with his fathers=died. See notes on Deut. 31. 16. Said of the wicked Jeroboam and Ahab, as well as of good David and Jehoshaphat.

14. 21—15. 24 (F¹, p. 446). JUDAH. (Division.)

F ¹	P ¹	14. 21-31. Rehoboam.
	P ²	15. 1-8. Abijam.
	P ³	15. 9-24. Asa.

14. 21-31 (P¹, above). REHOBOMAM. (Introversion.)

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	P	22-24. Sins. Committed.
	P	25-28. Sins. Punished.
	O	29-31. Conclusion.

with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

21 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which ° the LORD did choose out of all the tribes of

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Israel, to put His name there. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess.

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22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done.

23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree.

24 And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

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

26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brasen shields, and committed them unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house.

28 And it was so, when the king went into the house of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.)

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

30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 And Abijam slept with his fathers; and

21 mother's name. Mentioned here and in the case of each successive king (cp. 15. 10; 22. 42. 2 Kings 8. 26, &c.); because the king's character stands connected with the mother; and because of the position which the queen dowager occupied (cp. 2. 19; 15. 13. Jer. 13. 18).

Ammonitess. Twice mentioned, and in connection with Jerusalem. See v. 31.

22 jealousy. Fig. *Anthropopatheia*. Ap. 6.

23 groves. See note on Ex. 34. 13, and Ap. 42.

24 sodomites. Committers of the sin of Sodom (Gen. 19). Male prostitutes, dedicated to idolatry involving this sin. Connected with the *Asherah*. Ap. 42. Cp. Deut. 23. 17. 1 Kings 15. 12; 22. 46. 2 Kings 23 7. children = sons.

25 Shishak. Founder of the twenty-second dynasty. Campaign described on the wall of the temple in Karnak, near Thebes, with portrait of Rehoboam.

against. See note on Judg. 1. 8, and Ap. 53.

26 all = "all [he could find]".

all the shields. Some codices, with three early printed editions, and Vulg., omit "all".

30 Rehoboam. Being named first he was probably the aggressor, contrary to 12. 24.

31 Abijam = Abijah.

15. 1-8 (P², p. 473). ABIJAH. (*Introversion*.)

P² | q | 1, 2. Introduction.
r | 3. Sins. Committed.
s | 4, 5. Divine forbearance.
r | 6. Sins. Punished.
q | 7, 8. Conclusion.

1 Abijam = Abijah.

2 Three years. Not full years, for he died in the twentieth year of Jeroboam (v. 9).

mother's. Put by Fig. *Synecdoche* (of Genus) for ancestor. Here = grandmother.

Maachah, or Michaiiah (2 Chron. 13. 2).

Abishalom = Absalom (2 Chron. 11. 21).

3 sins. Heb. *chātā'*. Ap. 44. i.

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

God. Heb. *Elohim*. Ap. 4. I.

father. Put by Fig. *Synecdoche* (of Genus), Ap. 6, for ancestor.

4 lamp. See note on 11. 36. Peculiarly used of David.

6 And, &c. This is repeated (from 14. 30) to complete Structure above.

7 the rest. See 2 Chron. 13. 3, &c.

are they not . . . ? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

8 slept with his fathers. See note on 14. 20.

15. 9-24 (P³, p. 473). ASA. (*Introversion*.)

P³ | t | 9, 10. Introduction.
u | 11-15. Events. Religious.
u | 16-22. Events. Military.
t | 23, 24. Conclusion.

11 right. Therefore his days "long in the land" (v. 23). Contemporary with seven Israelite kings.

12 sodomites. See note on 14. 24.

idols = filthy idols.

they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead.

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

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

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

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

13 And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from being queen, because she had

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860 made an °idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed
to her idol, and burnt it by the brook Kidron.

819 14 But the high places were °not removed:
nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with °the
LORD all his days.

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

u v (p. 475) 16 And there was °war between Asa and
Baasha king of Israel all their days.

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

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

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

z 20 So Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa,
and sent the captains of the °hosts which he
had against the cities of Israel, and smote
°Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maachah, and
all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

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

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

t (p. 474) 23 °The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his
might, and all that he did, and the cities which
he built, °are they not written in the book of
the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Never-
theless in the time of his old age he was diseased
in his feet.

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

E² Q¹ z (p. 475) 25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to
858-857 reign over Israel in the second year of Asa
king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two
years.

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

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

28 Even in the third year of Asa king of

13 idol in a grove = a monstrous 'Asherah. See Ap. 42.
14 not removed: not till the reign of Hezekiah
(22. 43. 2 Kings 12. 3; 18. 4).

15 things... dedicated = holy things of his father.
See note on Ex. 3. 5.

15. 16-22 (u, p. 474). EVENTS. MILITARY. (Introversion.)

u | v | 16. War with Baasha. Begun.
w | 17. Baasha's building of Ramah. Begun.
x | 18. Ben-hadad. Subsidy to.
y | 19. Former league appealed to.
z | 20. Ben-hadad. Help from.
w | 21. Baasha's building of Ramah. Left.
v | 22. War with Baasha. Ended.

16 war. Only border fighting. No campaign. Cp. v. 32.
17 Ramah = the modern *er Rām*, five miles north of
Jerusalem, which it was intended to menace. See
2 Chron. 16. 1.

go out or come in. But in vain. See 12. 27;
15. 9, &c.

18 the. Some codices, with two early printed editions,
read “among the”.

19 There is. Supply Fig. *Ellipsis* (Ap. 6). [Let there
be.] league = covenant.

and. Supply [as] instead of “and”.

behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

20 hosts = forces.

Ijon, &c. All in the neighbourhood of Gennesaret.

21 dwelt in. Sept. and Vulg. read “returned to”.
See note on 14. 17.

23 The rest. Cp. 2 Chron. 14. 9—15. 10.

are they not...? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

24 father = forefather. Fig. *Synecdoche* (of Species),
Ap. 6.

15. 25-22. 40 (E², p. 446). ISRAEL. (Division.)

E² Q¹ | 15. 25-31. Nadab.
Q² | 15. 32-16. 7. Baasha.
Q³ | 16. 8-14. Elah.
Q⁴ | 16. 15-20. Zimri.
(¶ Interregnum, 16. 21, 22.)
Q⁵ | 16. 23-28. Omri.
Q⁶ | 16. 29-22. 40. Ahab.

25-31 (Q¹, above). NADAB. (Introversion.)

Q¹ | z | 25. Introduction.
a | 26. Evil-doing.
b | 27-29. Conspiracy of Baasha.
a | 30. Evil-doing.
z | 31. Conclusion.

26 evil. Heb. *rā'ā'*. Ap. 44. viii.

sin. Same as “evil”, above.

made Israel to sin. See note on 14. 16.

29 that breathed. Heb. *n'shāmāh*. Ap. 16.
the saying. Cp. 14. 7-11.

Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in
his stead.

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

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

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

Q² c 32 And there was °war between Asa and
(p. 476) Baasha king of Israel all their days.

857 33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah
to began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over
833 all Israel °in Tirzah, °twenty and four years.

d 34 And he did ²⁶evil in the sight of ³the LORD,
and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in
his ²⁶sin wherewith he ²⁶made Israel to sin.

d 16 Then the word of °the LORD came to
°Jehu the son of Hanani against Baa-
sha, saying,

2 "Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the
dust, and made thee °prince over My People
Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of
Jeroboam, and hast made My People Israel to
°sin, to provoke Me to anger with their °sins;

3 °Behold, I will take away the posterity of
Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and
will make thy house °like the house of Jero-
boam the son of Nebat.

4 Him that dieth of Baasha in the city shall
the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the
fields shall the fowls of the air eat."

c 5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and
what he did, and his might, *are they* not writ-
ten in the book of the chronicles of the kings
of Israel?

6 So Baasha °slept with his fathers, and was
buried in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in
his stead.

7 And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu
the son of Hanani came the word of ¹the LORD
against Baasha, and against his house, even
for all the °evil that he did in the sight of ¹the
LORD, in provoking Him to anger with the
work of his hands, in being like the house of
Jeroboam; and because he killed ^{him}.

Q¹ e 8 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of
834 Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign
over Israel in Tirzah, two years.

f g 9 And his servant Zimri, captain of half *his*
chariots, conspired against him, as ^{he} was in
Tirzah, °drinking himself drunk in the house
of Arza steward of *his* house in Tirzah.

