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27 To them which were in Beth-el, and to them which were in south Ramoth, and to them which were in Jattir,

28 And to them which were in Aroer, and to them which were in Siphmoth, and to them which were in Eshtemoa,

29 And to them which were in Rachal, and to them which were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to them which were in the cities of the Kenites,

30 And to them which were in Hormah, and to them which were in Chor-ashan, and to them which were in Athach,

31 And to them which were in °Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his 1 men were wont to °haunt.

D K¹ w¹

31 Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the °men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and °Abinadab, and Melchishua, Saul's sons.

3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was °sore wounded of the archers.

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4 Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, "Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and °abuse me." But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.

6 °So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, °and all his 1 men, that same day together.

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7 And when the 1 men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Jordan, saw that the 1 men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

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8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that

31 Hebron. Caleb's lot: the Negeb. Cp. 27. 10. haunt=frequent.

1 Sam. **31. 1—2 Sam. 1. 27** (D, p. 404). SAUL'S DEATH. (Division.)

D | K¹ | 1 Sam. 31. 1-13. The battle.
| K² | 2 Sam. 1. 1-27. Report of the battle.

31. 1-13 (K¹, above). THE BATTLE. (Repeated Alternation.)

K¹ | w¹ | 1-3. Israel. Defeat.
| x | 4-6. Saul's death.
w² | 7. Israel. Flight.
| x | 8-10. Saul. Indignities.
w³ | 11-13. Israel. Rescue of bodies.

1 men. Heb. 'ēnōsh. Ap. 14. III.

2 Abinadab. Called Ishui (14. 49).

3 sore wounded = in sore anguish.

4 abuse = insult.

6 So Saul died. Cp. 1 Chron. 10. 13, 14. Here, history from human standpoint; in Chronicles, God's standpoint, and reasons of the history. See notes on 1 Chron. 10. 13, and Ap. 55. If Saul was thirty years of age when anointed, he would now be seventy; and Jonathan fifty-three or fifty-four. See note on 13. 1. and. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Syr., and Vulg., read "yea, and".

10 his body. This is additional to 1 Chron. 10. 10; and "his head", there, is additional to 1 Sam. 31. 10. The two books and accounts are independent, supplementary, and complementary by Fig. Hysterēsis (Ap. 6). See Ap. 55.

Beth-shan. It had remained Canaanite, and therefore friendly to Philistines (Judg. 1. 27).

11 to = about. 12 men. Heb. 'ish. Ap. 14. II.

they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people.

10 And they put his armour in the house of Ashtarothe: and they fastened °his body to the wall of °Beth-shan.

11 And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard of that which the Philistines had done °to Saul;

12 All the valiant °men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of 10 Beth-shan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there.

13 And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

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THE °SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL,

OTHERWISE CALLED,

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS.

K² y

1 Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from °the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in °Ziklag;

2 It came even to pass on °the third day, that, °behold, a °man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance.

3 And David said unto him, "From whence comest thou?" And he said unto him, "Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped."

TITLE, Second Book. See note on First Book, p. 366.

2 Sam. **1. 1-27** (K², above). REPORT OF BATTLE. (Alternation.)

K² | y | 1-10. Amalekite's report.
| z | 11, 12. The lamentation of David.
y | 13-16. Amalekite's execution.
| z | 17-27. The lamentation of "the Bow".

1 the slaughter. Cp. 1 Sam. 30. 17.

Ziklag. Cp. 1 Sam. 27. 6.

2 the third day. See note on 1 Sam. 30. 12.

behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

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

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4 And David said unto him, "How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me." And °he answered, "That the People are fled from the battle, and many of the People also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also."

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

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

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

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

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

10 So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was °fallen: and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

b¹

How are the mighty fallen!

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

21 Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew,

Neither let there be rain, upon you,
Nor fields of offerings:

4 he answered. He thought he brought news which would be welcomed.

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

8 Amalekite. Thus Saul was dishonoured by one whom his disobedience spared. Cp. 1 Sam. 15. 3 and Ex. 17. 16.

9 He said. His whole story was a fabrication. See the facts in 1 Sam. 31. 4, 5.

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

10 fallen: i. e. upon his own sword (1 Sam. 31. 4).

11 men. Heb. *'enosh*. Ap. 14. III.

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

16 Thy blood. Cp. v. 10.

thy head=thyslf. Fig. *Synecdoche* (of Part). Ap. 6.

1. 17-27 (z, p. 408). THE LAMENTATION OF "THE BOW". (*Repeated Alternation*.)

Title	L ¹	L ²
	17. The Lament.	
		18. The Lamentation.

z	a ¹	19-. Apostrophe (sing.). Saul.
	b ¹	19-. Lamentation (pl.). Saul and Jonathan.
	a ²	20, 21. Apostrophe (sing.). Saul.
	b ²	22, 23. Celebration (pl.). Saul and Jonathan.
	a ³	24. Apostrophe (sing.). Saul.
	b ³	25-. Lamentation (pl.). Saul and Jonathan.
	a ⁴	25, 26. Apostrophe (sing.). Jonathan.
	b ⁴	27. Lamentation (pl.). Saul and Jonathan.

18 children=sons.

the use of. The *Ellipsis* is wrongly supplied. The word "Lamentation" should be repeated from v. 17; "The Bow" being the *subject* of the Lamentation (v. 22).

the bow. This is the name of the Lamentation, because it is mentioned in v. 22; and it is what the tribe of Saul and Jonathan (Benjamin) was noted for (cp. 1 Chron. 8. 40; 12. 2. 2 Chron. 14. 8; 17. 17). For a similar reason the scripture (Ex. 3) about "The Bush" is so called in Mark 12. 26. Luke 20. 37.

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

written, &c. In the Book of Jasher (or The Upright One)="Thy hart, Israel, lies slain", &c.

19 beauty=gazelle. Symbolic of beauty and grace.

21 The shield of Saul. Omit the italics that follow, and supply instead "the weapon of one anointed with oil", the Heb. *k'li* "weapons" being read instead of *b'li* in the first edition of the *Hebrew Bible*, 1488, and the Syr. and Arabic Versions and Chaldee paraphrase.

23 swifter . . . stronger. Fig. *Hyperbole*. Ap. 6.

For there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away,

°The shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil.

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

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

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

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25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle!

b³

O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thine high places.

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960 26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan:
Very pleasant hast thou been unto me:
Thy love to me was wonderful,
Passing the love of women.

b⁴ (p. 409) 27 ° How are the mighty fallen,
And the weapons of war perished!"

A c (p. 410) 2 And it came to pass after this, that David °enquired of °the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?" And °the LORD said unto him, "Go up." And David said, "Whither shall I go up?" And He said, "Unto Hebron."

2 So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail °Nabal's wife the Carmelite.

3 And his °men that were with him did David bring up, every °man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

d e 4 And the °men of Judah came, and there they °anointed David king over the house of Judah.

f And they told David, saying, That "the °men of Jabesh-gilead were they that buried Saul."

5 And David sent messengers unto the °men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them, "Blessed be ye of °the LORD, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him."

6 And now °the LORD shew kindness and truth unto you: and °I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing.

7 Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye °valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them."

d e 8 But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took °Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim;

9 And made him king over Gilead, °and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.

960 to 958 10 Ish-bosheth Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years.

f But the house of Judah followed David.

c 11 And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

B g 12 And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.

13 And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and met together by the pool of °Gibeon: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.

14 And Abner said to Joab, "Let the °young men now arise, and °play before us." And Joab said, "Let them arise."

h 15 Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, °which pertained to Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.

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

2 Sam. 2. 1-24. 25 (B², p. 366). KING DAVID. (Division.)

B² | C¹ | 2. 1-4. 12. The Kingdom. Divided.
| C² | 5. 1-24. 25. The Kingdom. United.

2. 1-4. 12 (C¹, above). KINGDOM DIVIDED. (Alternation.)

C¹ | A | 2. 1-11. Followers. Accessions.
| B | 2. 12-32. Conflicts. Military.
| A | 3. 1-39. Followers. Defections.
| B | 4. 1-12. Conflicts. Personal.

2. 1-11 (A, above). FOLLOWERS. ACCESSIONS. (Introversion and Alternation.)

A | c | 1-3. David goes to Hebron.
| d | e | 4-. David anointed over house of Judah.
| f | 4-7. Those who followed David.
| d | e | 8-10-. Ish-bosheth anointed over Israel.
| f | 10. Those who followed David.
| c | 11. David reigns in Hebron.

1 enquired. Probably by Urim and Thummim, in the breastplate of Abiathar the High Priest, who was with David (1 Sam. 22. 20).

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

3 men. Heb. 'ēnōsh. Ap. 14. III.

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

4 anointed David. Aged thirty years. See note on 1 Sam. 16. 13.

6 The 20th Seder ends here. See note on p. 366.

7 valiant = sons of valour.

8 Ish-bosheth = man of shame: i. e. the idol "Baal". In 1 Chron. 8. 33 = Esh-baal.

9 and. Note the Fig. Polysyndeton (Ap. 6) in v. 9.

12-32 (B, above). CONFLICTS. MILITARY. (Extended Alternation.)

B | g | 12-14. Abner and Joab. Colloquy.
| h | 15-17. Conflict ensues.
| i | 18-25. Pursuit. Asahel's death.
| g | 26, 27. Abner and Joab. Colloquy.
| h | 28. Conflict ended.
| i | 29-32. Return. Asahel's burial.

13 Gibeon. Abner's city, in Benjamin (1 Chron. 8. 29, 30; 9. 35, 36).

14 young men = common soldiers.

play = make sport.

15 which pertained. Sept. and Syr. read "pertaining".

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 And Abner said to him, "Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee

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his armour." But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him.

22 And Abner said again to Asahel, "Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother?"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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3 Now there was long war between the house of ° Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger,

and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

2 And unto David were sons born in Hebron: and his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess;

3 And his second, Chileab, of Abigail the ° wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, ° Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmi king of Geshur;

4 And the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;

5 And the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah ° David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

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6 And it came to pass, while there was war

23 stood still: i.e. with horror at the sight.

25 children = sons.

27 God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I (with Art.). spoken. Supply the *Ellipsis* (Ap. 6) thus: "spoken [the words which caused the provocation], surely". Cp. v. 14.

29 Bithron = the ravine.

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

3. 1-39 (A, p. 410). FOLLOWERS. DEFECTIONS. (*Introversion.*)

A | j | 1-. House of David.

k | -1. House of Saul.

l | 2-5. Sons of David.

k | 6-11. House of Saul.

j | 12-39. House of David.

1 Saul. Note the Fig. *Antimetabolē* (Ap. 6) in this verse, and the Introversion of the subjects of this chapter.

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

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

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

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

k | m | 6. Abner Strong.

n | 7. Ish-bosheth. Wrath with Abner.

m | 8-10. Abner. Wrath.

n | 11. Ish-bosheth. Fear of Abner.

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

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

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

as = according as.

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

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

j | o | 12. Abner's overtures to David.

p | 13-16. Return of Michal to David.

o | 17-19. Abner's overtures to Israel.

p | 20-39. Return of Abner to David.

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, "Whose *is* the land?"

960 saying *also*, "Make thy ^oleague with me, and,
to ^obehold, my ^ohand *shall be* with thee, to bring
953 about all Israel unto thee."

p 13 And he said, "Well; ^oI will make a
(p. 411) ¹²league with thee: but one thing ^oI require of
thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face,
except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter,
when thou comest to see my face."

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

15 And Ish-bosheth sent, and took her from
^oher husband, *even* from ^oPhaltiel the son of
Laish.

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

o 17 And Abner had communication with the
elders of Israel, saying, "Ye sought for David
in times past *to be* king over you:

18 Now then ^odo *it*: for ^othe LORD hath spoken
of David, saying, 'By the hand of My servant
David I will save My people Israel out of the
hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of
all their enemies.'"

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

p q 20 So Abner came to David to Hebron, and
(p. 412) twenty ^omen with him. And David made
Abner and the ^omen that *were* with him a
feast.

r t 21 And Abner said unto David, "I will arise
and go, and will gather all Israel unto my
lord the king, that they may make a ¹²league
with thee, and that thou mayest reign over
all that ^othine heart desireth." And David
^osent Abner away; and he went in peace.

u 22 And, ¹²behold, the servants of David and
Joab came from ^opursuing a troop, and brought
in a great spoil with them: but Abner was not
with David in Hebron; for he had ²¹sent him
away, and he was gone in peace.

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

t 24 Then Joab came to the king, and said,
^o"What hast thou done? ¹²behold, Abner came
unto thee; ^owhy *is it that* thou hast ²¹sent him
away, and he is quite gone?"

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

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

s v 27 And when Abner was returned to Hebron,
Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with
him quietly, and smote him there under the

¹² league = covenant.

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

hand. Fig. *Metonymy* (of Cause), Ap. 6. Hand put for
help given by it.

¹³ Well = Good!

¹⁵ her. Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg. read "her" in
the text.

Phaltiel. Same as Phalti (1 Sam. 25. 44).

¹⁶ along weeping = weeping as he went.

¹⁸ do it = act.

20-39 (p. 411). RETURN OF ABNER TO DAVID.
(Extended Alternation.)

p | q | 20. Feasting.

r | 21-26. Treatment of Abner.

s | 27-34. Death of Abner. Joab guilty.

q | 35, 36. Fasting.

r | 37. Treatment of Abner.

s | 38, 39. Death of Abner. David innocent.

20 men. Heb. *'enōsh*. Ap. 14. III.

21-26 (r, above). TREATMENT OF ABNER.
(Alternation.)

r | t | 21. David and Abner.

u | 22, 23. Return of Joab.

t | 24, 25. David and Joab.

u | 26. Return of Abner.

21 thine heart = thy soul. Heb. *nephes*. Ap. 13.
sent Abner away = let Abner go.

22 pursuing a troop = making a raid.

24 What ...? ... why ...? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

27-34 (s, above). DEATH OF ABNER.
(Alternation.)

s | v | 27. Retaliation of Joab.

w | 28, 29. David's imprecation.

v | 30. Retaliation of Joab.

w | 31-34. David's lamentation.

28 blood. Heb. = bloods. Fig. *Heterōsis* (of Number)
= much or noble blood. (Ap. 6).

29 rest = recoil. or. See note on Judg. 11. 31.
falleth on the sword. Fig. *Periphrasis* (Ap. 6) for
death by executioner; or, in war: commonly used where
guilt of some kind is involved.

30 Gibeon. Cp. 2. 13.

31 bier. Heb. *mittah*, a bed; see 4. 7, and cp. Ex.
8. 3. The poor man's couch by day was his bed by
night, and sometimes his bier.

fifth *rib*, that he died, for the blood of Asahel
his brother.

28 And afterward when David heard *it*, he
said, "^oI and my kingdom *are* guiltless before
^othe LORD for ever from the ^oblood of Abner
the son of Ner:

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

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

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

32 And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the
king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave
of Abner; and all the People wept.

960 33 And the king lamented over Abner, and
to said,

953 "Died Abner as ° a fool dieth ?

34 Thy hands were ° not bound, nor thy feet
put into ° fetters :

As a man falleth before ° wicked men, so
fellest thou."

And all the People wept again over him.

35 And when all the People came to cause
David to eat ° meat while it was yet day, David
swore, saying, "So do ° God to me, and more
also, if I taste bread, or ought else, till the sun
be down."

36 And all the People took notice of it, and
it ° pleased them: as whatsoever the king did
pleased all the People.

37 For all the People and all Israel under-
stood that day that it was not of the king to
slay Abner the son of Ner.

38 And the king said unto his servants,
"Know ye not that there is a prince and
a great man fallen this day in Israel?

39 And I am this day weak, though anointed
king; and these 20 men the sons of Zeruiah be
too hard for me: ° the LORD ° shall reward the
doer of ° evil according to his ° wickedness."

B C x 4 And when Saul's son heard that Abner
was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble,
and all the Israelites were troubled.

y 2 And Saul's son had two ° men that were
captains of bands: the name of the one was
Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab,
the sons of Rimmon a ° Beerothite, of the
° children of Benjamin: (° for Beeroth also was
reckoned to Benjamin:

3 And the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and
were sojourners there until this day.)

D 4 And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son that
was ° lame of his feet. He was five years old
when the tidings came ° of Saul and Jonathan
out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and
fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to
flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his
name was Mephibosheth.

C x 5 And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite,
Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about
the heat of the day to the house of Ish-bosheth,
who lay on a bed at noon.

6 ° And they came thither into the midst of
the house, as though they would have fetched
wheat; and they smote him under the fifth
rib: and Rechab and Baanah his brother es-
caped.

7 For when they came into the house, he lay
on his ° bed in his bedchamber, and they smote
him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and
took his head, and gat them away through
the plain all night.

8 And they brought the head of Ish-bosheth
unto David to Hebron, and said to the king,
"Behold the head of Ish-bosheth the son of
Saul thine enemy, which sought thy ° life; and
° the LORD hath avenged my lord the king this
day of Saul, and of his seed."

y 9 And David answered Rechab and Baanah
his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite,

33 Died . . . ? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

a fool dieth: i. e. running into needless danger.

34 not bound: i. e. as a malefactor. Cp. 1 Sam.
25. 25, 26.

fetters. Heb. = brass, put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Cause)
for fetters made of it. Ap. 6.

wicked men = "sons of 'avlāh". Ap. 44. vi.

35 meat. Put by Fig. *Synecdoche* (of Species) for
food in general.

36 pleased them = was good in their eyes.

38 Know ye . . . ? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

39 shall reward. Cp. 1 Kings 2. 5, 6.

evil. Heb. *rā'a'*. Ap. 44. viii.

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

4. 1-12 (B, p. 410). CONFLICTS. PERSONAL.
(Introversion and Alternation.)

B | C | x | 1 Ish-bosheth's weakness.

y | 2, 3. His two captains. Description.

D | 4. Mephibosheth.

C | x | 5-8. Ish-bosheth's murder.

y | 9-12. His two captains. Execution.

2 men. Heb. *'ēnōsh*. Ap. 14. III.

Beerothite. Near Gibeon (Josh. 18. 25), now *El
Bireh*, 6 miles north of Jerusalem, one of the Hivite
towns possessed by Benjamin.
children = sons.

for. Note Fig. *Parenthesis*. Ap. 6.

