1 AND 2 KINGS.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE TWO BOOKS* AS A WHOLE.

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THE KINGDOM.

(Division.)

A

1 Kings 1. 1—12. 15. THE KINGDOM. UNITED.

A

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

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

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

(Division.)

A

1 Kings 1. 1—2. 11. DAVID.

B

1 Kings 2. 12—11. 42. SOLOMON.

A

1 Kings 12. 1—15. REHOBOAM.

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

(Introduction and Repeated Alternation.)

A

1 Kings 12. 16—19. THE DIVISION OF THE KINGDOM.

B

1 Kings 12. 20—14. 20. ISRAEL (JEROBOAM I).

F

1 Kings 14. 21—15. 24. JUDAH (REHOBOAM, 14. 21—31; AHAB, 15. 1—8; ASA, 15. 9–24).

B

1 Kings 15. 3—22. 40. ISRAEL (NADAB, 15. 3—31; BAASHA, 15. 32—16. 7; ELAH, 16. 8–14; ZIMRI, 16. 15—20; (INTERREGNUM, 16. 21, 22); OMRI, 16. 22—28; AHAZ, 16. 29–22. 40).

B

1 Kings 22. 41—55. JUDAH (JEROHAMPHATH).

B

1 Kings 22. 51—2 Kings 8. 12. ISRAEL (AHAZIYAH, 1 Kings 22. 51—2 Kings 1. 18; ELIZIYAH's Translation, 2 Kings 2. 1–25). JEHORAM, 2 Kings 3. 1—8. 15).

F

2 Kings 8. 16—9. 29. JUDAH (JEHORAM, 8. 16–24; AHAZIYAH, 8. 25—9. 29).

B

2 Kings 9. 30—10. 36. ISRAEL (JEROH). DISRUPTION OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH.†

B

2 Kings 11. 1—12. 21. JUDAH (ATHALIAH, 11. 1—26; JOASH, 11. 17). DISRUPTION OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH.†

A


A

2 Kings 14. 1—22. JUDAH (AMARIAH, 14. 1—20; UZZIAH, 14. 21, 22).

F

2 Kings 15. 1—7. JUDAH (UZZIAH).

B

2 Kings 15. 8–31. ISRAEL (ZACHARIAH, 15. 8–12; SHALLUM, 15. 13–16; MENAHEM, 15. 17–22; Pekahiah, 15. 23–26; Pekah, 15. 27–31).

F


B

2 Kings 17. 1–41. ISRAEL (HOSEIAH).

F


A

2 Kings 25. 1—30. THE ENDING OF THE KINGDOM.

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

† Note the division of the eight pairs into two groups, by the events which characterise the last pair of each group.
Now the king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he got no heat.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Structure of 1 and 2 Kings as Related to 1 and 2 Samuel:

Kings. As compared with Chronicles, Kings and Samuel give the history from the human point of view, while Chronicles gives the same history from the Divine standpoint. The former, as man ruled the history; the latter, as God overruled it. Cp. Saul's death, 1 Sam. 31, with 1 Chron. 10. 7, 14; and in Kings, three verses given to Hezekiah's restoration, and in Chronicles, three chapters. For the parallel passages in the Book of Chronicles, see Ap. 56, and note on Title of 1 Samuel, p. 366.
11 Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, “Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not?”

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

13 Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, “Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, ‘Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne’? Why then doth Adonijah reign?”

14 “Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, Zadok also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words.”

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

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

16 And Bath-sheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, “What wouldest thou?”

17 And she said unto him, “My lord, thou seest the eyes of thy servant, and the eyes of Israel, which are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

18 And now, “behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest it not.”

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

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

21 Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that Zadok and my son Solomon shall be accounted offenders.”

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

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

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

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

and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, “G-d save king Adonijah.”

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

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

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

29 And the king sware, and said, “As the G-d liveth, That hath redeemed my soul out of all distress,
30 Even as I sware unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

45 And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have heard.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.1-10 (K, p. 447). ADVICE OF DAVID TO
SOLOMON. (Introversion and Alternation).

2.1 | 1-2. David. End near.
2.2 | 1-4. For good. Solomon.
2.5 | 5-6. For retribution. Joab.
2.7 | 7. For good. Barzillai.
2.8 | 8-9. For retribution. Shimel.

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And now I ask one petition of thee,  

And she said unto him, "Say on."  

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

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

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

Then she said, "I desire one small petition of thee; I pray thee,  

And the king said unto her, "Ask on my mother: for I will not say thee nay."  

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

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

Then king Solomon swore by the Lord, saying,  

Then Solomon spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.  

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar.
shall know for certain that thou "shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon "thine own head.""

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

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

2 Only the people sacrificed 2in high places, because there was no house built unto the name of 1the LORD, until those days.

3 And Solomon loved 5the LORD, walking in the "statutes of David his father: 5only 6sacrificed and burnt incense in 5high places.

4 And the king went to 7Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

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

6 And Solomon 8said, "Thy servant David my father great 9mercy, according as he walked before Thee in truth, and in righteousness of heart with Thee; and Thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that Thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day,

7 And now, 1O LORD my 2God, 1I have made Thy servant David my father great 9mercy, according as he walked before Thee in truth, and in righteousness of heart with Thee; and Thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that Thou hast
3. 8.  I. KINGS.  4. 3.

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

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

10 And the speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing.

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

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

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

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

15 And Solomon awoke; and, cbehold, it was a dream.

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

16 Then came there two women, cthat were harlots unto the king, and stood before him.

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

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

19 And this woman's 5 child died in the night; because she 6 overlaid it.

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

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

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

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

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

25 And the king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other."

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

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

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

4 So king Solomon was king over all Israel.

2 And these were the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok the priest, 3 Eliphoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha,
4. 3. I. KINGS. 4. 29.

principal officer = priest. See Heb. (2 Sam. 8. 18).
the king’s friend, as Hushai had been David’s (2 Sam. 15. 37).
12 twelve officers. Cp. David’s twelve captains (1 Chron. 27. 2-15).
7 mount = hill country.
11 Dor. Cp. Josh. 11. 2; 12. 23; 17. 11.
region. A sharply defined border, defining the rocky rampart encircling the “Leah” as it is called today. Argob = Edrei, one of “the giant cities of Bashan.” See Ap. 23 and 25.
16 Hazzea. See note on v. 5.
19 Geber. officer. Not the same word as in v. 7.
sea. Some codices, with Syr., read “sea shore.”
21 the river = the Euphrates. Cp. Gen. 15. 18 Josh. 1. 4.
22 provision. Heb. bread, put by Fig. Synecdoche (of the Species) for all kinds of food. Ap. 6.
24 on this side, or beyond. safely = confidently.
Dan even to Beer-sheba. The two extremities. Cp. Judg. 20. 1 and 1 Sam. 5. 28, &c.
26 forty thousand. In 2 Chron. 9. 25 it is 4,000, which is much more likely to be correct. The 12,000 are the same in both places. The ancient Hebrew characters were Phoenician, and may be seen on the marble stone. Those were in current use till about 140 B.C., and were gradually replaced by the modern Hebrew “square” characters. Mistakes in copying occurred through the similarity of certain letters. See notes on 5 Sam. 24. 10. Jer. 8. 9. Ezek. 6. 4; 22. 10.

4. 29-34 (H, p. 453). WISDOM.
(Tools.)
H 0 | 29. Extent.
f | 30, 31. Others. Pre-eminence over.
* | 32, 33. Extent.
| 34. Others. Resort by.

28 And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.
27 And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon’s table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing.
25 And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.
I. KINGS.

30 And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

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

32 And he spake three thousand proverbs; and his songs were a thousand and five.

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

34 And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from one end of the earth even unto the other end.

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

E h 1, Hiram and Solomon. Congratulations.

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5 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

3 give you harbour, and a place to build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. 13 (E, p. 452). LEVY.

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

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

13 And king Solomon raised a yearly out of
17 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 "Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in My statutes, and execute My judgments, and keep all My commandments to walk in them; then will I perform My word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father:
13 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel." 14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the celiing: and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

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

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

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

19 And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

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

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

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

23 And within the oracle he made two cherubims of olive tree, each ten cubits high.

24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits.

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

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

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

28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

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

30 And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without.

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

32 The two doors also were of olive tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm trees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 But Solomon was building his own house thirteeen years, and he finished all his house.
2 He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon: the length thereof was an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapter that were upon the top, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other chapter.

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

20 And the chapter upon the two pillars had pomegranates also above, over against the belly which was by the network: and the
pomegranates were two hundred in rows round about upon the other chapter.
And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz:
And upon the top of the pillars was lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished.
And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other: it was round about, and his height was five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.
And under the brim of it round about there were knops compassing it, ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about: the knops were cast in two rows, when it was cast.
It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.
And it was an hand breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths.
And he made ten bases of brass; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it.
And the work of the bases was on this manner: they had borders, and the borders were between the legs:
And on the borders that were between the legs were lions, oxen, and cherubims: and upon the legs there was a base above:
And every base had four brasen wheels, and four brazen lavers on the bases:
And the four corners thereof had undersetters: under the laver were undersetters molten, at the side of every addition.
And the mouth of it within the chamber and above was a cubit: but the mouth thereof was round after the work of the base, a cubit and half: and also upon the mouth of it were gravings with their borders, foursquare, not round.
And under the borders were four wheels: and the axletrees of the wheels were joined to the base: and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit.
And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their felloes, and their spokes, were all molten.
And there were four undersetters to the four corners of one base: and the undersetters were of the very base itself.
And in the top of the base was a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base the legs thereof and the borders thereof were of the same.
For on the plates of the legs thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the two hundred. In v. 42 called four hundred, because two hundred reckoned to each, as in 1 Chron. 4. 13. In 2 Chron. 3. 15 they are called one hundred, because reckoned one hundred to each row. In Jer. 52. 23 they are ninety-six "on a side" (Heb. riqáchah = to windward; i.e. exposed to the wind or open air. The others within, or sheltered). In the porch for the porch.
Jachin = He (God) will establish. Referring to His Boaz = In Him (God) is strength. People Israel.
Molten sea = brazen laver. "Sea" put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct) for what contained.
A line of thirty cubits. Here the proportion of the diameter to the circumference (1 : 3) was revealed, while human wisdom was still searching it out.
Two thousand. 2 Chron. 4. 2 says three thousand.
But 1 Kings 7. 26 speaks of what it did (usually) contain; while 2 Chron. 4. 5 speaks of what it could "receive and hold". No bath in use is filled to its full capacity.
Borders = panels, or enclosures.
Additions = connections. Probably wreaths. Occurs only here and vs. 29, 30, 36.
Wheels: showing that these lavers were movable: and indicating that when "that which is perfect should come (viz. the washing with spirit, Acts 1. 5), the type (water) was to be wheeled away".
Plates = axletrees.
Undersetters = projections, or supports.
Proportion: i.e. on a reduced scale, as the plates required.
Lavers = cauldrons (for boiling the peace offerings). Some codices, with three early printed editions, Sept., and Vulg., read "pans".
Naves = felloes. Spokes = spokes.
Networks = lattices.
Upon = upon the face of. Fig. Plemasm. Ap. 6.
Proportion of every one, and additions round about.
After this manner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one size.
Then he made ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty baths: and every laver was four cubits: and upon every one of the ten bases one laver.
And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward over against the south.
And Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basons.
Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of the Lord:
The two pillars, and the two bowls of the six chapters that were on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the chapters which were upon the top of the pillars:
And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, even two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the chapters that were upon the pillars:
And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases;
44 And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea;
45 And the pots, and the shovels, and the basins: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, were of bright brass.
46 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarthan.
47 And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass found out.
48 And Solomon made all the vessels that pertain unto the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the shewbread was.
49 And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold.
50 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple.

51 So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; and over the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.
2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.
3 And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.
4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up.

And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.
6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, even under the wings of the cherubims.
7 For the cherubims spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.
8 And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen in the holy place before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day.
9 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD.
11 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.
12 Then spake Solomon, "The LORD said that He would dwell in the thick darkness.

13 I have surely built Thee an house in a settled place for Thee to abide in for ever."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

23 And he said, "The LORD God of Israel, there is none like Thee, in heaven above, or in earth beneath, Who keepest covenant and mercy with Thy servants that walk before Thee with all their heart:

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

25 Therefore now, the LORD God of Israel, keep with Thy servant David my father that Thou promisedst him: That Thou spakest also with Thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with Thine hand, as it is this day.

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

27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee; how much less this house that I have built?
30 And hearken Thou to the supplication of Thy servants, and of Thy People Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear Thou their prayer in heaven Thy dwelling place: and when Thou hearest, forgive.

31 If any man trespass against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before Thine altar in this house:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

39 Then hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart Thou knowest; (for Thou, even Thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;

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

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

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

43 Hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to Thee for: that all people of the earth may know Thy name, to fear Thou, as do Thy People Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by Thy name.

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

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

46 If they sin against Thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and Thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;
47 Yet if they shall "bethehinskethemselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and suppliication unto Thee in the land of them that carried them captives, "saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness; 48 And so return unto Thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto Thee toward their land, which Thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which Thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for Thee name: 49 Then hear Thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven Thy dwelling place, and maintain their "cause. 

50 And "forgive Thy People that have sinned against Thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against Thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that the captivity have compassion on them. 

51 For they be Thy People, and Thine inheritance, which Thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron: 52 That Thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of Thy servant, and unto the supplication of Thy People Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto Thee. 

53 For I am not separated from among all the people of the earth, to be Thine inheritance, as Thou spakest by the hand of Moses Thy servant, when Thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD." 

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

55 And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying, 56 "Blessed be the Lord, That hath given rest unto His People Israel, according to all that He promised: there hath not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised by the hand of Moses His servant. 

57 The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers: let Him not leave us, nor forsake us: 58 That He may incline our hearts unto Him, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and His statutes, and His judgments, which He commanded our fathers. 

59 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the Lord, be nigh unto the Lord our God day and night, that He maintain the cause of His servant, and the cause of His people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require: 60 That all the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God, and that there is none else. 