10 And Zimri went in and smote him, and
killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of
Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.

l 11 And it came to pass, when he began to
reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, *that* he
slew all the house of Baasha: he left him °not
one that pisseth against a wall, neither of
his °kinsfolks, nor of his friends.

f g 12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of
Baasha, according to the word of ¹the LORD,
which He spake °against Baasha by ¹Jehu the
prophet,

h 13 For all the ²sins of Baasha, and the ²sins
of Elah his son, by which they ²sinned, and by
which they made Israel to ²sin, in provoking
¹the LORD °God of Israel to anger with their
°vanities.

e 14 Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all
that he did, *are they* not written in the book of
the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

Q¹ i 15 In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king

15. 32—16. 7 (Q², p. 475). BAASHA.
(Introversion.)

Q² c | 15. 32, 33. Introduction.

d | 15. 34. Evil-doing. Committed.

d | 16. 1-4. Evil-doing. Punished.

c | 16. 5-7. Conclusion.

32 war. Only border fighting (cp. vv. 16, 32. 2 Chron. 14. 1; 15. 19); no actual campaign, as in 2 Chron. 16. 1.

33 in Tirzah. See notes on 14. 17 and v. 21.
twenty and four years. Began in the third year of
Asa. Therefore he died in the twenty-sixth year of
Asa (16. 8). Yet in the thirty-sixth year Baasha came
and made war against Judah (2 Chron. 16. 1). This
would be nine or ten years after he was dead. But
see note on 2 Chron. 16. 1, where the word "reign"
should be rendered "kingdom": i. e. the thirty-sixth
year from the kingdom of Israel. See Ap. 50. V, p. 57.

16. 1 the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4.
Jehu the son of Hanani. Cp. 2 Chron. 16. 7-10;
19. 2.

2 prince: or captain = one raised up. Heb. *nāgīd*.
sin. Heb. *chātā'*. Ap. 44. i.

3 Behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.
like. Cp. 15. 29; 14. 11.

6 slept, &c. See note on Deut. 31. 16.

7 evil. Same as "sin", v. 2.

16. 8-14 (Q³, p. 475). ELAH. (Introversion.)

Q³ e | s. Introduction.

f | g | 9, 10. Zimri. Conspiracy.

h | 11. Elah. Cut off.

f | g | 12. Zimri. Prophecy.

h | 13. Elah cut off. Reason.

e | 14. Conclusion.

9 drinking himself drunk. Fig. *Polyptōton* (Ap. 6)
for emphasis.

11 not one, &c. = not one male.
kinsfolks = kinsmen-redeemers.

12 against. Some codices read "unto". Others
read "concerning".

13 God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.
vanities = idols. Cp. v. 26.

15-20 (Q⁴, p. 475). ZIMRI. (Introversion.)

Q⁴ i | 15-. Introduction.

k | -15, 16-. Zimri. Conspiracy.

l | -16. Omri. Elected.

l | 17. Omri. Siege of Tirzah.

k | 18, 19. Zimri. Suicide.

i | 20. Conclusion.

19 sins. Some codices read "sin", as in v. 26. Com-
mitted not merely during the seven days' reign, but
during his whole life, of course.
make Israel to sin. See note on 14. 16.

of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. 833

And the People *were* encamped against Gib-
bethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines. k

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

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

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

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

19 For his °sins which he ²sinned in doing
°evil in the sight of ¹the LORD, in walking in
the way of Jeroboam, and in his ²sin which
he did, to °make Israel to ²sin.

(p. 476) 833 **20** Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, [°]are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

¶ m¹ (p. 477) **21** Then were the People of Israel divided into two parts: half of the People followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

m² **22** But the People that followed [°]Omri prevailed against the People that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

Q⁵ n 833-821 **23** In the [°]thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began [°]Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years: ([°]six years reigned he in Tirzah.)

o **24** And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two [°]talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, [°]owner of the hill, [°]Samaria.

o **25** But Omri wrought ⁷evil in the eyes of ¹the LORD, and did worse than all that *were* before him.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his ¹⁹sin wherewith he [°]made Israel to sin, to provoke ¹the LORD ¹³God of Israel to anger with their ¹³vanities.

n **27** Now the rest of the acts of Omri [°]which he did, and his might that he shewed, ²⁰are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

28 So Omri ⁶slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

Q⁶ R 822-800 **29** And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel:

S T p and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria [°]twenty and two years.

q **30** And Ahab the son of Omri did ⁷evil in the sight of ¹the LORD [°]above all that *were* before him.

31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the ²sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife [°]Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

q **32** And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. **33** And Ahab made a [°]grove;

p and Ahab did more to provoke ¹the LORD ¹³God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that *were* before him.

U V¹ **34** In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite [°]build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof [°]in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof [°]in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of ¹the LORD, [°]which He spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

V² W Y R (p. 478) **17** And [°]Elijah the [°]Tishbite, *who was* of the [°]inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, "*As* [°]the LORD [°]God of Israel liveth, [°]before Whom I stand, there shall not be [°]dew

20 are they not written . . . ? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

16. 21, 22 (¶, p. 475). INTERREGNUM. (*Division*.)

¶ | m¹ | 21. People. Division for Tibni.
| m² | 22. People. Prevalence for Omri.

22 Omri. Note the Introversion of these names in this verse.

23-28 (Q⁵, p. 475). OMRI. (*Introversion*.)

Q⁵ | n | 23. Introduction.
| o | 24. Events. Building Samaria.
| o | 25, 26. Events. Evil-doing.
| n | 27, 28. Conclusion.

23 thirty and first year. He reigned twelve years (833-821), and yet in v. 29 Ahab began in the thirty-eighth year of Asa. Omri began to reign *de jure* when he slew Zimri, in the twenty-seventh year of Asa; but only *de facto* on the death of Tibni the usurper.

Omri. See Ap. 55.

six years. Beginning in Asa's thirty-first and ending in Asa's thirty-eighth (v. 29).

24 talents. See Ap. 51. II. owner = lord. Samaria. This is the origin of the city.

26 made Israel to sin. See note on 14. 16.

27 which. Some codices, with four early printed editions, Sept., and Syr., read "and all that".

16. 29-22. 40 (Q⁶, p. 475). AHAB. (*Introversion and Alternation*.)

Q⁶ | R | 16. 29-. Introduction.
| S | T | 16. -29-33. Personal evil. Idolatry.
| U | 16. 34-20. 43. Public events. War with Syria.
| S | T | 21. 1-29. Personal evil. Naboth.
| U | 22. 1-38. Public events. War with Syria.
| R | 22. 39, 40. Conclusion.

29 twenty and two years. For spiritual significance, see note on 14. 20, and Ap. 10.

-29-33 (T, above). PERSONAL EVIL. (*Introversion*.)

T | p | -29. Ahab. Length of reign.
| q | 30, 31. Personal evil.
| q | 32, 33-. Public evil.
| p | -33. Ahab. Character of reign.

30 above all. The reign of Ahab opens a new era in Israel's history.

31 Jezebel, daughter of a regicide and fratricide (Josephus c. *Apion* 1. 18, *Ant.* viii. 3. 1), priest of the Phœnician goddess Astarte.

33 grove. See note on Ex. 34. 13, and Ap. 42.

16. 34-20. 43 (U, above). PUBLIC EVENTS. (*Division*.)

U | V¹ | 16. 34. The rebuilding of Jericho.
| V² | 17. 1-19. 21. The drought.
| V³ | 20. 1-43. War with Syria.

34 build = to fortify and complete. It had been partially restored (Judg. 3. 13. 2 Sam. 10. 5), but now became a fortified city of Israel.

in = at the cost of.

which He spake. Cp. Josh. 6. 26.

17. 1-19. 21 [For Structures see next page].

1 Elijah. First mention = GOD (*El*) is JAH (or Jehovah). See Ap. 4. II.

Tishbite = sojourner. Probably a priest.

inhabitants = sojourners.

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

God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.

before, &c. Probably a priest. See note above.

dew = night-mist. Cp. Deut. 32. 2. 2 Sam. 1. 21. Job 38. 28.

822 nor rain °these years, but according to my
to word."

800 2 And the word of ¹ the LORD came unto him,
saying,

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

4 And it shall be, *that* thou shalt drink of the
brook; and °I have commanded the °ravens
to feed thee °there."

s 5 So he went and did according unto the word
(p. 478) of ¹ the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the
brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

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

t 7 And it came to pass after a while, that the
brook dried up, because there had been no rain
in the land.

y 8 And the word of ¹ the LORD came unto him,
saying,

9 "Arise, get thee to °Zarephath, which be-
longeth to Zidon, and dwell there: °behold, °I
have commanded °a widow woman there to
sustain thee."

s 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath.

t Z' u' And when he came to the gate of the city, °be-
hold, the widow woman was there gathering
of sticks: and he called to her, and said, "Fetch
me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that
I may drink."