4 lame of his feet. Cp. state of sinner by nature.
of Saul: i. e. of the death of Saul, &c.: v. 4 is introduced
here to explain the ease with which David's accession
was accomplished, Mephibosheth being unable to suc-
ceed his father or avenge the death of Ish-bosheth.

6 And they came thither. Or, "Thither, into the
interior of the house, came wheat-fetchers, and they
smote", &c.

7 bed. Cp. 3. 31.

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

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

9 soul. Heb. *nephesh*. Ap. 13.

10 Behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

11 person. Heb. *'ish*. Ap. 14. II.

require = exact the penalty for.

earth = land.

12 sepulchre. Cp. 3. 32.

5. 1-24. 25 [For Structures see next page].

1 Behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

and said unto them, "As ° the LORD liveth,
Who hath redeemed my ° soul out of all ad-
versity,

10 When one told me, saying, ° 'Behold, Saul
is dead,' thinking to have brought good tidings,
I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag,
who I thought that I would have given him a
reward for his tidings:

11 How much more, when wicked 2 men have
slain a righteous ° person in his own house upon
his bed? shall I not therefore now ° require his
blood of your hand, and take you away from
the ° earth?"

12 And David commanded his young men,
and they slew them, and cut off their hands
and their feet, and hanged them up over the
pool in Hebron. But they took the head of
Ish-bosheth, and buried it in the ° sepulchre of
Abner in Hebron.

5 Then came all the tribes of Israel to David
unto Hebron, and spake, saying, ° "Behold,
we are thy bone and thy flesh.

E N a

2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and °the LORD said to thee, 'Thou shalt °feed My people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel.' "

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

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

960 to 920 5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

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

7 Nevertheless David took °the strong hold of °Zion: the same is °the City of David.

8 And David said on that day, "Whosoever getteth up °to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, that are hated of David's °soul, °he shall be chief and captain." °Wherefore they said, "The blind and the lame shall not come into the house."

O d 9 So David dwelt in the °fort, and called it °the city of David. And David built °round about from °Millo and inward.

e 10 And David °went on, and grew great, and °the LORD God of hosts was with him.

O d 11 And °Hiram king of °Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house.

e 12 And David perceived that °the LORD had established him king over Israel,

N a and that He had exalted his kingdom for His People Israel's sake.

b 13 And David took him more concubines and wives °out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David.

14 And these be the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shammuah, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon,

15 Ibhah also, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

16 And Elishama, and °Eliada, and Eliphalet.

c f 953 17 But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to °seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the °hold.

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

11 Hiram. Not the Hiram of 1 Kings 9. 11, which was sixty years later. Josephus says he was his father. Cp. 2 Chron. 2. 13. 1 Kings 5. 1. Tyre. Israel had no war with Phœnicians. Asher failed to expel them (Judg. 1. 31). 13 out of. Perhaps this should read "into", as in 1 Chron. 14. 3. But both accounts are independent and complementary. 16 Eliada = Another name, Beeliada. See note on 1 Chron. 14. 7.

17-25 [For Structure see next page].

17 seek. Cp. 1 Sam. 26. 2. hold. Probably Adullam. 1 Sam. 22. 1. Not Zion, because he went "down" to it. 18 Rephaim. The descendants of the Nephilim through one "Rapha". See Ap. 23 and 25. Cp. 1 Chron. 11. 15.

5. 1-24. 25 (C², p. 410). KINGDOM UNITED.
(Introversion with Alternations.)

C² E | 5. 1-25. David's accession over Israel.
F | H | 6. 1-7. 29. Worship.
J | 8. 1-14. David's mighty acts.
G | K | 8. 15-18. David's officers.
L | 9. 1-10. 5. David's kindness.
M | 10. 6-20. 22. Wars and events.
G | K | 20. 23-26. David's officers.
L | 21. 1-14. David's zeal.
M | 21. 15-22. Wars and events.
F | H | 22. 1-23. 7. Worship.
J | 23. 8-39. David's mighty men.
E | 24. 1-25. David's sin. Numbering Israel.

5. 1-25 (E, above). DAVID'S ACCESSION.
(Extended and Simple Alternations.)

E | N | a | 1-3. King anointed.
b | 4, 5. Hebron. Reign.
c | 6-8. Jebusites expelled.
O | d | 9. City of David.
e | 10. Greatness of king.
O | d | 11. House of David.
e | 12-. Establishment of king.
N | a | -12. Kingdom exalted.
b | 13-16. Hebron. Family.
c | 17-25. Philistines vanquished.

2 the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.
feed = feed as a shepherd.

3 made a league = solemnised a covenant.
anointed David. See note on 1 Sam. 16. 13.

6 men. Heb. 'ēnōsh. Ap. 14. III.
saying. What they said must be rendered thus: "Thou shalt not come in hither, for the blind and the lame shall drive thee away [by saying] 'David shall not come in hither.'"

7 the strong hold of Zion: i.e. the hill of Ophel, immediately south of Moriah.

Zion. First occurrence. Occurs 154 times in O.T. (7 × 22, Ap. 10); used later (especially in prophecy) of the whole city. See Ap. 68.

the City of David. Which is on Jebus, therefore, and not on the west side. First occurrence. Occurs forty times in O.T. Used of Zion five times (2 Sam. 5. 7, 9. 1 Kings 8. 1. 1 Chron. 11. 5. 2 Chron. 5. 2).

8 to the gutter = by (or through) the zinnōr, a rock-cut passage from the lower Gihon or En-Rogel (now the Virgin's Fount on east of Ophel), leading up into the city and supplying water. Discovered by Sir Charles Warren. Cp. note on Neh. 2. 13, &c.

soul. Heb. nephesh. Ap. 13.

he shall be chief and captain. These words are supplied from 1 Chron. 11. 6, which tells that Joab got up the zinnōr first. Probably revealed to him (or to David) by Araunah, who (though a Jebusite) was not slain, but is found, later on, owning property quite near (24. 16). Josephus says Araunah was a friend of David's.

Wherefore = Because.

9 fort = the "strong hold" of v. 7. Citadel.
round about = the wall, which was continued by Solomon (1 Kings 9. 15, 24; 11. 27), afterward by Hezekiah (2 Chron. 32. 5), and extended by Manasseh (2 Chron. 33. 14).

Millo = the Millo, or the filling up: i.e. of the valley between Moriah and Jebus.

10 went on = went on and on.

the LORD God of hosts = Jehovah Elohim zebaiōth. Ap. 4. See note on 1 Sam. 1. 3.

Josephus says he was his father. Cp. 2 Chron. 2. 13. 1 Kings 5. 1. Tyre. Israel had no war with Phœnicians. Asher failed to expel them (Judg. 1. 31). 13 out of. Perhaps this should read "into", as in 1 Chron. 14. 3. But both accounts are independent and complementary. 16 Eliada = Another name, Beeliada. See note on 1 Chron. 14. 7.

^g 19 And David enquired of ° the LORD, saying, (p. 415) "Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt Thou 953 deliver them into mine hand?" And ° the LORD said unto David, "Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand."

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

21 And there they left their images, and David and his ° men burned them.

^f 22 And the Philistines came up yet again, 952 and spread themselves in the valley of ° Re-phaim.

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

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

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

H P¹ i 6 Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

c | f | 17, 18. Positions of Philistines.
g | 19. Inquiry of Jehovah.
h | 20, 21. Defeat.
f | 22. Position of Philistines.
g | 23, 24. Inquiry of Jehovah.
h | 25. Defeat.

19 the LORD. Heb. Jehovah (Ap. 4. II). See note on 1 Chron. 14. 10.

20 broken forth. Fig. *Anthropopatheia*. Ap. 6.

25 as = according as.

Geba. Abbreviation for "Gibeon". Cp. Sept., and 1 Chron. 14. 16.

6. 1-7. 29 (H, p. 414). WORSHIP. (Division.)

H | P¹ | 6. 1-23. The Ark of Jehovah.
P² | 7. 1-29. The House of Jehovah.

6. 1-23 (P¹, above). THE ARK OF JEHOVAH. (Extended Alternation.)

P¹ | i | 1-4. Removal of Ark from Gibeah.
k | 5. Music.
l | 6-8. Sin of Uzzah.
m | 9-11-. Carried aside.
n | -11, 12-. Blessing.
i | -12, 13. Removal of Ark from house of Obed-edom.
k | 14, 15. Dancing.
l | 16. Offence of Michal.
m | 17. Carried in.
n | 18-23. Blessing, &c.

2 Baale. The old Canaanite name of Kirjath-jearim. Cp. 1 Sam. 6. 21; 7. 2. 1 Chron. 13. 6.

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

whose name is called by the name. Some codices, with Aram. and Vulg., read "whereupon is called the name", &c.

the LORD of hosts. Heb. Jehovah Sebaoth. One of the Jehovah titles. Ap. 4. II. Cp. 5. 10, and see note on 1 Sam. 1. 3.

3 a new cart. This was contrary to the Divinely prescribed law (Num. 4. 15; 7. 9; 10. 21. Deut. 10. 8. Josh. 3. 14. 2 Sam. 15. 24. 1 Chron. 13. 7; 15. 2, &c.). When the Philistines did it in ignorance (1 Sam. 6. 7) no judgment fell on them, because the Law of Moses was not delivered to them. But David should have known: hence judgment came. The solemn lesson is that anything introduced into the worship of God contrary to His requirements is deserving of His judgments. This includes all that is contrary to John 4. 24, and all that is of the flesh, which "profiteth nothing" (John 6. 63). All this is like David's "new cart" and is sin in God's sight. See note on 1 Sam. 6. 7, and cp. 1 Sam. 15. 22.

5 the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. instruments made of fir wood. The Sept. reads "with all boldness and with songs". See v. 14 and 1 Chron. 13. 8. According to Heb. text "fir woods", put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Material) for instruments made from it. Ap. 6.

timbrels = drums. See note on Ex. 15. 20. cymbals = timbrels, or tambourines. Heb. *zîlîlîm*. See note on 1 Chron. 13. 8.

6 Nachon's. Same as Chidon (1 Chron. 13. 9). his hand. These words are contained in the Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg.

7 error = negligence.

8 made a breach = broke forth. Fig. *Anthropopatheia*. Ap. 6.

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

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

and ⁵the LORD blessed Obed-edom, and all his household.

12 And it was told king David, saying, ⁵"The LORD hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that ^o*pertaineth* unto him, because of the ark of ²God."

So David went and ^obrought up the ark of ²God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness.

13 And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of ⁵the LORD had gone ^osix paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

14 And David ^odanced before ⁵the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with ^a linen ephod.

15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of ⁵the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

16 And as the ark of ⁵the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David ^oleaping and dancing before ⁵the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

17 And they brought in the ark of ⁵the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the ^otabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David ^ooffered burnt offerings and ^opeace offerings before ⁵the LORD.

18 And as soon as David had made an end of ¹⁷offering burnt offerings and ¹⁷peace offerings, he blessed the People in the name of ²the LORD of hosts.

19 And he dealt among all the People, *even* among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as ^omen, to ^oevery one a cake of bread, and a ^ogood piece of *flesh*, and a ^oflagon of *wine*.

So all the People departed ^oevery one to his house.

20 Then David returned to bless his household.

And Michal the ^odaughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who ^ouncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly ^ouncovereth himself!"

21 And David said unto Michal, ^o"It was before ⁵the LORD, Which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the People of ⁵the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before ⁵the LORD.

22 And I will yet be more vile than this, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour."

23 Therefore Michal the ²⁰daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

7 And it ^ocame to pass, when ^othe king sat in his house, and ^othe LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies;

2 That the king said unto ^oNathan the pro-

phet, ^o"See now, I dwell in an house ^oof cedar, but the ark of ^oGod dwelleth within ^ocurtains."

3 And ^oNathan said to the king, "Go, ^odo all that *is* in thine heart; for ¹the LORD *is* with thee."

4 And it came to pass ^othat night, that the

12 pertaineth. A.V. (1611) reads "pertained". brought up the ark. Cp. 1 Chron. 15. 3.

13 six paces. See Ap. 51. III. 1. Cp. 1 Chron. 15. 26.

14 danced. This explains the subscription of Ps. 87 (not the title of 88, see note there), *Mahalath Leannoth* = dancing with shoutings. Cp. 1 Chron. 15. 25-29. See Ap. 65.

a linen ephod. Cp. Aaron (Ex. 28. 6) and Samuel (1 Sam. 2. 18).

16 leaping and dancing. See note on v. 14.

17 tabernacle = *ohel*, tent. Not the Tabernacle of Moses, which was at Gibeon, cp. 1 Chron. 16. 39 (Ap. 40), but the tent David had prepared on Zion (7. 1-3). Cp. Ps. 132. 3-5.

offered = offered up. Ap. 43. I. 6.

peace offerings, which were for thanksgiving.

6. 18-23 (n, p. 415). BLESSING.

(Repeated Alternation.)

o¹ | 18, 19-. Blessing of the People.

p¹ | -19. Return of the People.

o² | 20-. Blessing of the household.

p² | -20. Return of David. Reproach.

o³ | 21, 22. Blessing from Jehovah.

p³ | 23. No return to Michal.

19 men . . . every one. Heb. *'ish*. Ap. 14.

good piece of flesh. Note, "of flesh" is in italics, following the Vulgate. Translate, "a measure [of wine]".

flagon of wine. Omit "flagon of wine", and render "a cake of raisins".

20 daughter of Saul. Note this. It does not say "the wife of David".

uncovered = disrobed, referring to his royal robes.

21 It was. Omit these words and supply *Ellipsis* by adding, with Sept., "Before Jehovah [did I dance]".

7. 1-29 (P², p. 415). THE HOUSE OF JEHOVAH.

(Introversion.)

P² | Q | 1, 2. David before himself. ("Who I am.")

R | 3. Reply of Nathan.

R | 4-17. Reply of Jehovah.

Q | 18-29. David before Jehovah. ("Who am I?")

1 came to pass. This chapter takes its place with Gen. 15. It is the unconditional Covenant with David, to give him the *Throne*; as that was with Abraham, to give him the *Land*.

the king. Thus now dignified.

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

2 Nathan. The first occurrence of his name. Cp. 1 Chron. 29. 29. An important figure in David's reign, and associated with his son Solomon (vv. 12, 13; 12. 25. 1 Kings 1. 10-45).

See now. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

of. Genitive of Material. Ap. 17.

God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4.

curtains. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Cause) for the tent formed by them. Cp. 6. 17.

3 Nathan said. Not from Jehovah, as in v. 5, but from himself: and said what was wrong.

do all that, &c. This is seldom safe advice.

4-17 [For Structure see next page].

4 that night. After these words all the MSS. have a hiatus, marking a solemn pause, and pointing back to the corresponding night of Gen. 15. 12-17, thus connecting the two great unconditional Covenants. See note on v. 1.

phet, ^o"See now, I dwell in an house ^oof cedar, but the ark of ^oGod dwelleth within ^ocurtains."

3 And ^oNathan said to the king, "Go, ^odo all that *is* in thine heart; for ¹the LORD *is* with thee."

4 And it came to pass ^othat night, that the

word of ¹the LORD came unto Nathan, saying,

^r 5 "Go and tell ^oMy servant David, 'Thus saith ¹the LORD, 'Shalt ^thou build Me an house for Me to dwell in?

^s 6 Whereas I have not dwelt in *any* house since the time that I brought up the ^ochildren of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have ^owalked in a tent ^oand in a ^otabernacle.

7 In all *the places* wherein I have walked with all the ^ochildren of Israel spake I a word with any of the ^otribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed My People Israel, saying, 'Why build ye not Me an house of cedar?'

^s 8 Now therefore so shalt thou say unto My servant David, 'Thus saith ^othe LORD of hosts, ^o'I took thee from the sheeppcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My People, ^oover Israel:

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

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

11 And as since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over My People Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also ¹the LORD telleth thee that ^oHe will make thee an ^ohouse.

12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt ^osleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

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

14 ^I will be ^ohis Father, and *he* shall be ^oMy son. If he commit ^oiniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of ^omen, and with the stripes of the ^ochildren of ^omen:

15 But My ^omercy shall not depart away from him, ^oas I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before ^othee: thy throne shall be established for ever.'"

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

^{Q S t} 18 ^oThen went king David in, and ^osat before ¹the LORD, and he said, ^o"Who *am* ^I, ^oO Lord ^oGOD? and what *is* my house, that Thou hast brought me hitherto?

^u 19 And this was yet a small thing in Thy sight, ¹⁸O Lord ¹⁸GOD; but Thou hast spoken also of Thy servant's house for a great while to come. And *is* this the ^omanner of ^oman, ¹⁸O Lord ¹⁸GOD?

^v 20 And what can David say more unto Thee? for ^Ithou, ¹⁸Lord ¹⁸GOD, knowest Thy servant.

7. 4-17 (R, p. 416). REPLY OF JEHOVAH. (*Introversion.*)

^R ^q | 4. Word of Jehovah to Nathan for David.
^r | 5. "Shalt thou build?" (Negative). David.
^s | 6, 7. Jehovah's condescension.
^s | 8-12. Jehovah's grace.
^r | 13-16. "He shall build" (Positive). Solomon.
^q | 17. Word of Jehovah for Nathan to David.

⁵ My servant. Note the repetition of this word throughout this chapter. See note on v. 18.

⁶ children = sons.

walked = have been walking [habitually].

and in a tabernacle = as my habitation. Heb. *mishkan*. Ap. 40.

⁷ tribes, or "judges", as in 1 Chron. 17. 6.

⁸ the LORD of hosts. Heb. Jehovah Sebaoth. Ap. 4. II. One of the Jehovah titles. Cp. 5. 10; 6. 2, and see note on 1 Sam. 1. 3.

I took. Cp. 1 Sam. 16. 11, 12. Ps. 78. 70, 71.

over. Some codices, with one early printed edition, Syr., and Vulg., omit this second "over".

⁹ have made = I will assuredly make.

¹⁰ wickedness. Heb. *'amal*. Ap. 44. v.

¹¹ He. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

house. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Subject), Ap. 6, for household or family: i. e. a line of succession.

¹² sleep with thy fathers. Fig. *Euphemism* (Ap. 6), put for "die". See note on Deut. 31. 16.

¹⁴ his Father = to him for a Father.

My son = to Me for a son.

iniquity. Heb. *'avah*. Ap. 44. iv.

men. Heb. *'enosh*. Ap. 14. III. Ps. 89. 31, 32.

men. Heb. *'adam*. Ap. 14. I.