61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in His statutes, and to keep His commandments, as at this day."
of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brazen altar that was before the LORD was too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

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

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

And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king’s house, and all Solomon’s desire which he was pleased to do,

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

3 And the LORD said unto him, ‘I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast before Me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put My Name there for ever; and Mine eyes and Mine heart shall be there perpetually.

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

5 Then will I establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, ‘There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.’

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

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

And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, ‘Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house?’

9 And they shall answer, ‘Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.’

And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king’s house,

11 (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

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

13 And he said, “What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brother?” And he called them the land of “Cabul unto this day.

14 And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.

15 And this is the reason of the “levy which
k 16 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a present unto his daughter, Solomon’s wife.

l 17 And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon, the nether, and 1 Baalah, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land.

m 18 And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

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

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

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

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

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

s 25 And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD.

t 26 And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom.

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

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

w 29 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.

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

y 3 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not.
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and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

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

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

8 Happy art thou, O men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wise speech.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. 14-29 (G3, p. 465). RICHES. POSSESSIONS. (Introversion and Alternation.)


18 the best = pure.

19 top = canopy.

20 stays = supports. Lit. hands.

22 navy of Tarshish = Tarshish ships, a name for large ocean-going ships (like English "East-Indiamen"). When mentioned as a place it is identified by Oppert with Tartessis - the Andalusia of to-day, noted for silver (not gold), iron, tin, and lead (Jer. 10. 9. Ezek. 27. 12). They sailed from Tyre to the West Mediterranean, and from Ezion-geber to Ophir (Arabia, India, and East Africa), 9. 25-26 and 10. 11.

23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.

24 And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

25 And the king brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

26 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.

27 And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore trees that are in the vale, for abundance.
28 And Solomon had 7 horses brought out of Egypt, and 1 linen yarn:

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c the king's merchants received 8 the linen yarn at a price.

29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out 8 by their means.

11 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;

2 Of the nations concerning which 8 the LORD said unto the 7 children of Israel, 6 Ye shall not go in to them; neither shall ye come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods:” Solomon clave unto 8 them in love.

3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was 9 not perfect with 10 the LORD His God, 8 as was the heart of David his father.

5 For Solomon went after 11 Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of 2 the LORD, and went not fully after 2 the LORD, 4 as did David his father.

7 Then did Solomon build an high place for 8 Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in 2 the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for 8 Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives who burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

9 And 9 the LORD was 10 angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from 2 the LORD God of Israel, Which had appeared unto him 11 twice,

10 And 9 had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which 2 the LORD commanded.

11 Wherefore 2 the LORD said unto Solomon, “Forasmuch as this is done by thee, and thou hast not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded thee, 1 I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

12 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake; but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.

13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David My servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.”

14 And 8 the LORD stirred up 8 an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: 8 he was of the king's seed in Edom.

11 horses. Cp. Isa. 31, 1; 86, 9. Also Ezek. 17, 15. linen yarn. Probably—by strings, or drosses (i.e. the horses).

12 kings of the Hittites. Cp. 1 Sam. 26. 6. 2 Kings 7, 6. These passages alleged to be unhistorical! but they are confirmed by the discoveries made in 1874 throughout Asia Minor and North Syria, which identify them with the "sons of Heth" (Gen. 23, 3, 5, 7; 25, 10; 27, 46; 49, 22), the Khatta of the Accadian and the Kheth of the Egyptian records. They contended on equal terms with Assyria and Egypt. Crushed by Sargon II, 717 n.C. Chief centres, Carchemish, on the Euphrates and Kadesh on the Upper Orontes.

by their means. Heb. by their hand. Hand put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause), Ap. 6, for what is done by it—by means of Solomon's merchants.

11. 1-40 (U, p. 450). MARRIAGES.

1 (Alteration.)


u 11-40. Jehovah's punishment.

1 strange = foreign. Note the frequent reference to these in the Book of Proverbs. Note the three steps in Solomon's fall: wealth, weapons, and women. Cp. Deut. 17. 16-17, where note the items in which Solomon failed.


4 not perfect. See note on 8. 81.


5 according to. David was faultless as to idolatry.

6 Ashtoreth. Cp. Jdg. 2. 13. 1 Sam. 7. 3; 12. 10; 31. 16.

7 Milcom. Same as Malcham, the Aramaic pronunciation of Molech (v. 11). See Zeph. 1. 5. Translated "their king" (Jer. 40. 1). Amos 1. 15.

abomination. The word used for an idol by Fig. Metonymy (of Effect), because of Jehovah's hatred which it produced. Cp. 2 Kings 23. 13. Dan. 9. 27.

9 evil = the evil. Heb. ra'at. Ap. 44. viii.


the hill, &c. = Mount of Olives! Hence called "the Mount of Corruption" (2 Kings 23. 12).

Molech. Generally the article and the name denotes the king-idol (Lev. 18. 18; 20. 2. 3; 3. 4; 5; 1 Kings 11. 7; 2 Kings 23. 10. Jer. 32. 35). Isa. 30. 33 and 57. 9 may be Molech, the idol, and not Melek, "king".

9 angry. Fig. Prosopopoeia. Ap. 6. Heb. 'anaph.

used only of Divine anger. Occurs fourteen times; six in the Hiph. = to force one's self to be angry (as with one loved). See the six: Deut. 1. 37; 4. 21; 9. 8, 20. 1 Kings 11. 9. 5 Kings 17. 18. twice. Cp. 3. 5; 9. 2.


11-40 (u, above). JEOV р. PUNISHMENT.

(Division.)

u 11-15. Threatening (diminution).

16-40. Execution (adversaries).

11 I will surely rend—rendering I will rend. Fig. Polyptoton. Ap. 6. See note on Gen. 26. 28.


14-40 (J', above). EXECUTION (ADVERSAIRES).

(Interversion.)

J2 v

x 14. Hadad.


w 33-35. Rezon.

v 36. Jeroboam.

y 37-40. Cause.

14 an adversary—a Satan.
15 For "it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab, the captain of the host, was up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom;
16 (for six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom.)
17 That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father’s servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad being yet a little child.
18 And they went out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.
19 And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.
20 And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genuabath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh’s house: and Genuabath was in Pharaoh’s household among the sons of Pharaoh.
21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country."
22 Then Pharaoh said unto him, "But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seest to go to thine own country?" And he answered, "Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise."

23 And God stirred him up another adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:
24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew firm of Zobah: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.
25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

26 And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zera, Solomon’s servant, whose mother’s name was Zeruah, "a widow woman, even he lifted up his hand against the king.
27 And this was the cause that he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.
28 And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph.
29 And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field:
30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces:
31 And he said to Jeroboam, "Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel.

Israel. Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:
32 (But he shall have one tribe for My servant David’s sake, and for Jerusalem’s sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)
33 Because that they have forsaken Me, and have worshipped Astowneth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the Ammonites, and have not walked in My ways, to do that which is right in Mine eyes, and to keep My statutes and My judgments, as did David his father.
34 Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David My servant’s sake, whom I chose, because he kept My commandments and My statutes:
35 But will take the kingdom out of his son’s hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes:
36 And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David My servant may have a light always before Me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen Me to put My name there.
37 And I will take Isr, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.
And Rehoboam went to Shechem for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.

And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of it, (for he was fled from the presence of Solomon,) then Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;

That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying,

"Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee."

And he said unto them, "Depart yet for three days, then come again to me." And the People departed.

And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, "How do ye advise that I may answer this People?"

And they spake unto him, saying, "If thou wilt be a servant unto this People this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then will they be thy servants for ever."

But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him:

And he said unto them, "What counsel give ye that we may answer this People, who have spoken to me, saying, 'Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter'?

And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, 'Thus shalt thou speak unto this People that spake unto thee, saying, 'Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us'; thus shalt thou say unto them, 'My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.'

And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, 3 will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but 3 will chastise you with scorpions.'"

So Jeroboam and all the People came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, "Come to me again the third day."

And the king answered the People roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;

And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, and 3 will add to your yoke; my father cast them on you, but 3 will chastise you with scorpions."

Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the People; for "the cause was from the LORD, that He might perform His saying, which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king's servants who spoke unto the people: "Thus saith the king,""

king, saying, "What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David." So Israel departed unto their tents. 17 But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. 18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute: and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. 19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

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20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

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21 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. 22 But the word of the Lord came to Shemiah the man of God, saying,

23 Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to therem of the people, saying,

24 Thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from Me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the Lord, and returned to depart, according to the word of the Lord.

25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; andwent out from thence, and built Penuel.

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26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David: 27 If this People go up to do sacrifice in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this People turn again unto their Lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

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28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."

29 And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan.

27 If this People. His apostasy was wilful, designed, and deliberate.

12. 28-33 (O1, above). JEROBOAM. EXPEDIENTS. (Division.)

O1 | 28-30. Idolatry. The two calves.
O2 | 31-33. Idolatry. The high places.

28 took counsel: "but not of Jehovah" (Isa. 30.1). behold. Fig. Asterosimos. Ap. 6. Cp. Ex. 32. 4. Hos. 8. 5, 6; 10. 5. 29 one in Beth-el: was desecrated by Josiah (2 Kings 23. 15). In Dan. See note on Gen. 49. 17. Carried away by Teglah-pileser (2 Kings 15. 29). The son of Jonathan, the grandson of Moses (see note on Judg. 18. 30), were ready to act as priests.
30 And this thing became a sin; for the People went to worship before the one, even unto Dan.

31 And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the People, which were not of the sons of Levi.

32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. (So did he in Beth-el), sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places which he had made.

33 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Beth-el the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

13 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Beth-el: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

2 And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men’s bones shall be burnt upon thee.

3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, "This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.

4 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which he had cried against the altar in Beth-el, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, "Lay hold on him." And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, "Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again." And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king’s hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.

7 And the king said unto the man of God, "Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward." 8 And the man of God said unto the king, "If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

9 For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, ‘Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.’

10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-

12 30 became a sin. See Ap. 44.1. Hence the repeated stigma who made Israel to sin. Cp. 13. 34; 14.16; 15.26, 30, 34; 16.2, 19, 26, &c.

31 house=a temple. Not merely "high places".

32 offered=offered up. Ap. 43.1. vi.

So did he, &c. Note the Fig. Parenthesis. Ap. 6.

33 of his own heart. Heb. text reads "by himself".


13. 1-32 (f, p. 470). WARNING. BY MAN OF GOD. (Repeated Alteration.)

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1 behold. Fig. Asterisms. Ap. 6.


child=son.

Josiah by name. Cyrus is the only other so foretold (177 years before). Josiah knew (2 Kings 23.17, 19).

Cyrus knew (2 Chron. 35.22, 23. Isa. 44.28).

offer (in sacrifice) — slain, or slaughtered. Ap. 43.1 iv.


shall be. This was fulfilled in 2 Kings 23.21 (360 years later).

3 a sign. We have similar signs in Ex. 3.12. 2 Kings 19.29; 20.8. Isa. 7.14; 8.18.

4 put forth his hand. One of the eleven rulers who thus assaulted Jehovah’s witnesses. See note on Ex. 10.26.

6 thy God. He dare not say "my God"...

8 half thine house. Remembering Num. 22.18; 24.15.

11 in Beth-el. A true prophet could not have remained there. Cp. 2 Chron. 11.16, 17.

and his sons. Sept. reads "whose sons", the words, Syr. and Vulg. read "and the words".

13 me — for me. him — for him.

14 an oak = the oak.

17 said. Cp. "charged"; showing a weakening from v.9.
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18 And he said unto him, "I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, ‘Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water.’ But he lied unto him.

19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:

21 And he cried unto the 1 man of God that came from Judah, saying, ‘Thus saith the LORD, “Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

22 But comest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of which the LORD did say to thee, ‘Eat no bread, and drink no water,’ thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.’"

23 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.

25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, ‘It is the 1 man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which He spake unto him.’

27 And he spake to his sons, saying, ‘Saddle me the ass.’ And they saddled him.

28 And he went, and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass.

29 And the prophet took up the carcase of the 1 man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn over and to bury him.

30 And he laid his carcase in his own 3 grave; and they mourned over him, saying, ‘Alas, my brother!’

31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, ‘When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre where-in the 1 man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones:

32 For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.’

33 After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the People priests of the high places: who-

18 eat no bread. To avoid what might have been offered to idols.

18 an angel spoke. A solemn warning for all who listen to any revelation outside Scripture which purports to come from God, even though an "old prophet" attests it. Cp. Gal. 1. 8, 9. Of all such it may be said "he lied unto him".

21 disobeyed = rebelled against. The same expression used of Moses and Aaron at Meribah (Num. 20. 24; 27. 14). Safety found only in the path of obedience. Cp. n. 24.

22 sepulchre. Heb. נְבֵלָה, a burying-place.

23 to wit = that is to say.

24 a lion. For lions in Palestine see Judg. 14. 5.

25 behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 8.

26 disobedient, by listening to the alleged word of an angel, instead of obeying the voice of Jehovah. See note on v. 18.

27 which He spake. Cp. v. 22.


29 lay my bones: i.e. lay them not with the bones of those referred to in v. 2. Cp. 2 Kings 23. 14.

30 he cried. Cp. n. 2.

31 became one of the priests. Sept., Syr., and Vulg. reads "became priest".

32 become sin = became the sin.

33 become the face of. Fig. Pteonias. Ap. 6.

14. 1-17 (f, p. 470). WARNING FROM AHIJAH. (Repealed Alteration.)

(1) m1 1-4. Message from Jeroboam by his wife.

n1 5-6. Messenger revealed to Ahijah.

m2 7-11. Message from Jehovah to Jeroboam.

n2 12, 13. Messenger to return.

m3 14-16. Message from Jehovah.

n3 17. Messenger returns.

1 2 get thee to Shiloh. He had no confidence in his own gods. They were only political expedients. See the Structure of O2, p. 470. beheld. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

3 cruse = flask, or bottle.

he. Some codices, with Sept., read "and he".

4 were set. Cp. 1 Sam. 4. 15. One of the nine afflicted with blindness. See note on Gen. 10. 11.

