

to Judah) of the seed which the LORD shall giue thee of this yong woman.

13 **C** So Boaz tooke Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in vnto her, the LORD gaue her conception, and she bare a sonne.

14 And the women said vnto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD which hath not left thee this day without a kinseman, that his name may bee famous in Israel:

15 And he shalbe vnto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law which loueth thee, which is better to thee then seven sonnes, hath borne him.

16 And Naomi tooke the childe, and

laid it in her bosome, and became nurse vnto it.

17 And the women her neighbours gaue it a name, saying, There is a sonne borne to Naomi, and they called his name Obed: hee is the father of Jesse the father of David.

18 **C** Now these are the generations of Pharez: * Pharez begate Hezron,

19 And Hezron begate Ram, and Ram begate Aminadab,

20 And Aminadab begate Nahshon, and Nahshon begate Salmon,

21 And Salmon begate Boaz, and Boaz begate Obed,

22 And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begate David.

† Hebr. caused to cease vnto thee.
|| Or, redeemer.

Hebr. to nourish.
Hebr. thy gray haire.

* 1. Chron. 2.4. matt. 1.3.

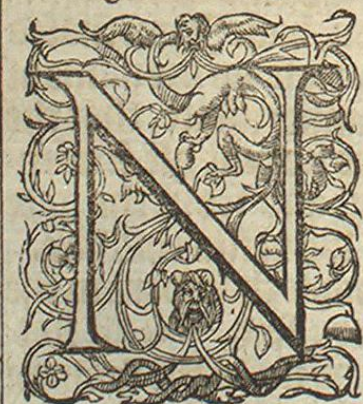
|| Or, Salmon.



THE FIRST BOOKE of Samuel, otherwise called, The first Booke of the Kings.

CHAP. I.

1 Elkanah a Leuite hauing two wiues, worshippeth yeerely at Shiloh. 4 Hee cherisheth Hannah, though barren, and prouoked by Peninnah. 9 Hannah in grieffe, prayeth for a childe. 12 Eli first rebuking her, afterwards blesteth her. 19 Hannah hauing borne Samuel, stayeth at home till he be weaned. 24 She presenteth him, according to her vow, to the LORD.



OW there was a certaine man of Ramathaim Zophim, of mount Ephraim, & his name was Elkanah, the sonne of Jeroham, the sonne of Elihu, the sonne of Tohu, the sonne of Zuph, an Ephrathite;

2 And he had two wiues, the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 And this man went vp out of his citie * yeerely, to worship and to sacrifice vnto the LORD of hostes in Shiloh; and the two sonnes of Eli, Hophni, and Phinehas, the Priests of the LORD, were there.

4 **C** And when the time was, that Elkanah offered, he gaue to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sonnes, and her daughters, portions.

5 But vnto Hannah he gaue a worthy portion: (for he loued Hannah, but the LORD had shut vp her wombe.

6 And her aduersary also prouoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut vp her wombe.)

7 And as he did so yeere by yeere, when she went vp to the house of the LORD, so she prouoked her: therefore she wept, and did not eat.

8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou: and why eatest thou not: and why is thy heart grieued: Am not I better to thee, then ten sonnes:

9 **C** So Hannah rose vp after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunke,

* Deut. 16. 16.
† Hebr. from yeere to yeere.

|| Or, a double portion.

† Hebr. angred her.

|| Or, from the time that she &c. Hebr. from her going up.

Hannahs prayer, Chap. ij. and thanksgiuing.

drunke: (now Eli the Priest sate vpon a seat by a poste of the Temple of the LORD.)

10 And shee was † in bitternesse of soule, and prayed vnto the LORD, and wept sore.

11 And she bowed a bow, and said, O LORD of hostes, if thou wilt indeed looke on the affliction of thine handmayd, and remember me, and not forget thine handmayd, but wilt giue vnto thine handmayd † a man childe, then I will giue him vnto the LORD all the dayes of his life, and * there shall no rasoꝝ come vpon his head.

12 And it came to passe as she † continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.

13 Now Hannah, shee spake in her heart; onely her lippes mooued, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had beene drunken.

14 And Eli said vnto her, How long wilt thou be drunken: put away thy wine from thee.

15 And Hannah answered, and said, No, my lord, I am a woman † of a sorrowfull spirit: I haue drunke neither wine nor strong drinke, but haue powred out my soule before the LORD.

16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my || complaint and griefe, haue I spoken hitherto.

17 Then Eli answered, and said, Goe in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition, that thou hast asked of him.

18 And she said, Let thine handmaid finde grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eate, and her countenance was no more sad.

19 And they rose vp in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knewe Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembred her.

20 Wherefore it came to passe when the † time was come about, after Hannah had conceived, that shee bare a sonne, and called his name || Samuel, saying; Because I haue asked him of the LORD.

21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went vp to offer vnto the LORD the yeerely sacrifice, and his bove.

22 But Hannah went not vp; for

shee said vnto her husband, I will not goe vp vntill the childe be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appeare before the LORD, and there abide for euer.

23 And Elkanah her husband said vnto her, Do what seemeth thee good, tary vntill thou haue weaned him, onely the LORD establish his word: so the woman abode, and gaue her sonne sucke vntill she weaned him.

24 And when shee had weaned him, shee tooke him vp with her, with three bullocks, and one Ephah of floure, and a bottle of wine, and brought him vnto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the childe was young.

25 And they slew a bullooke, and brought the childe to Eli.

26 And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soule liueth, my lord, I am the woman, that stood by thee heere, praying vnto the LORD.

27 For this childe I prayed, and the LORD hath giuen me my petition, which I asked of him:

28 Therefore also I haue || lent him to the LORD as long as hee liueth, || he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

CHAP. II.

1 Hannahs song in thankfulness. 12 The sinne of Elies sonnes. 18 Samuels ministrie. 20 By Elies blessing, Hannah is more fruitfull. 22 Eli reprooueth his sonnes. 28 A prophecie against Elies house.

And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart reioyceth in the LORD, mine home is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged ouer mine enemies: because I reioyce in thy saluation.