¹⁵ mercy = lovingkindness,

as = according as.

¹⁶ thee. Some cod., with Sept. and Syr., read "Me".

18-29 (Q, p. 416). DAVID BEFORE JEHOVAH. (*Introversion.*)

^Q ^S | 18-22. David. Thanksgiving for himself.
^T | 23, 24. For Israel.
^S | 25-29. David. Prayer for his house.

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

^S ^t | 18. Self-abasement. "Who am I?"

^u | 19. Acknowledgment of benefits.

^v | 20. Inability to praise aright.

^u | 21. Acknowledgment of benefits.

^t | 22. Divine exaltation. "Thou art great."

¹⁸ Then. It is grace that really humbles.

sat before the LORD. Very different from sitting before one's self, as in v. 1.

Who am I...? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6. Cp. v. 1. When David sat in his own house he sat before himself. See Structure, p. 416, "Q" and "Q".

O Lord GOD = O Adonai Jehovah. Adonai because (1) David is the servant and He the master; (2) because this title has to do with lordship in the earth. Ap. 4. VIII (2). Cp. vv. 19 (twice), 20, 28, 29, six times in this chapter.

¹⁹ manner = *Torah* or Law.

man. Heb. *ha-adam* = the man. "And is this the law of the man?" i. e. the Man of Ps. 8. 5, 6, who is to have dominion over all the earth, embracing all the world in the scope of this blessing in connection with the Messiah. This is an exclamation of greatest surprise and wonder of this revelation concerning David's son and David's Lord.

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

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T 22 ° Wherefore Thou art great, ° O LORD God: for *there* is none like Thee, neither is *there any* ° God beside Thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

T 23 And ° what one nation in the earth is like Thy People, *even* ° like Israel, whom ° God went to ° redeem for a People to Himself, and to make Him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for Thy land, before thy People, which thou ° redeemedst to Thee from Egypt, *from* the nations and their gods?

24 For Thou hast confirmed to Thyself Thy people Israel to be a people unto Thee for ever: and *Thou*, ° LORD, art become their ° God.

S w
(p. 418) 25 And now, ° O LORD ° God, the word that Thou hast spoken concerning Thy servant, and concerning his house, establish *it* for ever, and do ° as Thou hast said.

26 And let Thy name be magnified for ever, saying, ° The LORD of hosts is the ° God over Israel: and let the house of Thy servant David be established before Thee.

x 27 For *Thou*, O ° LORD of hosts, ° God of Israel, hast revealed to Thy servant, saying, 'I will build thee an house: ' therefore hath Thy servant ° found in his heart to pray this prayer unto Thee.

x 28 And now, ° O Lord ° GOD, *Thou art* that ° God, and Thy words be ° true, and Thou hast promised this goodness unto Thy servant:

w 29 Therefore now let it please Thee to bless the house of Thy servant, that it may continue for ever before Thee: for *Thou*, ° O Lord ° GOD, hast spoken *it*: and with Thy blessing let the house of Thy servant be blessed for ever."

J a
948 8 And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and ° subdued them: and David took ° Metheg-ammah out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he ° smote Moab, and ° measured ° them with a ° line, ° casting them down to the ground; even with two ° lines ° measured he ° to put to death, and with one full ° line to keep alive. And so the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts.

3 David smote also ° Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of ° Zobah, as he went to ° recover his ° border at the river ° Euphrates.

4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and ° seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David houghed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for an hundred chariots.

5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour ° Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand ° men.

b 6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus:

c and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought ° gifts.

d And ° the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

22 Wherefore Thou art great. Fig. *Metonymy* (of Subject), Ap. 6 = wherefore I will declare and praise Thee as great.

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

23 what . . . ? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6. like Israel. Some codices, with Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "like Thy People Israel". redeem. Heb. *pādāh*. See notes on Ex. 13. 13 and 6. 6.

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

S w | 25, 26. Prayer. Establishment.
x | 27. Divine revelation. } Praise.
w | 28. Divine promise.
w | 29. Prayer. Continuance.

25 as = according as.

27 found = taken heart, become emboldened.

28 true = truth.

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

J a | 1-5. Conquests.
b | 6-. Garrisons in Syria.
c | 6-. Subjection of Syrians.
d | 6-. Preservation of David.
a | 7-13. Conquests.
b | 14-. Garrisons in Syria.
c | 14-. Subjection of Edomites.
d | 14-. Preservation of David.

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

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

2 smote Moab. Thus fulfilling Num. 24. 17. measured = allotted, or divided by lot. See note on "line", below: i. e. David divided into two companies those who were to be spared and those who were not.

them = the territory. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Subject), Ap. 6, for their territory.

line. Line, put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Cause), Ap. 6, for dividing or allotting what was measured with it. Deut. 3. 4, 13 (region); 32. 8, 9. Josh. 17. 6, 14. Ps. 19. 4. Amos 7. 17. Mic. 2. 5. 2 Cor. 10. 16.

casting them = casting down the cities. See note on "them", above, and cp. 1 Chron. 18. 2 = "made them his servants", or vassals.

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

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

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

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

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

4 seven hundred. 1 Chron. 18. 4 = 7,000; but Heb. 7 = 7 and 7 = 700, are easily mistaken one for the other. See note on 1 Kings 4. 26.

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

6 gifts: i. e. tribute.

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

7 shields. Sept. reads "bracelets".

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

8 And from Betah, and from Berothai, cities

948 of ³Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass.

9 When °Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of ³Hadadezer, 10 Then °Toi sent °Joram his son unto king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against ³Hadadezer, and smitten him: for ³Hadadezer °had wars with °Toi. And °Joram brought °with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass:

11 Which also king David did dedicate unto °the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations which he subdued;

12 Of °Syria, °and of Moab, and of the °children of Ammon, and of the Phillistines, and of °Amalek, and of the spoil of ³Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of ³Zobah.

13 And David °gat him a name when he returned from °smiting of the Syrians in the valley of salt, being °eighteen thousand men.

(p. 418) 14 And he put °garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons,

c and all they of Edom became David's servants.

d And °the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

K e (p. 419) 15 And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment and justice unto all his People.

f 16 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host;

g and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was °recorder;

h 17 And °Zadok the son of Ahitub, and °Ahimelech the son of °Abiathar, were the priests; g and Seraiah was °the scribe;

f 18 And °Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over both the °Cherethites and the °Pelethites;

e and David's sons were chief rulers.

L M¹ N¹ i 9 And David said, "Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him °kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

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

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

k And Ziba said unto the king, "Jonathan hath yet a son, which is °lame on his feet."

i 4 And the king said unto him, "Where is he?"

k And Ziba said unto the king, "Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in °Lo-debar."

N² i (p. 420) 5 Then king David °sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from °Lo-debar.

9 Toi. Sept. and Vulg. read "Tou" throughout. Cp. 1 Chron. 18. 9. He was a Hittite king.

10 Joram. Sept. reads "Hadoram". Cp. 1 Chron. 18. 10.

had wars with. Heb. = "was a man (ish, Ap. 14. II) of wars with him." Heb. in his hand.

12 Syria. Some codices, with Sept. and Syr., read "Edom".

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

children = sons. Amalek. See note on Ex. 17. 16.

13 gat him = made himself.

smiting = his smiting. This is David's exploit. In 1 Chron. 18. 3, 12 it is Abishai's command, while in title of Ps. 60 it is Joab's share in the campaign (1 Kings 11. 16).

eighteen thousand. This is the total. Joab's share was 12,000, and took six months longer. Cp. 1 Kings 11. 15, 16.

14 garrisons, or political residents.

8. 15-18 (K, p. 414). DAVID'S OFFICERS. (Introversion.)

K e | 15. David. King.

f | 16-. Chief captain.

g | -16. Recorder.

h | 17-. Priests.

g | -17. Scribe.

f | 18-. Captain.

e | -18. David's sons.

16 recorder = remembrancer.

17 Zadok. Probably served at Gibeon. Cp. 1 Chron. 18. 16.

Ahimelech the son of Abiathar. Named after his grandfather (1 Sam. 21. 1; 22. 9, 16).

Abiathar. Probably served at Jerusalem.

the scribe. The first occurrence of this title. Heb. *sofphir*, acounter. Individual scribes held high positions as associates of the High Priests, and of the commander-in-chief. They were amanuenses, registrars, accountants (2 Kings 12. 10); adjutants (2 Kings 25. 19); secretaries of state (2 Sam. 8. 17. Isa. 33. 18). First occurrence as a class or caste (1 Chron. 2. 55); a branch of the Levites (2 Chron. 34. 13). When Priests, who should have been teachers of the Law (Deut. 17. 11; 33. 10), became absorbed in ritual, the Scribes became custodians. Ezra was an ideal priest and scribe.

18 Benaiah. Cp. 23. 20.

Cherethites . . . Pelethites. David's body-guard. Here ends the *prosperous* part of David's reign.

9. 1-10. 5 (L, p. 414). DAVID'S KINDNESS. (Division.)

L | M¹ | 9. 1-13. To Mephibosheth. (Son of Jonathan.)

| M² | 10. 1-5. To Hanun. (Son of Nahash.)

1-13 (M¹, above). KINDNESS TO MEPHIBOSHETH. (Division.)

M¹ | N¹ | 1-4. Mephibosheth. Sought.

| N² | 5-13. Mephibosheth. Found.

1-4 (N¹, above). MEPHIBOSHETH. SOUGHT. (Alternation.)

N¹ | i | 1-3-. Inquiry of David. "Who?"

| k | -3. Ziba's answer. Person. Mephibosheth.

i | 4-. Inquiry of David. "Where?"

| k | -4. Ziba's answer. Place. Lo-debar.

1 kindness = grace, favour, or lovingkindness.

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

God. Heb. *Elohim*. Ap. 4. I. lame. Cp. 4. 4.

4 Behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

Lo-debar = no pasture. Where the sinner is until found by God's free grace.

5-13 [For Structure see next page].

5 sent, and fetched. This is the action of grace towards the "lost" sinner. Cp. Luke 15. 4, 5, 8, 9.

948 **6** Now when °Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, "Mephibosheth." And he answered, "Behold thy servant!"

m (p. 420) **7** And David said unto him, "Fear not: for I will surely shew thee ¹kindness for Jonathan °thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of °Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually."

8 And he bowed himself, and said, "What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such °a dead dog as °*am*?"

m **9** Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, "I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house."

10 Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in *the fruits*, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

11 Then said Ziba unto the king, "According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do." "As for Mephibosheth," said the king, "he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons."

12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto °Mephibosheth.

l **13** So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

M² n¹ **10** And it came to pass after this, that the king of the °children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead.

948 to 942 **2** Then said David, "I will shew °kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, °as his father shewed kindness unto me."

o And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's servants came into the land of the ¹children of Ammon.

n² **3** And the princes of the ¹children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, "Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David *rather* sent his servants unto thee, to °search °the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?"

o **4** Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away.

n³ **5** When they told *it* unto David, he sent to meet them, because the °men were greatly ashamed: and the king said, "Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and *then* return."

O¹ p **6** And when the ¹children of Ammon saw that they stank before David, the ¹children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-

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

N² | 1 | 5, 6. Mephibosheth comes to Jerusalem.
m | 7, 8. David's promise made.
m | 9-12. David's promise fulfilled.
l | 13. Mephibosheth dwells in Jerusalem.

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

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

Saul thy father = Saul thy grandfather.

8 What...? Fig. *Erötēsis*. Ap. 6.

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

I am. So the sinner is concerned about what he *is*, rather than what he has *done*. Cp. Isa. 6. 3. Luke 5. 8.

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

was - *te* was.

10. 1-5 (M², p. 419). KINDNESS TO HANUN. (Repeated Alternation.)

M² | n¹ | 1, 2-. David's purpose. Formed.
o | -2. Servants sent.
n² | 3. David's purpose. Suspected.
o | 4. Servants insulted.
n³ | 5. David's purpose. Defeated.

1 children = sons.

2 kindness = lovingkindness, or grace. Cp. 9. 1.

as = according as.

3 search = explore.

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

5 men. Heb. *ēnōsh*. Ap. 14. III.

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

M | O¹ | 10. 6-19. First and second wars.
O² | 11. 1-20. 22. Third war, and events.

10. 6-19 (O¹, above). FIRST AND SECOND WARS. (Repeated Alternation.)

O¹ | p | 6-12. Armies arrayed. } First
q | 13, 14-. Fight and flight. Ammon. } with
r | -14. Return of Joab. Peace. } Ammon.
p | 15-17-. Armies arrayed. } Second
q | -17, 18. Fight and flight. Syrians. } with
r | 19. Submission of enemies. Peace. } Syrians.

6 men. Heb. *īsh*. Ap. 14. II.

Ish-tob = men of Tob.

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

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

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

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

10 And the rest of the People he delivered into the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put *them* in array against the ¹children of Ammon.

11 And he said, "If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the

948 ¹ children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then
to I will come and help thee.

942 ¹² Be of good courage, and let us ° play the
men for our People, and for the cities of our
° God: and ° the LORD do that which seemeth
Him good."

q ¹³ And Joab drew nigh, and the People that
(p. 420) were with him, unto the battle against the
Syrians: and they fled before him.

¹⁴ And when the ¹ children of Ammon saw
that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also
before Abishai, and entered into the city.

r So Joab returned from the ¹ children of Ammon,
and came to Jerusalem.

p ¹⁵ And when the Syrians saw that they were
smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves
together.

¹⁶ And Hadarezer sent, and brought out the
Syrians that were beyond the ° river: and they
came to Helam; and ° Shobach the captain of
the host of Hadarezer went before them.

¹⁷ And when it was told David, he gathered
all Israel together, and passed over Jordan,
and came to Helan.

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

¹⁸ And the Syrians fled before Israel; and
David slew the men of ° seven hundred chariots
of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen,
and smote Shobach the captain of their host,
who died there.

r ¹⁹ And when all the kings that were servants
to Hadarezer saw that they were smitten before
Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served
them. So the Syrians feared to help the ¹ chil-
dren of Ammon any more.

O² P ¹¹ And it came to pass, after the year was
(p. 421) expired, ° at the time when kings go forth
942 to battle, that David sent Joab, and his serv-
ants with him, and all Israel; and they de-
stroyed the ° children of Ammon, and besieged
° Rabbah.

Q R¹ ° But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

² And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that
David arose from off his bed, and walked upon
the roof of the king's house: and from the roof
he saw a woman ° washing herself; and the
woman was very beautiful to look upon.

³ And David sent and enquired after the
woman. And one said, "Is not this ° Bath-
sheba, the daughter of ° Eliam, the wife of
° Uriah the Hittite?"

⁴ And David sent messengers, and took her;
and she came in unto him, and he lay with
her; ° for she was ° purified from her unclean-
ness: and she returned unto her house.

⁵ And the woman conceived, and ° sent and
told David, and said, "I am with child."

S¹ T V ⁶ And David sent to Joab, saying, "Send me
Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to
David.

W ⁷ And when Uriah was come unto him, David
demanded of him how Joab did, and how the
people did, and how the war prospered.

¹² play the men = Be strong and let us put forth our
strength. Heb. *hozak*.

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

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

¹⁶ river: i. e. the Euphrates.

Shobach. Another name, Shophach (1 Chron. 19. 16).

¹⁸ seven hundred. 1 Chron. 19. 18 = 7,000. But
Heb. *7* = 7 and *7* = 7,000, probably a scribe's infirmity.

Cp. 8. 4 and 1 Chron. 18. 4.

11. 1-20. 22 (O² p. 420). THIRD WAR, AND
EVENTS. (Alternation.)

O² P | 11. 1-. Rabbah. Besieged.

Q | 11. -1-12. 25. David's sin. Committed.

P | 12. 26-31. Rabbah. Captured.

Q | 13. 1-20. 22. David's sin. Punished.

¹ at the time, &c.: i. e. the next spring.
children = sons.

Rabbah. The capital of Ammon (Deut. 3. 11. Josh.
13. 25).

11. -1-12. 25 (Q, above). DAVID'S SIN.
(Repeated Alternation and Introversion.)

Q R¹ | 11. -1-5. David and Bath-sheba.

S¹ | T | 11. 6-24. David and Uriah.

U | 11. 25. Displeasure of Joab.

R² | 11. 26, 27-. David and Bath-sheba.

S² | U | 11. -27. Displeasure of Jehovah.

T | 12. 1-14. David and Nathan.

R³ | 12. 16-25. David and Bath-sheba's child.

But David tarried. Note contrast with "kings"
going forth, above, and this word "But".

² washing = bathing. Probably in the court below.

³ Bath-sheba. Called Bath-shua, 1 Chron. 3. 5.

Eliam. Called "Ammiel", 1 Chron. 3. 5. The son of
Aithophel (23. 34).

Uriah. One of David's faithful soldiers (23. 39). Mar-
ried the daughter of Eliam (11. 3), who was the son of
Aithophel (23. 34). This relationship probably led to
Aithophel's disloyalty (15. 12).

⁴ for = and when.

purified. Cp. Lev. 15. 18. It is possible to be more punc-
tilious about the ceremonial Law than the moral Law.

⁵ sent and told: that David might shield her from
the death penalty (Lev. 20. 10).

6 24 (T, above). DAVID AND URIAH. (Alternation.)

T V | 6. Message to Joab.

W | 7-13. Uriah's reception.

V | 14, 15. Letter to Joab.

W | 16-24. Uriah's death.

⁹ door = entrance.

¹¹ thy soul = thou (emph.). Heb. *nephesh*. Ap. 13.

⁸ And David said to Uriah, "Go down to thy
house, and wash thy feet." And Uriah de-
parted out of the king's house, and there fol-
lowed him a mess of meat from the king.

⁹ But Uriah slept at the ° door of the king's
house with all the servants of his lord, and
went not down to his house.

¹⁰ And when they had told David, saying,
"Uriah went not down unto his house," David
said unto Uriah, "Camest thou not from thy
journey? why then didst thou not go down
unto thine house?"

¹¹ And Uriah said unto David, "The ark, and
Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord
Joab, and the servants of my lord, are en-
camped in the open fields; shall I then go
into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to
lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as ° thy
soul liveth, I will not do this thing."

¹² And David said to Uriah, "Tarry here to

942 day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart." So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow.