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

14 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, “Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh: behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, which told me that I should be king over this People.

3 And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a 7 cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child.”

4 And Jeroboam’s wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see; for his eyes were set by reason of his age.

5 And he the LORD said unto Ahijah, “Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a

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other gods. Jehovah does not recognise the calves as being what Jeroboam intended, mere political expedients. See note on 2. 10 him that, &c. = every male. shut up and left. The commentators speak of the text being obscure or corrupt. But 'shut' is a Homonym, meaning: (1) to leave (as in Gen. 2. 24; 39. 6. Neh. 5. 10. Ps. 49. 16. Mal. 4. 1. c.), and (2) to restore, repair, fortify (as in Neh. 8. 8. Ex. 23. 5. see note there). Deut. 32. 51.  Kings 14. 10. 2 Kings 14. 26. Jer. 49. 29. Here it means 'strengthened and fortified': i.e. they will not escape. Cp. 21. 21. 2 Kings 8. 8, as = according as.

13 grave = a burying-place. Heb. kehër, not šěchēl. See Ap. 35.

14 but what? even now. Here again the text is supposed to be obscure. It is on account of the Figures of speech (Ap. 6) used: (1) Ellipsis = " But what [am I saying 'That day']? Even now [hath He raised him up']". (2) Note the Fig. Amphithrœösisis. Ap. 6.

15 smite Israel, (shaking him) as a reed is shaken, &c. The Fig. Ellipsis (Ap. 6) to be thus supplied. This good Land. Occurs only here and Josh. 23. 13, 15. the river: i.e. the Euphrates. groves = 'Ashērim. See Ap. 42.


17 Tirzah. Afterward made the capital by Baasha (16. 11), till Samaria was built by Omri (18. 19; 18. 8. 25. 24).

18 by the hand. Fig. Fleonasm. Ap. 6. 19 the rest. See 2 Chron. 18. 2–20.

20 two and twenty years. In 16. 30 Nadab reigned two years, and began in the second year of Asa, which was the twenty-first of Jeroboam, so that Nadab's two years fell within the time of his father's twenty-two. But from 2 Chron. 18. 20 we learn that Jeroboam was stricken with a lingering disease, in which time Nadab reigned with him, and died the same year as his father. The number "twenty-two" is associated with disorganisation and disintegration (= 2×11). It is associated with the worst two reigns: Jeroboam, here, and Ahab in 16. 29, slept with his fathers — died. See notes on Deut. 31. 16. Said of the wicked Jeroboam and Ahab, as well as of good David and Jehoshaphat.

14. 21–15. 24 (F1, p. 446.) JUDAH.

Division.)

   p2 15. 1–8, Abijam.
   p3 15. 9–24, Asa.

14. 21–31 (P1, above). REHOBOAM.

Introversion.)

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with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

21 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD did choose out of all the tribes of
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Israel, to put His name there. And his mother’s name was Naamah an Ammonitess. 22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord, and they provoked Him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done. 23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree. 24 And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord cast out before the children of Israel. 25 (And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem: 26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king’s house; he even took away all; and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made. 27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brazen shields, and committed them unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king’s house. 28 And it was so, when the king went into the house of the Lord, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.)

29 Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days. 31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother’s name was Naamah an Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead. 15 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah. 2 Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. 3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father. 4 Nevertheless for David’s sake did the Lord his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem: 5 Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, and turned not aside from any thing that He commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. 6 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

7 Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

8 And Abijam slept with his fathers; and...
made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt it by the brook Kidron.

14 But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD all his days.

15 And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, silver, and gold, and vessels.

16 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

17 And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Benhadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

19 "There is a league between me and thee, and between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me."

20 So Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts which had hostilities against the cities of Israel, and smote Ibun, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maachah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard thereof, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

22 Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah: none was exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, whereby Baasha had built; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

23 The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jothan his son reigned in his stead.

25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years.

26 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

27 And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged unto the Philistines: for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon.

28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead.

29 And it came to pass, when he reigned, that he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto the saying of the LORD, which He spake by His servant Ahijah the Shilonite:

30 Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD his God to anger.

31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
32 And there was war between Asa and Baasha, king of Israel, all their days.

33 In the third year of Asa, the king of Judah, to reign over all Israel, in Tirzah, twenty and four years.

34 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

16 Then the word of the LORD came to Jehu, the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,

2 "Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over My People Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made My People Israel to sin, to provoke Me to anger with their sin; 3 Behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

4 Him that dieth of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the fields shall the fowls of the air eat."

5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, are not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

6 So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in his stead.

7 And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking Him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.

8 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years.

9 And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of his lord’s house.

10 And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.

11 And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all the house of Baasha; he left him not one that pisseth against a wall, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends.

12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which He spake against Baasha by Jehu the prophet.

13 For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they were sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

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

15 In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah.

16 The People were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

16 And the People that were encamped heard say, "Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king:" wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.

17 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.

18 And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king’s house, and burnt the king’s house over him with fire, and died.

19 For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin.
20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, 1 are 2 not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

21 Then were the People of Israel divided into two parts: half of the People followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

22 But the People that followed Omri prevailed against the People that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

23 In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years: (6 six years reigned he in Tirzah).

24 And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, 3 owner of the hill, 3 Samaria.

25 But Omri wrought 4 evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all that were before him.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his 5 sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke 1 the LORD 3 God of Israel to anger with their 3 vanities.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, 6 are 2 not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

29 And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel:

30 And Ahab the son of Omri did 7 evil in the sight of the LORD 8 above all that were before him.

31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the 8 sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife 9 Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Beal, which he had built in Samaria.

33 And Ahab made a 10 grove;

34 In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite 11 build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof 12 in Abram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof 12 in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of 1 the LORD, 3 which He spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

17 And 13 Elijah the 14 Tishbite, who was of the 15 inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, "As 16 the LORD 3 God of Israel liveth, before Whom I stand, there shall not be 17 dew
17. 1–19. 21 (V. p. 477). THE DROUGHT. (Alteration.)

W | 17. 1–24. Elijah’s retirement.
W | 19. 1–14. Elijah’s flight.

17. 1–24 (W, above). ELIJAH’S RETIREMENT. (Extended Alteration.)

| s | 5, 6. Obedience.
| t | f. Circumstance. The brook and ravens.

these years (not three years). No definite period stated. “Years” is pl., not dual. In Luke 4. 25 and Jas. 5. 17 and 3. 6 “three years and six months.” These six months must be reckoned before the three years, not added at the end because of “the third year” (18. 1); i.e. the third full year.

3 before Jordan: i.e. on the east side.

4 I have commanded. Elijah miraculously fed three times: (1) by ravens (17. 6); (2) by a widow (17. 9); (3) by an angel (19. 3, 6), ravens. Note “I have commanded.” All things possible when He speaks. Almighty power is a better and easier explanation than all rationalistic inventions.

there. Nowhere else. Note the special lesson. Anywhere but in God’s appointed place He would have perished.


10–24 (t, above). CIRCUMSTANCE. THE WIDOW. (Division.)


10–16 (Z’, above). MAINTENANCE. (Repeated Alteration.)

| v’ | 12. The widow. Excuse.
| u’ | 13, 14. Elijah. Promise.

12 a little oil. From Josh. 19. 24–28 Zidon fell to Asher. From Deut. 33. 24 Asher had abundance of oil, though water was scarce. Cp. Gen. 49. 20.

13 And Elijah said unto her, “Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make thee and thy son.

14 For thus saith 1 the LORD 1 God of Israel, ‘The 2 barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the 3 cruse of oil fail, until the day that 1 the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.’”

15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah.

16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the 3 cruse of oil fail, according to the word of 1 the LORD, which thee spake by Elijah.

17 And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

18 And she said unto Elijah, “What have I to do with thee, O thou 6 man of God? art thou come unto me to call my 6 sin to remembrance, and to slay my 6 son?”

19 And he said unto her, “Give me thy son.” And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

20 And he cried unto the LORD, and said, “O 1 LORD my 1 God, hast Thou also brought
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"evil upon the widow with whom 3 sojourn, by slaying her son?"
21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord, and said, "O Lord my God, I pray Thee, let this child's soul come into him again."
22 And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. But and Elijah said, "See, thy son liveth."
24 And the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth."

18. 1-46 (X, p. 478). MISSION TO Ahab. (Alternation.)

A 18 And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, "Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth."

A C 2 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And there was a sore famine in Samaria.
3 And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly;)
4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the Lord, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)
5 And Ahab said unto Obadiah, "Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts."
6 So they divided the land between them to pass through it. Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

D 7 And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, "Art thou that my lord Elijah?"
8 And he answered him, "I am: go, tell thy lord, 'Behold, Elijah is here.'"

E C 9 And he said, "What have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?"

E d 10 As the Lord thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, 'He is not there,' he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.
11 And now they sayest, 'Go, tell thy lord, 'Behold, Elijah is here.'"

E f 12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the Lord shall carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the Lord from my youth.
13 Was it not told my lord what I did when

23 liveth. The result of life's being given, making the child "a living soul" (Gen. 2. 7).

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3 third year: i.e. the third or last full year toward the end of the three and a half years.

2-40 (A, above). OBEDIENCE. (Extended Alternation.)

A C 2-6. Ahab and Obadiah.
D 7, 8-14. Elijah.
C 17, 18. Ahab and Elijah.
D 18. Elijah.

3 famine. One of the thirteen famines mentioned in Scripture. See note on Gen. 12. 10.

4 Jezebel. The first record of using the civil power against the true religion (and by a woman). See note on Judg. 4. 21.


7 beheld. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.


E c 15. Assurance of Elijah.

9-14 (d, above). Expostulation of Obadiah. (Introversion and Alternation.)

f g 10. Ahab's search for Elijah (past).
j g 12, 13. Ahab's search for Elijah (future).

10-14. Ahab slew the prophets of the Lord, how I hid an hundred men of the Lord's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

14 And now thou sayest, 'Go, tell thy lord, 'Behold, Elijah is here.'" and he shall slay me."

15 And Elijah said, "As the Lord of hosts liveth, before Whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to day."

16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him:

X A (p. 479).

B and I will send rain upon the earth."

D 7 And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, "Art thou that my lord Elijah?"
8 And he answered him, "I am: go, tell thy lord, 'Behold, Elijah is here.'"

E c 9 And he said, "What have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?"

E d 10 As the Lord thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, 'He is not there,' he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.
11 And now they sayest, 'Go, tell thy lord, 'Behold, Elijah is here.'"

E f 12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the Lord shall carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the Lord from my youth.

13 Was it not told my lord what I did when

Jezabel slew the prophets of the Lord, how I hid an hundred men of the Lord's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

14 And now thou sayest, 'Go, tell thy lord, 'Behold, Elijah is here.'" and he shall slay me."

15 And Elijah said, "As the Lord of hosts liveth, before Whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to day."

16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him:
17 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?"

18 And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim.

19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table."

20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, "How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him." And the people answered and said, "We will not make choice among thee.

22 Then said Elijah unto the People, "I, even I, only, remain a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men."

23 Let them give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will call upon the name of the Lord; and he shall answer me," saith Elijah.

24 And he called upon the name of the Lord; and there was no voice nor fire. And they looked upon him, and said, "The Lord hath made it." And Elijah the prophet answered and said, "Take the seven bullocks: and feed the People thereof, and say, 'The Lord said, 'Give me all.'"

25 And he gave the bullocks to the People, and they cut them in pieces, and called upon the name of the Lord; and he answered them.

26 And it came to pass, as they were eating and drinking, that they said, "Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is toming, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he is sleepeth, and must be awaked."

27 And it came to pass, as they came near Baal's altar, that Elijah mocked them, and said, "Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he is sleepeth, and must be awaked."

28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and "lances, until the blood gushed out upon them.

29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any answer to answer, nor any that regarded.

30 And Elijah said unto all the People, "Come near unto me." And all the People came near unto him.

31 And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down. And he took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the Lord came, saying, "Israel shall be thy name;"

32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid it upon the wood, and said, "Fill four barrels with water, and pour it upon the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood."

34 And he said, "Do it the second time." And they did it the second time. And he said, "Do
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38 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, ‘LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that Zebon art 1 God in Israel, and that 3 am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at Thy word.’

39 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this People may know that Zebon art the LORD God, and that Zebon hast turned their heart back again.’

39 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

40 And when all the People saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, ‘The LORD, 5a is the 10 God; the LORD, 5k is the 10 God.’

41 And Elijah said unto Ahab, ‘Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.’

42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink.

43 And when he was come down, behold, there was a little cloud in the heaven, like a man’s hand.

44 And it came to pass, as he was sitting in his house, that Elijah said unto Ahab, ‘Go up, eat thy meat and drink, for the rain shall be after this.’

45 And Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he 3 cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees.

46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezebel.

19. 1-34 (W. p. 478). ELIJAH’S FLIGHT. (Repeated Alternation.)

19 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, ‘So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by whom to morrow about this time.’

3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belonged to Judah, and left his servant there.
water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7 And the Angel of the LORD came again in the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee."

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there;

10 And he said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, thrown down Thine altars, and slain Thy prophets with the sword; and I only, I am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."

11 And He said, "Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD." And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strongwind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake:

12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave.

14 And he said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, thrown down Thine altars, and slain Thy prophets with the sword; and I only, I am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."

15 And the Lord said unto him, "Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus:"

16 And Jeloh the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and by with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee." And he said unto him, "Go back again: for what have I done to thee?"

21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the "instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

head = bolster, or pillow.

forty. The number of Probation. See Ap. 10.

Horeb. About 180 miles.


lodged = passed the night.

What...? See Anthropopathia (Ap. 6), as though he did not know.

10 the Lord God of hosts. First occurrence of this title. See Ap. 4 = Jehovah Elohim νυμφαοοι. It occurs in 2 Sam. 5, 16, but in narrative, not address. "The Lord (Jehovah) God (Elohim) of hosts" occurs only here in Kings and Chronicles. Often in Psalms (89. 3; 69. 6; 95. 5). In Isa. 10, 25, 24; 22, 5, 13, 14; 58, 4, 19; 54, 8; 89, 8. In Jer. 2, 19; 5, 14; 15, 14; 55, 17; 49, 5; 50, 25, 21.