11 And as she was going to fetch *it*, he called
to her, and said, "Bring me, I pray thee, a
morsel of bread in thine hand."

v' 12 And she said, "As ¹ the LORD thy ¹ God
liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of
meal in a barrel, and °a little oil in a °cruse:
and, °behold, I *am* gathering two sticks, that
I may go in and dress it for me and my son,
that we may eat it, and die."

u' 13 And Elijah said unto her, "Fear not; go
and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof
a little cake first, and bring *it* unto me, and
after make for thee and for thy son.

14 For thus saith ¹ the LORD ¹ God of Israel,
'The °barrel of meal shall not waste, neither
shall the ¹²cruse of oil fail, until the day *that*
¹ the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.'"

v' 15 And she went and did according to the
saying of Elijah:

u' and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many*
days.

16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither
did the ¹²cruse of oil fail, according to the word
of ¹ the LORD, which He spake by Elijah.

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

z 18 And she said unto Elijah, °"What have
I to do with thee, O thou °man of ¹ God? art
thou come unto me to call my °sin to remem-
brance, and to slay my son?"

x a 19 And he said unto her, "Give me thy son."
And he took him out of her bosom, and carried

17. 1-19. 21 (V², p. 477). THE DROUGHT.
(*Alternation.*)

V² W | 17. 1-24. Elijah's retirement.
X | 18. 1-46. Mission to Ahab.
W | 19. 1-14. Elijah's flight.
X | 19. 15-21. Mission to Hazael and others.

17. 1-24 (W, above). ELIJAH'S RETIREMENT.
(*Extended Alternation.*)

W Y | r | 1-4. Command.
s | 5, 6. Obedience.
t | 7. Circumstance. The brook and ravens.
Y | r | 8, 9. Command.
s | 10-. Obedience.
t | 10-24. Circumstance. The widow.

these years (not three years). No definite period
stated. "Years" is pl., not dual. In Luke 4. 25 and
Jas. 5. 17 = "three years and six months". These six
months must be reckoned before the three years, not
added at the end because of "the third year" (18. 1):
i. e. the third full year.

3 before Jordan: i. e. on the east side.

4 I have commanded. Elijah miraculously fed
three times: (1) by ravens (17. 6); (2) by a widow (17. 9);
(3) by an angel (19. 5, 6).

ravens. Note "I have commanded". All things
possible when He speaks. Almighty power is a better
and easier explanation than all rationalistic inven-
tions.

there. Nowhere else. Note the special lesson. Any-
where but in God's appointed place he would have
perished.

9 Zarephath = the Sarepta of Luke 4. 26.

behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

a widow. One of nine widows mentioned. See note
on v. 4 and Gen. 38. 13.

-10-24 (t, above). CIRCUMSTANCE. THE WIDOW.
(*Division.*)

t | Z' | -10-16. Maintenance.
| Z' | 17-24. Bereavement.

-10-16 (Z', above). MAINTENANCE.
(*Repeated Alternation.*)

Z' | u' | -10, 11. Elijah. Request.
v' | 12. The widow. Excuse.
u' | 13, 14. Elijah. Promise.
v' | 15-. The widow. Compliance.
u' | -15, 16. Elijah. Promise fulfilled.

12 a little oil. From Josh. 19. 24-28 Zidon fell to
Asher. From Deut. 33. 24 Asher had abundance of
oil, though water was scarce. Cp. Gen. 49. 20.

cruse = flask. Cp. Matt. 25. 4.

14 barrel of meal. Fig. *Hypallage* (Ap. 6) = meal in
the barrel.

17-24 (Z', above). BEREAVEMENT.
(*Introversion and Alternation.*)

Z' | w | y | 17. Son. Death.
z | 18. Widow. Complaint.
x | a | 19. Son taken.
b | 20, 21. Prayer made.
x | b | 22. Prayer answered.
a | 23-. Son restored.
w | y | -23. Son. Life.
z | 24. Widow. Acknowledgment.

17 breath. Heb. *nēslāmāh*. Ap. 16.

18 What have I . . . ? See note on 2 Sam. 16. 10.
man of God. See note on Deut. 33. 1, and Ap. 49.
sin. Heb. *āwōn*. Ap. 44. iii.

him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid
him upon his own bed.

20 And he cried unto ¹ the LORD, and said,
"O ¹ LORD my ¹ God, hast Thou also brought

822 °evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn,
to by slaying her son?"

800 21 And he °stretched himself upon the child
three times, and cried unto °the LORD, and
said, "O °LORD my °God, I pray Thee, let this
child's °soul come into him again."

x b (p. 478) 22 And °the LORD heard the voice of Elijah;
and the 21 soul of the child came into him again,
and he revived.

a 23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him
down out of the chamber into the house, and
delivered him unto his mother:

w y and Elijah said, "See, thy son °liveth."

z 24 And the woman said to Elijah, "Now by
this I know that thou art a 18 man of °God, and
that the word of °the LORD in thy mouth is
truth."

X A (p. 479) 18 And it came to pass after many days,
that the word of °the LORD came to
Elijah in the °third year, saying, "Go, shew
thyself unto Ahab;

B and I will send rain upon the earth."

A C 2 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab.
And there was a sore °famine in Samaria.

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

4 For it was so, when °Jezebel cut off the pro-
phets of °the LORD, that Obadiah took an hun-
dred prophets, and hid them by °fifty in a cave,
and fed them with bread and water.)

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

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

D 7 And as Obadiah was in the way, °behold,
Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell
on his face, and said, "Art thou that my lord
Elijah?"

8 And he answered him, "I am:

E c go, tell thy lord, 'Behold, Elijah is here.'"

d e 9 And he said, "What have I sinned, that
thou °wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand
of Ahab, to slay me?"

f g 10 As °the LORD thy °God liveth, there is no
nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not
sent to seek thee: and when they said, 'He is
not there;' he took an oath of the kingdom
and nation, that they found thee not.

h 11 And now thou sayest, 'Go, tell thy lord, 'Be-
hold, Elijah is here.'"

f g 12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am
gone from thee, that the °Spirit of °the LORD
shall carry thee whither I know not; and so
when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find
thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear
°the LORD from my youth.

13 Was it not told my lord what I did when

20 evil. Heb. *rā'a'*. Ap. 44. viii.

21 stretched = measured.

soul = life. Cp. v. 23, "liveth". Heb. *nephesh*. Ap. 18.

23 liveth. The result of life's being given, making
the child "a living soul" (Gen. 2. 7).

18. 1-46 (X, p. 478). MISSION TO AHAB. (Alternation.)

X A | 1-. Command.

B | -1. Promise of rain. Given.

A | 2-40. Obedience.

B | 41-46. Promise of rain. Fulfilled.

1 the LORD. Heb. *Jehovah*. Ap. 4. II.
third year: i. e. the third or last full year toward the
end of the three and a half years.

2-40 (A, above). OBEDIENCE. (Extended Alternation.)

A C | 2-6. Ahab and Obadiah.

D | 7, 8-. Elijah.

E | 8-16-. Ahab. Elijah's message.

C' | -16, 17. Ahab and Elijah.

D | 18. Elijah.

E | 19-40. Ahab. Elijah's proposal.

2 famine. One of the thirteen famines mentioned
in Scripture. See note on Gen. 12. 10.

3 governor of = governor over.

Now. Fig. *Parenthesis*. Ap. 6.

4 Jezebel. The first record of using the civil power
against the true religion (and by a woman). See note
on Judg. 4. 21.

fifty in a cave = fifty men. Heb. *'ish*. Ap. 14. II.

5 Go into = Sept. and Syr. read "Go and let us pass
through".

7 behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

-8-16- (E, above). AHAB. ELIJAH'S MESSAGE. (Introversion.)

E | c | -8. Command to Obadiah.

d | 9-14. Expostulation of Obadiah.

d | 15. Assurance of Elijah.

c | 16-. Obedience of Obadiah.

9-14 (d, above). EXPOSTULATION OF OBADIAH. (Introversion and Alternation.)

d | e | 9. Danger of Obadiah.

f | g | 10. Ahab's search for Elijah (past).

h | 11. Command. Of Elijah.

f' | g | 12, 13. Ahab's search for Elijah (future).

h | 14-. Command. Of Elijah.

e | -14. Danger of Obadiah.

9 What...? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

wouldest deliver = art giving.

10 God. Heb. *Elohim*. Ap. 4. I.

12 Spirit. Heb. *rūach*. Ap. 9.

13 men. Heb. *'ish*. Ap. 14. II.