13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

Y (p. 421) 14 And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

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

W s¹ (p. 422) 16 And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant °men were.

17 And the °men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the People of the servants of David;

t¹ and Uriah the Hittite died also.

s² 18 Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war;

19 And charged the messenger, saying, "When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king,

20 And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, 'Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot °from the wall?

21 Who smote Abimelech the son of °Jerubesheth? did not °a woman cast a °piece of a °millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall?' then say thou,

t² 'Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.' "

s³ 22 So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all that Joab had sent him for.

23 And the messenger said unto David, "Surely the °17 men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the °entering of the gate.

24 And the shooters shot °20 from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead,

t³ and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also."

U (p. 421) 25 Then David said unto the messenger, "Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, 'Let not this thing °displease thee, for the sword devoureth °one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: ' and encourage thou him."

R^a 26 And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she °mourned for her husband.

941 27 And when the mourning was past, David °sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son.

S² U But the thing that David had done °25 displeased °the LORD.

11. 16-24 (W, p. 421). URIAH'S DEATH. (Repeated Alternation.)

W s¹ | 16, 17-. Joab. Obedience.

t¹ | -17. Death of Uriah.

s² | 18-21-. Joab. Message sent.

t² | -21. Death of Uriah.

s³ | 22-24-. Joab. Message delivered.

t³ | -24. Death of Uriah.

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

17 men. Heb. 'enosh. Ap. 14. III.

20 from = from off, as in v. 24.

21 Jerubbesheth (Judg. 9. 1) = Jerubbaal. Baal = lord, Bosheth = shame; changed by Holy Ghost here to suit his idolatry (Judg. 8. 27), and now David's sin. a woman, one of the ten deaths caused by a woman. See note, Judg. 4. 21.

piece = upper piece. millstone. One of the "despised" things used. See note on Judg. 3. 21; 9. 53.

23 entering = entrance.

25 displease thee = be evil in thine eyes. This event put David in Joab's power, which Joab freely used. David was not tongue-tied in 3. 29; but from now he had to endure Joab's insolence, being too suspicious to trust him, and too weak to dismiss him. Cp. 14. 19; 19. 7. 1 Kings 2. 5, 32, 33.

one as well as another = now this one, now that one.

26 mourned = made lamentations.

27 sent. Not till nine months after.

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

12. 1-14 (T, p. 421). DAVID AND NATHAN. (Repeated Alternation.)

T u¹ | 1-4. Parable. Propounded.

v¹ | 5, 6. David's anger.

u² | 7-9. Parable. Applied.

v² | 10-12. David's judgment.

u³ | 13-. Parable. Effect.

v³ | -13, 14. David's forgiveness.

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

sent. See 11. 27.

Nathan. Sept. and Syr. read "Nathan the prophet". he came. Cp. title of Ps. 51.

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

3 meat = morsel.

5 shall surely die. Heb. is a son of death = liable to die.

6 fourfold. Cp. Ex. 22. 1. Sept. reads "sevenfold".

12 And °the LORD °sent °Nathan unto David. And °he came unto him, and said unto him, "There were two °men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

2 The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds:

3 But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own °meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.

4 And there came a traveller unto the rich °1 man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the way-faring °1 man that was come unto him; but took the poor °1 man's lamb, and dressed it for the °1 man that was come to him."

5 And David's anger was greatly kindled v¹ against the °1 man; and he said to Nathan, "As °1 the LORD liveth, the °1 man that hath done this thing °shall surely die:

6 And he shall restore the lamb °fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

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^{u2} 7 And Nathan said to David, "Thou art the
(p. 422) ¹man. Thus saith ¹the LORD ° God of Israel,
941 "° anointed thee king over Israel, and ° delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

8 And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of ¹the LORD, to do ° evil in His sight? ° thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the ° children of Ammon.

^{v3} 10 Now therefore ° the sword shall ° never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised Me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

11 Thus saith ¹the LORD, ° Behold, I will raise up ° evil against thee out of ° thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

12 For ° thou didst it secretly: but ° I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun."

^{u3} 13 And David said unto Nathan, ° "I have ° sinned against ¹the LORD."

^{v3} 14 And Nathan said unto David, ¹ "The LORD also ° hath put away thy ° sin; ° thou shalt not die.

14 Howbeit, because by this deed ° thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of ¹the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die."

^{R3 w1 x1} 15 And Nathan departed unto his house.
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^{y1} 16 David therefore besought ⁷ God for the child; ° and David ° fasted, and went in, and ° lay all night upon the earth.

^{z1} 17 And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

^{w2 x2} 18 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, "Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?"

19 But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, "Is the child dead?" And they said, "He is dead."

^{y2} 20 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of ¹the LORD, and worshipped:

^{z2} then he came to his own house; and when he

7 Thou art the man. Many means used to produce conviction: God's greatness (Job 42. 1-6); God's glory (Isa. 6. 6); God's power (Luke 5. 8); a famine (Luke 15. 14, 18); a parable (2 Sam. 12. 1-13), &c.

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

anointed thee. 1 Sam. 16. 13.

9 evil. Heb. rā'ā'. Ap. 44. viii, with Art.

thou hast killed. Not Joab, or the Ammonites. children = sons.

10 the sword. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for manifested hostility.

never. Fig. *Synecdoche* (of the Whole), Ap. 6, put for a part of time: i. e. lifetime.

11 Behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

evil. Heb. rā'ā'. Ap. 44. viii. See the Structure of 13. 1-20. 22 (Q, p. 424).

thine own house. Disgraced by one son (13. 14), banished by another (15. 19), revolted against by a third (1 Kings 2), bearded by his servant, betrayed by his friends, deserted by his People, bereaved of his children.

12 thou. See note on v. 9.

13 I have sinned. Ps. 51 is the expansion of this.

sinned... sin. Heb. chātā'. Ap. 44. i.

hath put away. Divine forgiveness instantly follows the sinner's confession (1 John 1. 9). Cp. Job 42. 8, 9, 10. Isa. 6. 5, 6, "then flew". Luke 15. 18, 20, "his father ran", &c.

thou, &c. Some codices, with two early printed editions, read "and (or therefore) thou wilt not die".

14 thou hast given great occasion, &c. This is noted in the *Massōrah* (Ap. 30) as one of the emendations of the *Sōpherim* (Ap. 33), who altered the primitive text out of a mistaken reverence for David and Jehovah. The original reading was "thou hast greatly blasphemed Jehovah".

12. 15-25 (R³, p. 421). DAVID AND THE CHILD. (Repeated and Extended Alternation.)

R ³	w ¹	x ¹	15. Child stricken.
		y ¹	16. David's intercession.
		z ¹	17. Abstinence.
	w ²	x ²	18, 19. Child's death.
		y ²	20-. David's worship.
		z ²	-20. Eating.
	w ³	x ³	21. Child's death. Inquiry.
y ³		22. David's weeping.	
z ³		23. Abstinence given up.	

24, 25. EPILOGUE.

16 and. Note the Fig. *Polysyndeton* in this verse. Ap. 6.

fasted. Heb. *fasted* a fast = made a strict fast. Fig. *Polysyndeton*. Ap. 6.

lay all night upon the earth: as a penitent, with Ps. 51 for his utterance. Note his *sitting* before Jehovah as a worshipper, and his utterance (2 Sam. 7. 18-29); and his *standing* as a servant (1 Chron. 28. 2), and his utterance and service (1 Chron. 28. 3-29. 21).

22 Who can tell...? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6. GOD = Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.

21 Then said his servants unto him, "What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread."

22 And he said, "While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, ° Who can tell whether ° GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?"

²³ (P. 423) 23 But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."

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

940 25 And He sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and He called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD.

P X¹ (P. 424) 26 And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.

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

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

X² 29 And David gathered all the People together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it.

30 And he took their king's crown from off his head, the weight whereof was a talent of gold with the precious stones: and it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance.

31 And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brickkiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

Q Y¹ A 938 13 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her.

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

23 I shall go to him—I shall die and be buried (cp. v. 19): i. e. I shall go to the (not "a") grave (*Sheol*). On the use of this Fig. *Euphemy* (Ap. 6) as denoting death and burial, see Gen. 15. 15 (cp. Josh. 24. 2, 14, 15, Abraham's "fathers" being idolaters); 25. 8, 17; 35. 29; 49. 29, 33. Num. 20. 26; 27. 13; 31. 2. Deut. 31. 16; 32. 50. Judg. 2. 10. 1 Sam. 28. 19 (note "thou and thy sons"). 2 Kings 22. 20. 1 Chron. 17. 11. 2 Chron. 34. 28. Acts 13. 36.

24 And. Note the Fig. *Polysyndeton* in vv. 24–27. Ap. 6. he. Some codices, with Syr. and Vulg., read "she", in contrast with "he" in next verse.

Solomon = Pacific or Peaceable. Cp. 7. 13.

25 He: i. e. Jehovah, by the hand of Nathan, in contrast with Bath-sheba. See note on v. 24. Jedidiah = beloved of Jah. See note on Ps. 127. 2. because of the LORD = for Jehovah's sake.

12. 26–31 (P, p. 421). RABBAH. CAPTURED. (Division.)

P | X¹ | 26–28. Rabbah and Joab.
| X² | 29–31. Rabbah and David.

27 city of waters. Fig. *Hypallagē*. Ap. 6 = waters of the city: i. e. the lower waters or town, cutting off the citadel, which David came and took.

30 their king's crown = the crown of Milcom, with Sept. Cp. 1 Chron. 20. 2. Jer. 49. 1, 3. Amos 1. 15. Zeph. 1. 5 (*Comp. Bible*).
talent. See Ap. 51. II.

31 put = appointed, appointed over, set, &c. Heb. *sūm* (Gen. 2. 8; 45. 8, 9; 47. 6. Ex. 2. 14; 5. 14. 1 Sam. 8. 11; 2 Sam. 7. 10. 2 Kings 10. 24. Ps. 78. 5; 81. 5. Hos. 1. 11, &c.).

under = with, especially to work with. Heb. letter *ב* (*Beth*), prefixed as prep. = in, within, with. When the prep. "under" = beneath, then it is either part of a verb or one of four distinct words: 'el (2 Sam. 2. 23); *matāh* (1 Chron. 27. 23); *t'hoth* (Jer. 10. 11. Dan. 4. 12, 21; 7. 27, "under the heavens"); *taḥath* (Dan. 4. 14, "under a tree"). *Beth*, when translated "under", is only in the sense of *within* (as "under (or within) the shelter of) the wing", or "under (or within) the earth"). Otherwise, used with a tool or weapon or instrument, it always means "with". See "with an axe" (Deut. 19. 5. Jer. 10. 3); "with axes" (Jer. 46. 22. Ezek. 26. 9. Ps. 74. 6); "with nails and with hammers" (Jer. 10. 4); "with an ox-goad" (Judg. 3. 31); "with mattock" (Isa. 7. 25); "with sword and with bow" (Gen. 48. 22. Josh. 24. 12. 2 Kings 6. 22); "with a graving tool" (Ex. 32. 4), &c.

pass through = pass by or before. Heb. *ābar*, as in brickkiln = brick-work; hence,

Ezek. 37. 2; 46. 21. Deut. 2. 30. Ex. 33. 19. 1 Sam. 16. 8, 9, 10, &c. Not brickkiln; no brickkilns in Palestine. All bricks there are sun-dried. Only once spoken of as burnt—as being a strange thing (Gen. 11. 3, and marg.). Heb. *malbēn*, occurs only here, Jer. 43. 9, and Nah. 3. 14, the former at "entry" of royal palace, the latter said to be "fortified". Both out of the question, and quite incongruous for a brickkiln. The very paved area of Jer. 43. 9 was discovered at *Tahpanhes* by Flinders Petrie in 1886, where Nebuchadnezzar did exactly what David did here and in ch. 8. 2 and 1 Chron. 20. 3. thus did he: i. e. as in 8. 2, with Moab, so here; he caused the captives to pass by before him, he seated on a pavement of brick-work, or paved area, where he appointed them to the various departments of labour for which they were suited. Cp. Jer. 43. 9–11. These were the "strangers" (i. e. foreigners) and the "abundance of workmen" referred to in 1 Chron. 22. 2, 15. Cp. Deut. 29. 11. Josh. 9. 27. See notes on 1 Kings 5. 13; 9. 15, 21, 22.

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

Q | Y¹ | 13. 1–14. 33. Amnon's sin.
| Y² | 15. 1–19. 43. Absalom's rebellion.
| Y³ | 20. 1–22. Sheba's revolt.

13. 1–14. 33– (Y¹, above). AMNON'S SIN. (*Introversion and Extended Alternation*.)

Y¹ | A | 13. 1–4. Amnon's desire for sister's love.
| B | a | 13. 5–10. Stratagem.
| | b | 13. 11–18. Crime. } Amnon's sin.
| | c | 13. 19–22. Emotions. }
| B | a | 13. 23–27. Stratagem.
| | b | 13. 28, 29–. Crime. } Absalom's
| | c | 13. 29–14. 27. Com- } revenge.
| | | motions.
| A | 14. 28–33. Absalom's desire for father's love.

1 after this: i. e. 938. David, 53; Amnon, 22; Absalom, 20; Tamar, 15; Solomon, 2. Absalom. Son of Maacah, daughter of king of Geshur (see note on 3. 3). Amnon. Son of Ahinoam (3. 2).

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3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of °Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very °subtil °man.

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

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5 And Jonadab said unto him, "Lay thee down on thy bed, and °make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, 'I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the °meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand.'"

6 So Amnon lay down, and °made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, "I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of °cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand."

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

8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and she was laid down. And she took °flour, and kneaded it, and made °cakes in his sight, and did bake the °cakes.

9 And she took °a pan, and °poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, "Have out all °men from me." And they went out every °man from him.

10 And Amnon said unto Tamar, "Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand." And Tamar took the °cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

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11 And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, "Come lie with me, my sister."

12 And she answered him, "Nay, my brother, do not °force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly."

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

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

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

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

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

18 And she had a garment of °divers colours upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

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19 And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that was on

3 Shimeah = Shammah (1 Sam. 16. 9).

subtil = wise. man. Heb. 'ish. Ap. 14. II.

5 make = feign.

meat = heart-shaped cakes. Occurs only here and in vv. 6, 7, 8, 10. 6 cakes. See note on "meat", v. 5.

8 flour = dough, or paste.

9 a pan = the pan. Occurs only here.

poured = put down. men. Heb. 'ish. Ap. 14. II.

12 force = humble.

16 no cause. Heb. 'al. "[Give] no ground for talk". evil. Heb. ra'a'. Ap. 44. viii.

18 divers colours = a long tunic with sleeves.

13. 19-22 (c, p. 424). EMOTIONS.

(Alternations.)

c | d | 19. Grief of Tamar.

e | 20. Absalom's dissimulation.

d | 21. Anger of David.

e | 22. Absalom's hatred.

19 laid her hand. Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, put for "grieved".

20 desolate. Heb. "remained and [remained] desolate". Cp. 1 Tim. 5. 5.

24 Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

25 chargeable = burdensome.

27 with him. The Sept. and Vulg. add here "and Absalom made a banquet, like the banquet of a king". Cp. 1 Sam. 25. 36.

28 valiant = sons of valour. 29 as = according as.

her, and °laid her hand on her head, and went on crying.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon °as Absalom had commanded.

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Then all the king's sons arose, and every ³man gat him up upon his ^omule, and fled.

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

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

32 And Jonadab, the son of ³Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, "Let not my lord suppose *that* they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar.

33 Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead: for Amnon only is dead."

f² 34 But Absalom fled.

g² And the young man that kept the watch ^olifted up his eyes, and looked, and, ²⁴behold, there came much people by the way of the hill side behind him.

35 And Jonadab said unto the king, ²⁴"Behold, the king's sons come: ²⁵as thy servant said, so it is."

36 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, ²⁴behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept: and the king also and all his servants ^owept very sore.

f³ 37 But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of ^oAmmihud, king of Geshur. And ^oDavid mourned for his son every day.

938-936 38 So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years.

g³ 39 And ^othe soul of king David longed to go forth unto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.

C² D 14 Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was toward Absalom.

E 2 And Joab sent to ^oTekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, "I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead:

3 And come to the king, and speak on this manner unto him." So Joab put the words in her mouth.

F h¹ 4 And when the woman of Tekoah ^ospake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, "Help, O king."

i¹ 5 And the king said unto her, "What aileth thee?"

h² And she answered, "I am indeed ^oa widow woman, and ^omine husband is dead.

6 And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and *there was* none to part them, but the one smote the other, and slew him.

13. -29-14. 27 (c, p. 424). COMMOTIONS.
(Division.)

c | C¹ | 13. -29-39. Absalom's flight.
C² | 14. 1-33. Absalom's recall.

-29-39 (C¹, above). ABSALOM'S FLIGHT.
(Repeated Alternation.)

C¹ | f¹ | -29. Flight of king's sons.
g¹ | 30-33. David. Anxiety.
f² | 34-. Flight of Absalom.
g² | -34-36. David. Mourning.
f³ | 37, 38. Flight of Absalom.
g³ | 39. David. Comforted.

mule. First occurrence. Not Gen. 36. 24. See note there.

31 with their clothes rent = and rent their garments.

36 wept very sore. Fig. *Polypytoton* (Ap. 6) = "wept with a great weeping".

37 Ammihud, or Ammihur.

David. Sept. reads "David the king".

39 the soul of king David. The Aram. reads "the soul (*nephesh*) of the king". Cp. the omission of *nephesh* in Ps. 16. 2.

14. 1-33 (C², above). ABSALOM'S RECALL.
(Introversion.)

C² | D | 1. David's heart toward Absalom.
E | 2, 3. Joab's stratagem planned.
F | 4-11. Parable. Put forth.
F | 12-17. Parable. Applied.
E | 18-20. Joab's stratagem discovered.
D | 21-33. David's recall of Absalom.

2 Tekoah. On the edge of the hill country of Judah, south-east of Beth-lehem, about seven miles from Jerusalem (cp. Jer. 6. 1). Abounding in caverns. The abode of Amos.

4-11 (F, above). PARABLE. PUT FORTH.
(Repeated Alternation.)

F | h¹ | 4. Woman's importunity.
i¹ | 5-. King's response.
h² | -5-7. Woman's grievance.
i² | 8. King's assurance.
h³ | 9. Woman's importunity.
i³ | 10. King's assurance.
h⁴ | 11-. Woman's grievance.
i⁴ | -11. King's assurance.