Hos. 12, 5. Amos 5, 15. After the return from captivity "Lord of hosts" occurs fourteen times in Haggai; about fifty in Zechariah; and twenty-five in Malachi. But "Lord God of hosts" is not found in those books.

children = sons. thrown, &c. Quoted in Rom. 11, 3, 4, altars. There were "altars" (local) for customary individual offerings by laymen, as well as at Jerusalem.

These had no horns.


11 Go forth. Sept. adds "to-morrow".


13 wrapped: as Moses at the bush (Ex. 3, 6).

said. Some codices, with Syriac, add "unto him". Cp. n. 9.

19. 15-21 (X, p. 478). MISSION TO HAZAEL AND OTHERS. (Introversion and Alienation.)


P b | 17. Prophecy.

b | 18. History.


15 on thy way = to thy way: i.e. out of which he had deviated.

anoint = i.e. cause to be anointed. Cp. 2 Kings 9, 1-7.

16 son of Nimshi. Son put by Fig. Metonymy (of Subject), Ap. 6, for grandson or descendant (2 Kings 9, 2). Elisha = El = my God [or] salvation.

17 the sword. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause), Ap. 6, for judgments inflicted by it. Cp. 2 Kings 9 and 10. The first prophecy given to Elijah.

Elisha slay = i.e. declare should be slain. Heb. idiom. See Jer. 1, 10. Hos. 6, 2.

18 I have left, &c. Rom. 11, 4.


20 what have I done...? See Fig. Erotesis (Ap. 6), or "what is the meaning of what I did?"

21 instruments = implements. Cp. 2 Sam. 24, 22.
20 And Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, "Thus saith Ben-hadad, 3 'Thy silver and thy gold is mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine.'"

4 And the king of Israel answered and said, "My lord, O king, according to thy saying, 1 am thine, and all that have." 5 And the messengers came again, and said, "Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, saying, 'Although I have sent unto thee, saying, 'Thou shalt deliver me thy silver and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children; and yet I will send my servants unto thee to morrow about this time, and they shall seek thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, that whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take it away.'" 7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, "Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not. 8 And all the elders and all the People said unto him, "Hearken not unto him, nor consent." 9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Ben-hadad, "Tell my lord the king, 'All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do.'" And the messengers departed, and brought him word again.

10 And Ben-hadad sent unto him, and said, "The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the men that follow me." 11 And the king of Israel answered and said, "Tell him, "'Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off.'" 12 And it came to pass, when Ben-hadad heard this "message, as he was drinking, and the kings in the pavilions, that he said unto his servants, "Set yourselves in array," And they set themselves in array against the city.

13 And, "behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, 'Thus saith the LORc, "Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day, and thou shalt know that I am the LORc.'"

14 And Ahab said, "By whom?" And he said, "Thus saith the LORc, 'Even by the young men of the princes of the provinces.'" Then he said, "Who shall order the battle?" And he answered, "Thou." 15 Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty-two: and after them he numbered all the People, even all the children of Israel, being seven thousand.

16 And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.

17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, "There are "men come out of Samaria." 18 And he said, "Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive." 19 So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them.

20 And they slew every one his man: and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on an horse with the horsemen.

21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots; and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

22 And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, "Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee."
23 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, "Their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.

24 And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put "captains in their rooms:

25 And number thee an army, like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they." And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so.

26 And it came to pass at the 22nd return of the year, that Ben-hadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to "Aphek, to fight against Israel.

27 And the "children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them.

28 And the "children of Israel pitched before them like two little "flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.

29 And there came a "man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, "Thus saith the Lord, 'Because the Syrians have said, 'The Lord is 'God of the hills, but he is not 'God of the valleys,' therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the Lord.'"

30 And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day.

31 But the rest fled to "Aphek, into the city; and there a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the 30 men that were left. And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber.

32 And his servants said unto him, "Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save thy life.

33 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, "Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, 'I pray thee, let me live.'" And he said, "Is he yet alive? 'Is he my brother.'"

34 Now the 33 men did diligently observe whether any thing would come from him, and did hastily catch it: and they said, "Thy brother Ben-hadad." Then he said, "Go ye, bring him." Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

35 And Ben-hadad said unto him, "The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, "as my father made in Samaria." Then said Ahab, "I will send thee away with this covenant." So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

36 Then he said unto him, "Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the Lord, he hold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee." And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him.

37 Then he found another 32 man, and said, "Smite me, I pray thee." And the 32 man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded him.

38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face.

39 And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, "Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a 32 man turned aside, and brought a 32 man unto me, and said, 'Keep this 32 man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver.'

40 And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone."

And the king of Israel said unto him, "So shalt thou judge judgment; thyself hast decided it."

41 And he hasted, and took the 38 ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was of the prophets.

42 And he said unto him, "Thus saith the Lord, 'Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a 38 man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.'"

43 And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.
21 And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in "Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2 And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, "Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house; and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money."

3 And Naboth said to Ahab, "The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee."

4 And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: and he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, "Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?"

6 And he said unto her, "Because I spoke unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, 'Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee not, I will give thee another vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give thee my vineyard.'"

7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, "Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee thy vineyard, and he will build thee another vineyard for thee."

8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:

10 And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, 'Thou didst blaspheme God and the king.' And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.'"

11 And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles that were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.

13 And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the People, saying, 'Naboth did blaspheme God and the king.' Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth is stoned, and is dead."

15 And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead."

16 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard

20 And Ahab said to Elijah, "Hast thou found me, O mine enemy?" And he answered, "I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.

21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab all that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel.

22 And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked Me to anger, and made Israel to sin.

23 And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, "The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

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24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall be the fowls of the air.

25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he "rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly."

28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

29 "Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before Me? because he humbleth himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days; but in his son’s days will I bring the evil upon his house."

22 And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.

2 And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

3 And the king of Israel said unto his servants, "Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we be still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?"

4 And he said unto Jehoshaphat, "Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead?" And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "I am as thou art, my People as thy People, my horses as thy horses.

5 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, "Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, "Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?" And they

-- 20 evil - the evil.  t. Ap. 44. viii.
21 him that - &c. - every male.  t. 14. 10.
22 Jeroboam.  t. 16. 3.
23 by the wall.  b. 6 is thought by Ginsberg to be an abbreviation for b. 6 is in the portion of", as in 2 Kings 9. 16. 36. i.e. within the rampart.
24 Jezreel.  Not Samaria the capital, but Jezreel where Naboth had been murdered.
25 The Structure (p. 485) places the monarch ("p"), p. 23, 24, as within a parenthesis, none like unto Ahab. Out of twenty bad kings Ahab was the worst.  t. 16. 20. 31.
27 rent his clothes.  His repentance was outward, not real.
28 went softly.  i.e. humbly.
29 Seest thou . . . ?  Fig. Erotesis.  Ap. 6.
30 not bring.  So the judgment on Solomon was postponed (11. 12.) for his father’s sake.

22. 1-38 (U. p. 477). PUBLIC EVENTS. WAR WITH SYRIA.

(Repeated Alternation and Introdution.)

U.  V1 | 1, 2. Ahab. Visited by Jehoshaphat.

V1 | 1-30. Ahab’s expedient.
V2 | 31. Ramoth-gilead. Plan of king of Syria,
V3 | 32. Jehoshaphat’s danger.
V4 | 33-36. Ramoth-gilead, Battle won.

V5 | 37. Ahab’s death.

1 three years. Probably reckoned from the peace of 20. 34. During this time Jehovah "strengthened himself against Israel" (2 Chron. 17. 1). not mentioned here because esoteric. See note on title of 1 Kings.

2 came down. In every sense of the word; and this after 2 Chron. 17. 1. First was the matrimonial alliance (2 Chron. 18. 1), cp. 2 Kings 8. 18; and then the military alliance (v. 4 and 2 Chron. 18. 3). No mention here of the former, which was the secret cause that led up to it. Both fatal. Compare the commercial alliance of Jehoshaphat in 2 Chron. 20. 35-37, and the experience gained by Jehoshaphat in ch. 22. 48, 49.

3 And the king of Israel. Note the Fig. Anadiplosis (Ap. 6) with v. 2.

Ramon. One of the Cities of Refuge. Given by Jehovah. Therefore presumably a "good work" to take it. But "good works" are "prepared works" (Ep. 2. 10), and this was not so prepared. See 3 Chron. 19. 1, 2.

Syria. Probably taken in former war (U. 16. 34-20. 43, p. 477) by Ben-hadad I from Omri, which his son Ben-hadad II agreed to restore.

5-28 (41. above). JEHOVHAPHT’S UNEASINESS.

(Introdversion and Repeated Alternation.)

s1 X1 | 1, 5. Jehoshaphat.
       u1 | 6. Ahab.
       t1 | 7. Jehoshaphat.
       s1 | 8, 9. Ahab.
       t1 | 10. Jehoshaphat.
       u1 | 10-12. Ahab.

X2 | 15, 16. Micaiah.
    w1 | 17. The king.
    v1 | 18. Micaiah.
    w2 | 19-22. The king.
    v1 | 28. Micaiah.

5 the LORD.  Heb. Jehovah.  Ap. 4. II.
said, ‘Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king.’

7 And Jehoshaphat said, ‘Is there not here a prophet of the Lord besides, that we might enquire of him?’

8 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, ‘There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the Lord: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil.’ And Jehoshaphat said, ‘Let not the king say so.’

9 Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, ‘Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imlah.’

10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria;

11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made horns of iron: and he said, ‘Thus saith the Lord, “With these shall thou push the Syrians, until thou hast consumed them.”’

12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, ‘Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the Lord shall deliver it into the king’s hand.’

13 And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, ‘Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good.’

14 And Micaiah said, ‘As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak.’

15 So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, ‘Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, “Go, and prosper: for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king.”

16 And the king said unto him, ‘How many times shall he adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of the Lord?’

17 And he said, ‘I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the Lord said, “These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.”’

18 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, ‘Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?’

19 And he said, ‘Hear thou therefore the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by Him on His right hand and on His left.

20 And the Lord said, ‘Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?’ And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, ‘I will persuade him.’

22 And the Lord said unto him, ‘Wherewith?’ And he said, ‘I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ And He said, ‘Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.’

23 Now therefore, behold, the Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the Lord hath spoken evil concerning thee.’

24 But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made horns of iron: and he said, ‘Thus saith the Lord, “Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.”’

25 And Micaiah said, ‘Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself, that the Lord said, “Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king’s son.”

26 And the king of Israel said, “Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king’s son.”

27 And say, “Thus saith the king, “Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.””

28 And Micaiah said, “If thou return at all in peace, the Lord hath not spoken by me.” And he said, “Hearken, O people, every one of you.”

29 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.

30 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, “I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes.” And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle.
But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, “Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel.”

32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, “Surely it is the king of Israel.” And they turned aside to fight against him; and Jehoshaphat cried out.

33 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

34 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, “Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.”

35 And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians; and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.

36 And there went a proclamation throughout all the host, saying, “Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.”

37 So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.

38 And one washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armour; according unto the word of the LORD which he spake.

39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

40 So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

41 And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.

42 Jehoshaphat was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

43 And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the LORD; nevertheless the high places were not taken away; for the People offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

46 And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.

47 There was then no king in Edom: a deputy was king.

48 Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish, to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Ezion-geber.

49 Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, “Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships,” But Jehoshaphat would not.

50 And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel.

52 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in
1 Then Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

2 And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick; and he sent messengers, and said unto them, "Go, enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease."

3 But the Angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, 'Is it not because there is no God in Israel, that you go to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron?"

4 Now therefore thus saith the LORD, 'Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

5 And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, "Why are ye now turned back?"

6 And they said unto him, "There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, 'Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, 'Thus saith the Lord, Is it not because there is no God in Israel, that thou sendest to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.'"

7 And he said unto them, "What manner of man was he which came up to meet you, and told you these words?"

8 And they answered him, "He was an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins." And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

9 Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, "Behold, he sat on the top of an hill. And he spake unto him, "Thou man of God, the king hath said, 'Come down.'"

10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, "If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty." And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

11 Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, "O man of God, thus hath the king said, 'Come down quickly.'"
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13 And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of the fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, "O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight.
14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight."
15 And the Angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, "Go down with him: be not afraid of him." And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.
16 And he said unto him, "Thus saith the LORD, 'Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, 'is it not because there is no God in Israel to enquire of His word?'
therefore thou shalt not come down on that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die."
17 So he died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his stead in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.
18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

D d 2 And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind,
that Elijah went up to Elisha from Gilgal.
2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, "Tarry here, I pray thee; for I the LORD hath sent me to Bethel." And Elisha said unto him, "As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee." So they went down to Bethel.
3 And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, "Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day?"
And he said, "Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace."  

A 4 And Elijah said unto him, "Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for I the LORD hath sent me to Jericho." And he said, "As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee." So they came to Jericho.
5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, "Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day?" And he answered, "Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace."  

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

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

2 1-25 (D, p. 488). ELLIJAH. TRANSLATION. (Alteration.)
1-1. Translation purposed.
25. Elisha returns to Samaria.
1 the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.
heaven = heavens, and elsewhere.
Elisha = my God [is] salvation. See his call (1 Kings 19, 18) ten years before.
from Gilgal. The reverse route taken by Israel on entering the Land.

2-24 (d, above). TRANSLATION EFFECTED. (Interepersion.)
d [1-3, Beth-el. Journey. g [4-5, Jericho. h [6-8, Jordan. Translation. i [9-29, Jericho. Return.]
f [23-24. Beth-el.]
down. Therefore Gilgal in v. 1 cannot be the well-known Gilgal near Jericho, but another between Tiberias and Shiloh. See 4, 28. Gilgal = circle; and there may have been several such.
3 from thy head = from over thee. "head," put by Fig. Synedoches (of Part), Ap. 6, for himself.