2 There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any Rocke like our God.

3 Talke no more so exceeding proudly, let not † arrogancie come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

4 The bowes of the mightie men are broken, and they that stumbled are girt with strength.

5 They that were full, haue hired out themselves for bread: and they that were hungry, ceased: so that the barren

† Hebr. bitter of soule.

† Hebr. seed of men.

* Num. 6. 5. iudg. 13. 5.

† Hebr. multiplied to pray.

† Hebr. hard of spirit.

|| Or, meditation.

† Hebr. revelation of dayes. || That is, asked of God.

|| Or, returned him, whom I haue obtained by petition to the LORD. || Or, hee whom I haue obtained by petition, shall be returned.

† Hebr. hard.

* Deut. 32.
39. wifd.
16. 13. tob.
13. 2.

hath borne feuen, and she that hath many children, is waxed feeble.

6 *The LORD killeth and maketh aliuie, he bringeth downe to the graue, and bringeth vp.

7 The LORD maketh poore, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth vp.

* Pſal. 113.
7.

8 He *raiſeth vp the poore out of the duſt, and lifteth vp the begger from the dunghill, to ſet them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORDS, and hee hath ſet the world vpon them.

9 He will keepe the feet of his ſaints, and the wicked ſhall bee ſilent in darkeneſſe; for by ſtrength ſhall no man preuaile.

* Chap. 7.
10.

10 The aduerſaries of the LORD ſhalbe broken to pieces: *out of heauen ſhal he thunder vpon them: the LORD ſhall iudge the ends of the earth, and he ſhal giue ſtrength vnto his king, and exalt the horne of his Anointed.

11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his houſe, and the child did miniſter vnto the LORD before Eli the prieſt.

12 Now the ſonnes of Eli were ſonnes of Belial, they knewe not the LORD.

13 And the prieſts cuſtome with the people was, that when any man offered ſacrifice, the prieſtes ſervant came, while the fleſh was in ſeething, with a fleſh-hooke of three teeth in his hand,

14 And he ſtrooke it into the panne, or kettle, or caldron, or pot: all that the fleſh-hooke brought vp, the prieſt tooke for himſelfe: ſo they did in Shiloh vnto all the Iſraelites that came thither.

15 Alſo before they burnt the fat, the prieſtes ſervant came, & ſaid to the man that ſacrificed, Giue fleſh to roſte for the prieſt, for he wil not haue ſodden fleſh of thee, but raw.

† Hebr. as
on the day.

16 And if any man ſaid vnto him, Let them not faile to burne the fat preſently, and then take as much as thy ſoule deſireth: then hee would anſwere him, Nay, but thou ſhalt giue it mee now: and if not, I will take it by force.

17 Wherefore the ſinne of the yong men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

* Exod. 28.
4.

18 But Samuel miniſtered before the LORD, being a child, *girded with a linnen Ephod.

19 Moreover, his mother made him a litle coate, and brought it to him from yeere to yeere, when ſhe came by with her husband, to offer the yeerely ſacrifice.

20 And Eli bleſſed Elkanah, and his wife, and ſaid, The LORD giue thee ſeed of this woman, for the loane which is lent to the LORD. And they went vnto their owne home.

|| Or, petition
which hee
asked, &c.

21 And the LORD viſited Hannah, ſo that ſhee conceived, and bare three ſonnes, and two daughters: and the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

22 Now Eli was very olde, and heard all that his ſonnes did vnto all Iſrael, and how they lay with the women that † aſſembled at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

† Hebr. af-
ſembled by
troupes.

23 And he ſaid vnto them, Why doe ye ſuch things: for I heare of your euil dealings, by all this people.

|| Or, I heare
euill words
of you.

24 Nay my ſonnes: for it is no good report that I heare: yee make the LORDS people to transgreſſe.

|| Or, to cry
out.

25 If one man ſinne againſt another, the Iudge ſhall iudge him: but if a man ſinne againſt the LORD, who ſhall intreat for him: Notwithſtanding they hearkened not vnto the voice of their father, becauſe the LORD would ſlay them.

26 (And the child Samuel grew on, and was in fauour, both with the LORD, and alſo with men.)

27 And there came a man of God vnto Eli, and ſaide vnto him, Thus ſaith the LORD, Did I plainly appeare vnto the houſe of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaohs houſe:

28 And did I chuſe him out of all the tribes of Iſrael, to be my prieſt, to offer vpon mine altar, to burne incenſe, to weare an Ephod before mee: and *did I giue vnto the houſe of thy father, all the offerings made by fire of the children of Iſrael:

* Leuit. 10.
14.

29 Wherefore kicke ye at my ſacrifice, and at mine offering, which I haue commaunded in my habitation, and honoureſt thy ſonnes aboue mee, to make your ſelues fat with the chiefſt of all the offrings of Iſrael my people:

30 Wherefore the LORD God of Iſrael ſaith, I ſayd indeede, that thy houſe, & the houſe of thy father ſhould walke before me for euer: but now the LORD ſaith, Be it farre from mee, for

for

for them that honour me, I will honour, and they that despise me, shall be lightly esteemed.

31 Behold, the dayes come, that I will cut off thine arme, and the arme of thy fathers house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.

32 And thou shalt see || an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall giue Israel, and there shall not be an olde man in thine house for ever.

33 And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine Altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die † in the floure of their age.

34 And this shall be a signe vnto thee, that shall come vpon thy two sonnes, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they shall die both of them.

35 And I will raise me vp a faithful Priest, that shall doe according to that which is in my heart and in my mind, and I will build him a sure house, and hee shall walke before mine Anointed for ever.

36 And it shall come to passe, that euery one that is left in thine house, shall come and crouch to him for a piece of siluer, and a morsel of bread, and shall say, † Put me (I pray thee) into || one of the Priests offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

C H A P. I I I.

1 How the word of the Lord was first reuealed to Samuel. 11 God telleth Samuel the destruction of Elies house. 15 Samuel, though loth, telleth Eli the vision. 19 Samuel groweth in credit.

AND the child Samuel ministered vnto the LORD before Eli: and the word of the LORD was precious in those daies; there was no open vision.