4 spake to the king. Many codices, with three early printed editions, Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "came in unto the king".

5 a widow. One of nine widows specially mentioned. See note on Gen. 38. 19.

mine husband is dead. Fig. *Synonymia*. Ap. 6.

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

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

9 iniquity. Heb. *'avāh*. See Ap. 44. iv.

7 And, ^obehold, the whole family is risen against thine handmaid, and they said, 'Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him, for the ^olife of his brother whom he slew; and we will destroy the heir also: and so they shall quench my coal which is left, and shall not leave to my husband *neither* name nor remainder upon the earth.'"

8 And the king said unto the woman, "Go to thine house, and I will give charge concerning thee."

9 And the woman of Tekoah said unto the king, "My lord, O king, the ^oiniquity be on me,

936 and on my father's house : and the king and his throne *be* guiltless."

i³ (p. 426) 10 And the king said, "Whosoever saith *ought* unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more."

h⁴ 11 Then said she, "I pray thee, let the king °remember °the LORD thy °God, that thou wouldest not suffer the °revengers of blood to destroy any more, lest they destroy my son."

i⁴ And he said, "As °the LORD liveth, there shall °not one hair of thy son fall to the earth."

F⁷ 12 Then the woman said, "Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak *one* word unto my lord the king." And he said, "Say on."

13 And the woman said, "Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the People of °God? for the king doth speak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished."

14 For we must needs die, and *are* as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth °God respect *any* °person: yet doth He devise means, that His banished be not expelled from Him.

15 Now therefore that I am come to speak of this thing unto my lord the king, *it is* because the People have made me afraid: and thy handmaid said, 'I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his handmaid.

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

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

E 18 Then the king answered and said unto the woman, "Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that °I shall ask thee." And the woman said, "Let my lord the king now speak."

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

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

D G¹ (p. 427) 21 And the king said unto Joab, °"Behold now, °I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again."

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

11 remember – recall to mind: i. e. take an oath.

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

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

revengers = avengers, or next of kin. Heb. *gā'al*. See note on Ex. 6. 6, and cp. Num. 35. 19, 21, 24, 25, 27.

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

14 person = soul. Heb. *nephesh*. Ap. 13.

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

19 hand = work, or handiwork. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Cause), Ap. 6, for what is wrought by it.

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

none = no man. Heb. *'ish*. Ap. 14. II.

20 To fetch about this form of speech = To bring about this turn of affairs.

21-33 (D, p. 426). DAVID'S RECALL OF ABSALOM. (Repeated Alternation and Introversion.)

D | G¹ | 21. David's decision to receive Absalom.

H | j | 22. Joab's thanks.

k | 23. Absalom in Jerusalem.

G² | 24-27. David's direction and Absalom's person.

H | k | 28. Absalom in Jerusalem.

j | 29-33-. Joab's appeal.

G³ | -33. David's reception of Absalom.

21 Behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

I. Some codices read "thou".

22 thanked = blessed.

26 for. Note the Fig. *Parenthesis*. Ap. 6.

king's weight: to distinguish it from the sacred shekel. See Ap. 51. II.

27 three sons. Did not survive him. Cp. 18. 18.

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

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

25 But in all Israel there was ¹⁹none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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and the king kissed Absalom.

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15 And °it came to pass after this, that °Absalom prepared him chariots and °horses, and fifty °men to °run before him.

2 And Absalom °rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any °man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, "Of what city art thou?" And he said, "Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel."

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

4 Absalom said moreover, "Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every °man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice!"

5 And it was so, that when any °man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him.

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

o so Absalom stole the °hearts of the °men of Israel.

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

8 For thy servant °vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, 'If °the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve °the LORD.'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 And the king went forth, and all his house-

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

Y² J | 15. 1-13. Rebellion made.

K | L | 15. 14-37. David. Departure.

M | 16. 1-14. Mephibosheth. Ziba. Shimei.

N | 16. 15-17. 23. Jerusalem. Absalom's entry.

J | 17. 24-19. 8. Rebellion quelled.

K | L | 19. 9-15. David. Return.

M | 19. 16-30. Mephibosheth. Shimei. Ziba.

N | 19. 31-43. Jerusalem. David. Re-entry.

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

J | l | n | 1-6. Machinations. } Treason (secret).

o | -6. Their success.

m | 7, 8. Request.

n | 9. Permission.

l | n | 10-12. Machinations. } Departure of Absalom.

o | 13. Their success. } Treason (open).

1 it came to pass. Cp. Ps. 3 and chs. 15-18. David was now fifty-six, Absalom twenty-four, Solomon six, horses. A sign of his pride (Deut. 17. 16, 20).

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

run before. To clear the way. Mark of royalty or dignity. (Still done in Cairo.) Cp. 1 Sam. 8. 11. 1 Kings 1. 5; 18. 46.

2 rose = used to rise, &c.

3 matters: i. e. plea, cause, or suit.

no man = no one.

6 hearts. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for affections and adhesion.

men. Heb. 'ēnōsh. Ap. 14. III.

7 forty years: i. e. from David's anointing (1 Sam. 16. 13): i. e. 974-934.

my vow, which I have vowed. Fig. *Polyptōton* (Ap. 6) = my solemn vow.

the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4.

Hebron. Where he was born, and had friends.

8 vowed a vow = made a solemn vow. Fig. *Polyptōton*. Ap. 6.

12 sent for. Sept. reads "sent and called".

Ahithophel. David's counsellor. Cp. Ps. 41. 9; 55. 13. See note on "Uriah", 11. 3.

his city. Cp. Josh. 15. 51.

offered sacrifices. See Ap. 43. I. iv.

increased. Cp. Ps. 3. 1.

14-37 (L, above). DAVID'S DEPARTURE. (*Repeated Alternation*).

L | p¹ | 14-22. Adherents. (Ittai.)

q¹ | 23. Weeping of country.

p² | 24-29. Adherents. (Zadok and sons.)

q² | 30. Weeping of David.

p³ | 31-. Defection. (Ahithophel.)

q³ | -31. Prayer of David.

p⁴ | 32-37. Adherents. (Hushai.)

14 evil. Heb. rā'a'. Ap. 44. viii.

city. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Subject), for its inhabitants. Ap. 6.

15 Behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

appoint = choose.

17 a place that was far off. Heb. Beth-hammer-hāh. Probably a proper name.

18 Gittites. From Gath, the city of Goliath, now David's choicest followers.

hold after him. And the king left ten women, which were concubines, to keep the house.

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

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

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came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

19 Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, "Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, and abide with the king: for thou art a °stranger, and also an exile.

20 Whereas thou camest *but* yesterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: °mercy and °truth be with thee."

21 And Ittai answered the king, and said, "As °the LORD liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be."

22 And David said to Ittai, "Go and pass over." And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his °men, and all the little ones that were with him.

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23 And °all the °country wept with a loud voice, and all the People passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the People passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

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24 And °lo Zadok also, and all the Levites were with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of °God: and they set down the ark of °God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city.

25 And the king said unto Zadok, "Carry back the ark of °God into the city: °if I shall find favour in the eyes of °the LORD, He will bring me again, and shew me *both* it, and His habitation:

26 But if He thus say, 'I have no delight in thee;' °behold, *here am* I, let Him do to me °as seemeth good unto Him."

27 The king said also unto Zadok the priest, "Art not thou a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar.

28 °See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certify me."

29 Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of °God again to Jerusalem: and they tarried there.

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30 And David went up by the ascent of mount °Olivet, and °wept as he went up, and had his °head covered, and he went °barefoot: and all the People that was with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

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31 And one °told David, saying, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom."

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And David said, "O °LORD, I pray thee, °turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness."

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32 And it came to pass, that when David was come to °the top of the mount, where he worshipped °God, °behold, °Hushai the °Archite came to meet him with his °coat rent, and earth upon his head:

33 Unto whom David said, "If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me:

34 But if thou return to the city, and say un-

19 stranger=foreigner.

20 mercy=lovingkindness, or grace.

truth=faithfulness. Sept. and Syr. read "Jehovah will deal with thee in lovingkindness and faithfulness".

23 all: i. e. all the country round him. Fig. *Synecdoche* (of the Whole). Ap. 6.

country. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Subject) for the people. Fig. *Prosopopœia*. Ap. 6.

24 lo. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

God=ha-Elohim (with art.)=the [triune] God. Ap. 4. I.

25 if I shall find favour, &c. God's grace is the basis of all blessing. Cp. Num. 14. 8. Deut. 10. 15. 2 Sam. 22. 20. 1 Kings 10. 9. 2 Chron. 9. 8. Ps. 18. 19; 41. 11; 86. 2 (marg). Acts 7. 46.

26 as=according as.

28 See. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

30 Olivet. Name due to the Vulg. *Olivet* in Acts 1. 12.

wept. Cp. Luke 19. 41.

head covered. Symbol for self-condemnation.

barefoot. Symbol of mourning. Isa. 20. 2, 4. Ezek. 24. 17.

31 told David. The news came when the trial was greatest. Cp. Ps. 41. 9 and 55. 12-14.

turn, &c. Cp. Pss. 41; 55; 69; 109.

32 the top. Doubtless a high place where God was worshipped. Nob was near where the Tabernacle once stood.

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

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

Hushai. David's friend. Cp. v. 37; 16. 16. 1 Chron. 27. 33.

Archite. Probably=a native of Archi, on frontier of Benjamin and Ephraim.

coat=the long tunic with sleeves.

35 hast thou not . . . ? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

16. 1-14 (M, p. 428). MEPHIBOSHETH, ZIBA, &c. (*Introversion*.)

M | r | 1, 2. Refreshment brought.

s | 3, 4. Slander of Ziba.

s | 5-13. Imprecations of Shimei.

r | 14. Refreshment partaken of.

1 top. Cp. 15. 32.

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

Mephibosheth. Now thirty-one. Born in 965. Cp. 4. 4.

to Absalom, 'I will be thy servant, O king; as I have been thy father's servant hitherto, so will I now also be thy servant:' then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel.

35 And °hast thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, that what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

36 °Behold, they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's son, and Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye can hear."

37 So Hushai David's friend came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

16 And when David was a little past the °top of the hill, °behold, Ziba the servant of °Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and an hundred bunches of

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934 raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a ° bottle of ° wine.

2 And the king said unto Ziba, "What meanest thou by these?" And Ziba said, "The asses be for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink."

s (p. 429) 3 And the king said, "And where is thy master's son?" And Ziba said unto the king, "Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for ° he said, 'To day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father.'"

4 Then said the king to Ziba, "Behold, thine are all that pertained unto Mephibosheth." And Ziba said, "I humbly beseech thee that I may find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king."

s t (p. 430) 5 And when king David came to ° Bahurim, ° behold, thence came out a ° man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came.

6 And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the People and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left.

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

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

u 9 Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, "Why should this ° dead dog curse my lord the king? ° let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head."

u 10 And the king said, "What have I to do with you, ye ° sons of Zeruiah? so ° let him curse, because ° the LORD hath said unto him, 'Curse David.' ° Who shall then say, 'Wherefore hast thou done so?'"

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

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

t 13 And as David and his ° men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and ° cast dust.

r (p. 429) 14 And the king, and all the People that were with him, came ° weary and refreshed themselves there.

N v (p. 430) 15 And Absalom, and all the People the ° men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

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

bottle = skin-bottle (Josh. 9. 4. Matt. 9. 17). wine. Heb. *yayin*. See Ap. 27. I.

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

16. 5-13 (s, p. 429). IMPRECATION OF SHIMEI. (Introversion.)

s | t | 5-8. Imprecations.

u | 9. Resentment of Abishai.

u | 10-12. Forbearance of David.

t | 13. Imprecations.

5 Bahurim. On east side of Olivet; "in tribe of Benjamin".

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

7 come out. Fig. *Epizeuxis* (Ap. 6): i. e. out = Be-gone! or Get out!

bloody man = man of bloods (pl. denoting much blood).

thou man of Belial. Cp. 1 Sam. 1. 16; 10. 27.

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

9 dead dog. Fig. *Antiprosopoeia*. Ap. 6. Cp. 1 Sam. 17. 43.

let me go. Cp. 1 Sam. 26. 8.

10 What have I to do...? First occurrence of this idiom. Fig. *Erotēsis* (Ap. 6). Cp. 19. 22. 1 Kings 17. 18. 2 Kings 3. 13. Matt. 8. 29. Mark 1. 24. Luke 4. 34. John 2. 4.

sons of Zeruiah. Cp. 3. 39 and Luke 9. 55.

let him curse. Uriah's murder closed David's mouth (12. 9).

Who shall then...? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

11 Behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

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

how much...? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

12 look on mine affliction. This is one of the eighteen emendations of the *Sōpherim* (Ap. 33). The primitive text reads "Jehovah will behold with His eye". This was thought to be too anthropomorphic, and so was altered, and the alteration recorded.

requite. Cp. Ps. 109. 26-28.

13 men. Heb. *enōsh*. Ap. 14. III.

cast dust. Heb. "dusted him with dust". Fig. *Polyptōton* (Ap. 6): i. e. cast much dust.

14 weary. Heb. *ʾayiphim*. Perhaps the name of a place, or of a caravansary with that name, "for the weary".

16. 15-17. 23 (N, p. 428). JERUSALEM.

ABSALOM'S ENTRY. (Introversion.)

N | v | 16. 15-19. Hushai's mission. Ahithophel's defeat.

w | 16. 20-17. 4. Ahithophel. Counsel given.

x | 17. 5-13. Hushai. Counsel given.

x | 17. 14. Hushai. Counsel taken.

w | 17. 15-22. Ahithophel. Counsel reported.

v | 17. 23. Hushai's success. Ahithophel's death.

18 choose = hath chosen.

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

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

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

20 Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, "Give counsel among you what we shall do." w

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21 And Ahithophel ° said unto Absalom, "Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that *are* with thee be strong."

22 So they spread Absalom a tent upon ° the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.

23 And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was ° as if a ° man had enquired at the ° oracle of ° God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

17 Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom, "Let me now ° choose out twelve thousand ° men, and ° I will arise and pursue after David ° this night:

2 And ° I will come upon him while he is weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the People that *are* with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only:

3 And I will bring back all the People unto thee: the ° man whom thou seekest is as if all returned: so all the People shall be in peace."

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

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

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

7 And Hushai said unto Absalom, "The ° counsel that Ahithophel hath ° given is not good at this time.

8 For," said Hushai, "thou knowest thy father and his ° men, that they be ° mighty men, and they be ° chafed in their ° minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father is a ° man of war, and will not lodge with the People.

9 ° Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some *other* place: and it will come to pass, when some of them be overthrown at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, 'There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom.'

10 And he also that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a ° mighty man, and they which be with him are ° valiant men.

11 Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Beersheba, ° as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that ° thou go ° to battle ° in thine own person.

12 So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him ° as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him and of all the ° men that *are* with him there shall not be left so much as one.

13 Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there."

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14 And Absalom and all the ° men of Israel said, "The counsel of Hushai the Archite is

21 said. Instigated by feelings of private revenge against David for his sin with Bath-sheba; she being the daughter of his son, Eliam. See 23. 34. Cp. 11. 3. Foretold by Nathan (12. 11, 12).

22 the top of the house. Cp. 11. 2.

23 as = according as.

oracle = word. The first occurrence of "oracle" as a rendering (fifteen times) of *dābār*, word. The holy of holies, because there the word of Jehovah was heard. Other occurrences: see 1 Kings 6. 5, 16, 19, 20, 22, 23, 31; 8. 6, 8. 2 Chron. 3. 16; 4. 20; 5. 7, 9. Ps. 28. 2 Cp. N.T. usage in plural: Acts 7. 38. Rom. 3. 2. Heb. 5. 12. 1 Pet. 4. 11.

17. 1 choose out. Sept. and Vulg. read "choose for myself". men. Heb. *ish*. Ap. 14. II. I will. Ahithophel manifests personal vengeance. See note on 16. 21 and 17. 11.

this night. Cp. Ps. 4. 8. Ps. 4 is concerning inheritances. David's was in jeopardy (v. 2), but his trust was in Jehovah's favour (15. 25; 22. 20. Ps. 18. 19).

4 pleased = was good in the eyes of.

and = and [in the eyes of] all.

5 Call now. Heb. = "Call thou" (cp. "thou", v. 6); but Sept. and Vulg. read "Call ye".

7 counsel... given. Heb. counsel... counselled. Fig. *Polyptoton* (Ap. 6) = the good counsel (but "not good" now).

8 men. Heb. *enōsh*. Ap. 14. III.

mighty men. Heb. *gibbōrim*. Ap. 14. IV.

chafed = bitter.

minds = souls. Heb. *nephesh*. Ap. 13.

9 Behold. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6.

10 valiant men = sons of valour.

11 as. Fig. *Paræmia*. Ap. 6.

thou = thou thyself. Heb. "thy face". Fig. *Synecdoche* (of Part), Ap. 6, put to emphasise the whole person. to battle. Heb. *kārāb*, never used of battle (which is *mīlḥāmāh*). *Bikkrah*, rendered "to battle", is an abbreviation for *bēkirbah* = "in the midst of them", which is the reading of the Sept. and Vulg.

in thine own person. By all this emphasis Hushai represents Ahithophel's personal malice (which need not disturb Absalom) as being personal pride aimed against Absalom. See vv. 1-3, "I will arise"; "I will come"; "I will smite"; "I will bring back", &c.

12 as = according as.

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

evil = the evil. Heb. *rā'ā'*. Ap. 44. viii.

17 En-rogel. Now the Virgin's Fount, on east side of Ophel, or Jebus, from which the *Zinnor* runs up to the citadel. See note on 5. 8. Cp. Josh. 15. 7; 18. 16, and Ap. 68, on "Zion".

a wench = a maidservant. Cp. Matt. 26. 69. Mark 14. 66. Luke 22. 56. John 18. 17.

better than the counsel of Ahithophel." For ° the LORD had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that ° the LORD might bring ° evil upon Absalom.

15 Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, "Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled."

16 Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, 'Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the People that *are* with him.'

17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by ° En-rogel; for they might not be seen to come into the city: and ° a wench went and told them; and they went and told king David.

18 Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom: but they went both of them away

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quickly, and came to a ¹ man's house in Bahurim, which had a well in his court; whither they ^o went down.