15 before, &c. See note on 17. 1.

Jezebel slew the prophets of °the LORD, how
I hid an hundred °men of °the LORD'S pro-
phets by 'fifty in a cave, and fed them with
bread and water?

14 And now thou sayest, 'Go, tell thy lord,
'Behold, Elijah is here:'"

and he shall slay me."

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

16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told
him:

and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

822 17 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw
to Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, "Art thou he
800 that °troubleth °Israel?"

D 18 And he answered, "I have not troubled
(p. 479) °Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in
that ye have forsaken the commandments of
°the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

E i 19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all
(p. 480) Israel unto mount °Carmel, and the prophets
of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the pro-
phets of the °groves four hundred, which eat
at Jezebel's table."

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

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

22 Then said Elijah unto °the People, "°J,
even °I only, remain a prophet of °the LORD;
but Baal's prophets are four hundred and
fifty °men."

23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks;
and let them choose one bullock for themselves,
and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put
no fire under: and °J will dress the other bul-
lock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under:

24 And call ye on the name of your °gods,
and °J will call on the name of °the LORD: and
the °God That answereth °by fire, let him be
°God." And all the people answered and said,
"It is well spoken."

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

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

27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah
mocked them, and said, "°Cry aloud: for he
is a god; either he is talking, or he is °pursuing,
or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleep-
eth, and must be awaked."

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

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

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

G n¹ And he °repaired the altar of °the LORD that
was °broken down.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according
to the number of the tribes of the sons of °Jacob,
unto whom the word of °the LORD came, say-
ing, "°Israel shall be thy name:"

17 troubleth. Cp. Josh. 7. 25 with 6. 18, and 1 Chron. 2. 7.
Israel. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Cause), Ap. 6, for
Israelitish people.

18. 19-40 (E, p. 479). AHAB. ELIJAH'S PRO-
POSAL. (*Introversion*.)

E i | 19, 20. Baal's prophets. Assembled.
k | 21-38. Conflict with prophets.
k | 39. Confession of the People.
i | 40. Baal's prophets. Slain.

19 Carmel. Eighteen miles from Jezreel; sixteen
miles from the sea. The Kishon below, but now dry.
At the foot a perennial spring, with a roofed reservoir,
eight feet deep. Carmel is still called "Mar-Elias".
groves = the *Ashērah*. See note on Ex. 34. 13, and Ap. 42.
20 children = sons.

21-38 (k, above). CONFLICT WITH THE
PROPHETS. (*Alternation*.)

k | F | 21-24. The People. Elijah's appeal.
G | 25-29. Bullock of the prophets.
F | 30-. The People. Elijah's call.
G | -30-38. Bullock of Elijah.

21 How long...? Fig. *Erolēsis*. Ap. 6.

halt = leap. Cp. v. 26.

22 the People. Some codices read "all the people".
I...I. Fig. *Epizeuxis* (Ap. 6), for emphasis.

24 gods = god, as in v. 25. So R.V.

by fire. This was Jehovah's way of showing His
acceptance of the offering. See note on Gen. 4. 4.

25-29 (G, above). BULLOCK OF THE PROPHETS.
(*Alternation*.)

G | l | 25. Elijah.
m | 26. The prophets of Baal.
l | 27. Elijah.
m | 28, 29. The prophets of Baal.

26 leaped upon = leaped over. Cp. v. 21.

was made = had been made.

27 Cry aloud, &c. Fig. *Eironeia*. Ap. 6.

pursuing. Occurs only here.

28 lancets = lances. Done by Dervishes to the pre-
sent day.

29 evening sacrifice. The usual meal offering.
There was also a morning meal offering as well (Num.
28. 8). Cp. 2 Kings 16. 15.

-30-38 (G, above). THE BULLOCK OF ELIJAH.
(*Repeated Alternation*.)

G | n¹ | -30-32-. Altar. Its repairing.
o¹ | -32. The trench.
n² | 33-. Altar. Arrangement of wood.
o² | -33-35. The water.
n³ | 36, 37. Altar. Time for offering. Prayer.
o³ | 38. The fire.

30 repaired. Carmel had been a local altar for lay
(individual) offerings, but had been broken down. Cp.
19. 10. These lay altars had no horns.

broken down: i.e. purposely.

31 Jacob. Some codices, with one early printed
edition, and Sept., read "Israel", in harmony with v. 36.
Israel. See note on Gen. 32. 28.

32 measures. See Ap. 51. III. 3.

33 water. See note on v. 19.

the wood. Sept. adds "and they did so".

32 And with the stones he built an altar in
the name of °the LORD:

and he made a trench about the altar, as great o¹
as would contain two °measures of seed.

33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the n²
bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood,

and said, "Fill four barrels with °water, and o³
pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on °the wood."

34 And he said, "Do it the second time." And
they did it the second time. And he said, "Do

822 *it the third time.* And they did *it* the third
to time.

800 35 And the water ran round about the altar;
and he filled the trench also with water.

n³ 36 And it came to pass at *the time of* the
(p. 480) offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the
prophet came near, and said, ¹“LORD ¹⁰God of
Abraham, Isaac, and of ^oIsrael, let it be known
this day that *Thou art* ¹⁰God in Israel, and *that*
³ *am* Thy servant, and *that* I have done all
these things at Thy word.

37 Hear me, O ¹LORD, hear me, that this
People may know that *Thou art* ¹the LORD
¹⁰God, and *that* *Thou* hast turned their heart
back again.”

o³ 38 ^oThen the fire of ¹the LORD fell, ^oand con-
sumed the ^oburnt sacrifice, and the wood, and
the stones, and the dust, and licked up the
water that *was* in the trench.

k 39 And when all the People saw *it*, they fell
on their faces: and they said, ^o“The LORD, ^{he}
is the ¹⁰God; ¹the LORD, ^{he}*is* the ¹⁰God.”

i 40 And Elijah said unto them, ^o“Take the
prophets of Baal; let not ^oone of them escape.”
And they took them: and Elijah brought them
down to the brook ^oKishon, and ^oslew them
there.

B H r 41 And Elijah said unto Ahab, “Get thee up,
(p. 481) eat and drink;

s for *there is* a sound of abundance of rain.”

J K t 42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink.

u And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and
he ^ocast himself down upon the earth, and put
his face between his knees,

L 43 And said to his ^oservant, “Go up now,
look toward the sea.” And he went up, and
looked, and said, “*There is nothing.*” And
he said, “Go again seven times.”

44 And it came to pass at the seventh time,
that he said, ⁷“Behold, there ariseth a little
cloud out of the sea, like a ¹³man’s hand.”

H r And he said, “Go up, say unto Ahab, ‘Prepare
thy chariot, and get thee down,

s that the rain stop thee not.’”

J L 45 And it came to pass in the mean while,
that the heaven was black with clouds and
^owind, and there was a great rain.

K t And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

u 46 And the ^ohand of ¹the LORD was on Eli-
jah; and he ^ogirded up his loins, and ^oran
before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

W M¹ 19 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah
had done, and withal ^ohow he had slain
^oall the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah,
saying, “So let the gods do ^oto me, and more
also, if I make not thy ^olife as the ^olife of one
of them by to morrow about this time.”

N¹ v 3 And when he saw *that*, ^ohe arose, and went
for his ²life, and came to Beer-sheba, which
belongeth to Judah, and left his ^oservant
there.

36 Israel, not Jacob. See note on Gen. 32. 28.

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell. Aram. and
Sept. read “Then fire from Jehovah fell”. See note
on Gen. 4. 4. “Fire of Jehovah” occurs only here and
Num. 11. 1, 3. and. Note the Fig. *Polysyndeton*. Ap. 6.
burnt sacrifice. See Ap. 43. II. ii.

39 The LORD, &c. Fig. *Epizeuxis*. Ap. 6. Heb.
Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

40 Take = seize, lay hold of.

one = a man. Heb. *'ish*. Ap. 14. II.

Kishon. Cp. Judg. 4. 13; 5. 21.

slew. Heb. idiom, caused them to be slain.

18. 41-46 (B, p. 479). PROMISE OF RAIN. FUL-
FILLED. (*Alternation and Intversion.*)

B | H | r | 41-. Command. To Ahab.

s | 41-. Reason.

J | K | t | 42-. Obedience of Ahab.

u | 42-. Elijah. Ascent of Carmel.

L | 43, 44-. Rain. Expectation of.

H | r | 44-. Command. To servant.

s | 44-. Reason.

J | L | 45-. Rain. Fall of.

K | t | 45-. Obedience of Ahab.

u | 46. Elijah. Run to Jezreel.