2 And it came to passe at that time, when Eli was layd downe in his place, and his eyes beganne to waxe dimme, that he could not see;

3 And yer the lampe of God went out in the Temple of the LORD, where the Arke of God was, and Samuel was layd downe to sleepe;

4 That the LORD called Samuel, and he answered, Here am I.

5 And he ranne vnto Eli, and sayd,

Here am I, for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie downe againe. And he went and lay downe.

6 And the LORD called yet againe, Samuel. And Samuel arose, and went to Eli, and said, Here am I, for thou diddest call me. And he answered, I called not, my sonne; lie downe againe.

7 || Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet reuealed vnto him.

8 And the LORD called Samuel againe the third time. And hee arose, and went to Eli, and said, Here am I, for thou diddest call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the childe.

9 Therefore Eli said vnto Samuel, Go, lie downe, & it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speake LORD, for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went, and lay downe in his place.

10 And the LORD came, and stood and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speake, for thy servant heareth.

11 And the LORD sayd to Samuel, Behold, I will doe a thing in Israel, at which, both the eares of * euery one that heareth it, shall tingle.

12 In that day, I will performe against Eli, all things which I haue spoken concerning his house: † when I begin, I will also make an end.

13 || * For I haue tolde him, that I will iudge his house for ever, for the iniquitie which hee knoweth: because his sonnes made themselves || vile, and he † restrained them not.

14 And therefore I haue sware vnto the house of Eli, that the iniquitie of Elies house shall not be purged with sacrifice, nor offering for ever.

15 And Samuel lay vntill the morning, and opened the doores of the house of the LORD: and Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.

16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel my sonne. And he answered, Here am I.

17 And he said, what is the thing that the LORD hath said vnto thee: I pray thee hide it not from mee: God doe so to thee, and † more also, if thou hide any || thing from me, of all the things that hee said vnto thee.

18 And Samuel tolde him † euery whit, and hid nothing from him. And hee

|| Or, thus did Samuel, before he knew the LORD; and before the word of the LORD was reuealed vnto him.

* 2. Kin. 21. 12.

† Hebr. beginning and ending.

|| Or, and I will tell him, &c.

* Chap. 2. 29, 30, 31, &c.

|| Or, accused.

† Hebr. frowned not vpon them.

† Hebr. so adde.

|| Or, word.

† Hebr. all the things, or words.

|| Or, the affliction of the Tabernacle, for all the wealth which God would haue giuen Israel.

† Heb. men.

† Heb. ioyne. || Or, Some-what about the Priesthood.

he said, It is the LORD: Let him doe what seemeth him good.

19 And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

20 And all Israel from Dan euen to Beer-sheba, knew that Samuel was established to bee a Prophet of the LORD.

21 And the LORD appeared againe in Shiloh: for the LORD reuelled himselfe to Samuel in Shiloh, by the word of the LORD.

CHAP. III.

1 The Israelites are overcome by the Philistines at Aben-Ezer. 3 They fetch the Arke, vnto the terrour of the Philistines. 10 They are smitten againe, the Arke taken, Hophni and Phinehas are slaine. 12 Eli at the newes, falling backward, breaketh his necke. 19 Phinehas wife, discouraged in her trauaile with Ichabod, dieth.

And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battell, and pitched beside Ebenezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphyek.

2 And the Philistines put themselves in aray against Israel: and when they ioyned battell, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the armie in the field, about foure thousand men.

3 And when the people were come into the campe, the Elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten vs to day before the Philistines? Let vs fetch the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD out of Shiloh vnto vs, that when it commeth among vs, it may saue vs out of the hand of our enemies.

4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD of hostes, which dwelleth betweene the Cherubims: and the two sonnes of Eli, Hophni, and Phinehas were there, with the Arke of the Couenant of God.

5 And when the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD came into the campe, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang againe.

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of this great shout in

the campe of the Hebrewes? And they vnderstood, that the Arke of the LORD was come into the campe.

7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they saide, God is come into the campe. And they said, Woe vnto vs: for there hath not bene such a thing hertofore.

8 Woe vnto vs: who shall deliuer vs out of the hand of these mightie Gods? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

9 Be strong, and quit your selues like men, O ye Philistines, that yee be not seruants vnto the Hebrewes, * as they haue bene to you: quit your selues like men, and fight.

10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled euery man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter, for there fell of Israel thirtie thousand footmen.

11 And the Arke of God was taken, and the two sonnes of Eli, Hophni, and Phinehas were slaine.

12 And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth vpon his head.

13 And when hee came, loe, Eli sate vpon a seat by the way side, watching: for his heart trembled for the Arke of God. And when the man came into the citie, and told it, all the city cried out.

14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, hee said; what meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.

15 Now Eli was ninetie and eight yeeres old, and * his eyes were dimme, that he could not see.

16 And the man said vnto Eli, I am he, that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my sonne?

17 And the messenger answered, and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath bene also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sonnes also, Hophni & Phinehas, are dead, and the Arke of God is taken.

18 And it came to passe when hee made mention of the Arke of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his necke brake, and hee died: for hee was an old man, and heauie, and hee had iudged Israel fortie yeeres.

19 And

Or, faith-fall.

Or, came to passe: Hebr. was.

Hebr. the battell was spread.
Hebr. the aray.

Hebr. take vnto vs.

Hebr. yesterday, or the third day.

* Iudg. 13. 1.
Hebr. Be men.

Hebr. died.

* Chap. 3. 2.
Hebr. stood.

Hebr. is she thing.

Dagons fall. The Chap.v.vj. Philistins plagued.

19 **A**nd his daughter in law Phinehas wife was with childe neere to be deliuered: and when shee heard the tidings that the Arke of God was taken, and that her father in law, and her husband were dead, shee bowed her selfe and traueyled; for her paines came vpon her.

Or, to crie out.

† Hebr. were turned.

† Heb. set not her heart

That is, where is the glory? Or, there is no glory.

20 And about the time of her death, the women that stood by her, said vnto her: Feare not, for thou hast borne a sonne. But she answered not, neither did she regard it.

21 And she named the childe Iehabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel, (because the Arke of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.)

22 And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the Arke of God is taken.

CHAP. V.