19 And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not known.

20 And when Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house, they said, "Where is Ahimaaz and Jonathan?" And the woman ^o said unto them, "They be gone over the brook of water." And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.

21 And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said unto David, "Arise, and pass quickly over the water: for thus hath Ahithophel counselled against you."

22 Then David arose, and all the People that were with him, and they passed over ^o Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan.

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23 And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to his city, and ^o put his household in order, and ^o hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

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24 Then David came to Mahanaim.

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And Absalom passed over Jordan, ^h and ^o all the ¹ men of Israel with him.

25 And Absalom ^o made Amasa ^o captain of the host instead of Joab: which Amasa was a ¹ man's son, whose name was ^o Ithra an Israelite, that ^o went in to ^o Abigail the daughter of Nahash, ^o sister to Zeruiah Joab's mother.

26 So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

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27 And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of ^o Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and ^o Machir the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim,

28 Brought beds, ^o and basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched corn, and beans, and lentiles, and parched pulse,

29 And honey, and ^o butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the People that were with him, to eat: for they said, "The People is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness."

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18 And David ^o numbered the People that were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them.

2 And David sent forth a third part of the People under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the People, "I will surely go forth with you myself also."

3 But the People answered, "Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now thou art worth ten thousand of us: therefore now it is better that thou ^o succour us out of the city."

18 went down. Wells mostly dry in summer.

20 said. Probably misdirecting them.

22 Jordan. Cp. Pss. 42. 6 and 43; both Pss. referring to this period.

23 put his household in order = gave charge unto his household.

hanged himself. Not so much because his counsel was not taken, but because his revenge was not taken on David (see note on 11. 3; 16. 21, and 17. 1), and that the conspiracy must fail. Same word in Matt. 27. 5 as in Sept. here (*apēgcatō*), as though to invite the comparison of Judas with Ahithophel.

17. 24—18. 5 (J, p. 428). REBELLION QUELLED. (Introversion)

J O¹ | 17. 24—18. 5. Mahanaim. David. Preparation. P | 18. 6—18. The battle.

O² | 18. 19—19. 8. Mahanaim. David. Report to.

17. 24—18. 5 (O¹, above). MAHANAIM, &c. (Alternation.)

O¹ | y | 17. 24—Mahanaïm. Arrival.

z | 17. —24—26. Camp of Absalom.

y | 17. 27—29. Mahanaïm. Refreshments.

z | 18. 1—5. Camp of David.

24 all. Fig. *Synecdoche* (of Genus). Ap. 6. The whole put for the greater part

25 made = set, or appointed.

captain of = captain over.

Ithra an Israelite = Jetheran Ishmeelite. See 1 Chron. 2. 17.

went in to. Probably meaning seduced. If so, it would be during David's stay in Moab (1 Sam. 22. 3, 4).

Abigail. David was probably half-brother to Abigail and Zeruiah, having the same mother; he having Jesse for his father, they having Nahash.

sister to Zeruiah. Implying that she was not sister to David.

27 Nahash. Cp. 10. 2.

Machir. He had brought up Mephibosheth. Cp. 9. 5.

28 and. Note the Fig. *Polysyndeton* (Ap. 6) in vv. 28 and 29, emphasising the items.

29 butter. Scarce in Lo-debar. Cp. 9. 4. The word means place of "no pasture".

18. 1 numbered = mustered, or inspected. David was now fifty-six.

3 succour us out of the city = come to us out of the city with succour by prayer and counsel.

5 heard. This explains v. 12.

6-18 (P, above). THE BATTLE. (Alternation.)

P | a | 6-8. The battle. Fought.

b | 9-15. Absalom. Death.

a | 16. The battle. Return from.

b | 17, 18. Absalom. Burial.

6 wood of Ephraim. Cp. Josh. 17. 15-18.

4 And the king said unto them, "What seemeth you best I will do." And the king stood by the gate side, and all the People came out by hundreds and by thousands.

5 And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom." And all the People ^o heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

6 So the People went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the ^o wood of Ephraim;

7 Where the People of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand men.

P a

933 8 For the battle was there scattered over °the face of all the country: and the wood °devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

b (p. 432) 9 And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was °taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away.

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

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

12 And the 10man said unto Joab, “Though 3 should receive a thousand *shekels* of silver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand against the king’s son: for in °our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, °“Beware that none touch the young man Absalom.”

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

14 Then said Joab, “I may not tarry thus with thee.” And he took three °darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak.

933 15 And ten young men that bare Joab’s °armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and °slew him.

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

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

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

Q¹ R c (p. 433) 19 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, “Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that °the LORD hath avenged him of his enemies.”

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

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

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

d And Joab said, “Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no tidings ready?”

8 the face. Fig. *Pleonasm*, with *Prosopopœia*. Ap. 6. devoured. Heb. “multiplied to devour”, to emphasise the great number. Fig. *Prosopopœia*. Ap. 6.

9 taken up. The tradition about his “hair” comes from Josephus (VII. 10. 2).

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

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

11 girdle. A common present, made of silk, linen, or leather, and worked sometimes in gold. Used for fastening up loose garments.

12 our hearing. See v. 5.

Beware that none touch = Watch any one who [would touch] the, &c. After “Watch”, Sept., Aram., Syr., and Vulg. add “for my sake”, as in v. 5.

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

14 darts = clubs. Heb. *shēbet*, a club with a long spike at the end. Still used in Palestine.

15 armour = weapons.

slew him. David being fifty-seven years old; Absalom, twenty-four; Solomon, seven.

17 heap of stones. Not a memorial to honour but to warn (Josh. 7. 26; 8. 29). See note on v. 18.

18 pillar. Marks ambition’s aim, while the heap of stones (v. 17) marks ambition’s end.

no son. Cp. 14. 27. Therefore built before the first-born; or after his sons (14. 27) were dead.

place = monument. About a quarter of a mile east of Jerusalem, in the Valley of Jehoshaphat.

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

18. 19—19. 8 (O², p. 432). MAHANAIM. REPORT. (Division.)

O² | Q¹ | 18. 19–33. Sorrow indulged.

| Q² | 19. 1–8. Sorrow restrained.

19–33 (Q¹, above). SORROW INDULGED. (Alternation.)

Q¹ | R | 19–23. Tidings borne.

| S | 24–. David’s seat.

| R | 24–32. Tidings delivered.

| S | 33. David’s lamentation.

24 between the two gates. The outer and inner gates of the city wall.

19–23 (R, above). TIDINGS BORNE (Extended Alternation.)

R | c | 19. Request (Cushi).

| d | 20. Refusal.

| e | 21. Permission.

| c | 22–. Request (Ahimaaz).

| d | 22. Reluctance.

| e | 23. Permission.

–24–32 (R, above). TIDINGS DELIVERED. (Alternation.)

R | f | 24, 25. The first runner.

| g | 26. The second runner.

| f | 27–30. Name of first, Ahimaaz.

| g | 31, 32. Name of second, Cushi.

25 If he be alone. Otherwise it would be fight.

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

24 And David sat ° between the two gates:

and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and 10 behold a 10 man running alone.

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

26 And the watchman saw another 10 man running: and the watchman called unto the

933 °porter, and said, ²⁴ "Behold *another* ¹⁰ man running alone." And the king said, "He also bringeth tidings."

(p. 433) ²⁷ And the watchman said, "Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok." And the king said, "He is a °good ¹⁰ man, and cometh with °good tidings."

²⁸ And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, "All is well." And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, "Blessed *be* ¹⁹ the LORD thy °God, Which hath delivered up the °men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king."

²⁹ And the king said, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" And Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab sent the king's servant, °and me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not °what it was."

³⁰ And the king said unto him, "Turn aside, and stand here." And he turned aside, and stood still.

³¹ And, ¹⁰ behold, Cushie came; and Cushie said, "Tidings, my lord the king: for ¹⁹ the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee."

³² And the king said unto Cushie, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" And Cushie answered, "The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, °be as that young man is."

³³ And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, "O °my son Absalom, my son, °my son Absalom! would °God I had died °for thee, O Absalom, °my son, °my son!"

Q² h¹ (p. 434) ¹⁹ And it was told Joab, ° "Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom."

i¹ ² And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the People: for the People heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son.

³ And the People gat them by stealth that day into the city, °as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle.

h² ⁴ But the king °covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, "O °my son Absalom, O Absalom, °my son, °my son!"

i² ⁵ And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, "Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy °life, °and the °lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the °lives of thy wives, and the °lives of thy concubines;

⁶ In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends. For thou hast °declared this day, that thou regardest neither princes nor servants: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well.

⁷ °Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak °comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by °the LORD, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will

²⁶ porter = gatekeeper. No gates without the "Bawab" or gatekeeper. Cp. 2 Kings 7. 17. 1 Chron. 9. 21.

²⁷ good. Cp. 1 Kings 1. 42.

²⁸ Blessed be the LORD thy God. Some codices, with three early printed editions, reverse the order, thus changing the emphasis, and read: "Jehovah thy God be blessed".

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

men. Heb. 'ēnōsh. Ap. 14. III.

²⁹ and = even.

what it was = what [it meant].

³² be as that young man. Fig. Euphemism. Ap. 6.

³³ my son . . . my son. Fig. Epizeuxis. Ap. 6. for = instead of.

19. 1-8 (Q², p. 433). SORROW RESTRAINED. (Repeated Alternation.)

Q² | h¹ | 1. Mourning of David.
i¹ | 2, 3. People. Sympathy with the king.
h² | 4. Mourning of David.
i² | 5-7. Joab. Remonstrance with the king.
h³ | 8. Mourning of David and People.

¹ Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

³ as = according as.

⁴ covered his face. Symbol of mourning. Occurs only here.

my son . . . my son. Fig. Epizeuxis. Ap. 6. Cp. 18. 33.

⁵ life . . . lives = soul . . . souls. Heb. nephesh. Ap. 13. and. Note the Fig. Polysyndeton. Ap. 6.

⁶ declared = made clear.

⁷ Now. Note the Fig. Epanadiplosis (Ap. 6), to emphasise the completeness of Joab's reasoning. comfortably. Heb. 'al-lēb, to the heart. Cp. Isa. 40. 2.

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

⁸ Israel. Note this name for Absalom's forces (17. 24, 26; 18. 6, 7).

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

9-15 (L, p. 428). DAVID. RETURN. (Introversion.)

L | j | 9, 10. King's return. Desired.
k | 11, 12. Message to Judah.
k | 13. Message to Amasa.
j | 14, 15. King's return. Accomplished.

¹⁰ the king. Note the Fig. Anadiplosis (Ap. 6), "bringing back the king. And the king".

be worse unto thee than all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until °now."

⁸ Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the People, saying, "Behold, the king doth sit in the gate." And all the People came before the king: for °Israel had fled every °man to his tent.

⁹ And all the People were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land for Absalom."

¹⁰ And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing °the king back?"

¹¹ And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, "Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, 'Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing

933 the speech of all Israel is come to the king, even to his house.

12 *Ye are my brethren, ye are my bones and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king?*

13 And say ye to Amasa, ° *Art thou not of my bone, and of my flesh? ° God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the room of Joab.*

14 And he bowed the heart of all the ⁸ men of Judah, even as *the heart of one* ⁸ man; so that they sent *this word* unto the king, "Return thou, and all thy servants."

15 So the king returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah came to ° Gilgal, ° to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan.

16 And ° Shimei the son of Gera, ° a Benjamite, which *was* of Bahurim, hasted and came down with the ⁸ men of Judah to meet king David.

17 And *there were* a thousand ⁸ men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over Jordan before the king.

18 And there went over a ferry boat to carry over the king's household, and to do what he thought good.

19 And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was come over Jordan;

19 And said unto the king, "Let not my lord impute ° iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart.

20 For thy servant doth know that *I* have sinned: therefore, ¹ behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of ° Joseph ¹⁵ to go down to meet my lord the king."

21 But ° Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, "Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed ⁷ the LORD's anointed?"

22 And David said, ° "What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be ° adversaries unto me? ° shall there any ⁸ man be put to death this day in Israel? ° for do not I know that *I am* this day king over Israel?"

23 Therefore the king said unto Shimei, "Thou shalt not die." And the king swore unto him.

24 And Mephibosheth the ° son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had ° neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came *again* in peace.

25 And it came to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, "Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibosheth?"

26 And he answered, "My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant said, ° *I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon,*

13 Art . . . ? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6. my bone, &c.: i. e. my near relation = my nephew (17. 26). Son of David's sister Abigail (1 Chron. 2. 17.) God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.

15 Gilgal. Here Samuel renewed the kingdom. 1 Sam. 11. 14. Cp. Josh. 5. 9; 9. 6; 10. 6. 1 Sam. 7. 16; 15. 33.

to go. Some codices, with one early printed edition, read "to go down". Cp. v. 20.

19. 16-30 (M, p. 428). SHIMEI, ZIBA, AND ME-PHIBOSHETH. (*Alternation*.)

M | 1 | 18. Shimei. Reception.
m | 17, 18-. Ziba. Deception.
l | 18-23. Shimei. Forgiveness.
m | 24-30. Ziba. Discovery.

16 Shimei. Cp. 16. 5.

a = the. Evidently a prominent Benjamite.

-18-23 (l, above). SHIMEI. FORGIVEN. (*Introversion*.)

l | n | -18-20. Shimei. Confession.
o | 21. Abishai. Resentment.
o | 22. Abishai. Resented.
n | 23. Shimei. Forgiveness.

19 iniquity. Heb. *'avāh*. Ap. 44. iv.

20 Joseph. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Adjunct) for the two tribes (Ephraim and Manasseh), or for the ten tribes, Israel (Amos 5. 6, 15; 6. 6. Obad. 18. Zech. 10. 6). Cp. v. 43. In Ps. 80. 1 and 81. 5, Joseph is put for the twelve tribes.

21 Abishai. Always impetuous. 1 Sam. 26. 8; 2 Sam. 16. 9.

22 What have I to do . . . ? See note on 16. 10. adversaries. Heb. *Satan*.

shall . . . ? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

for do not I . . . ? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

24-30 (m, above). ZIBA. DISCOVERY. (*Introversion*.)

m | p | 24. Mephibosheth. Mourning.
q | 25. David. Reproach.
r | 26. Ziba. Deception.
r | 27, 28. Ziba. Slander.
q | 29. David. Reparation.
p | 30. Mephibosheth. Comfort.

24 son = grandson.

neither dressed, &c. A symbol and proof of great grief.

26 I will saddle. Sept. reads "Saddle for me the ass". A command which Ziba disobeyed, and went off himself instead. But was there only *one* ass in Jerusalem? See note on v. 29

to - with.

28 For all, &c. Some codices, with one early printed edition, read "When in all the house of my father were none other than dead men".

dead men. Heb. men of death: i. e. doomed men. Heb. *'ēnōsh*. Ap. 14. III.

What right . . . ? Fig. *Erotēsis* (A₁). 6), to emphasise the free grace of David.

and go ° to the king; ' because thy servant is lame.

27 And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king *is* as an angel of ¹³ God: do therefore *what is* good in thine eyes.

28 ° For all of my father's house were but ° dead men before my lord the king: yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table. ° What right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king?"

2 (p. 435) 29 And the king said unto him, ° "Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? ° I have said, "Thou and Ziba divide ° the land."

933 30 And Mephibosheth said unto the king, "Yea, let him take all, ° forasmuch as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house."

N s (p. 436) 31 And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan.

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

33 And the king said unto Barzillai, "Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jerusalem."

34 And Barzillai said unto the king, ° "How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem?"

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

36 Thy servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward?

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

38 And the king answered, "Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt require of me, that will I do for thee."

t 39 And all the people went over Jordan.

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

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

t u¹ and ° all the People of Judah conducted the king, and also ° half the People of Israel.

v¹ 41 And, ° behold, all the ° men of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, ° "Why have our brethren the ° men of Judah stolen thee away, and have brought the king, and his household, and all David's ° men with him, over Jordan?"

u² 42 And all the ° men of Judah answered the men of Israel, "Because the king is near of kin to us: wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's cost? or hath he given us any gift?"

v² 43 And the ° men of Israel answered the ° men of Judah, and said, "We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more right in David than ye: why then did ye despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king?"

u³ And the words of the ° men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the ° men of Israel.

29 Why speakest...? Fig. *Erotēsis* (Ap. 6), to show dissatisfaction with Mephibosheth's defence. Hence his division of Saul's estate. See note on v. 26. I have said. Cp. 9. 10. David revokes 16. 4, and falls back on 9. 10.

Thou and Ziba. Cp. 16. 4. the land: i. e. Saul's estate.

30 forasmuch = now that.

19. 31-43 (N, p. 428). JERUSALEM. DAVID'S RE-ENTRY. (*Alternation*.)

N | s | 31-38. Barzillai.
t | 39-. The People.
s | -39, 40-. Barzillai.
t | -40-43. The People.

34 How long...? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

35 can...?... can...? Fig. *Anaphora*. Ap. 6. evil. Heb. *rā' a'*. Ap. 44. viii.

-40-43 (t, above). THE PEOPLE. (*Repeated Alternation*.)

t | u¹ | -40. Judah and Israel. Escort of king.
v¹ | 41. Israel. Complaint.
u² | 42. Judah. Answer.
v² | 43-. Israel. Complaint.
u³ | -43. Judah and Israel. Prevalence.

40 all... half. A whole-hearted act on the part of Judah: and a half-hearted act on the part of Israel. This explains what follows.

41 Why...? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

20. 1-22 (Y³, p. 424). SHEBA'S REVOLT. (*Introversion*.)

Y³ | w | 1, 2-. Sheba. Revolt made.
x | -2. Judah's loyalty.
y | 3. David's concubines.
x | 4-13. Judah's loyalty.
w | 14-22. Sheba. Revolt quelled.

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

son of Bichri = a descendant of Becher (Gen. 46. 21). tents. One of the emendations of the *Sopherim* (Ap. 33), by which they transposed the middle two letters of the primitive text and made it read "tents" instead of "gods". The same was done in 1 Kings 12. 16, and 2 Chron. 10. 16. See notes there.

4-13 (x, above). JUDAH'S LOYALTY. (*Repeated Alternation*.)

x | z¹ | 4, 5. Amasa. Disloyalty.
a¹ | 6, 7. Joab and Abishai. Pursuit.
z² | 8-10-. Amasa. Murder.
a² | -10, 11. Joab and Abishai. Proclamation.
z³ | 12, 13-. Amasa. Dead.
a³ | -13. Joab. Pursuit.