42 cast himself down. A rare word. Only here
and 2 Kings 4. 34, 35. = Kneeling, and then placing fore-
head on the ground. 43 servant = young man.

45 wind. Heb. *rūach*. Ap. 9.

46 hand. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Cause), Ap. 6,
for power put forth.

girded. Girdles worn by all. Taken off when resting.
Put on when preparing for work or journeying. See Ex.
12. 11. 2 Kings 4. 29; 9. 1. Luke 12. 37; 17. 8. Acts 12. 8.
ran. For over twenty miles Elijah acted as the royal
“runner” across the great plain of Esdraelon. Pos-
sibly none at hand in the king’s hasty departure.

19. 1-14 (W, p. 478). ELIJAH’S FLIGHT.
(*Repeated Alternation.*)

W | M¹ | 1, 2. Jezebel’s threat.

N¹ | v | 3, 4. Elijah. To the desert.

w | 5-7. Coming of angel.

v | 8, 9-. Elijah. To Horeb.

w | 9-. Coming of word of Jehovah.

M² | 10. Jezebel’s threat.

N² | x | 11-. Elijah. Command.

y | 11, 12. Jehovah. Manifestations.

x | 13-. Elijah. Awe.

y | 13. Jehovah. Inquiry.

M³ | 14. Jezebel’s threat.

1 how he had slain: or, all about how he had slain.
all. Some codices, with Sept., omit this word “all”.

2 to me. These words in italics are read in some
codices, with Sept., Syr., and Vulg. Cp. 20. 10.

life = soul. Heb. *nephesh*. Ap. 13.

3 he arose. Some codices, with Aram. MS., Sept.,
Syr., and Vulg., read “And he feared and arose”.

servant = young man.

4 himself = his soul. Heb. *nephesh*. Ap. 13.

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

5 behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

6 cake . . . cruse. Elijah miraculously fed three
times. See notes on 17. 4, 6.

4 But he himself went a day’s journey into
the wilderness, and came and sat down under
a juniper tree: and he requested for ^ohimself
that he might die; and said, “It is enough;
now, O ^oLORD, take away my ²life; for ³*am*
not better than my fathers.”

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper
tree, ^obehold, then an Angel touched him, and
said unto him, “Arise and eat.”

6 And he looked, and, ⁵behold, *there was*
a ^ocake baked on the coals, and a ^ocruse of

822 water at his °head. And he did eat and drink,
to and laid him down again.

800 7 And the Angel of °the LORD came again
the second time, and touched him, and said,
"Arise and eat; because the journey is too
great for thee."

v (p. 481) 8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and
went in the strength of that meat °forty days
and °forty nights unto °Horeb the mount of
°God.

9 And he came thither unto a cave, and
°lodged there;

w and, °behold, the word of °the LORD came to
him, and He said unto him, °"What doest thou
here, Elijah?"

M² 10 And he said, "I have been very jealous
for °the LORD God of hosts: for the °children
of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, °THROWN
DOWN THINE °ALTARS, AND SLAIN THY PROPHETS WITH THE
SWORD; AND °J, even I ONLY, AM LEFT; AND THEY SEEK MY
°LIFE, TO TAKE IT AWAY."

N² x 11 And He said, °"Go forth, and stand upon
the mount before °the LORD."

y And, °behold, °the LORD passed by, and a great
and strong °wind rent the mountains, and brake
in pieces the rocks before °the LORD; but °the
LORD was not in the °wind: and after the
°wind an earthquake; but °the LORD was
not in the earthquake:

12 And after the earthquake a fire; but °the
LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire °a
still small voice.

x 13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that
he °wrapped his face in his mantle, and went
out, and stood in the entering in of the cave.

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

M³ 14 And he said, "I have been very jealous
for °the LORD °God of hosts: because the
°children of Israel have forsaken Thy cove-
nant, thrown down Thine °altars, and slain
Thy prophets with the sword; and °J, even
I only, am left; and they seek my °life, to take
it away."

X O z (p. 482) 15 And °the LORD said unto him, "Go, re-
turn °on thy way to the wilderness of Da-
mascus:

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

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

P b¹ 17 And it shall come to pass, that him that
escapeth °the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay:
and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu
shall °Elisha slay.

b² 18 Yet °I HAVE LEFT ME SEVEN THOUSAND IN ISRAEL,
ALL THE KNEES WHICH HAVE NOT °BOWED UNTO BAAL,
and every mouth which hath not °kissed
him."

O z 19 So he departed thence,

a and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was

head = bolster, or pillow.

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

Horeb. About 180 miles.

God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.

9 lodged = passed the night.

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

10 the LORD God of hosts. First occurrence of
this title. See Ap. 4 = *Jehovah Elohim z°b'āōth*. It occurs
in 2 Sam. 5. 10, but in narrative, not address. "The
LORD (*Jehovah*) God (*Elohim*) of hosts" occurs only here
in Kings and Chronicles. Often in Psalms (59. 5; 69. 6;
80. 4, 19; 84. 8; 89. 8). In Isa. 10. 23, 24; 22. 5, 12, 14, 15;
28. 22. Jer. 2. 19; 5. 14; 15. 16; 35. 17; 49. 5; 50. 25, 31.
Hos. 12. 5. Amos 5. 15. After the return from captivity
"LORD of hosts" occurs fourteen times in Haggai; about
fifty in Zechariah; and twenty-five in Malachi. But
"LORD God of hosts" is not found in those books.
children = sons. thrown, &c. Quoted in Rom. 11. 2, 3,
altars. There were *lay* altars (local) for customary
individual offerings by laymen, as well as at Jerusalem.
These had no horns.

I...I. Fig. *Epizeuxis*. Ap. 6.

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

wind. Heb. *rūach*. Ap. 9.

12 a still small voice = the sound of stillness. Cp.
Job 4. 16. Sept. = a gentle breeze, usually misquoted
"the still", &c.

13 wrapped: as Moses at the bush (Ex. 3. 6).

said. Some codices, with Syr., add "unto him". Cp. v. 9.

19. 15-21 (X, p. 478). MISSION TO HAZAEL AND
OTHERS. (*Introversion and Alternation*.)

X O | z | 15-. Return of Elijah. Commanded.

a | -15, 16. Anointings. Commanded.

P | b¹ | 17. Prophecy.

| b² | 18. History.

O | z | 19-. Return of Elijah. Effected.

a | -19-21. Anointings. Effected.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

kissed him. Heb. kissed to him. Cp. Job 31. 26, 27.

19 twelve: seven separate ploughs following each
other. Often seen to-day. mantle. Cp. Zech. 13. 4.

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

21 instruments = implements. Cp. 2 Sam. 24. 22.

plowing with °twelve yoke of oxen before
him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah
passed by him, and cast his °mantle upon
him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah,
and said, "Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father
and my mother, and then I will follow thee."
And he said unto him, "Go back again: for
°what have I done to thee?"

21 And he returned back from him, and took
a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled
their flesh with the °instruments of the oxen,
and gave unto the people, and they did eat.
Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and
ministered unto him.

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20 And °Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his °host together: and *there were* °thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

d¹ e¹

2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and °said unto him, "Thus saith Ben-hadad,

3 'Thy silver and thy gold *is* mine; thy wives also and thy °children, *even* the goodliest, *are* mine.'"

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4 And the king of Israel answered and said, "My lord, O king, according to thy saying, *3* *am* thine, and all that I have."

e²

5 And the messengers came again, and said, "Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, saying, 'Although I have sent unto thee, saying, 'Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy °children;

6 Yet I will send my servants unto thee to morrow about this time, °and they shall °search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, *that* whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put *it* in their hand, and take *it* away.'"

f²

7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, "Mark, I pray you, and see how this *man* seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my °children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not."

8 And all the elders and all the People said unto him, "Hearken not *unto him*, nor consent."

9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Ben-hadad, "Tell my lord the king, 'All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do.' " And the messengers departed, and brought him word again.

e³

10 And Ben-hadad sent unto him, and said, "The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that follow me."

f³

11 And the king of Israel answered and said, "Tell *him*, °'Let not him that girdeth on *his* harness boast himself as he that putteth it off.'"

c²

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

d²

13 And, °behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, "Thus saith °the LORD, °'Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that *3* *am* °the LORD.'"

14 And Ahab said, "By whom?" And he said, "Thus saith °the LORD, 'Even by the °young men of the princes of the provinces.' " Then he said, "Who shall order the battle?" And he answered, "I *he*u."

15 Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two

20. 1-43 (V³, p. 477). WAR WITH SYRIA.
(Repeated Alternation.)