1 The Philistines hauing brought the Arke into Ashdod, set it in the house of Dagon. 3 Dagon is smitten downe and cut in pieces, and they of Ashdod smitten with Emerods. 8 So God dealeth with them of Gath, when it was brought thither: 10 and so with them of Ekron when it was brought thither.

And the Philistines tooke the Arke of God, and brought it from Ebenezer vnto Ashdod.

2 When the Philistines tooke the Arke of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

3 And when they of Ashdod arose earely on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen vpon his face to the earth, before the Arke of the LORD: and they tooke Dagon, and set him in his place againe.

4 And when they arose earely on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen vpon his face to the ground, before the Arke of the LORD: and the head of Dagon, and both the palmes of his hands were cut off vpon the threshold, only the stumpe of Dagon was left to him.

5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod vnto this day.

6 But the hand of the LORD was heavy vpon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with

Or, the fifth part.

* Psal. 78. 66.

emerods, euen Ashdod, and the coastes thereof.

7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The Arke of the God of Israel shall not abide with vs: for his hand is sore vpon vs, and vpon Dagon our god.

8 They sent therefore, and gathered all the lords of the Philistines vnto them, and said, What shall we doe with the Arke of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the Arke of the God of Israel bee caried about vnto Gath. And they caried the Arke of the God of Israel about thither.

9 And it was so, that after they had caried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the citie with a very great destruction: and hee smote the men of the citie both small and great, and they had Emerods in their secret parts.

10 Therefore they sent the Arke of God to Ekron: and it came to passe as the Arke of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They haue brought about the Arke of the God of Israel to vs, to slay vs, and our people.

11 So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the Arke of the God of Israel, and let it goe againe to his owne place, that it slay vs not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the citie: The hand of God was very heavy there.

12 And the men that died not, were smitten with the Emerods: and the cry of the citie went vp to heauen.

CHAP. VI.

1 After seuen moneths the Philistines take counsell, how to send backe the Arke. 10 They bring it on a new cart with an offering vnto Bethshemesh. 19 The people are smitten for looking into the Arke. 21 They send to them of Kiriath-earim to fetch it.

And the Arke of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seuen moneths.

2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diuiners, saying, What shall we doe to the Arke of the LORD? Tell vs wherewith we shall send it to his place:

3 And they said, If yee send away the Arke of the God of Israel, send it not

not empty: but in any wise returne him a trespassse offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you, why his hand is not remooued from you.

4 Then said they, what shall be the trespassse offering, which wee shall returne to him? They answered, Five golden Emerods, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lordes of the Philistines: for one plague was on [†]you all, and on your lordes.

[†]Heb. them.

5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your Emerodes, and images of your Mice, that marre the land, and ye shall giue glory vnto the God of Israel: peradventure hee will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

|| Or, reprochfully.
*Exod. 12.
31.
†Heb. them.

6 Wherefore then doe yee harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts: when he had wrought || wonderfully among them, *did they not let [†]the people goe, and they departed?

7 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch-kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring the calves home from them.

8 And take the Arke of the LORD, and lay it vpon the cart, and put the iewels of golde, which ye returne him for a trespassse offering, in a coffer by the side thereof, and send it away, that it may goe.

|| Or, it.

9 And see, if it goeth by the way of his owne coast to Bethshemesh, then || he hath done vs this great euill: but if not, then wee shall know that it is not his hand that smote vs; it was a chance that happened to vs.

10 And the men did so: and tooke two milch-kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut vp their calves at home.

11 And they layde the Arke of the LORD vpon the cart, and the coffer, with the mice of golde, and the images of their Emerods.

12 And the kine tooke the straight way to the way of Bethshemesh, and went along the high way, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand, or to the left: and the lordes of the Philistines went after them, vnto the border of Bethshemesh.

13 And they of Bethshemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted vp their eyes, and saw the Arke, and reioyced to see it.

14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua a Bethshemite, & stood there, where there was a great stone: and they claue the wood of the cart, and offered the kine, a burnt offering vnto the LORD.

15 And the Levites tooke downe the Arke of the LORD, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the iewels of golde were, and put them on the great stone: And the men of Bethshemesh offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed sacrifices the same day vnto the LORD.

16 And when the five lordes of the Philistines had seene it, they returned to Ekron the same day.

17 And these are the golden Emerods which the Philistines returned for a trespassse offering vnto the LORD: for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one.

18 And the golden Mice according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines, belonging to the five lordes, both of fenced cities, and of countrey villages, euen vnto the || great stone of Abel, whereon they set downe the Arke of the LORD; which stone remaineth vnto this day, in the field of Joshua the Bethshemite.

|| Or, great stone.

19 And he smote the men of Bethshemesh, because they had looked into the Arke of the LORD, euen he smote of the people fiftie thousand, and threescore and tenne men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter.

20 And the men of Bethshemesh said, who is able to stand before this holy LORD God: and to whom shall he goe vp from vs?

21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-earim, saying, The Philistines haue brought againe the Arke of the LORD; come ye downe, and fetch it vp to you.

CHAP. VII.

1 They of Kiriath-earim bring the Arke into the house of Abinadab, and sanctifie Eleazar his sonne to keepe it. 2 After twentie yeeres 3 The Israelites, by Samuels meanes, solemnly repent at Mizpeh. 7 While Samuel prayeth and sacrificeth, the Lord discomfitteth the Philistines by thunder, at Eben-ezer. 13 The Philistines are subdued. 15 Samuel peaceably and religiously iudgeth Israel.

And

And the men of Kirjath-
iearim came, and fetcht vp
the Arke of the LORD,
and brought it into the
house of Abinadab in the
hill, and sanctified Eleazar his sonne,
to keepe the Arke of the LORD.

2 And it came to passe while the
Arke abode in Kirjath-
iearim, that the time
was long: for it was twentie
yeeres: and all the house of Israel la-
mented after the LORD.

3 And Samuel spake vnto all the
house of Israel, saying, If ye doe re-
turne vnto the LORD with all your
hearts, then *put away the strange gods,
and *Ashtaroth from among you, and
prepare your hearts vnto the LORD,
and *serue him onely: & he will deliuer
you out of the hand of the Philistines.