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

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

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

4 Then said the king to Amasa, "Assemble x z¹ me the ° men of Judah within three days, and be thou here present."

983 5 So Amasa went to assemble *the men of* Judah: but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him.

a¹ (p. 436) 6 And David said to Abishai, "Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than *did* Absalom: take ^o thou thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape us."

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

z² 8 When ~~they~~ were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa went before them. And Joab's garment that he had put on was girded unto him, and upon it a girdle *with* a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and ^o as ~~he~~ went forth it fell out.

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

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

a² So Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri.

11 And one of Joab's ¹ men stood by him, and said, "He that favoureth Joab, and he that is for David, *let him go* after Joab."

z³ 12 And Amasa wallowed in blood in the midst of the highway. And when the ¹ man saw that all the People stood still, he removed Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a cloth upon him, when he saw that every one that came by him stood still.

13 When ^o he was removed out of the highway,

a³ all the ^o People went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

w b (p. 437) 14 And ^o he went through all the tribes of Israel unto Abel, and to Beth-maachah, and all the ^o Berites: and they were gathered together, and went also after ^o him.

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

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

17 And when he was come near unto her, the woman said, "Art thou Joab?" And he answered, "I am he." Then she said unto him, "Hear the words of thine handmaid." And he answered, "I do hear."

18 Then she spake, saying, "They were wont to speak in old time, saying, ^o 'They shall surely ask counsel at Abel:' and so they ended *the matter*."

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

6 thou. Some codices, with two early printed editions, read "now", and others, with Sept., read "now therefore".

7 men. Heb. *'ēnōsh*. Ap. 14. III.

8 as he went forth it fell out = and it (the sword) dropped out, and fell.

9 Art thou...? Fig. *Erotēsia*. Ap. 6.

13 he was removed, or, thrust. people. Heb. *'ish*. Ap. 14. II.

20. 14-22 (w, p. 436). SHEBA. REVOLT QUELLED. (Alternation.)

w | b | 14. Abel. Flight to.

c | 15. Siege laid.

b | 16-22-. Abel. Parley at.

c | -22. Siege raised.

14 he = Joab.

Berites = Bichrites (v. 1).

him = Sheba.

15 bank = mound.

trench = rampart.

16 hear. Repeated by Fig. *Epizeuxis*. Ap. 6.

18 They shall, &c. Fig. *Paræmia*. Ap. 6.

19 a city and a mother = a city, a mother city, too. Fig. *Hendiadys* (Ap. 6): i. e. a metropolitan city.

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

20 far be it. Repeated by Fig. *Epizeuxis*. Ap. 6.

21 mount = hill country.

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

22 all. Some codices, with three early printed editions, omit "all".

her wisdom. Cp. Ecc. 9. 14, 15.

tent. Cp. 19. 8.

23-26 (K, p. 414). DAVID'S OFFICERS. (Alternation.)

K | d | 23. Military.

e | 24. Civil.

d | 25. Ecclesiastical.

e | 26. Civil.

23 Benaiah. Cp. 8. 18; 23. 20. 1 Kings 1. 8; 2. 34.

24 Adoram. Same name as Adoniram (1 Kings 4. 6).

25 scribe, or secretary. Cp. 8. 17.

26 chief ruler. Cp. 8. 18; 23. 38.

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

21 The matter is not so: but a ¹ man of ^o mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, *even* against David: deliver him only, and I will depart from the city." And the woman said unto Joab, ^o "Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall."

22 Then the woman went unto ^o all the people in ^o her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast it out to Joab.

And he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every ¹ man to his ^o tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

23 Now Joab was over all the host of Israel: and ^o Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites:

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

25 And Sheva was ^o scribe: and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests:

26 And Ira also the Jairite was a ^o chief ruler about David.

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21 Then there was a °famine in the days of David three years, °year after year; and David enquired of °the LORD. And °the LORD answered, "It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites."

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

3 Wherefore David said unto the Gibeonites, "What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of °the LORD?"

4 And the Gibeonites said unto him, "We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither for us shalt thou kill °any man in Israel." And he said, "What ye shall say, that will I do for you."

5 And they answered the king, "The °man that consumed us, and that devised against us that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the °coasts of Israel,

6 Let seven °men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto °the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, whom °the LORD did choose." And the king said, "I will give them."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 And the bones of Saul °and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed °all that the king commanded.

21. 1-14 (L, p. 414). DAVID'S ZEAL. (Introversion.)

L f | 1. The land. God's judgment on it.
g | 2-9. Saul's sons. Reparation.
h | 10, 11. Rizpah. Mourning.
g | 12-14-. Saul's sons. Recovery of bones.
f | -14. The land. God intreated for it.

1 famine. One of the thirteen mentioned. See note on Gen. 12. 10.

year after year = the year after that year: i. e. 932. David being now fifty-eight.

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

2 Gibeonites. Cp. Josh. 9. 3, 16, 17.

now. Note the Fig. Parenthesis. Ap. 6.
were = they [were]. children = sons.

4 any man. Heb. ish. Ap. 14. II.

5 coasts = borders.

6 men. Heb. 'enosh. Ap. 14. III.

8 Michal. Some codices, cited in the *Massorah*, with Sept. and Syr., read "Merab", as in 1 Sam. 18. 19.

12 men = lords, or masters (Heb. baalim). Cp. 1 Sam. 31. 10, 13.

street. The open space by the gate (2 Chron. 32. 6. Neh. 8. 1, 3, 16). when = in the day.

14 and Jonathan. Some codices, with two early printed editions, and Sept., read "the bones of Jonathan".

all. Some codices, with one early printed edition, read "according to all".

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

15-22 (M, p. 414). WARS AND EVENTS. (Repeated Alternation.)

M i¹ | 15. War with Philistines.
k¹ | 16, 17. Giant (Ishbi-benob). Slain by Abishai.
i² | 18-. Battle at Gob.
k² | -18. Giant (Saph). Slain by Sibbechai.
i³ | 19-. Battle at Gob.
k³ | -19. Giant (brother of Goliath). Slain by Elhanan.
i⁴ | 20-. Battle at Gath.
k¹ | -20, 21. Giant. Slain by Jonathan.
i⁵ | 22. End of war.

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waxed faint. David was now sixty.

16 giant = Rapha. See Ap. 23 and 25.

thought to have slain, or, said he would slay.

17 light = lamp. Cp. Gen. 15. 17. 1 Kings 15. 4. Prov. 13. 9; 20. 20, though not the same word in Gen. 15. 17.

18 Gob. Some codices, with two early printed editions, read "Nob".

And after that °God was intreated for the land.

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

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

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

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

then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which was of the sons of the °giant.

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ⁱ³ 19 And there was again a battle in ¹⁸Gob with the Philistines,

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^{k3} where Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, a Beth-lehemite, slew °the brother of °Goliath the Gittite, the °staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

ⁱ⁴ 20 And there was yet a battle in Gath,

^{k4} where was a °man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the ¹⁶giant.

21 And when he °defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeah the brother of David slew him.

ⁱ⁵ 22 These four were born to the ¹⁶giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

^{H T1} 22 And °David spake unto °the LORD the words of °this song in the day that °the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

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^U 2 And he said,

1° The LORD is my °rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

3 °The °God of my °rock; in Him will I trust:

He is my shield, and the horn of my salvation,

My high tower, and my refuge,
My saviour; Thou savest me from violence.

^{V 1 A} 4 I will call on °the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised:

So shall I be saved from mine enemies.

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

^B 6 The °sorrows of hell compassed me about; The snares of death prevented me;

^A 7 In my distress I called upon °the LORD, And cried to my °God:
And He did hear my voice out of His temple,
And my cry did enter into His ears.

^{m C} 8 Then the earth shook and trembled;

^D °The foundations of heaven moved
And shook, because He was wroth.

9 There went up a smoke out of His nostrils, And fire out of His mouth devoured:
Coals were kindled by it.

10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down;

^E And darkness was under His feet.

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

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

^D 13 Through the brightness before Him were coals of fire kindled.

19 the brother of Goliath. Omit the italics, and understand another giant of the same name as the Goliath of 1 Sam. 17.

staff. Heb. "wood", put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Cause) for what was made from it. Ap. 6.

21 defied = reproached.

22. 1-23. 7 (*H*, p. 414). WORSHIP.
(*Division*.)

H | *T1* | 22. 1-51. Song of David.
| *T2* | 23. 1-7. Last words of David.

1-51 (*T1*, above). SONG OF DAVID.
(*Introversion and Alternation*.)

T1 | *U* | 2, 3. Praise.
| *V* | 1 | 4-7. Prayer made.
| | *m* | 8-16. Overthrow of enemies. Tempest.
| *V* | 1 | 17-28. Prayer answered.
| | *m* | 29-49. Overthrow of enemies. Arms.
| *U* | 50, 51. Praise.

1 David spake. At this point in his history (about 1018 B. C.). This song was written and edited by him later as Ps. 18, with the full liberty of all other editors of their own work.

the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4.

this song. Cp. Ex. 15. Deut. 32.

2 rock. Heb. *sel'a* = a shadow, or shelter. First occurrence.

3 The God of my rock. Sept. and Syr. read "My God was my rock" = immovable defence (Deut. 32. 4). God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.

rock. Heb. *zûr* = a cliff, *in situ*. See Ps. 18. 2; 31. 3; 42. 9; 71. 3.

4-7 (1, above). PRAYER MADE.
(*Introversion*.)

1 | *A* | 4. Call for deliverance.
| *B* | 5. Compassed by pangs.
| *B* | 6. Compassed by sorrows.
| *A* | 7. Call for deliverance.

5 When, or, For. ungodly men = Belial.

6 sorrows of hell = meshes of Sheol. See Ap. 35.

8-16 (*m*, above). OVERTHROW OF ENEMIES.
TEMPEST. (*Introversion*.)

m | *C* | 8-. On earth. Wonders.
| *D* | -8-10-. In heaven. Fire.
| *E* | -10. Darkness.
| *F* | 11. Speedy succour.
| *E* | 12. Darkness.
| *D* | 13-15. In heaven. Fire.
| *C* | 16. On earth. Wonders.

8 The. Some codices, with Sept. and Syr., read "and the".

11 fly. Fig. *Anthropopatheia*. Ap. 6.

was seen. Some codices, with two early printed editions, read "and darted".

wind. Heb. *rûach*. Ap. 9.

12 Dark = gathering of.

14 the MOST HIGH. Heb. *Elyôn*. Ap. 4. VI

16 channels. Heb. *'āphikim*, a watercourse, constrained by rocks or pipes or rocky channels. First occurrence. See Job 6. 15; 12. 21; 40. 18; 41. 15. Ps. 18. 16; 42. 1; 126. 4. Song 5. 12. Isa. 8. 7. Ezek. 6. 3; 31. 12; 32. 6; 34. 13; 35. 8; 36. 4, 6. Joel 1. 20; 3. 18. See notes on these eighteen passages for the various renderings.

14 °The LORD thundered from heaven,

And °the MOST HIGH uttered His voice.

15 And He sent out arrows, and scattered them;

Lightning, and discomfited them.

16 And the °channels of the sea appeared,

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The foundations of the world were °discovered,
At the rebuking of ¹the LORD,
At the °blast of the °breath of His nostrils.

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17 He sent from above, He took me ;
He drew me out of many waters ;
18 He delivered me from my strong enemy,
And °from them that hated me :

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For they were too strong for me.

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19 They °prevented me in the day of my calamity :

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But ¹the LORD was my stay.
20 He brought me forth also into a large place :
He delivered me, because He delighted in me.

21 ¹The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness :
According to the cleanness of my hands
hath He recompensed me.

22 For I have kept the ways of ¹the LORD,
And have not wickedly departed from my ³God.

23 For all His °judgments were before me :
And as for His statutes, I did not depart from them.

24 I was also °upright before Him,
And have kept myself from mine °iniquity.

25 Therefore ¹the LORD hath recompensed me according to my righteousness ;
According to my cleanness in His eye sight.

26 With the °merciful Thou wilt shew Thyself °merciful,

°And with the ²⁴upright °man Thou wilt shew Thyself ²⁴upright.

27 With the pure Thou wilt shew Thyself pure ;

And with the froward Thou wilt °shew Thyself °unsavoury.

28 And the afflicted people Thou wilt save :
But Thine eyes are upon the haughty,
That Thou mayest bring them down.

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29 For Thou art my °lamp, ¹O LORD :
And ¹the LORD will lighten my darkness.

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30 For by Thee I have run through a troop :
°By my ³God have I leaped over a wall.

31 As for °GOD, His way is perfect ;
The °word of ¹the LORD °is tried :
He is a buckler to all them that trust in Him.

32 For °who is ³¹GOD, save ¹the LORD ?
And °who is a rock, save our ³God ?

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33 ³¹GOD is my °strength and °power :
And He °maketh my way perfect.

34 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet :
And °setteth me upon °my high places.

35 He teacheth my hands to war ;
So that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

36 Thou hast also given me the shield of Thy salvation :

And Thy gentleness hath made me great.

37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me ;
So that my feet did not slip.

38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them ;
And turned not again until I had consumed them.

discovered = laid bare.
blast = n^oshāmāh. Ap. 16.
breath. Heb. rûach. Ap. 9.

22. 17-28 (l, p. 439). PRAYER ANSWERED. (Introversion.)

l G | 17, 18-. Deliverance.
H | -18. Enemies.
H | 19-. Enemies.
G | -19-28. Deliverance.

18 from. Some codices, with Syr. and Vulg., read "and from". Cp. Ps. 18. 17.

19 prevented = got before.

23 judgments. Cp. Deut. 4. 1, note.

24 upright = blameless. Heb. tāmim.

iniquity. Heb. 'āvāh. Ap. 44. iv.

26 merciful = gracious.

And. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read this "And" in text.

man. Heb. gibbōr. Ap. 14. IV.

27 shew Thyself unsavoury = show Thyself ready to contend.

unsavoury = a wrestler. Cp. Ps. 18. 26.

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

m J | 29. Jehovah my light.
K | 30-32. God my avenger.
L | 33-40. God my strength.
M | 41-46. Deliverance.
J | 47. Jehovah my life.
K | 48. God my avenger.
L | 49-. God my exalter.
M | -49. Deliverance.

29 lamp = light.

30 By. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Sept., Aram., and Syr., read "And by".

31 GOD. Heb. 'El. Ap. 4. IV.

word = statements. Heb. 'imrah, what is said. See Ap. 73. v.

is tried = hath been proved.

32 who ... ? Fig. Erotēsis. Ap. 6.

33 strength = fortress.

power = strength.

maketh my way perfect: or, showeth to the blameless His way. Some codices, with two early printed editions, read "my way", as in Ps. 18. 32.

34 setteth = maketh me to stand firm.

my high places. Contrast the "high places" so fatal to Jonathan and Saul (1. 26).

42 looked = looked about. But Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg. read "cried out". Cp. Ps. 18. 41.

44 strivings = contentions.

39 And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise :

Yea, they are fallen under my feet.

40 For Thou hast girded me with strength to battle :

Them that rose up against me hast Thou subdued under me.

41 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies,

That I might destroy them that hate me.

42 They °looked, but there was none to save ;
Even unto ¹the LORD, but He answered them not.

43 Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth,

I did stamp them as the mire of the street,
And did spread them abroad.

44 Thou also hast delivered me from the °strivings of my People,

M

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to
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Thou hast kept me *to be* head of the
°heathen :

A people *which* I knew not shall serve me.
45 ° Strangers ° shall submit themselves unto
me :

As soon as they hear, they shall be obe-
dient unto me.

46 45 Strangers shall fade away,
And they ° shall be afraid out of their close
places.

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47 1 The LORD liveth ; and blessed *be* my rock ;
And exalted *be* the ° God of the rock of my
salvation.

K

48 It *is* 31 GOD That avengeth me,
And That bringeth down the ° People under
me,

L

49 And That bringeth me forth from mine
enemies :
Thou also hast lifted me up on high above
them that rose up against me :

M

Thou hast delivered me from the ° violent
° man.

U

50 Therefore I will give thanks unto Thee, O
1 LORD, among the ° heathen,
And I will sing praises unto Thy name.

51 *He is* the ° tower of salvation for His king :
And sheweth mercy to His anointed,
Unto David, and to his seed for evermore."

T² W¹ X¹
(p. 441)

23 Now these *be* the ° last ° words of David.
David the son of Jesse ° said,
And the ° man *who was* raised up on high,
The anointed of the ° God of Jacob,
And the sweet psalmist of Israel, ° said,

X²

2 "The ° Spirit of ° the LORD ° spake by me,
And His ° word *was* in my tongue.

3 The 1 God of ° Israel ° said,
The Rock of ° Israel ° spake to me,

W² n

° He that ruleth over ° men *must be* just,

o

Ruling in the fear of 1 God.

o p

4 ° And *he shall be* as the light of the morn-
ing, *when* the ° sun riseth,

q

Even a morning without clouds ;

p

As the tender grass *springing* out of the
earth

q

By clear shining after rain.'

n r¹ s

5 ° Although my house *be* not so with ° GOD ;

t

° Yet He hath made with me an everlasting
covenant,

t

Ordered in all *things*, and sure :

s

° For *this is* all my salvation, and all my
desire,

° Although He make ° it not to grow.

heathen = Gentile nations.

45 Strangers = foreigners.
shall submit themselves, or give a feigned and un-
willing obedience.

46 shall be afraid out of their close places - shall
come forth trembling from their hiding-places.

48 People = Peoples.

49 violent man : i. e. Saul.

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

51 tower. Fig. *Prosopopeia*. Ap. 6.

23. 1-7 (T², p. 439). LAST WORDS OF DAVID.
(Division.)

T² | W¹ | 1-3-. The speaker.

| W² | -3-7. His words.

1-3- (W¹, above). THE SPEAKER. (Division.)

W¹ | X¹ | 1. David's mouth.

| X² | 2, 3-. Not David's words.

Chapter 23 follows 24, but is placed here (by the Fig.
Hysteronlogia) so as to include David's "last words" with
his "song" under his "worship", and make the corre-
spondence shown in the Structure. See p. 414.