6-18 (h, above). JORDAN. TRANSLATION. (Interepersion.)
h [1-6. Their journey thither.
6-18. Their journey thither, and return.
9 double portion. See note on v. 15.
spirit. Heb. ruach. Ap. 9. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause) for the gifts and operations of the Spirit of God.
10 nevertheless. The verse needs no italics.
see = clearly see.
11 a whirlwind. Not a fiery chariot, according to a certain hymn. Cp. v. 1.

8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.
9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee." And Elisha said, "I pray thee, let a "double portion of thy "spirit be upon me."
10 And he said, "Thou hast asked a hard thing; nevertheless, if thou "see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so."
11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.
12. And Elisha saw it, and he cried, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof." And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.  

13. He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;  

14. And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, "Where is the LORD God of Elijah?" and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.  

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

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

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

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

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

20. And he said, "Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein." And they brought it to him.  

21. And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, "Thus saith the LORD, 'I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land.'"  

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

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

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

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

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

2. And he wrought evil in the sight of the LORD: but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made.
5 But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

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

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

8 And he answered, "The way through the wilderness of Edom."

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

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

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

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

13 And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, "What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother."

14 And the king of Israel said unto him, "Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

but they could not.

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

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

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

2 And Elisha said unto her, "What shall I do for thee? Tell me, what hast thou in the house?" And she said, "Thine handmaid hath no more but a jar of oil."

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

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

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

6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, "Bring me yet a vessel." And he said unto her, "There is not a vessel more." And the oil stayed.

7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest."
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11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, "Call this Shunammite." And when he had called her, she stood before him.

13 And he said unto him, "Say now unto her, 'gird up, thou hast been very careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldst thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host?'" And she answered, "I dwell among mine own people." And he said, "What then is to be done for her?" And Gehazi answered, "Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old." And he said, "Call her." And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

16 And he said, "About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son." And she said, "Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid." And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

18 And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

19 And he said unto his father, "My head, my head." And he said to a lad, "Carry him to his mother." And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.

21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out.

22 And she called unto her husband, and said, "Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again." And he said, "Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath." And she said, "It shall be well." Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, "Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee.

25 So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, "Behold, wondrous is that Shunammite:

26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, 'Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child?" And she answered, "It is well." And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, "Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told me." And she said, "Then she said, "Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, 'Do not deceive me.'"

28 Then he said to Gehazi, "Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way, if thou meet any man, salueth him not; and if any saluteth thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child." And the mother of the child said, "As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee." And he arose, and followed her. And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, "The child is not awakened._

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

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

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

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

36 And he called Gehazi, and said, "Call this Shunammite." So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, "'Take up thy son.' Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

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

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

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

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

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

And there came a man from Baal-shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, "Give unto the people, that they may eat."

And his servitor said, "What, should I set this before an hundred men?" He said again, "Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the Lord, They shall eat, and shall leave thereof." And he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the Lord.

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

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

And she said unto her mistress, "Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover of him his leprosy."

And one went in, and told his lord, saying, "Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel."

And the king of Syria said, "Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel." And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

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

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

And it was so, when Elisha the man of
11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, “Behold, I thought, he will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

12 “Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage.

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

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

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

16 And he said, “Behold, now I know that there is none J God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.”

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

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

19 In this thing the Lord pardon thy servant, that, when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he eateth and drinketh thereof, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, ‘the Lord pardon thy servant in this thing.’

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

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

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

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

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

25 And when he came to the town, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.
6. 1. And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, "Behold now, the place where we dwell is too strait for us.

2. Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every "man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell.

And he answered, "Go ye."  

3. And one said, "Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants." And he answered, "I will go."  

4. So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they "cut down" wood.

5. But as one was felling a beam, the "axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, "Alas, master! for it was borrowed."  

6. And the "man of God said, "Where fell it?" And he shewed him the place. And he "cut down" a stick, and cast it in thither; and the "iron did swim."  

7. Therefore said he, "Take it up to thee." And he put out his hand, and took it.

8. Then the "king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, "In such and such a place shall be my camp."  

9. And the "man of God sent unto the "king of Israel, saying, "Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down."  

10. And the king of Israel sent to the place which the "man of God told him, and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

11. Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, "Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel?"

12. And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber."  

13. And he said, "Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him." And it was told him, saying, "Behold, he is in Dothan."  

14. Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

15. And when the servant of the "man of God had risen early, and gone forth, 1 beheld, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, "Alas, my master! how shall we do?"

16. And he answered, "Fear not: for they that "be with us are more than they that "be with them."  

17. And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray thee, open the eyes of these "men, that they may "see." And "the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw: and, 1 beheld, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire "round about Elisha.

18. And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the "LORD, and said, "Smite this people, I pray Thee, with "blindness." And He smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19. And Elisha said unto them, "This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the "man whom ye seek." But "he led them to Samaria.

20. And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, "17And "the LORD opened the eyes of these "men, that they may "see." And "the LORD opened their eyes, and they "saw; and, 1 beheld, they were in the midst of Samaria.

21. And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, "My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them?"

22. And he answered, "Thou shalt not smite them: 20 wouldst thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master."  

23. And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master.
23 bands = marauding bands. Quite different from the organised host of v. 24.


(Alternation.)

| B | 7. 1–2. Prediction of supply.

24–33 (A, above). FAMINE. SUFFERED.

(Introduction.)

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

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

25 famine. One of the thirteen recorded in Scripture. See note on Gen. 12. 10.

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

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

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

29 So we boiled my son, and did eat him; and I spake unto him the next day, 'Give thy son, that we may eat him:' and she had hid her son.'

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

31 Then he said, 'Let not Jehovah help thee,' as in A.V. marg. The R.V. 'Nay, let Jehovah help thee,' is contrary to the normal sense of this negative. Ginsburg suggests that 'of (not) is an abbreviation for 'im l've, which is the exact equivalent for the A.V. text.

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

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

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

7. 1 Then Elisha. The Structure shows that verses 1, 2 should be read with 6, 33.


2 learned. Cp. 6. 18.

man of God. See Ap. 49.

Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

thou shalt see it. Cp. vv. 19, 20.

7. 3–15 (A, above). FAMINE. RELIEVED.

(Division.)

A | r | 3–11. Discovery by lepers.
| f | 12–15. Confirmation by scouts.

3–11 (r, above). DISCOVERY BY LEPERS.

(Alternation.)

r | n | 3. 4. Consultation.
| s | t | 9. Consultation.
| w | 10. 11. Discovery. Reported.

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


4 famine. Cp. 6. 25.

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

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

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

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

9 Then they said one to another, We
hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning
light, some mischief will come upon us: now
therefore come, that we may go and tell the
king’s household.

10 So they came and called unto the porter
of the city: and they told them, saying, We
came to the camp of the Syrians; and, behold,
there was no man there, neither voice of man,
but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents
as they were.

11 And he called the porters; and they told
it to the king’s household within.

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

13 And one of his servants answered and
said, Let some take, I pray thee, five of the horses
that remain, which are left in the city: (be-
hold, they are as all the multitude of Israel
that are left in it: behold, I say, they are
even as all the multitude of the Israelites that
are consumed;) and let us send and see.

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 And it came to pass at the seven years’ end,
that the woman returned out of the land of
the
And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, “Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done.”

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

And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, “Restore all that was hers, and all the “fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.”

And Elisha came to Damascus; and Ben-hadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, “The two men of God is come hither.”

And the king said unto Hazael, “Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and enquire of him the LORD by him, saying, ‘Shall I recover of this disease?’”

Then Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels’ burden, and came and stood before him, and said, “Thy son Ben-hadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, ‘Shall I recover of this disease?’”

And Elisha said unto him, “Go, say unto him, ‘Thou mayest certainly recover; howbeit the LORD hath shewed me that he shall surely die.’

And “he settled his countenance steadfastly, until he was ashamed: and the two men of God wept.

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

And Hazael said, “But what, is thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing?” And Elisha answered, “‘The LORD hath shewed me that thou shalt be king over Syria.”

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

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

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

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

for . . . for. Heb. ‘el = “for [to recover]”. Not same word as v. 5.

Children = sons.

with child. Heb. hirshah.

Evil doing. Personal.

Political.

Conclusion.

Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat was king of Judah eighteen years, and reigned in Jerusalem eight years.

And in his days Edom revolted. Cp. 2 Chron. 21.8 with 1 Kings 22.47, and see above (3.8).
about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents.

22 Yet Edom, &c. The success of Edom accounted for from the end of ch. 21, and Gen. 27. 46. this day. Written therefore before the captivity of Judah.
Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

23 And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah.

24 And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

25 In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign.

26 Two and twenty years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel.

27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, as did the house of Ahab: for he was the son in law of the house of Ahab.

28 And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.

29 And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, where he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

9 And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead:

2 And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber;

3 Then take the box of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not.

4 So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.

5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting: and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto whom of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain.

6 And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over Israel.

7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel.

8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel:

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

10 And the dogs shall eat Jezabel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her.' And he opened the door, and fled.

11 Then Jezu came forth to the servants of his lord: and one said unto him, 'Is all well? wherefore came this mad fellow to thee?' And he said unto them, 'Ye know the man, and his communication'
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12 And they said, "It is false; tell us now."

...and he said, "Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, 'Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel.'"

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

14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram.

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(Now Joram had kept Ramoth-gilead, and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria.

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

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

18 So Jehu rode in a chariot; and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram.

17 And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, "I see a company." And Joram said, "Take an horseman, and send to meet him, and let him say, 'Is it peace?'"

18 So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, "Thus saith the king, 'Is it peace?'" And Jehu said, "What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me." And the watchman told, saying, "The messenger came to him, but he came not again;" and the watchman told, saying, "Thus saith the king, 'Is it peace?'" And Jehu answered, "What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me."

19 And the watchman told, saying, "He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously."

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

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

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

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

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

26 Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons," saith the LORD; and I will requite thee in this."
And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, “Hād Zimri peace, who slew his master?”

And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, “Who is on my side? who is with me?” And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs.

And he said, “Throw her down.” So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot.

And he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, “Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king’s daughter.”

And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands.

Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, “This is the word of the LORD, which He spake by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel: and the carcase of Jezreel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, ‘This is Jezebel.’”

And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab’s children, saying,

“Now as soon as this letter commeth to you, seeing your master’s sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armour:

Look even out the best and meetest of your master’s sons, and set him on his father’s throne, and fight for your master’s house.”

But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, “Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand?”

And be that was over the house, and he that was over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up of the children, sent to Jehu, saying, “We are thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou that is good in thine own eyes.

Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, “If ye be mine, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master’s sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to morrow this time.” Now the king’s sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, which brought them up.

And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king’s sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him them to Jezreel.

And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, “They have brought the heads of the king’s sons.” And he said, “Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning.”

And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, “As the LORD liveth, there is no godness in all the earth, beside our gods, that brought us out of Egypt; let every one now bring wood, and burn the Lord’s burnt offering.”

10 And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. And as he was at the shearing house in the way,

13 Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, “Who are ye?” And they answered, “We be the brethren of Ahaziah; and we go down to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen.”

14 And he said, “Take them alive.” And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing house, even two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

15 And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, “Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart?” And Jehonadab answered,
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"It is," "If it be, give me thine hand." And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot.
16 And he said, "Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD." So they made him ride in his chariot.
17 And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of 10 the LORD, which He spake to Elijah.

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19 And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, "Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu shall serve him much.
20 Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whatsoever shall be wanting, he shall not live." But Jehu did it in subtility, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.
21 And Jehu said, "Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal." And they proclaimed it.
22 And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.
23 And he said unto him that was over the vestry, "Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal." And he brought forth their vestments.
24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore 21 men without, and said, "If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, he that letteth him go, his life shall be for the life of him."
25 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, "Go in, and slay them; let none come forth." And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to "the city of the house of Baal.
26 And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them.
27 And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day.
28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

29 Howbeit from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu destroyed not from after them, "to wit," the golden calves that were in Beth-el, and that were "in Dan.
30 And 10 the LORD said unto Jehu, "Because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in Mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in give me thine hand. Cp. the pledge (Ezra 10. 19, Ezek. 17. 18).
16 see - be eyewitnesses of. zeal for the LORD. Not pure. See vv. 29-31.
10. 18-28 (F3, p. 502). END OF BAAL-WORSHIP.
(Conclusion.)
F4) 4 | 18. 10. Jehu's purpose formed.
F | 22. Vestments brought out.
F | 24. Offerings brought in.
19 worshippers = servants.
20 Proclaim = sanctify, Hallow, or Solemness.
22 full, etc. = so full [that they stood] mouth to mouth. Elilieus to be thus supplied, as in AV. margin.
24 offer = prepare. See Ap. 43. I. iii.
25 city = Heb. ir, the innermost or most inaccessible part, whether of a city (the citadel) or a house (as here).
26 images, or statues. them = each of them.
27 draught house = dung-hill, midden, latrine.
29 sins. Heb. chodh. Ap. 44. i.
30 made Israel to sin. See note on 1 Kings 14. 16.
50 wife = namely. in Dan. See 1 Kings 12. 28, 30, and cp. Gen. 49. 17.
30 fourth generation. See 15. 12. These were Jehohaz, Joash, Jeroboam II, and Zachariah. Jehu's dynasty was the longest in all Israel.
the sins. Heb. chodh. Ap. 44. i. Some codices read "all the sins."
32 to cut Israel short: or, to cut off the outskirts, or make invades into.
33 eastward = toward the sun-rising.
34 the rest. An Assyrian inscription (now in the British Museum) records that Jehu paid tribute to Shalmaneser II, who in 842 b.c., defeated Hazael, king of Syria. Jehu bought Shalmaneser II off by giving him, as tribute, bars of silver and gold; a golden ladle and golden goblets and pitchers were among his gifts, are they not ...? Fig. Erotism. Ap. 6.
35 slept with his fathers. See note on Deut. 31. 16.

Mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel."
31 But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.
32 In those days 10 the LORD began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel.
33 From Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Arder, which is by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.
34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
35 And Jehu slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.
36 And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty and eight years.
11 And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal.

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

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

And Athaliah did reign over the land.