4 Then the children of Israel did
put away *Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and
serued the LORD onely.

5 And Samuel said, Gather all Is-
rael to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you
vnto the LORD.

6 And they gathered together to
Mizpeh, and drew water, and powred
it out before the LORD, and fasted on
that day, and said there, We haue sinned
against the LORD. And Samuel iudged
the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

7 And when the Philistines heard
that the children of Israel were gathe-
red together to Mizpeh, the lords of the
Philistines went vp against Israel:
and when the children of Israel heard
it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 And the children of Israel said to
Samuel, † Cease not to crie vnto the
LORD our God for vs, that he will
saue vs out of the hand of the Philis-
tines.

9 And Samuel tooke a sucking
lambe, and offered it for a burnt offer-
ing wholly vnto the LORD; and Sa-
muel cried vnto the LORD for Israel,
and the LORD heard him.

10 And as Samuel was offering
vp the burnt offering, the Philistines
drew neere to battell against Israel:
but the LORD thundred with a great
thunder on that day vpon the Philis-
tines, and discomfited them, and they
were smitten before Israel.

11 And the men of Israel went out of
Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines,
and smote them, vntill they came vnder
Bethcar.

12 Then Samuel tooke a stone, and
set it betweene Mizpeh and Shen,
and called the name of it || Eben-Ezer,
saying, Hitherto hath the LORD
helped vs.

|| That is,
the stone of
helpe.

13 So the Philistines were subdu-
ed, and they came no more into the coast
of Israel: and the hand of the LORD
was against the Philistines, all the
dayes of Samuel.

14 And the cities which the Philis-
tines had taken from Israel, were re-
stored to Israel, from Ekron euen vn-
to Gath, and the coasts thereof did Is-
rael deliuer out of the hands of the Phi-
listines: and there was peace betweene
Israel and the Amorites.

15 And Samuel iudged Israel all
the dayes of his life.

16 And he went from yeere to yeere
† in circuit to Bethel, and Gilgal, and
Mizpeh, and iudged Israel in all those
places.

† Heb. and
becircuited.

17 And his returne was to Ramah:
for there was his house: and there hee
iudged Israel, and there hee built an
altar vnto the LORD.

CHAP. VIII.

1 By occasion of the ill gouernment of Samu-
els sonnes, the Israelites aske a King. 6 Sa-
muel praying in griefe is comforted by God.
10 Hee telleth the manner of a King. 19
God willett Samuel to yeeld vnto the im-
portunitie of the people.

And it came to passe, when
Samuel was old, that he
made his sonnes Judges
ouer Israel.

2 Now the name of
his first borne was Joel, and the name
of his second, Abiah: they were Judges
in Beer-sheba.

3 And his sonnes walked not in his
wayes, but turned aside after lucre, and
*tooke bribes, & peruertered iudgement.

* Deut. 16.
19.

4 Then all the Elders of Israel
gathered themselves together, and
came to Samuel vnto Ramah,

5 And said vnto him, Behold, thou
art olde, and thy sonnes walke not in
thy wayes: now *make vs a King to
iudge vs, like all the nations.

* Ose. 13. 10
acts 13. 21.

6 But the thing † displeased Sa-
muel, when they said, Giue vs a King
to iudge vs: and Samuel prayed vnto
the LORD.

† Heb. was e-
uill in the
eyes of Sa-
muel.

7 And the LORD said vnto Sa-
muel,

* Iosh. 24.
15. 23.
* Iudg. 2.
13.
* Deut. 6. 4.
matt. 4. 10.
luke 4. 8.

* Iudg. 2.
11.

† Heb. be not
silent from
us from cry-
ing.

|| Or, answer-
ed.

muel, Harken vnto the voyce of the people in all that they say vnto thee: for they haue not reietted thee, but they haue reietted mee, that I should not reigne ouer them.

8 According to all the works which they haue done since the day that I brought them vp out of Egypt euen vnto this day, wherewith they haue forsaken me, and serued other gods: so doe they also vnto thee.

9 Nowe therefore || hearken vnto their voyce: || howbeit, yet protest solemnly vnto them, and shew them the maner of the King that shall reigne ouer them.

10 And Samuel told all the words of the LORD vnto the people, that asked of him a King.

11 And hee sayd, This will be the maner of the king that shall reigne ouer you: Hee will take your sonnes, and appoint them for himselfe for his charets, and to bee his horsemen, and some shall runne before his charets.

12 And hee will appoint him Captaines ouer thousands, and captaines ouer fifties, and will set them to eare his ground, and to reape his harvest, and to make his instruments of warre, and instruments of his charets.

13 And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cookes, and to be bakers.

14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliue-yards, euen the best of them, and giue them to his seruants.

15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and giue to his officers, and to his seruants.

16 And hee will take your men seruants, and your mayd seruants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his worke.

17 Hee will take the tenth of your sheepe, and ye shall be his seruants.

18 And ye shall cry out in that day, because of your king which ye shall haue chosen you; and the LORD will not heare you in that day.

19 Neuerthelesse, the people refused to obey the voyce of Samuel; and they said, Nay, but we wil haue a King ouer vs:

20 That we also may be like all the nations, and that our King may iudge vs, and goe out before vs, and fight our battels.

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the eares of the LORD.

22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Harken vnto their voyce, and make them a King. And Samuel said vnto the men of Israel, Goe yee euery man vnto his citie.

CHAP. IX.

1 Saul despairing to finde his fathers asses, 6 by the counsell of his seruant, 11 and direction of young maidens, 15 according to Gods reuelation, 18 commeth to Samuel. 19 Samuel entertaineth Saul at the feast. 25 Samuel after secret communication, bringeth Saul on his way.

NOW there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was *Kish, the sonne of Abiel, the sonne of Zeror, the sonne of Bechorath, the sonne of Aphiah, a Benjaminite, a mighty man of power.

2 And he had a sonne, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person then hee: from his shoulders and upward, hee was higher then any of the people.

3 And the asses of Kish, Sauls father, were lost; and Kish said to Saul his sonne, Take nowe one of the seruants with thee, and arise, goe seeke the asses.