1 last words. Hence their importance.

words = discourse, message, oracle, revelation. Heb.
dabar. Ap. 73. x.

said. Heb. *nā'am* = to speak with assurance and
authority. man. Heb. *geber*. Ap. 14. IV.

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

God of Jacob : i. e. the God Who met Jacob when he
had nothing and deserved nothing (but wrath), and
promised him all = therefore "the God of all grace".
Cp. Ps. 146. 5 and 1 Pet. 5. 10, referring to the grace
which had called David.

2 Spirit = *rūach*. Ap. 9.

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

spake : referring to the *substance* of the Divine
revelation. Heb. *dabar* = to utter. See Ap. 73. x.

word. Heb. *millāh*. Used of a royal or divine decree
(Ps. 19. 14. Dan. 3. 22, 28, &c.).

3 Israel. The highest title (not Jacob), because human
instrumentality not in question here.

said. Here Heb. 'amar, referring to the *matter* of the
Divine revelation. See Ap. 73. v.

spake. See note on "spake", v. 2.

men. Heb. 'ādām. Ap. 14. I.

-3-7 (W², above). THE WORDS. (Introversion.)

W² | n | -3-. The ruler. Ideal.

| o | -3-. The ideal rule.

| o | 4. The ideal rule.

| n | 5-7. The ruler. Actual.

} The Ruler, and his
rule.

4 (o, above). THE IDEAL RULE. (Introversion.)

o | p | 4-. The light. Effect in heavens.

| q | -4-. Its clearness.

| q | -4. Its clearness.

| p | -4-. The light. Effect on earth.

} This is
the order
in Heb.

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

sun. Cp. Ps. 72. 6, 7, 16. Jer. 23. 5, 6. Mal. 4. 2.

5-7 (n, above). THE RULER. ACTUAL.
(Division.)

n | r¹ | 5. The ruler.

| r² | 6, 7. The ruled.

5 (r¹, above). THE RULER. (Introversion.)

r¹ | s | 5-. David's house.

| t | -5-. God's covenant with David.

| t | -5-. God's covenant with David.

| s | -5. David's house.

5 Although = For (Heb. *kī*).
tuate and translate :

r¹ | s | For is not my house thus through God ?

| t | For He hath made a covenant . . . sure (2 Sam. 7).

| t | For this (Covenant) is all my . . . desire.

| s | For shall He not cause it to prosper ?

GOD. Heb. *El*. Ap. 4. IV.

Yet = for (Heb. *kī*).

For (Heb. *kī*). Punc-

} The Covenant.

it = i. e. my house.

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6 But *the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns ° thrust away,*

Because they cannot be ° taken with hands :

7 But the ° man *that shall touch them must be ° fenced with iron and the staff of a spear ;*

And they shall be utterly burned with fire ° in the *same place.*"

8 These *be* the names of ° the mighty men whom David had :

9 The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains ; the same *was* Adino the Eznite :

10 He *lift up his spear* against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time.

11 And after him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, *one of the three ° mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and ° the men of Israel were gone away :*

12 He *arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword : and ° the LORD wrought a great victory that day ; and the people returned after him only to spoil.*

13 And after him *was* ° Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together ° into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of ° lentiles : and the people ° fled from the Philistines.

14 But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines : and ° the LORD wrought a great victory.

15 And ° three of the ° thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam : and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of ° Rephaim. **16** And David *was then in ° an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Beth-lehem.*

17 And David longed, and said, " Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, which *is by the gate!*"

18 And ° the three ° mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that *was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David : nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto ° the LORD.*

19 And he said, " Be it far from me, O ° LORD, that I should do this : ° *is not this the blood of the ° men that went ° in jeopardy of their ° lives?*" therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.

20 And ° Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, ° was chief ° among ° three.

21 And he *lifted up his spear* against three hundred, and slew *them*, and had the name among ° three.

22 Was he not most honourable ° of three ? therefore he was their captain : howbeit he attained not unto the *first* ° three.

23 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son

23. 6, 7 (r², p. 441). THE RULED. (*Introversion.*)

r² u | 6-. The sons of Belial. Put to flight.

v | -6. How they cannot be ruled.

v | 7-. How they can be ruled.

u | -7. The sons of Belial. Consumed.

6 thrust away = put to flight, chased away. taken = handled.

7 man. Heb. *ish*. Ap. 14. II. fenced = furnished. in the same place = on the spot.

8-39 (J, p. 414). DAVID'S MIGHTY MEN. (*Introversion.*)

J Y | 8-. Names.

Z | -8-24-. Principal.

Z | -24-39-. Subordinate.

Y | -39. Number.

-8-24- (Z, above). THE PRINCIPAL. (*Introversion and Repeated Alternation.*)

Z A | w¹ | -8-. Adino.

x¹ | -8. His achievement.

w² | 9. Eleazar.

x² | 10. His achievement.

w³ | 11. Shammah.

x³ | 12. His achievement.

B | 13-17. Three together.

A | w⁴ | 18-. Abishai.

x⁴ | -18, 19. Achievement and rank.

w⁵ | 20-. Benaiah.

x⁵ | -20-23. Achievement and rank.

w⁶ | 24-. Asahel.

} First three.

} Second three.

8 the mighty men. Heb. *gibbor*. Ap. 14. IV. This rehearsal comes at the end of David's reign, immediately before the setting up of the kingdom under Solomon. Even so will it be, at the time of the end, with the true David.

The Tachmonite that sat in the seat. A.V. marg. and R.V. text = "Josheb-bassebet the Tachmonite". Really = Ish-bosheth, put for Ish-baal = "man of Baal, son of a Hachmonite" (cp. 1 Chron. 11. 11), altered later to Adino. Cp. St. Peter's exploit (Acts 2), and Stephen's (Acts 6. 7).

9 the men of Israel were gone away. This is the time for true courage to be manifested. Cp. v. 11. 2 Tim. 1. 15 ; 4. 16, 17.

10 the LORD (Heb. *Jehovah*, Ap. 4. II) wrought. Cp. v. 12, and see Acts 14. 27 ; 15. 4, 12 ; 21. 19.

11 Shammah. Like Acts 14. 3.

into a troop. Probably = the place, Lehi.

lentiles. See note on 1 Chron. 11. 13.

fled. See note on v. 9, "gone away".

13 three . . . thirty. See note on 1 Chron. 27. 1.

Rephaim = Rapha. A noted descendant of the *Nephilim*. See Ap. 23 and 25.

14 an hold = a fort, or garrison.

16 the three. The three referred to in v. 13.

17 is not this . . . ? Supply instead "shall I drink?"

men. Heb. *enosh*. Ap. 14. III.

in jeopardy of their lives = with their lives [in their hands].

lives = souls. Heb. *nephesh*. Ap. 13. "Soul" put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for "blood", which is another name for it. Cp. Gen. 9. 4. Lev. 17. 11. Deut. 12. 23. Ap. 13.

18 Abishai. Mentioned in 10. 10, 14 ; 16. 9 ; 18. 2 ; 19. 21. 1 Sam. 26. 6-9.

was = he [was]. among = of.

19 Was he not . . . ? Fig. *Erotēsis*. Ap. 6.

of three = of [the second] three. See the Structure above, and note on v. 13.

20 lionlike men. Men of Ariel. Ariel, proper name, occurs only here and twice in Isa. 29. 1, 2.

of a valiant ° man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts,

he slew two ° lionlike men of Moab : he went x⁵

930 down also and slew ° a lion in the midst of ° a
to pit in time of ° snow :

923 21 And he slew an Egyptian, a ° goodly ° man :
and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand ;
but he went down to him with a staff, and
plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand,
and slew him ° with his own spear.

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

23 He was more honourable than the thirty,
but he attained not to the first 13 three. And
David set him over his guard.

w6 24 ° Asahel the ° brother of Joab was one of
(p. 442) the 13 thirty ;

Z Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem,

25 Shammah the Harodite,

Elika the Harodite,

26 Helez the Paltite,

Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,

27 Abiezer the Anethothite,

Mebunnai the Hushathite,

28 Zalmon the Ahohite,

Maharai the Netophathite,

29 Heleb the son of Baanah, a Netophathite,
Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah of the
children of Benjamin,

30 Benaiah the Pirathonite,
Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash,

31 Abi-albon the Arbathite,
Azmaveth the Barhumite,

32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite,
Of the sons of Jashen, Jonathan,

33 Shammah the Hararite,
Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite,

34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, ° the son of
the Maachathite,

Eliam the ° son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,
35 Hezrai the Carmelite,

Paarai the Arbite,

36 Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah,

Bani the Gadite,

37 Zelek the Ammonite,
Nahari the Beerothite, ° armourbearer to
Joab the son of Zeruiah,

38 Ira an Ithrite,

Gareb an Ithrite,

39 ° Uriah the Hittite :

Y ° thirty and seven in all.

E A 24 ° And again the anger of ° the LORD was
(p. 443) kindled against Israel,

B a and ° He moved David against them to say,
"Go, number Israel and Judah."

2 For the king said to Joab the captain of the
host, which was with him, "Go now through
all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-
sheba, and number ye the People, that I may
know the number of the People."

b 3 And Joab said unto the king, "Now 1 the
LORD thy ° God add unto the People, how
many soever they be, an hundredfold, and
that the eyes of my lord the king may see
it : but why doth my lord the king delight in
this thing ?"

4 Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed
against Joab, and against the captains of the
host. And Joab and the captains of the host

a . . . a . . . snow. All these have the Art., as being
a well-known exploit.

21 goodly of appearance. Heb. = a sight to see.
1 Chron. 11. 23 = stature.

with his own spear. Often done now spiritually by
the servants of the true David.

24 Asahel. The third of the second three.

brother of Joab, but not Joab. His name here but
not himself, because when the time of the end comes,
with its "last words", loyalty will be the one test.
Joab remained true in Absalom's rebellion, but fell
away in Adonijah's. Hence in 1 Cor. 16. 22 "love" is
the test, in the light of "Maran-atha", not the "strifes"
of ch. 3, or the wrong judgments of ch. 4, or the un-
cleanness of ch. 5, or going to law of ch. 6 ; not the
fornication of ch. 7, not a wrong conscience of chs. 9, 10,
not ecclesiastical disorders of ch. 11, not the misuse of
special gifts (chs. 12, 13, 14), not orthodoxy (ch. 15), but
"love" and loyalty to the Person of Christ, the true
David, David's son and David's Lord.

34 the. Probably "Hanan", the son, &c. (1 Chron.
11. 43), making three named in this verse.

son of Ahithophel. But not Ahithophel himself, on
account of his disloyalty. See note on v. 24, above.

37 armourbearer. Joab's armourbearer named, but
not Joab himself. See note on v. 24, above.

39 Uriah. Is doubly honoured, being named with
his son ; but Joab or Ahithophel are not named. Read
Jer. 9. 23, 24.

thirty and seven in all : i.e. first three + second
three + thirty-one of vv. 24-39.

24. 1-25 (E, p. 414). DAVID'S SIN IN NUM-
BERING. (Alternation.)

E | A | 1-. Jehovah. Anger.
B | -1-10. Sin committed.
A | 11-16-. Jehovah. Judgment.
B | -16-25. Sin expiated.

-1-10 (B, above). SIN COMMITTED. (Introversion.)

B | a | -1, 2. David. Command.
b | 3, 4. Joab's objection.
b | 5-9. Joab's obedience.
a | 10. David. Confession.

1 And again. The history in this chapter precedes
ch. 23, by Fig. Hysterologia (Ap. 6). See note on 23. 1.
the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

He moved = He suffered him to be moved. By He-
brew idiom (and also by modern usage) a person is said
to do that which he permits to be done. Here we have
the historical fact. In 1 Chron. 21. 1 we have the real
fact from the Divine standpoint. Here the exoteric, in
1 Chron. 21. 1 the esoteric. For examples, see Ex. 4. 21 ;
5. 22. Jer. 4. 10. Ezek. 14. 9 ; 20. 25. Matt. 11. 25 ; 13. 11.
Rom. 9. 18 ; 11. 7, 8. 2 Thess. 2. 11. God's permission,
but Satan's suggestion (Jas. 1. 13, 14) ; or, yāgath, may
be taken impersonally, "David was moved".

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

5 right side : i.e. the south side, facing east.
river of Gad = the river valley belonging to Gad,
which was the Jabbok.

6 Tahtim-hodshi. Site unknown. If translated = the
lower parts of the country where the new moon was
worshipped. Like Beth-shemesh = House of the Sun.

Dan-jaan = Dan in the wood, perhaps Laish-Dan
(Josh. 19. 47. Judg. 18. 29). about = passed round.

went out from the presence of the king, to
number the People of Israel.

5 And they passed over Jordan, and pitched b
in Aroer, on the ° right side of the city that
lieth in the midst of the ° river of Gad, and to-
ward Jazer :

6 Then they came to Gilead, and to the land
of ° Tahtim-hodshi ; and they came to ° Dan-
jaan, and ° about to Zidon,

930 7 And came to the °strong hold of Tyre, and
to to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Can-
923 naanites: and they °went out to the °south of
Judah, even to Beer-sheba.

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

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

a 10 And David's heart smote him after that he
(p. 443) had numbered the People. And David said
unto °the LORD, °“I have °sinned greatly in
that I have done: and now, I beseech thee,
O °LORD, °take away the °iniquity of Thy
servant; for I have done very foolishly.”

A c 11 °For when David °was up in the morning,
(p. 444) the word of °the LORD came unto the prophet
°Gad, David's seer, saying,

12 “Go and say unto David, ‘Thus saith °the
LORD, °“I offer thee three things; choose thee
one of them, that I may do it unto thee.”’

13 So °Gad came to David, and told him, and
said unto him, “Shall °seven years of famine
come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee
three months before thine enemies, while they
pursue thee? or that there be three days' pesti-
lence in thy land? now °advise, and see what
answer I shall return to Him That sent me.”

d 14 And David said unto °Gad, “I am in
a great strait: let us fall now into the hand
of the LORD; for His °mercies are °great:
and let me not fall into the hand of °man.”

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

c 16 And when the angel stretched out his
hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, °the LORD
°repented Him of the °evil,

B e and said to the angel that destroyed the Peo-
ple, “It is enough: stay now thine hand.”
And the angel of °the LORD was by the
threshingplace of °Araunah the Jebusite.

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

f 18 And Gad came that day to David, and
said unto him, “Go up, rear an altar unto °the
LORD in the threshingfloor of °Araunah the
Jebusite.”

g h¹ 19 And David, according to the saying of Gad,
went up °as °the LORD commanded.

i¹ 20 And °Araunah °looked, and saw the king
and his servants °coming on toward him: and
°Araunah went out, and bowed himself before
the king on his face upon the ground.

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

h² And David said, “To buy the threshingfloor of

7 strong hold. Cp. Josh. 19. 29.

went out. Some codices read “came [in]”.

south = the Negeb. Some codices read “land”. See
note on Gen. 13. 1.

8 nine months, &c. The long time implies a period
of great peace.

9 Israel = 800,000 “valiant men”. Heb. 'ish. Ap. 14. II.
Judah = 500,000 “men”. Heb. 'ish. Ap. 14. II. [Cp.
1 Chron. 21. 5, a different classification. Israel =
1,100,000, “all they of Israel that drew sword”: i. e. all
adults, not necessarily “valiant”. Judah = 470,000
“men that drew sword”; not all the “men” by 30,000.]

10 I have sinned. Probably conviction of pride or
other sinful motive. Heb. hātāh. Ap. 44. i.
take away = cause to pass over. See 12. 13.
iniquity. See Ap. 44. iv.

24. 11-16- (A, p. 443). JEHOVAH. JUDGMENT.
(Introversion.)

A c | 11-13. Divine offers.
d | 14. David's decision made.
d | 15. David's decision carried out.
c | 16-. Divine forbearance.

11 For = And. was = rose.
Gad. Cp. 1 Sam. 9. 9. Gad last mentioned, 1 Sam.
22. 5. Probably inspired to write this history.

12 I offer thee = I impose on thee (Heb. natah). A
choice out of God's four sore judgments (Ezek. 14. 21).

13 seven years. 1 Chron. 21. 12 = three years; also
Sept. The Heb. numeral letters for three and seven
were probably very much alike. Hence perhaps mis-
taken by an ancient scribe. Both may be right = “seven,
or even three.” advise = consider, or know.

14 mercies = compassions.

great = manifold. man. Heb. 'ādām. Ap. 14. I.

15 time appointed. Sept. and Syr. say the plague
lasted only till noon. So this “time” may mean for
the evening sacrifice, 3 p.m. (cp. v. 18).

16 repented. Fig. Anthropopatheia. Ap. 6.
evil. Heb. rā'a'. Ap. 44. viii.

-16-25 (B, p. 443). EXPIATION OF THE SIN.
(Introversion and Repeated Alternation.)

B e | -16, 17. Entreaty for the Land. David's.
f | 18. David. Command given to.
g | h¹ | 19. David's obedience.
i¹ | 20, 21-. Araunah's reception.
h² | -21. David's request.
i² | 22, 23. Araunah's offer.
h³ | 24. David's refusal.
f | 25-. David. Obedience.
e | -25. Entreaty for the Land. Jehovah.

Araunah the Jebusite. Perhaps spared in the
taking of Jebus. See note on 5. 8.

17 Lo. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.
wickedly. Heb. 'āvāh. Ap. 44. iv.

19 as = according as.

20 looked = looked down.

coming on = crossing over.

22 burnt sacrifice. See Ap. 43. I. ii.

thee, to build an altar unto °the LORD, that
the plague may be stayed from the people.”

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

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

24 And the king said unto °Araunah, “Nay; h³
but I will surely buy it of thee at a price:

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neither will I °offer ²²burnt offerings unto
°the LORD my °God of that which doth cost
me nothing.” So David bought °the thresh-
ingfloor and the oxen for fifty °shekels of silver.

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

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

24 offer. See Ap. 43. I. vi.

the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels
of silver. Heb. *goren* (Ruth 3. 2), mentioned in *vv.* 16, 18,
21. Not the “place”, Heb. *mākōm*, of 1 Chron. 21. 25
(Ruth 4. 10), which was afterward the Temple area,
about eight acres, and for which David gave the much
larger sum of 600 shekels of gold. Two separate pur-
chases effected, the one here was hurried, as an earnest,
and the other was made later.

shekels. See Ap. 51. II.

25 there. See note on 1 Chron. 22. 1.