4 And in the seventh year of Jehu, Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah began to reign.

5 And the seventh year of Jehu, the king began to reign.

6 And in the first year of his reign Ithamar the son of Nefatia was head of the priestly house.

7 And Jehosheba, the wife of Johanan the son of Rechab, took Joash the son of Ahaziah and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain, and hid him, even him and his nurse, in the house of the LORD six years. And the name of the child was Joash.

8 Then she took a jewel of gold, and asked of Jehoiada the high priest, saying, Take this jewel of gold, and give out of the house of the LORD thirteenths of the tribute which cometh in from the people.

9 And she said, Take Joash, and set him now on the seat of the kings.

10 So Jehoiada made a covenant with all the people, and with Joash.

11 And he took Joash, and set him on the seat of the kings; and they anointed him, and cut off the clothes of the garments that were on him: and he slew all the prophets that were slain of the house of Ahab.

12 And there came a man out of the crowd, an Ephraimite of the sons of Shalum, a murderer, which had fled from the presence of Asa king of Judah into the land of Jordan.

13 And he smote Joash with a sword, and killed him at the house of Millo, which looketh down on the king's chamber.

14 Then they took Joash, and set him on the seat of the kings: and Jehoiada shewed him the kings' page, saying, Behold the king's page, and take your brethren, and array him for the king.

15 And they arrayed the king, and shave off his hair, and put on him his raiment, and anointed him, and proclaimed him king, and blotted out the writing of the covenant of the弑royal kings that were slain.

16 And they made a king's page for him, and an harpist, and kept the city gates: and one went before him, and one behind him, and another, on every side by the king's page.

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

18 And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a pillar, and the princes and the trumpeters were standing beside the king, and all the People of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets: and Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, Treason.
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782 the ‘house of Baal, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and sli"mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest ap
tonpointed officers over the house of 2 the LORD.
19 And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the People of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of 2 the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king’s house. And Jehoahaz sat on the throne of the kings;
20 And all the People of the 2 land rejoiced, and the 2 city was in quiet; and they slew Athaliah with the sword 2 beside the king’s house.
21 Seven years old was Jehoash when he began to reign.

12. 12 In the seventh year of J ehoash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba.

2 And Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of 2 the LORD all his days wherein 4 Jehoiada the priest instructed him.
3 But the high places were not taken away: the People still sacrificed and burnt incense in 2 the high places.

4 And Jehoash said to 2 the priests, “All the money of the 2 dedicated things that is brought into the house of 2 the LORD, even the money of 2 every one that presenteth 2 the account, and money 2 that every man is set at, and all the money that cometh into 2 any man’s heart to bring into the house of 2 the LORD,
5 Let 2 the priests take it to them, every man of his acquaintance: and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found.”

6 But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.

7 Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the other priests, and said unto them, “Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no more money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house.”
8 And 2 the priests consented to receive no more money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house.
9 But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as 2 one cometh into the house of 2 the LORD: and 2 the priests that kept the door put therein all the money that was brought into the house of 2 the LORD.
10 And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king’s scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and 2 told the money that was found in the house of 2 the LORD,

11 And they gave the money, 2 being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of 2 the LORD: and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought upon the house of 2 the LORD.

12 And to masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of 2 the LORD, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it.
13 Howbeit there were not made for the house of 2 the LORD bowls of silver, snuffers, basons, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money that was brought into the house of 2 the LORD:
14 But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith the house of 2 the LORD.
15 Moreover they reckoned not with the 2 men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.
16 The 2 trespass money and 2 sin money was not brought into the house of 2 the LORD: it was the priests’.
17 Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against 2 Gath, and took it: and Hazael set his face to go up 2 to Jerusalem.
18 And Jehoash king of Judah took all the 2 hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, and Jeho-
19 And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah and Israel? 20 And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and slew Joash in the house of Millo, which goeth down to Silla.

13 In the third and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned seventeen years.

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

And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and He delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, all their days.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam which made Israel sin; but he walked therein.

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

And Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne; and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.
14 In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah.

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 He did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father. He also killed some of the king’s sons.

9 For the high places were not taken away: as long as he lived the people offered sacrifice upon high places.

10 Also of the vineyards and of the fields he exacted widow’s,孤儿’s, and prisoner’s dues.

11 And out of Tekoa there came to him a man of bad character, who taught the king to do wickedly.

12 But when the man was gone out, the spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he cried with a loud voice.

13 And he said, “O Lord, wilt thou destroy this poor remnant, and slay thy people who are called by thy name, to make thee known in this land? ..”

14 And the Lord would not destroy the remnant of Jacob, because of his great kindness.

15 Therefore the Lord willalien 20 the children of Ammon, Moab, and the children of the Canaanites who dwelt in that land. And he delivered them into the hand of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah.

16 And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem. And Judah feared the LORD, because of his king.

17 And after him was Jotham king of Judah seven years. His mother’s name was Jerushah the daughter of Zadok.

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

19 And he took away the high places and the idol images from Judah.

20 Moreover the weight of silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and that which David and his fathers had dedicated, he committed to the hands of Obed-edom the son of Uzziah, the kingly Porter.

21 And there was no king in the land of Israel all the days of Jotham.

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

23 Jotham was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Jerushah the daughter of Zadok.

24 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah had done;

25 Only the high places were not taken away: and the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

26 But he was strong in the work of the LORD; he knew no other god. Therefore he removed the high places that were in Jerusalem, and the altars that were on the Mount of Olives, and set up for an altar only at the temple of the LORD.

27 And this was the act of Jotham king of Judah, which he did, and the acts of his years, are they not written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah?

28 In those days Hezekiah son of Ahaz king of Judah reigned.

29 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah.

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

31 He also put down the high places and the idol images that were in the land, and made Israel to walk in the law of the LORD, and in his commandments, and in his testimonies, all the days of his reign.

32 And in the second year of his reign, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, he was a leper until the seven and twentieth year; for the病 was very sore.

33 And in the second year of his reign, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, he was a leper until the seven and twentieth year; for the病 was very sore.

34 He had a great number of chariots, and horsemen. And the people, even the people of the land, went into captivity for fear of the enemy, who overthrew Hezekiah.

35 Moreover Hezekiah was very rich and provided storehouses for all that came in, and vintage houses, and oil presses.

36 Hezekiah provided for all the service of the house of God, and provided for all that came in每日 to burn incense to the LORD, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the LORD.

37 And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah?

38 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the house of David. And all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honor and lament for him. And the king made Amaziah his son king in his stead.
8 Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us "look one another in the face."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.
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blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he spared them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

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

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

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(Events. Personal.)

1 twenty and seventh year. So in 2 Chron. 26.1-5. Azariah being then sixteen (v. 2), and therefore only three on the death of his father Amaziah. Hence, there were thirteen years interregnum (16 - 3 = 13). Amaziah died in the fourteenth year of Jeroboam. Therefore Azariah began to reign in the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam (18 + 14 = 32). This is the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam’s partnership with his father on his going to the Syrian wars. Azariah = Uzziah. See note on 14. 21.

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

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

5 the LORD smote = Jehovah smote. Chronicles comes in here to explain why. See 2 Chron. 26. 16-27, and note on "Kings" in title of 1 Kings (p. 447).

6 a leper. One of nine afflicted with leprosy. See note on Ex. 4. 6. No reason is given here, but it is given in Chronicles according to the object of the latter book. See note above.

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

8 the rest of the acts. For details see 2 Chron. 26. 1-15. The writings of Hosea, Joel, Amos, and Jonah belong to this period: from the latter days of Josiah (king of Judah) to the death of Uzziah. See the notes on the events in these reigns in their respective prophecies. They foretell the doom of Judah. Are they not ...? Fig. Erodosis. Ap. 6.

7 Azariah. In the year of his death (649) Isaiah had his vision (Isa. 6.1-8. John 12. 41), when the "voice" from the Temple prophesied the Dispersion (see the Structure of Isaiah). Uzziah had been driven from the Temple to a lazaret house, when Isaiah saw the vision of the Temple in heaven. See note on 1 Kings 15. 14. Jotham. The first named of the four kings in whose reigns Isaiah prophesied (Isa. 1. 1). Micah also began to prophesy and mourn over the coming dispersion of Israel.

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

8-31 (F, p. 446). ISRAEL.

[Division.]

8 thirty and eighth year. Cp. with 14. 29. Jeroboam died in the fourteenth year of Azariah (or Uzziah). There must have been an interregnum of twenty-four years. See Ap. 60. V. p. 89, and note on 15. 1.


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

11 behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

12 He spake. Cp. 10. 30 and Hos. 1. 4.
16. 13.

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 And Pul the king of Assyria came against him, and all that were against him, and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom his hand.

20 And Menahem exacted the money of Israel, even of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and stayed not there in the land.

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

22 In the fifth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years.

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

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

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

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

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

28 And the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

29 And in the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglath-pileser, king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maacah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive:

30 And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.
his stead,) in the 10th year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16

In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah 1 Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.

2 Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father.

3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel.

4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

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

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

7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, 3 am thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me.

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

9 Syria. Probably Edom (for Aram). See note below.

10 sent messengers. This was opposed by Isaiah (7.17). Cp. Hos. 5.13; 7.11, 12; 8.9; 9.15. Tiglath-pileser is the "razor" of Isa. 7.20.

11 house. Some codices, with two early printed editions, and Sept., read "treasures of the house".

12 present. Tiglath-pileser regarded it (in his inscriptions)
9 And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against him, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

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

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

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

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

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

15 And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he from the house of the LORD for the king of Assyria.

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

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

16. 10-18 (P. 513.) AHAZ. PERSONAL

APOSTASY. (Alteration.)

w v 1-15. The Altar.


v u 15, 16. The Altar.

w v 17, 18. Alterations.

10 Ahaz. Called Jehoahaz in Tiglath-pileser's great triumphal inscriptions. The first syllable of his name dropped in Scripture, as he was unworthy of it, to meet; and do him honour. Hence the solemn warnings of Isa. 8. 11, 14, 16. fashion = likeness, or sketch. pattern, or model.

12 Urijah. Perhaps the Uriah of Isa. 8. 2. His name does not occur in the list of high priests (1 Chron. 6. 3-15). Note the emphatic repetition of "Ahaz the king" and "Urijah the priest".

14 burnt off = burnt offering. Fig. Polyptoton (Ap. 6) for emphasis.

16 did Urijah. Unlike Azariah in 2 Chron. 26. 17, 18. the altar: i.e. the new altar.

17 the altar: i.e. the new altar. to enquire = to consider further [what shall be done with it]. Fig. Ellipsis. Ap. 6. Heb. b'drk. Occurs seven times (16. 16. Lev. 16. 34; 27. 33. Ps. 27. 4. Prov. 20. 22. Ezek. 44. 11, 12).

18 coverted = the covered way. for because of.

19 the rest. Cp. 2 Chron. 28. 24, 25. He shut up the house of the Lord altogether. which. Some codices, with Aram. (MS) and Syr., read as all that.

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

50 slept with his fathers. See note on Dnt. 31. 14. buried ... in the city of David. But not in the tombs of the kings. Cp. 2 Chron. 28. 27, where observe the phrase "kings of Israel".

17. 1-61 (E, p. 446.) ISRAEL. HOSHEA.

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8 P | 1. Introduction.


P | 7-41. Conclusion. Causes.

1 twelfth year. There was anarchy for nine years between Pekah and Hoshea. For, in 15. 30, Hoshea conspired against Pekah in the twentieth year of Jotham, which was the third year of Ahaz (20 - 12 = 8): for Ahaz began in Pekah's seventeenth year (16. 1), and Hoshea began in Ahaz's twelfth year. But Pekah's twenty years end in Ahaz's third year. (See Ap. 50. V, p. 59.)

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


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

5 the king of Assyria. Shalmaneser (u. 3), who commenced the siege, but died before Sargon, his successor, captured Samaria in 661 n.c.

three years. From 619-611.

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

5 Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years.
6 In the ninth year of Hoshea the 9king of Assyria — Shalmaneser. See v. 5.
took Samaria. Here, in the days of Hoshea (king of Israel); and in ch. 18 as connected with the days of Hezekiah (king of Judah). Cp. 18, 6.
Halah. Some codices, with four early printed editions, read “Halah”.

7 For so it was, that the 5children of Israel had 6sinned against 7the LORD their 8God, Which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, 7and walked in the statutes of the 2heathen, whom 3the LORD cast out from before the 4children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

8 And the 5children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against 7the LORD their 8God, and they built them high places in all their cities, 8from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

9 And they set up their images and 5groves in high hill, and under every green tree:

10 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom 7the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke 9the LORD to anger:

11 For they served 2idols, whereof 9the LORD had said unto them, “Ye shall not do this thing.”

12 Yet 2the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by 5all the seers, saying, “Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep My commandments 3and My statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you 4by My servants 5the prophets.”

13 Yet they rejected His statutes, 7and His covenant that He made with their fathers, and His testimonies which He testified against them, and they followed 1vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom 7the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them.

14 And they left all the commandments of 7the LORD their 8God, 3and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a 5grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.

15 And they caused their sons and their daughters to 2pass through the fire, and used 3divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do 4evil in the sight of 7the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.

16 And they left all the commandments of 2the LORD their 7God, 8but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.

17 Therefore 7the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of 5Judah only.

18 Also Judah kept not the commandments of 7the LORD their 8God, 6but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.

19 And 2the LORD rejected 3all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until He had cast them out of His sight.

20 For He rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drave Israel from following 2the LORD, and 3made them 5sin a great sin.

21 For the 4children of Israel walked in all the 5sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them;
23 Until the LORD removed Israel out of His sight, as He had said by all His servants the prophets.

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

24 And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from 0 Ava, and from 0 Hamath, and from 0 Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

25 And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent 0 lions among them, which slew some of them.

26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the places of Samaria, know not the manner of the 0 God of the land: therefore He hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the 0 God of the land.

27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry them thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the 0 God of the land.

28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught 0 them how they should fear the LORD.

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

30 And the men of Babylon made Succothbenoth, and the men of Cuth made Napergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima.

31 And the Avvites made Naphibaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Abrandamech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

40 Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner.