4 And he passed thorow mount Ephraim, and passed thorow the land of Shalisha, but they found them not: then they passed thorow the land of Shalim, and there they were not: and hee passed thorow the land of the Beniamites, but they found them not.

5 And when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that was with him, Come, and let vs returne, lest my father leaue caring for the asses, and take thought for vs.

6 And hee said vnto him, Behold now, there is in this citie a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he saith, commeth surely to passe: Now let vs goe thither; peradventure he can shew vs our way that we should goe.

7 Then said Saul to his seruant, But behold, if we goe, what shall wee bring the man: for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring

|| Or, obey.

|| Or, notwithstanding, when thou hast solemnly protested against them, then thou shalt shew, &c.

† Heb. Ennuchers.

* Chap. 14. 51. 1. chro. 8. 33.

|| Or, the sonne of a man of Benjamin. || Or, substance.

† Hebr. is gone out of &c.

† Hebr. is
with us?

bring to the man of God: what † haue
wee?

† Hebr. there
is found in
my hand.

8 And the seruant answered Saul
again, and said, † Behold, I haue here
at hand the fourth part of a shekel of sil-
uer; that wil I giue to the man of God,
to tell vs our way.

9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a
man went to enquire of God, thus he
spake; Come, and let vs go to the Seer:
for he that is now called a Prophet, was
beforetime called a Seer.)

† Hebr. thy
word is good.

10 Then said Saul to his seruant,
† wel said, come; let vs go: so they went
vnto the city where the man of God was.

† Hebr. in
the ascent of
the citie.

11 And as they went vp † the hill
to the city, they found yong maydens
going out to draw water, and said vnto
them, Is the Seer here?

12 And they answered them, and
said, he is: behold, he is before you, make
haste now: for he came to day to the ci-
tie; for there is † a sacrifice of the people
to day in the hie place.

Or, feast.

13 Assoone as ye be come into the ci-
tie, ye shall straightway finde him, be-
fore he goe vp to the high place to eate:
for the people will not eate vntill hee
come, because he doth blesse the sacrifice,
and afterwards they eat that he bidden:
Now therefore get you vp, for † about
this time ye shall finde him.

† Hebr. to day.

14 And they went vp into the citie:
and when they were come into the ci-
tie, behold, Samuel came out against
them, for to goe vp to the hie place.

* Chap. 15.
1. acts. 13.
21.† Hebr. re-
uiled the
care of Sa-
muel.

15 * Now the LORD had † told
Samuel in his eare a day before Saul
came, saying,

16 To morrow about this time I
will send thee a man out of the land of
Beniamin, and thou shalt anoynt him
to be Captaine ouer my people Israel,
that he may saue my people out of the
hand of the Philistines: for I haue loo-
ked vpon my people, because their cry
is come vnto me.

17 And when Samuel saw Saul,
the LORD said vnto him, Behold the
man whom I spake to thee of: this
same shall † reigne ouer my people.

† Hebr. re-
strain in.

18 Then Saul drew neere to Sa-
muel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I
pray thee, where the Seers house is.

19 And Samuel answered Saul,
and said, I am the Seer: Goe vp be-
fore me vnto the high place, for ye shall
eate with me to day, and to morrow I
will let thee goe, and will tell thee all

that is in thine heart.

20 And as for thine asses that were
lost † three dayes agoe, let not thy minde
on them, for they are found: And on
whom is all the desire of Israel: is it
not on thee, & on all thy fathers house?

† Hebr. to
day three
dayes.

21 And Saul answered, and said,
Am not I a Beniamite, of the smallest
of the tribes of Israel: and my family
the least of all the families of the tribe of
Beniamin: wherefore then speakest
thou † so to me?

† Hebr. ac-
cording to
this word?

22 And Samuel tooke Saul, and
his seruant, and brought them into the
parlour, & made them sit in the chiefest
place among them that were bidden,
which were about thirtie persons.

23 And Samuel said vnto the cooke,
Bring the portion which I gaue thee, of
which I said vnto thee, Set it by thee.

24 And the cooke took vp the shoul-
der, and that which was vpon it, and
set it before Saul, and Samuel said, Be-
hold, that which is † left, set it before thee,
and eate: for vnto this time hath it bene
kept for thee, since I said I haue inuited
the people: So Saul did eat with Sa-
muel that day.

Or, refer-
red.

25 And when they were come
downe from the high place into the ci-
tie, Samuel communed with Saul vpon
the top of the house.

26 And they arose early: and it came
to passe about the spring of the day, that
Samuel called Saul to the top of the
house, saying, Up, that I may send thee
away: And Saul arose, and they went
out both of them, hee and Samuel,
abroad.

27 And as they were going downe
to the end of the city, Samuel said to
Saul, Bid the seruant passe on before
vs, (and he passed on) but stand thou
still † a while, that I may shew thee the
word of God.

† Hebr. to
day.

C H A P. X.

- 1 Samuel anoynteth Saul. 2 Hee confirmeth
him by prediction of three signes. 9 Sauls
heart is changed, and he prophecieth. 14 He
concealeth the matter of the kingdome from
his vnckle. 17 Saul is chosen at Mizpeh by lot.
26 The different affections of his subiects.

Then Samuel tooke a viall
of oile, and powred it vpon
his head, & kissed him, and
said, Is it not because the
LORD hath anoynted
thee to be captain ouer his inheritance:

C c

2 when

Saul prophecieth, I. Samuel. and is chosen king.

* Gen. 35.
20.

† Heb. the
businessse.

† Heb. aske
thee of peace

† Heb. and it
shall come to
passe that
when these
signes &c.

† Heb. do for
thee as thine
hand shall
finde.

* Chap. 13.
8.

† Heb. shoul-
der.

† Heb. sur-
ned.

† Heb. a
man to his
neighbour.

* Chap. 19.

24.
† Heb. from
thence.

2 When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by * Rachels sepulchre in the border of Benjamin, at Zelzah: and they will say vnto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seeke, are found: and loe, thy father hath left † the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I doe for my sonne?