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c¹ | 1. Syria. First invasion.

d¹ | 2-11. Israel. Negotiations.

c² | 12. Syria. Siege of Samaria.

d² | 13-21. Israel. Sortie by Ahab.

c³ | 22-26. Syria. Second invasion.

d³ | 27. Israel. Numbering of.

c⁴ | 28-30. Syria. Defeat.

d⁴ | 31-33-. Israel. Ahab's forbearance

c⁵ | -33, 34. Syria. Covenant with Ahab.

d⁵ | 35-43. Israel. God reproves Ahab.

1 Ben-hadad. Perhaps the son of the Ben-hadad of 15. 18.

host = force.

thirty and two. Probably vassal princes. Cp. v. 24.

2-11 (d¹, above). NEGOTIATIONS.
(Repeated Alternation.)

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e¹ | 2, 3. Ben-hadad. First demand.

f¹ | 4. Ahab. Compliance.

e² | 5, 6. Ben-hadad. Second demand.

f² | 7-9. Ahab. Refusal.

e³ | 10. Ben-hadad. Threatening.

f³ | 11. Ahab. Retort.

2 said. A special various reading (*Sevir*, Ap. 34) reads "they said".

3 children = sons.

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

search: as from the top: i. e. ransack.

11 Let not him. Fig. *Paræmia*. Ap. 6.

12 message = word. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for the message contained.

pavilions = tents.

13 behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

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

Hast...? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

14 young men = the servants, or esquires.

17 men. Heb. *'ēnōsh*. Ap. 14. III.

20 man. Heb. *'ish*. Ap. 14. II.

22 return of the year: the spring. Cp. 2 Sam. 11. 1.

hundred and thirty two: and after them he numbered all the People, *even* all the °children of Israel, *being* seven thousand.

16 And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, *he* and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped *him*.

17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, "There are °men come out of Samaria."

18 And he said, "Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive."

19 So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them.

20 And they slew every one his °man: and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on an horse with the horsemen.

21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

22 And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, "Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest: for at the °return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee."

c³

822 23 And the servants of the king of Syria said
to unto him, "Their gods *are* gods of the hills;
800 therefore they were stronger than we; but let
us fight against them in the plain, and surely
we shall be stronger than they.

24 And do this thing, Take the kings away,
every ²⁰ man out of his place, and put °captains
in their rooms:

25 And number thee an army, like the army
that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot
for chariot: and we will fight against them in
the plain, *and* surely we shall be stronger than
they." And he hearkened unto their voice,
and did so.

26 And it came to pass at the ²² return of the
year, that Ben-hadad numbered the Syrians,
and went up to °Aphek, to fight against Israel.

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(p. 483) 27 And the ³ children of Israel ° were num-
bered, and were all present, and went against
them: and the ³ children of Israel pitched be-
fore them like two little °flocks of kids; but
the Syrians filled the country.

c⁴ 28 And there came a ° man of ° God, and spake
unto the king of Israel, and said, "Thus saith
¹³ the LORD, 'Because the Syrians have said,
¹³ 'The LORD *is* ° God of the hills, but *he* *is* not
° God of the valleys,' therefore will I deliver
all this great multitude into thine hand, and
° ye shall know that *I am* ¹³ the LORD.' "

29 And they pitched one over against the
other seven days. And so it was, that in the
seventh day the battle was joined: and the
³ children of Israel slew of the Syrians an
hundred thousand footmen in one day.

30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city;
and there a wall fell upon twenty and seven
thousand of the ²⁰ men *that were* left. And
Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, into
an inner chamber.

d¹ 31 And his servants said unto him, ° "Behold
now, we have heard that the kings of the
house of Israel *are* merciful kings: let us,
I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and
ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king
of Israel: peradventure he will save thy ° life."

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

33 Now the ¹⁷ men ° did diligently observe
whether ° *any thing would come* from him, and
did hastily catch *it*: and they said, "Thy
brother Ben-hadad."

c⁵ Then he said, "Go ye, bring him." Then
Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he caused
him to come up into the chariot.

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

d⁵ g
(p. 484) 35 And a certain ° man of the sons of the
prophets said unto his neighbour in the word
of ¹³ the LORD, "Smite me, I pray thee." And
the ²⁰ man refused to smite him.

36 Then said he unto him, "Because thou

24 captains = governors, or pashas.

26 Aphek. Probably east of the Sea of Galilee.

27 were numbered = enrolled themselves.

flocks = newborn kids. Heb. *hāsaph*. Occurs only here.

28 man of God = a prophet. See Ap. 49.

God. Heb. *Elohim*. Ap. 4. I.

ye shall know. Sept. reads "so shalt thou know".
Cp. v. 13 above.

31 Behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

life = soul. Heb. *nephesh*. Ap. 13.

32 me = my soul. Heb. *nephesh*. Ap. 13.

brother: i. e. a brother-king.

33 did diligently observe. Heb. *divined* and *hasted*.
Fig. *Hendiadys* (Ap. 6) = quickly divined.

any thing would come. These italics are wrongly
supplied, not knowing the two readings of E. and W.
recensions, caused by a different division of words.
The E. recension reads "and they pressed [to find out]
whether it was from him and said". The W. recension
reads "and they pressed it out from him, and they
said": i. e. they wanted to know whether he confirmed
the word of his own accord.

34 streets = broadways, or bazaars.

as = according as.

said. Fig. *Ellipsis* (Ap. 6) to be supplied by repetition
from previous clause.

35-43 (d⁵, p. 483). ISRAEL. GOD REPROVES
AHAB. (*Extended Alternation*.)

d⁵ | g | 35-38. Prophet disguised.

h | 39, 40-. Symbol used.

i | -40. Ahab's sentence.

g | 41. Prophet discovered.

h | 42. Symbol interpreted.

i | 43. Ahab's heaviness.

35 man. Heb. *ish*. Ap. 14. II. Josephus identifies
him with Micahiah (22. 8).

38 ashes, &c. = bandage.

39 talent. See Ap. 51. II.

hast not obeyed the voice of ¹³ the LORD, ³¹ be-
hold, as soon as thou art departed from me,
a lion shall slay thee." And as soon as he
was departed from him, a lion found him, and
slew him.

37 Then he found another ²⁰ man, and said,
"Smite me, I pray thee." And the ²⁰ man smote
him, so that in smiting he wounded him.

38 So the prophet departed, and waited for
the king by the way, and disguised himself
with ° ashes upon his face.

39 And as the king passed by, *he* cried unto
the king: and he said, "Thy servant went out
into the midst of the battle; and, ³¹ behold,
a ²⁰ man turned aside, and brought a ²⁰ man unto
me, and said, 'Keep this ²⁰ man: if by any means
he be missing, then shall thy ³¹ life be for his
³¹ life, or else thou shalt pay a ° talent of silver.'

40 And as thy servant was busy here and
there, *he* was gone."

And the king of Israel said unto him, "So
shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided *it*."

41 And he hastened, and took the ³⁸ ashes away
from his face; and the king of Israel discerned
him that *he* was of the prophets.

42 And he said unto him, "Thus saith ¹³ the
LORD, 'Because thou hast let go out of *thy*
hand a ²⁰ man whom I appointed to utter de-
struction, therefore thy ³¹ life shall go for his
³¹ life, and thy people for his people.' "

43 And the king of Israel went to his house
heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

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21 And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite ° had a vineyard, which was in ° Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

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

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

k l **4** And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, "I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers." And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 And the ¹⁰ men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did ° as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

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

13 And there came in two ¹⁰ men, ¹⁰ children of Belial, and sat before him: and the ¹⁰ men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the People, saying, "Naboth did ¹⁰ blaspheme ¹⁰ God and the king." Then they carried him forth out of the city, and ° stoned him with stones, that he died.

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

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

16 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard

21. 1-29 (T, p. 477). PERSONAL EVIL. NABOTH. (Division.)

T | Q¹ | 1-16. Evil committed.
Q² | 17-29. Evil to be judged.

1-16 (Q¹, above). EVIL COMMITTED. (Alternation and Introversion.)

Q¹ | j | 1-3. Ahab's covetousness. Fact.
k | l | 4. Ahab's heaviness.
m | 5. Jezebel's inquiry.
j | 6. Ahab's covetousness. Recital.
k | m | 7-15. Jezebel's promise.
l | 16. Ahab's gratification.

1 had a vineyard = a vineyard came to be his (by inheritance).

Jezreel. In the plain of Esdraelon.

2 Give me. Cp. 1 Sam. 8. 14, of which this is a fulfilment.

3 The LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II. the inheritance of my fathers. Naboth respected the Law of God (Lev. 25. 23. Num. 36. 7, 8).