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

18 Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.
18. 2. II. KINGS. 18. 16.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18. 1—20. 21 (R.) JUDAH.

18. 1—20. 21 (R. above.) HEZEKIAH.

18. 1—20. 21 (R. above.) EVENTS. POLITICAL.

18. 1—20. 21 (R. above.) ASSYRIA. INVASIONS.

18. 1—20. 21 (R. above.) INVASIONS OF JUDAH.

13 the fourteenth year. This was the first invasion of Judah which Sennacherib's inscription enlarges upon, but is only mentioned here. See note on v. 17. Cp. Isa. 36, 37, and 2 Chron. 32. all the fenced cities. Forty-six are mentioned in the inscriptions (see Ap. 67. xi). 14 sent. Sennacherib had not approached Jerusalem yet. I have offended. See v. 7. three hundred talents. The Assyrian inscriptions say 900, the exact equivalent of 900 Hebrew (silver) talents. See note on "twenty" (15. 22). 15 treasures. See Ap. 51. 11.
18. 16. II. KINGS. 18. 32.

and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overthrown, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

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

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

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

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

21 Now, 'behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this reed, even upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him. But if ye say unto me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' 32a Is 28:23 Whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem.'

23 Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.

24 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the head of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and horsemen? 25 Am I now come unto thee without the LORD against this place to destroy it? the LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land, and destroy it.'

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

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

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

29 Thus saith the king, 'Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of the hand of the king of Assyria:

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

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

32 Until I come and take you away to a land

16 pillars, or supports, it them.

18. 17—19. 37 (Y's, p. 516). SECOND INVASION. (Repeated and Extended Alteration.)

17 king of Assyria. Some suppose Sargon, and treat Sennacherib as a mistake here. But probably Sennacherib was the co-regent in the field. Cp. Jerusalem's being taken by Nebuchadnezzar, while Nabopolassar was king in Babylon. So Belshazzar was co-regent with Nabonnedus at the taking of Babylon.

sent. The gift of ev. 14-16 did not prevent a further assault. Compromise seldom does.


Rabsaris. A title = chief of the heads.

Rab-shakeh. A title = chief of the captains; possibly a political officer.

Lachish. Ten miles south-east of Jerusalem, on Sennacherib's way to Egypt. See note on 19. 5, great host = heavy force.

against Jerusalem. See note on Judg. 1. 8.


household = palace.

19 Rab-shakeh said. See the references to this in Hezekiah's "Songs of the degrees". Ps. 120. 2; 128. 3, 4, and cp. Isa. 57. 4. See Ap. 67. II.

What confidence? Note the Fig. Εὐτύχεια (Ap. 6), which the Rab-shakeh constantly uses. See ev. 20, 24, 25, 31, 34, 35. Figure used for emphasis.

vain words. Heb. word = lip-words.

behold. Fig. Αἰνιγμός. Ap. 6.


king of Egypt. Probably Shabako, the successor of So. See note on 19. 9, and cp. 17. 3, 4.

22 if ye say. Isa. 36. 7. It thou say. Spoken to one, but meant for all.

25 without the LORD. Either said in pretence, or from having heard Jehovah's prophecies (cp. 19. 25 with Isa. 10. 5).

26 Syrian = Aramaic.


28 word = message. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Sept., and Syriac, read "words".

29 deceive raise false hopes. Note the 3 (Lamed), here, as in the first occurrence (Gen. 3. 13).

30 his hand = his [i.e. Asshur's king's] hand. Some codices, with one early printed edition, and Vulg, read "my hand".

31 Make [an agreement]. Get a blessing out of my coming. Lit. Make me with me a blessing.

come out. i.e. capitulate.


32 a land. Note the Fig. Αἰνιγμός (Ap. 6) for emphasis.
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like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil and honey, that ye may live, and not die; and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, ‘The LORD will deliver us.’

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

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

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

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

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

19. 1 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD:

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

3 And they said unto him, ‘Thus saith Hezekiah, “This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is no strength to bring forth.”

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

5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

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

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

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

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

10 “Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, ‘Let not thy God whom thou hast trusted deceive thee, saying, ‘Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.’

11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: “and shalt thou be delivered? 12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which were in Thelasar?

13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?’”

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

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

15 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, “O LORD God of Israel, Which dwellest between the cherubims, and art the God, even Thou alone, of all the king-

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wine. Heb. tāḇāḵ. See Ap. 27. II. deliver. rescue.


Arpad. A city of Syria, north-west of Aleppo. Now identified with Tell Erfaid.


2 Isaiah. The first occurrence in the historical books. Hezekiah was one of the four kings in whose reign he prophesied (Isa. 1. 1). The chapters in Isaiah which refer to these events are 10. 5–12; 14. 24–27; 17. 12–14; 22. 29–33; 36. and 37.

3 children = sons.


5 lift up thy prayer. Hezekiah’s “Songs of the degrees” witness to this prayer in his distress. See Ps. 120. 1–130. 2. Ap. 67. iv.

6 Isaiah. In Greek (N.T.) = Eiasias.

7 Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.


9 bear a rumour. Fig. Polyptotōs (Ap. 6), “bear a hearing” - bear a serious report. See note on Gen. 29. 28.

8 departed from Lachish. Sennacherib had laid siege against it (2 Chron. 32. 9), but had found it difficult, as Joshua had (Josh. 10. 31, 32, “the second day”); and “left” it untaken (Jer. 34. 41). 9 Tirhakah. An Egyptian by birth; king of Egypt by conquest. Defeated later by Esarhaddon, son of Sennacherib, after fifteen days’ battle. Esarhaddon is shown on a stela, recently discovered, leading Tirhakah with cords.


11 and shalt thou be delivered? Note the Fig. Erothesia here, and in vs. 12, 13, and 25.

12 Hamath, &c. See note on 18. 34.

13 the house of the LORD. Hezekiah’s zeal for the house of Jehovah is seen in his “Songs of the degrees”. Cp. Ps. 122. 1, 9; 134. 1, 2. See Ap. 67. xiii.

15 prayed. When assaulted by the king of terror, he “turned his face to the wall and prayed” (Isa. 38. 2), but when the king of Babylon came with a present he did not pray, and fell into the snare (Isa. 39. 1, 2). Note the Structure of Isaiah, chs. 36–39, and see Ap. 67. iv.

doms of the earth; *Then hast made heaven and earth.

15 I L ORD, bow down Thine ear, and hear:
open, 1 L ORD, Thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the 2 L ORD, 3 God, even Thou only.

17 Of a truth, 1 L ORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands,
and have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

19 Now therefore, O 1 L ORD our 4 God, I beseech thee, save Thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that 1 L ORD art 2 the L ORD 4 God, even Thou only.

20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, 1 Thus saith the 1 L ORD of Israel, That which thou hast prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria have I heard.

21 This is the word that 1 the L ORD hath spoken concerning him:
  The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn;  
  The daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

22 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed?
And against Whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high?
Even against the Holy One of Israel.

23 By thy messengers thou hast reproached 1 the L ORD; and hast said,
  With the multitude of my chariots 1 am come up to the height of the mountains,  
  To the sides of Lebanon,  
  And will cut down all the tall cedar trees thereof,  
  And the choice fir trees thereof;  
  And I will enter into the lodgings of his borders,  
  And into the forest of his Carmel.

24 3 Have digged and drunk strange waters,  
  And with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of besieged places.
25 Hast thou not heard long ago how I have done it,
And of ancient times that I have formed it? Now have I brought it to pass, That thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps.

26 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power,
They were dismayed and confounded; They were 2 as the grass of the field, And as the green herb, as the grass on the house tops, And as corn 3 blasted before it be grown up.

27 But I know thy 4 abode, And thy going out, and thy coming in, And thy rage against Me.
28 Because 3 thy rage against Me and thy tumult is come up into Mine ears, Therefore I will put My hook in thy nose, And My bridle in thy lips, And I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

29 And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

30 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.
31 For 1 out of Jerusalem shall go forth a 2 remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of 1 the L ORD of hosts shall do this.

32 Therefore thus saith 1 the L ORD concerning the king of Assyria, 3 He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor 3 cast a bank against it.
33 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city,' saith 1 the L ORD.
34 For I will 3 defend this city, to save it, for Mine own sake, and for My servant David's sake.'
35 And 4 it came to pass 4 that night, that the Angel of 1 the L ORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when 4 they arose

19. 20-37 (d, p. 517), ANSWER OF JEHovah. (Alteration.)

21 at thee = after thee: i.e. after she hath seen thy back turned.
22 the L ORD. This is one of the 184 places where the 2 Saperim altered 1 Jehovah to 'Adonaï' (Ap. 32). will = have, as in v. 17.
25 done it = made it: i.e. the earth.
28 as the grass, &c. Note Hezekiah's reference to this in his 'Song of the degrees' (Ps. 129, 5-7). See Ap. 67. ii.
32 cast a bank: i.e. erect an earthwork.
34 defend = spread, or be a shield over.
35 it came to pass. Cp. 37. 34, that night = i.e. the night of the prophecy when the promise was fulfilled. Cp. 'that day' (Luke 21. 34, i Thess. 5. 4).
36 the Angel of the L ORD: i.e. the destroying Angel. Cp. 2 Sam. 24. 16. they: i.e. the king and his people.
early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses. 36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. 37 And it came to pass, as it was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped out of the land of Armenia, and Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

20 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, "Thus saith the LORD, "Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.""

2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying, "I beseech thee, 0 LORD, remember now how I have walked before Thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in Thy sight." And Hezekiah wept sore.

4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of My people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD, and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for Mine own sake, and for My servant David's sake."

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

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

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

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

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

12 At that time Berodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and decrees to Hezekiah.

My servant David's sake. See note e. and Ps. 132. 12 Dated. 12 go up into the house of the LORD. See note on 19, 14, and Ap. 67, xiii.

9 degrees. It is to these degrees that Hezekiah's fifteen Songs refer (Ps. 139-134). The word "degrees" is repeated here six times (in the history), but five times in Isaiah's gracious words (38, 8).

10 down = forward (v. 9). 11 dial = degrees. Ahaz. See note on v. 8.

12 Berodach. Some codices, with Sept. and Syr., read "Merodach." Cp. Is. 19, 1. king of Babylon. First occurrence of this title. Babylon and Nineveh the two great cities competing henceforward for supremacy in Assyria. Originally settled by Nabopolassar and his son Nebuchadnezzar, "the head of gold" (Dan. 2, 37). sent letters and a present. These did what the king of Assyria and the king of terror could not do. See the Structure "C" of Is. 36-39.
and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and showed them all the house of his precious things, and the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and all the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasuries: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

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

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

And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord. Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the Lord.

And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall  all they take away; and they shall be enmarchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

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

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

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

Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Hephzibah.

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

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

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

Generally associated with idolatry, the LORD, the host of heaven, the heathen = nations, the sons = sons, the high places =mounts. Restoring what his father had destroyed (18:24), a grove = an ’asherah. See note on Ex. 34.18. Ap. 42. as = according as. did Ahab. See 11.18, and cp. 1 Kings 16.31, 32. the host of heaven. Never before done in Judah. Cp. Deut. 4.19; 17.3.
5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord; and he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards; he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger.

7 And he set up a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the Lord said to David, and to Solomon his son, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put My name for ever:

8 Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them."

9 But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the Lord destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 And the Lord spake by His servants the prophets, saying,

11 Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before Bim, and he hath made Judah also to sin with his idols:

12 Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel, "Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle.

13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down.

14 And I will forsake the remnant of Mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies."

15 Because they have done that which was evil in My sight, and have provoked Me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day."

16 Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the Lord.

17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

18 And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

19 Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jothbah.

20 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, as his father Manasseh did.

21 And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them:

22 And he forsook the God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the Lord.
25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, "are not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah."

26 And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden of the Uzza, and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

22 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Bozrah.

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

3 And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the secretary of the book, to the house of the LORD, saying,

4 "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the People:

5 And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD; and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house,

6 Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house."

7 Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

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

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

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

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

12 And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michahiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying,

13 "Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great

words. 12 Ahikam. The friend of Jeremiah (Jer. 26. 24) and father of Gedaliah (op. 26. 22. Jer. 39. 14; 40. 10). See note on "Shaphan" (v. 3). Achbor. Not the same person as Abdon, in 2 Chron. 5. 20. The two books are independent. 13 and for all Judah. Some codices, with two early printed editions, read "and for the remnant in Israel and in Judah.

22. 3—23. 24 (q. above). JOSIAH'S REFORMATION. (Alternations.)

3 the eighteenth year. Marks the completion of the work (23. 23). Began in the twelfth year (2 Chron. 34. 3, 8). Jeremiah was called in Josiah's thirteenth year (Jer. 1. 2; 25. 3), and was to Josiah what Isaiah had been to Hezekiah.

Shaphan. Eight relatives mentioned in 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles: (1) His grandfather, Meshebail (2 Kings 22. 3); (2) his father, Azaliah (v. 3); (3) his son, Ahikam (v. 12); (4) his son, Gemariah (Jer. 36. 10); (5) his son, Elashai (Jer. 29. 23); (6) his son, Jaaazaniah (Ezek. 8. 11); (7) his grandson, Michahiah (Jer. 36. 11, 10); (8) his grandson, Gedaliah (Jer. 39. 13). 4 Hilkiah. The son of Shallum and father of Azariah (1 Chron. 6. 12). sure—pour out, or pay away. 5 of the doers. These were the overseers to the doers. These were the labourers. 6 the house. Some codices, with two early printed editions, and Sept., read "the breaches of the house", as in v. 5. 7 the book of the law: i.e. the original copy of the Pentateuch, laid up by the side of the Ark (Deut. 31. 24—26). Probably secreted during the reigns of Manasseh (21. 16) and Amon (21. 21). See Ap. 47.
10 read it. Especially those parts applicable to the then circumstances, such as Lev. 26. Deut. 28. 8c. 11 he rent his clothes. Not necessarily on account of his surprise, but on account of the solemnity of the
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Is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that is written concerning us.

14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; and now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college; and they communed with her.