3 Then shalt thou goe on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plaine of Tabor, and there shall meete thee three men, going by to God to Bethel, one carying three kids, and another carying three loaves of bread, and another carying a bottle of wine.

4 And they will † salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread, which thou shalt receiue of their hands.

5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garison of the Philistines: and it shall come to passe when thou art come thither to the citie, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets comming downe from the high place, with a psalterie, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harpe before them, and they shall prophetic.

6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come vpon thee, and thou shalt prophetic with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

7 And † let it be when these signes are come vnto thee, † that thou doe as occasion serue thee, for God is with thee.

8 And thou shalt goe downe before me to Gilgal, and behold, I will come downe vnto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: * seuen dayes shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt doe.

9 And it was so that when he had turned his † backe to go from Samuel, God † gaue him another heart: and all those signes came to passe that day.

10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of the prophets met him, and the spirit of God came vpon him, and hee prophesied among them.

11 And it came to passe when all that knew him beforesime, saw, that behold, hee prophesied among the prophets, then the people said † one to another, what is this that is come vnto the sonne of Kish? * Is Saul also among the prophets?

12 And one † of the same place an-

swered, and sayd, But who is their father? Therefore it became a prouerbe, Is Saul also among the prophets?

13 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

14 And Sauls vnckle saide vnto him, and to his seruant, whither went ye? And he said, To seeke the asses: and when we saw that they were no where, we came to Samuel.

15 And Sauls vnckle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said vnto you.

16 And Saul sayd vnto his vnckle: He told vs plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

17 And Samuel called the people together vnto the LORD to Mizpeh;

18 And said vnto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought by Israel out of Egypt, and deliuered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you.

19 And ye haue this day reiected your God, who himselfe saued you out of all your aduersities & your tribulations: and ye haue said vnto him, Nay, but set a king ouer vs. Now therefore present your selues before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.

20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come neere, the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come neere by their families, the familie of Matri was taken, and Saul the sonne of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither: and the LORD answered, Behold, hee hath hid himselfe among the stufte.

23 And they ranne, and fetched him thence, and when he stood among the people, he was higher then any of the people, from the shoulders & vpward.

24 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whome the LORD hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people: And all the people shouted, and saide, † God saue the King.

25 Then Samuel tolde the people the

† Heb. let
the king line

the maner of the kingdome, and wrote it in a booke, and layd it vp before the LORD, and Samuel sent all the people away, euery man to his house.

26 And Saul also went home to Gibeah, and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.

27 But the children of Belial sayd, Howe shall this man saue vs: and they despised him, and brought him no presents: but he held his peace.

CHAP. XI.

1 Nahash offereth them of Iabesh Gilead a reprochfull condition. 4 They send messengers and are deliuered by Saul. 12 Saul thereby is confirmed, and his kingdome renewed.

When Nahash the Ammonite came vp, and encamped against Iabesh Gilead: and all the men of Iabesh sayde vnto Nahash, Make a couenant with vs, and we will serue thee.

2 And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this condition will I make a couenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproch vpon all Israel.

3 And the Elders of Iabesh sayd vnto him, Give vs seuen daies respite, that we may send messengers vnto all the coasts of Israel: and then, if there be no man to saue vs, we will come out to thee.

4 Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the eares of the people: and all the people lift vp their voyces, and wept.

5 And behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field, and Saul sayd, What aileth the people that they weep: and they told him the tidings of the men of Iabesh.

6 And the Spirit of God came vpon Saul, when he heard those tydings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

7 And he tooke a yoke of oren, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever commeth not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it bee done vnto his oren: and the feare of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

8 And when he numbred them in

Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

9 And they said vnto the messengers that came, Thus shall yee say vnto the men of Iabesh Gilead, To morrow by that time the sunne be hote, ye shall haue helpe. And the messengers came, and shewed it to the men of Iabesh, and they were glad.

10 Therefore the men of Iabesh said, To morrow wee will come out vnto you, and ye shall doe with vs all that seemeth good vnto you.

11 And it was so on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies, and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch, and slewe the Ammonites, vntill the heat of the day: and it came to passe, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

12 And the people said vnto Samuel, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reigne ouer vs: bring the men, that we may put them to death.

13 And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the LORD hath wrought saluation in Israel.

14 Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let vs goe to Gilgal, and renew the kingdome there.

15 And all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul King before the LORD in Gilgal: and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD: and there Saul and all the men of Israel reioyced greatly.

CHAP. XII.

1 Samuel testifieth his integritie. 6 Hee reprooueth the people of ingratitude. 16 He terrifieth them with thunder in haruest time. 20 He comforteth them in Gods mercy.

AND Samuel saide vnto all Israel, Beholde, I haue hearkned vnto your voice in all that ye said vnto mee, and haue made a King ouer you.

2 And now behold, the King walketh before you: and I am olde, and gray headed, and behold, my sonnes are with you: and I haue walked before you from my childhood vnto this day.

3 Behold, * here I am, witnesse against

|| Or, deliuerance.

* Ecclis. 46. 19.

|| Or, he was, as though he had bene deafe.

† Hebr. for-beare vs.

† Heb. as one man.

Samuels vprightnes: I. Samuel. His exhortation.

gainst me before the LORD, and before his Anoynted: whose ore haue I taken: or whose asse haue I taken: or whom haue I defrauded: whom haue I oppressed: or of whose hand haue I receiued any [†]bribe || to blinde mine eyes therewith: and I will restore it you.

[†]Hebr. ransom.
|| Or, that I should hide mine eyes at him.

4 And they said, Thou hast not defrauded vs, nor oppressed vs, neither hast thou taken ought of any mans hand.

5 And hee said vnto them, The LORD is Witnesse against you, and his Anointed is Witnesse this day, that ye haue not found ought in my hand: And they answered, He is Witnesse.

|| Or, made.

6 And Samuel said vnto the people, It is the LORD that ^{||}advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers by out of the land of Egypt.

[†]Hebr. righteousnesses,
Or, benefits.

[†]Heb. with.
* Gen. 46. 5, 6.

* Exod. 4. 16.

7 Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD, of all the [†]righteous acts of the LORD, which he did [†]to you and your fathers.