5 spirit. Heb. *ruach*. See Ap. 9.

7 Dost ...? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

8 and. Note the Fig. *Polytōton* (Ap. 6) in vv. 8-10. sealed ... with his seal. Fig. *Polytōton*. Ap. 6. Sealing was done by rubbing ink on the seal, moistening the paper, and pressing the seal thereon.

9 on high: i. e. in a conspicuous place; or, perhaps, before the bar of justice.

10 two. Cp. Deut. 17. 6.

men. Heb. *enōsh*. Ap. 14. III.

sons of Belial. Cp. Deut. 13. 13. 1 Sam. 1. 16; 2. 12, &c.

blaspheme. The current Heb. text reads "bless". In spite of this the A.V. and R.V. render it "blaspheme". It is one of the emendations of the *Sopherim* (Ap. 18), and is correctly rendered "blaspheme", but should have had a marginal note of explanation.

God. Heb. *Elohim*. Ap. 4. I.

11 as = according as.

13 stoned him. One of the nine cases of stoning. See note on Lev. 24. 14.

15 Arise. This form of the imperative is only found in connection with Jehovah, and always with reference to the promised land. And the lengthened form is found only in Moses' mouth in Num. 10. 35.

17-29 (Q², above). EVIL TO BE JUDGED. (Double Introversion and Alternation.)

Q² | R | n | 17-19-. Call to Elijah to go to Ahab.
o | -19. Judgment pronounced.
S | p | 20. Altercation.
q | 21, 22. Judgment. Particular.
T | 23. Jezebel.
S | q | 24. Judgment. Particular.
p | 25, 26. Provocation.
R | n | 27-29-. Call to Elijah to see Ahab humbled.
o | -29. Judgment mitigated.

18 behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

19 Hast thou ...? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6. killed = murdered.

that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

17 And the word of ³ the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18 "Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: ° behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.

19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, 'Thus saith ³ the LORD, ° 'Hast thou ° killed, and also taken possession?' And thou shalt speak unto him, saying,

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o 'Thus saith ³the LORD, 'In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even *thine*.'"

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20 And Ahab said to Elijah, "Hast thou found me, O mine enemy?" And he answered, "I have found *thee*: because thou hast sold thyself to work ^oevil in the sight of ³the LORD.

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21 ¹⁸Behold, I will bring ²⁰evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab ^ohim that pisseth against the wall, and him that is ^oshut up and left in Israel,

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

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23 And of Jezebel also spake ³the LORD, saying, "The dogs shall eat Jezebel ^oby the wall of ^oJezebel.

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24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat."

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25 But there was ^onone like unto ^oAhab, which did sell himself to work ^owickedness in the sight of ³the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

26 And he did very abominably in following ^oidols, according to all *things* as did the Amorites, whom ³the LORD cast out before the ¹³children of Israel.

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

28 And the word of ³the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

29 "Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before Me?

o because he humbleth himself before Me, I will ^onot bring the ²⁰evil in his days: *but* in his son's days will I bring the ²⁰evil upon his house."

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22 And they continued ^othree years without war between Syria and Israel.

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

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3 ^oAnd the king of Israel said unto his servants, "Know ye that ^oRamoth in Gilead is ^oours, and *we* be still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of ^oSyria?"

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

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

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6 Then the king of Israel gathered the ^oprophets together, about four hundred ^omen, and said unto them, "Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?" And they

20 evil = the evil. Heb. *rā' a'*. Ap. 44. viii.

21 him that, &c. = every male. Cp. 14. 10. shut up and left. See note on 14. 10.

22 Jeroboam. Cp. 16. 3.

made Israel to sin. See note on 12. 30.

23 by the wall. The word *bēhēl* is thought by Ginsburg to be an abbreviation for *bēhēlek* = "in the portion of", as in 2 Kings 9. 10, 36: i. e. within the rampart.

Jezebel. Not Samaria the capital, but Jezreel where Naboth had been murdered.

25 The Structure (p. 485) places the member ("p"), vv. 25, 26, as within a parenthesis.

none like unto Ahab. Out of twenty bad kings Ahab was the worst. Cp. 16. 30, 33.

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

26 idols = filthy idols. Cp. Lev. 26. 30.

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

went softly: i. e. humbly.

29 Seest thou . . . ? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

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

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

(Repeated Alternation and Introversion.)

U	V ¹	1, 2. Ahab. Visited by Jehoshaphat.
	W ¹	r ¹ 3, 4. Ramoth-gilead. Plan of Ahab.
		s ¹ 5-28. Jehoshaphat's uneasiness.
		r ² 29. Ramoth. Battle fought.
	V ²	30. Ahab's expedient.
	W ²	r ³ 31. Ramoth-gilead. Plan of king of Syria.
		s ² 32. Jehoshaphat's danger.
		r ⁴ 33-36. Ramoth-gilead. Battle won.
	V ³	37, 38. Ahab's death.

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

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

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

Ramoth. One of the Cities of Refuge.

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

Syria. Probably taken in former war (U, 16. 34-20. 43, p. 477) by Ben-hadad I from Omri, which his son Ben-hadad II agreed to restore.

5-28 (s¹, above). JEHOSEPHAT'S UNEASINESS. (Introversion and Repeated Alternation.)

s ¹	X ¹	t ¹ 5. Jehoshaphat.
		u ¹ 6. Ahab.
		t ² 7. Jehoshaphat.
		u ² 8, 9. Ahab.
		t ³ 10-. Jehoshaphat.
		u ³ -10-12. Ahab.
	Y	x ¹ 13. Micaiah. Messenger to.
		x ² 14. Micaiah. To messenger.
	X ²	v ¹ 15. Micaiah.
		w ¹ 16. The king.
		v ² 17. Micaiah.
		w ² 18. The king.
		v ³ 19-25. Micaiah.
		w ³ 26, 27. The king.
		v ⁴ 28. Micaiah.

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

6 prophets: i. e. Ahab's false prophets.

men. Heb. *'ish*.

Ap. 14. II.

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said, "Go up; °for °the LORD* shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king."

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

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

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

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10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a °void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria;

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and all the °prophets prophesied before them.

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

12 And all the °prophets prophesied so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: °for °the LORD shall deliver *it* into the king's hand."

Y x¹

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

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14 And Micaiah said, "As °the LORD liveth, what °the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak."

X² v¹

15 So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, "Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear?" And he answered him, °"Go, and prosper: °for °the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king."

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

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

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18 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, °"Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but °evil?"

v³

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

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

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

for = and.

the LORD*. This is one of the 134 places where "Jehovah" was changed to "Adonai" by the *Sopherim*. See Ap. 32.

7 besides. Jehoshaphat uneasy, well knowing that Ahab's prophets were not the prophets of Jehovah.

8 evil. Heb. *rā'ā'*. Ap. 44. viii.

10 void place = level place, or threshing-floor.

13 Behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

word. So to be read; but written "words". In some codices, with three early printed editions, Syr., and Vulg., it is both written and read "word". Cp. 2 Chron. 18. 12.

15 Go, and prosper. Fig. *Eironeia*. Ap. 6. Doubtless repeating the words he had heard in vv. 6, 13.

16 shall: or must.

18 Did I not . . . ? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

19 heaven = the heavens, as always.

20 persuade = entice.

21 a spirit = the spirit. Heb. *rūach*. Ap. 9.

22 Thou shalt, &c. Illustrating 2 Thess. 2. 9-12. Cp. Ezek. 14. 9: "I have deceived" = I have permitted it. This is quite in harmony with Prov. 12. 22. That refers to the sphere of God's *grace*; this to the sphere of His *judgment*. We are governed by His Word, not by His ways. Prov. 12. 22 refers to the world of *men*. This to the world of *spirits*.

23 spoken: in v. 17.

24 Which way . . . ? or, Which way then?

27 Put this fellow, &c. One of the eleven rulers offended with God's servants for speaking the truth. See note on Ex. 10. 28.

28 People = peoples.

every one = all.

30 I will. See note on v. 22. A feigned compliment, and piece of treachery.

22 And °the LORD said unto him, 'Where-with?' And he said, 'I will go forth, and I will be a lying °spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And He said, °'Thou shalt °persuade *him*, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.'

23 Now therefore, °behold, °the LORD hath put a lying °spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and °the LORD hath °spoken °evil concerning thee."

24 But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, °"Which way went the °Spirit of °the LORD from me to speak unto thee?"

25 And Micaiah said, "Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself."

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

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

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

29 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.