15 And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of this book which the king of Judah hath read: Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore My wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

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

19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou hearsed what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; and also have heard thee, saith the LORD.

20 Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave, Heb. keber (not Sheol). In 21. 24 rendered sepulchre.


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

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


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

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

the grove - the 'Asherah. See Ap. 42.

host of heaven. Cp. 21. 3.

burned them. As prescribed in Deut. 7. 25.

unto Beth-el. To defile the altar there, according to the prophecy in 1 Kings 13. 2.

5 idolatrous priests - black-robed; not kōhān, as appointed by God, but kōmārim, as appointed by man. Cp. Hos. 10. 5; Zeph. 1. 4.

planets - stations: i.e. the twelve signs of the Zodiac. The Babylonian name for the divisions of the zodiac. Called in the Assyrian inscriptions "Mazaiti". (See Western Asiatic Inscriptions.)

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

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

6 And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto
the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook
Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and
cast the powder thereof upon the "graves" of
the "children of the people.
7 And he brake down the houses of the
"sodomites, that were by the house of "the
LORD, where the women wove "hangings" for
the "tabernacle.
8 And he brought all the priests out of the
cities of Judah, and defiled "the high places
where the priests had burned incense, from
Geba to "Beer-sheba, and brake down the
high places of the gates that were in the
entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor
of the city, which were on a "man's left hand
at the gate of the city.
9 Nevertheless the "priests of the high places
came not up to the altar of "the LORD in Jeru-
salem: but they did eat of the unleavened bread
among their brethren.
10 And he defiled "Topheth, which is in the
"valley of the "children of Hinnom, that no
"man might make his son or his daughter to
to pass through the fire to "Molech.
11 And he took away the horses that the
"kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the
entering in of the house of "the LORD, "by
the chamber of Nathan-melech the "chamber-
lain, which was in the "suburbs, and burned
the chariots of the sun with fire.
12 And the altars that were on the "top of the
upper chamber of "Athan, which the kings of
Judah had made, and the altars which Manas-
seh had made in the two courts of the house
of "the LORD, did the king beat down, and
"brake them down from thence, and cast the
dust of them into the brook Kidron.
13 And the "high places that were "before
Jerusalem, "which were on the right hand of the
mount of corruption, which Solomon the
king of Israel had builded for Asherah the
abomination of the Zidonians, and for "Che-
mosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for
Milcom the abomination of the "children of
Anmon, did the king defile.
14 And he brake in pieces the "images, and
cut down the "groves, and filled their places
with the bones of "men.
15 Moreover the altar that was at Beth-el,
and the high place which Jeroboam the son of
Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made,
both that altar and the high place he brake down,
and burned the high place, and "stamped it
small to powder, and burned the "grove.
16 And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the
"sepulchres that were "there in the mount, and
sent, and took the bones out of the "sepulchres,
and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it,
according to the "word of "the LORD which
"the man of "God "proclaimed, who proclaimed
these words.
17 Then he said, "What "title is that that "I
see? And the "men of the city told him, "It
is the "sepulchre of "the man of "God, which
came from Judah, and proclaimed these things
that should be done against the altar of "Beth-
el."" Then he said, "Let him alone; let no man
move his bones." So they let his bones alone,
with the bones of the prophet that came out of
Samaria.
18 And all the houses also of the high places

8 children of the people. A common person
in Jer. 26. 23. In 2 Chron. 35. 5 it is the laity as distin-
guished from Levites.
7 sodomites. male prostitutes. Suppression directed
in Deut. 23. 17. See on note on 1 Kings 14. 12. 16.
9 hangings. Heb. houses. Probably veils to cover the
Asherah, as it is covered in Romish processions to-day.
9 high places. See on note on 1 K. 18. 20; 19. 16, 14.
Geba. Now Joppa (Josh. 18. 24).
9 priests of the high places. Not idolatrous priests.
See on note on 8.
10 Topheth = the Topheth. First occurrence. Put
by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, put for anything
inherent.
10 valley. The junction of the three valleys uniting
south of Jerusalem. The continual fires burning there
gave the Greek name Gehenna (from the Heb. Ge Hinnom = valley of Hinnom).
13 before Jerusalem. i.e. the east side. See Zech.
16. 4.
17 title. "monument.
21 keep the passover. See note on Ex. 12. 21.

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

23. 21.

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

22 Surely there was not holden such a passo-
over from the days of the judges that judged
Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel,
or of the kings of Judah;

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

24 Moreover the workers with familiar spirits,
and the wizards, and the images, and the idols,
and all the abominations that were spred in
the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah
put away, that he might perform the words of
the law which were written in the book that
Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.

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

26 Notwithstanding the LORD turned not
from the fierceness of His great wrath, where-
with His anger was kindled against Judah,
because of all the provocations that Manasseh
had provoked Him withal.

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

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

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

30 And his servants carried him in a chariot
death from Megiddo, and brought him to Jeru-
salem, and buried him in his own sepulchre,
And the People of the land took Jehoazaz the
son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him
king in his father's stead.

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

32 And he did that which was evil in the sight
of the LORD, according to all that his fathers
had done.

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

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

35 And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the
gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give
the money according to the commandment
of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and

the book of this covenant: this covenant-book.
A.V. 1611, reads "this book of the covenant.

22 not holden such. Cp. Hezekiah's passover,
of which the same is said (2 Chron. 30. 24). Both
statements true. Hezekiah's greater than any before it.
Josiah's greater than Hezekiah's. See the details
(2 Chron. 35. 1-19). There were larger numbers, and
the law was more exactly followed. Hezekiah's passo-
over kept just before the dispersion of Israel. Josiah's
passover kept just before the captivity of Judah.

judges that judged. Fig. Polyptoton. Ap. 6.
24 familiar spirits. See note on Lev. 19. 31.
images = teraphim = household gods.
ids = manufactured gods. put = clear.
Hilkiah the priest found. See 22. 8, &c.

35 like unto. Note the Fig. Epomodiaiotes (Ap. 6),
by which (for emphasis) the statement begins and ends
with the same words.


27 as = according as.
I have chosen = I once, or erewhile, chose.

28 are they not . . . ? Fig. Erotetics. Ap. 6.
29 Pharaoh-nechoh : i.e. Nechoh II, the sixth king
of the twenty-sixth dynasty. His father was a tributary
to Assyria, but had secured independence for Egypt.
The king of Assyria: i.e. the king of Babylon, who
had just conquered Nineveh, the rival capital,
went against him. His motive not known.
he the king of Egypt. him = Josiah.
Megiddo. Southern margin of the plain of Esdraelon,
celebrated for Syria's defeat by Barak (Judg. 5.19),
seen. Fig. Tatopeiosis (Ap. 6), to emphasize the fact
that he did much more than "see" him. Cp. 14. 8 and
2 Chron. 35. 31, 32.

30 buried him. For the sorrow attending this, see
2 Chron. 35. 35.

23. 31-35 (R3, p. 516). JEOHAAZ.

(Dismissal.)

31 Jehoahaz. Also called Johanan (Jer. 22. 11.
1 Chron. 3. 15). He was the younger brother of Jehoi-
akim (c. 36).

32 evil. Heb. ra'ah'. Ap. 44. viii.
33 at Riblah. After his defeat by Nebuchadrezzar
at Carchemish. Riblah was a centre from whence
roads branched to the Euphrates and Nineveh, or by
Palmyra to Babylon. The southern roads led to Pales-
tine, Lebanon, and Egypt. Riblah still bears this
name, and is about twenty-five miles south-south-west
of Emesa.

that he might not reign. Heb. text reads "when
he reigned." A.T. follows some codices, with Aram.,
Sept., and Vulg. talents. See Ap. 51. II.

34 Eliakim. Name changed, to assert Pharaoh-
nechoh's authority.

in the room. Refusing to recognise the People's
appointment of v. 36.
died there. As Jeremiah (22. 11, 12) foretold.
35 taxed = assessed.

23. 36-24. 7 (R3, p. 516). JEOHIAKIM.

(Alteration.)

23. 36-24. 7 (R3, p. 516). JEOHIAKIM.

26-24. 7 (R3, p. 516). JEOHIAKIM.

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23. 36.

II. KINGS.

24. 1.

Nebuchadnezzar, or Nebuchadnezzar (Jer. 21. 2, 7; 22. 25), or Nebuchadnesser in Josaphus and Berosus, Sept., and Vulg. This is the first occurrence of his name in Scripture. Nebuchadnezzar came up in the fourth year of Jehoiakim (Jer. 25. 1; 46. 2). Daniel says in third year (1. 1); but he writes from Babylon, whence Nebuchadnezzar set out, and here (cp. Jer. 46. 2), it refers to the actual coming. The Babylonian Servitude begins here (406 to 426 B.C.).


3 Surely at the commandment of the LORD came this upon Judah, to remove them out of His sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did; And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD would not pardon.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiakim his son reigned in his stead.

7 And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land; for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

R\(^\dag\) 8 *Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother’s name was Nehushta, the daughter of Nathaniel of Jerusalem.*

K 9 And he did *that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.*

Jy 10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it.

12 And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, ¶ and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his *officers:* and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

13 And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king’s house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said.

14 And he carried away all Jerusalem, both all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all the crafted men and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the People of the land.

15 And he carried away *Jehoiachin to Babylon,* and the king’s mother, and the king’s
wives, and his 10 officers, and 9the mighty of
the land, those carried he into captivity from
Jerusalem to Babylon.
16 And all the 6men of might, even seven
thousand, and 3craftsmen and 3smiths a thou-
sand, all that were strong and apt for war,
even them the king of Babylon brought cap-
tive to Babylon.
17 And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah
his father’s brother king in his stead, and
6changed his name to Zedekiah.
18 Zedekiah was twenty and one years old
when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven
years in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name
was 6Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of
Linnah.
19 And he 6did that which was 6evil in the
sight of the 7Lord, according to all that Je-
hoakim had done.
20 For through the anger of the 7Lord it
came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until He
had cast them out from His presence, that
Zedekiah 6rebeked against the king of Babyl-

25. 18-20 (R’s, p. 516). ZEDEKIAH.
( = 18-20. Accession.
= 20. Rebellion.
18 Hamutal. Therefore only half-brother to Jehoi-
akim, but full brother to Jehohaz.
19 did that which was evil. See 2 Chron. 36. 12-16.
Ezek. 17. 15).

25. 1-30 (C, p. 446). THE KINGDOM ENDED.
(Introduction.)
C 1L 1-12. Nebuchadnezzar and Zedekiah.
| 22-25. Remnant. Migration to Egypt.

25. 1-31 (L, above). NEBUCHADNEZZAR AND
ZEDEKIAH. (Extended Alteration.)
| O | c | 1-2. City besieged,
| d | 3. Famine.
| e | 4. City broken up.
| f | 5-7. Executions at Riblah.
| g | 7-17. Carrying away of Zedekiah.
N | 8. Date. Eleventh of Nebuchadnezzar.
| f | 10. City wall broken down.
| h | 13-17. Temple spoiled.
| i | 18-21. Executions at Riblah.

1 And. Note the Fig. Parenthesis. Ap. 6) in vv. 1-7,
to emphasize every detail.

It came to pass. Cp. 2 Chron. 36. 11-13 and Jer. 52.
The prophecy of Jer. 39-44 is the Divine comment on the
history.
the ninth year, &c. The day revealed to Ezekiel in exile

24. 1-30. This numeral is supplied from Jer. 52. 6.
the famine. The ninth recorded in Scripture. See
note on Gen. 12. 10. Fulfilling Lev. 26. 29. Deut. 28. 53-
57. Jer. 15. 2; 27. 13. Lam. 2. 20-22. Ezek. 4. 16. Suffer-
ings described in Jer. 21. 7-9. Lam. 4. 5-10; 5. 10, &c.
4 broken up = breached. Before this an Egyptian
force approached and the Babylonians retired (Jer.
37. 5-11). The relief was only temporary, as predicted.

3 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him.
4 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass,
and carried him to Babylon.

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

10 And all the army of the Chaldees, that
II. KINGS.

25. 10. 25. 28.

17 The height of the one pillar. See note on 1 Kings 7.15.
20 wreathen work = network.
21 Seraih. The grandfather or great-grandfather of Ezra (1 Chron. 6.14; Ezra 7.1).
22 chief priest. See note on Lev. 4.3.
23 second priest. See note on 28.4. Probably a deputy high priest. No provision for such in the Law.
24 door = threshold.
25 were in the king’s presence. Heb. saw the king’s face.
26 principal scribe = scribe of the captain of the host.
27 So Judah was carried away. Thus ended the kingdom of Judah, as Jeremiah had predicted (Jer. 20.4).
28 their = his.

25. 22-25 (M, p. 528). THE REMNANT. MIGRATION TO EGYPT. (Alteration.)

M | g | 22. Governor. Gedaliah.
 g | 24. Governor’s reception.
 h | 25. Ishmael. Murders by.

22 Ahikam. He had befriended Jeremiah (Jer. 26.24).
23 when all the captains, &c. For fuller account see Jer. 40.7—43.13.
24 Ishmael. He was of the seed royal (v. 28), and laid claim to the throne. Cp. Jer. 40.8; 41.1-18. Josephus, Ant. X. 9.2.
25 Johanan. Who, with others, warned Gedaliah of Ishmael’s treachery (Jer. 40.13; 41.16).
26 it shall be well with you. So God designed it (Jer. 27.4, 6, 11).
28 kindly = good words.

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

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

27 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison;

28 And he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon;
1 AND 2 CHRONICLES.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE TWO BOOKS* AS A WHOLE.

(Alternation.)

\[ A \mid 1\text{ Chron. 1. 1—9. 1. UP TO THE Captivity.} \]
\[ B \mid 1\text{ Chron. 9. 2—44. AFTER THE RETURN.} \]
\[ A \mid 1\text{ Chron. 10. 1—2 Chron. 36. 21. UP TO THE Captivity.} \]
\[ B \mid 2\text{ Chron. 36. 22, 23. AFTER THE RETURN.} \]

* For the division of Chronicles into two books, see note on the Structure of the two Books of Samuel as a whole (p. 966).