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

W² 1³ 31 But the king of Syria commanded his
822 thirty and two captains that had rule over his
to chariots, saying, "Fight neither with small
800 nor great, save only with the king of Israel."

s² 32 And it came to pass, when the captains of
(p. 486) the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said,
"Surely ° it is the king of Israel." And they
turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat ° cried out.

r⁴ 33 And it came to pass, when the captains of
the chariots perceived that ³² it was not the king
of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing
him.

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

35 And the battle increased that day: and
the king ° was stayed up in his chariot against
the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood
ran out of the wound into the midst of the
chariot.

36 And there went a proclamation through-
out the host about the going down of the sun,
saying, ° "Every man to his city, and ° every
man to his own country."

V³ 37 So the king died, and was brought to Sa-
maria; and they buried the king in Samaria.

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

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

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

F² A¹ 41 And ° Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to
(p. 488) reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab
king of Israel.

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

B¹ 43 And he walked in all the ways of Asa his
father; he turned not aside from it, doing *that*
which was right in the eyes of ° the LORD:
nevertheless the high places were not taken
away; for the People ° offered and burnt in-
cense yet in the high places.

44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the
king of Israel.

A² 45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat,
and his might that he shewed, and how he
warred, ³⁹ are they not written in the book of
the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

B² 46 And the remnant of the ° sodomites, which
remained in the days of his father Asa, he took
out of the land.

47 There was then ° no king in Edom: a
° deputy was king.

48 Jehoshaphat ° made ° ships of ° Tharshish

32 it = 5e.

cried out. See note on 2 Chron. 18. 31.

34 at a venture = in his innocence, or to its full
stretch.

harness = coat of mail.

Turn thine hand. This is Ahab's history; 2 Chron. 18
is Jehoshaphat's. Hence nothing about Jehovah's help.

35 was stayed up = stayed himself up, as in 2 Chron.
18. 34. Difference caused by pointing of the word
mā'āmād (here), and ma'amid in Chronicles. The only
occurrence of this participle, cp. 2 Chron. 18. 34.

36 Every man. Supply Fig. *Ellipsis* (Ap. 6), "Let
every man go".

every man. Omitted in some codices, with two early
printed editions, Sept., and Vulg.

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

41-50 (F², p. 446). JUDAH (JEHOSHAPHAT).
(Repeated Alternation.)

F² A¹ | 41, 42. Jehoshaphat. Accession.

B¹ | 43, 44. Personal. Well- and wrong-doing.

A² | 45. Jehoshaphat. Political events. Record.

B² | 46-49. Personal. Well- and wrong-doing.

A³ | 50. Jehoshaphat. Death and burial.

41 Jehoshaphat. Cp. 2 Chron. 17. 1.

43 And he walked. The 19th *Seder* begins here,
and ends with 2 Kings 2. 14. See note on p. 366.

offered = sacrificed. See Ap. 43. I. iv.

46 sodomites. See note on 14. 23, 24.

47 no king. As later in 2 Kings 8. 20.

deputy. Appointed by the king of Judah.

48 made ships, &c. This was subsequent to 2 Chron.
20. 36-37. Here Jehoshaphat made "Tharshish ships"

to go to Ophir, and, profiting by the experience and
warning of 2 Chron. 20. 37, refused the request of Aha-
ziah, king of Israel. In 2 Chron. 20. 35 he had joined
himself with Ahaziah to make (ordinary) ships to go to
Tharshish, which was quite a different thing.

ships of Tharshish = Tharshish ships: i.e. large
ocean-going ships.

Tharshish. See note on 10. 22.

50 buried: in further explanation of preceding
clause.

1 Kings 22. 51—2 Kings 8. 15 (E³, p. 446).
ISRAEL. (*Introversion*.)

E³ C¹ | 1 Kings 22. 51—2 Kings 1. 18. Ahaziah.

D | 2 Kings 2. 1-25. Elijah.

C² | 2 Kings 3. 1-8. 15. Joram.

This Structure exhibits the cause of the break between
the two books mentioned in note on titles (pp. 366 and
446). If originally divided by design instead of from
exigency, the break would not have occurred in the
midst of the House of ISRAEL, and the reign of Ahaziah.

1 K. 22. 51—2 K. 1. 18 [For Structure see next page].

to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not;
for the ships were broken at Ezion-geber.

49 Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto
Jehoshaphat, "Let my servants go with thy
servants in the ships." But Jehoshaphat
would not.

50 And Jehoshaphat ⁴⁰ slept with his fathers,
and was ° buried with his fathers in the city of
David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned
in his stead.

51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign
over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of
Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two
years over Israel.

52 And he did ° evil in the sight of ° the LORD,
and walked in the way of his father, and in

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

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

53 the LORD God (Heb. Jehovah Elohim) of Israel. Cp. 1. 30, and see Ap. 4. II and I.

1 Kings 22. 51—2 Kings 1. 18 (C¹, p. 488).
AHAZIAH. (*Introversion*.)

C¹ E | 1 Kings 22. 51. Introduction. Accession.
F | 1 Kings 22. 52, 53. Personal. Evil-doing.
G | 2 Kings 1. 1. Political. Rebellion of Moab.
F | 2 Kings 1. 2-16. Personal. Evil-doing.
E | 2 Kings 1. 17, 18. Conclusion. Death and burial.

52 made Israel to sin. See first occurrence (14. 16).

[THE SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS,

COMMONLY CALLED,

THE FOURTH BOOK OF THE KINGS.]

G
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F H a

1 Then °Moab rebelled against Israel °after the death of Ahab.

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

b 3 But the °Angel of °the LORD said to °Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, 'Is it not because there is not a °God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of °Baal-zebub the god of Ekron?'

c 4 Now therefore thus saith °the LORD, 'Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but °shalt surely die.''" And Elijah departed.

J 5 And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, "Why are ye now turned back?"

J 6 And they said unto him, "There came a °man up to meet us, and said unto us, 'Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, 'Thus saith °the LORD, 'Is it not because there is not a °God in Israel, that thou sendest to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but °shalt surely die.''"

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

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

H a 9 Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, °behold, he sat on the top of an hill. And he spake unto him, "Thou °man of °God, the king hath said, 'Come down.'"

10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, "If °be a °man of °God, then °let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty." And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

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

1. 1 Moab rebelled. Moab had been subdued by David (2 Sam. 8. 2; 23. 20); and when the kingdom was divided it passed to Israel. It was greatly oppressed by Omri and Ahab, and, on the death of the latter (cp. 3. 5), Mesha, king of Moab, rebelled. See the record of the event on "the Moabite stone". Ap. 54.

The verse is introduced here to complete the symmetry of the introversion. See "G" in the Structure above. after. The inscription on the Moabite stone leaves the exact date indefinite. Line five, "Israel perished", may refer to the death of Ahab.

2-16 (F, above). AHAZIAH. PERSONAL. EVIL-DOING. (*Introversion and Extended Alternation*.)

F | H | a | 2. Mission to Baal-zebub.
b | 3. Reproof of Elijah.
c | 4. Assurance of death.
J | 5. Messengers. Inquiry.
J | 6-8. Messengers. Report.
H | a | 9-16. Missions to Elijah.
b | 16-. Reproof of Elijah.
c | 16. Assurance of death.

2 lattice = network or balustrade, which protected the open window of the upper chamber. Cp. Judg. 3. 20; 5. 28. 1 Kings 17. 19. 2 Kings 4. 10.

Baal-zebub = Lord of flies. Later Jews polluted it by changing it to Beel-zebub (Lord of dung or dunghills). In Matt. 12. 24 it is in Greek Baal-zebub = lord of abominable idols; the prince of idols and idolatry; the worst and chief of all wickedness. Imagine the blasphemy.

Ekron. One of the five Philistine cities. Josh. 13. 3. 3 Angel of the LORD. See note on Ex. 3. 2. He who directed Moses directs Elijah.

the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II. Elijah = my GOD is JAH. See Ap. 4. III.

God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.

4 shalt surely die. Same as Gen. 2. 17.

6 man. Heb. 'ish. Ap. 14. II.

8 hairy = clad in a garment consisting of a skin. Prophets wore coarse clothing (Zech. 13. 4. Matt. 3. 4).

girdle of leather. Worn by Palestine peasants to-day.

9 behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

man of God. The people's name for a prophet. See Ap. 49.

10 let fire come down. Quoted in Luke 9. 54.

12 unto them. Some codices, with Sept. and Syr., read "unto him".

fire of God. Occurs only here and Job 1. 16. Some codices, with Aram., Sept., and Vulg., omit "of God", as in v. 10.

12 And Elijah answered and said °unto them, "If °be a °man of °God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty." And the °fire of °God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.