8 * When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried vnto the LORD, then the LORD ^{*}sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.

* Iudg. 4. 2.

9 And when they forgot the LORD their God, ^{*}he sold them into the hand of Sisera captaine of the hoste of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them.

10 And they cried vnto the LORD, and said, Wee haue sinned, because we haue forsaken the LORD, and haue serued Baalim and Ashtaroth: but now deliuer vs out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serue thee.

* Iudg. 11. 1.

11 And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and ^{*}Jephthah, and Samuel, and deliuered you out of the hand of your enemies on euery side, and yee dwelled safe.

12 And when ye saw that Nahath the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said vnto me, Nay, but a King shall reigne ouer vs, when the LORD your God was your King.

13 Now therefore, behold the King whom yee haue chosen, and whom yee haue desired: and behold, the LORD hath set a King ouer you.

14 If ye will feare the LORD, and serue him, and obey his voice, and not

rebell against the [†]Commandement of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the King that reigneth ouer you, [†]continue following the LORD your God.

[†]Hebr. mouth.

[†]Hebr. be after.

15 But if ye wil not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the Commandement of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as it was against your fathers.

16 Now therefore stand and see this great thing which the LORD will doe before your eyes.

17 Is it not wheat harvest to day: I will call vnto the LORD, and hee shall send thunder and raine, that ye may perceiue and see that your wickednesse is great, which ye haue done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a King.

18 So Samuel called vnto the LORD, and the LORD sent thunder and raine that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

19 And all the people said vnto Samuel, Pray for thy seruants vnto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we haue added vnto all our sinnes, this euil, to aske vs a King.

20 And Samuel saide vnto the people, Feare not: (ye haue done al this wickednesse, yet turne not aside from following the LORD, but serue the LORD with all your heart:

20 And turne ye not aside, for then should ye goe after vaine things, which cannot profit, nor deliuer, for they are vaine.)

22 For the LORD wil not forsake his people, for his great Names sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

23 Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD, [†]in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way.

[†]Hebr. from ceasing.

24 Onely feare the LORD, and serue him in trueth with all your heart: for consider || how great things he hath done for you.

|| Or, what a great thing &c.

25 But if yee shall still doe wickedly, yee shall be consumed, both yee and your King.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Sauls selected band. 3 Hee calleth the Hebrewes to Gilgal against the Philistines, whose garrison Jonathan had smitten. 5 The Philistines

Sauls presumption. Chap.xiiij. He is reprov'd.

stines great hoste. 6 The distresse of the Israelites. 8 Saul weary of staying for Samuel, sacrificeth. 11 Samuel reproveth him. 17 The three spoiling bands of the Philistines. 19 The policie of the Philistines, to suffer no Smith in Israel.

† Hebr. the
some of one
yeere in his
reigning.

Saul † reigned one yeere, and when he had reigned two yeeres ouer Israel, 2 Saul chose him three thousand men of Israel: whereof two thousand were with Saul in Michmash, and in mount Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent euery man to his tent.

|| Or, the hill.

3 And Jonathan smote the garison of the Philistines that was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it: and Saul blew the trumpet thorowout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrewes heare.

† Hebr. did
stinke.

4 And all Israel heard say, that Saul had smitten a garison of the Philistines, and that Israel also † was had in abomination with the Philistines: and the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.

5 And the Philistines gathered themselves together, to fight with Israel, thirtie thousand charrets, and fixe thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude, and they came bp, and pitched in Michmash, Eastward from Beth-auen.

6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait: (for the people were distressed:) then the people did hide themselves in caues, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.

7 And some of the Hebrewes went ouer Iordane, to the land of Gad and Gilead: as for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people † followed him trembling.

† Hebr. trem-
bled after
him.
* Chap. 10.
8.

8 * And he taried seven dayes, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal, and the people were scattered from him.

9 And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering.

10 And it came to passe that asloone as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came, and Saul went out to meete him, that he might † salute him.

† Hebr. blisse
him.

11 And Samuel said, what hast thou done: And Saul said, Because I sawe that the people were scattered from me, and that thou comest not within the dayes appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together to Michmash:

12 Therefore said I, The Philistines will come downe now vpon me to Gilgal, and I haue not † made supplication vnto the LORD: I forced my selfe therefore, and offered a burnt offering.

† Hebr. in-
treated the
face.

13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandement of the LORD thy God, which hee commanded thee: for now would the LORD haue established thy kingdome vpon Israel for euer.

14 But now thy kingdome shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his owne heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to bee captaine ouer his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.

15 And Samuel arose, and gate him bp from Gilgal, vnto Gibeah of Benjamin, and Saul numbred the people that were † present with him, about fixe hundred men.

† Hebr. found

16 And Saul and Jonathan his sonne, and the people that were present with them, abode in Gibeah of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.

17 And the spoilers came out of the campe of the Philistines, in three companies: one company turned vnto the way that leadeth to Ophrah, vnto the land of Shual.

18 And another company turned the way to Bethoron: and another companie turned to the way of the border, that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19 Now there was no smith found thorowout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrewes make them swords or speares.

20 But all the Israelites went downe to the Philistines, to sharpen euery man his share and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattocke.

21 Yet they had a † file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forkes, and for the axes, and † to sharpen the goads.

† Hebr. a
file with
mouthes.
† Hebr. to set.

22 So it came to passe in the day of battell, that there was neither sword nor speare found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul & with Jonathan his sonne was there found.

Or, standing campe.

23 And the garison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Jonathan, vnwitting to his father, the Priest, or the people, goeth and miraculously smiteth the Philistines garison. 15 A diuine terrour maketh them beate themselves. 17 Saul not staying the Priests answer, setteth on them. 21 The captiuated Hebrewes, and the hidden Israelites, ioyne against them. 24 Sauls vnaduised adiuration, hindreth the victory. 32 Hee restraineth the people from eating blood. 35 He buildeth an Altar. 36 Jonathan taken by lot, is saued by the people. 47 Sauls strength and family.

Or, there was a day.

NOW it came to passe vpon a day, that Jonathan the sonne of Saul said vnto the yong man that bare his armour, Come, and let vs goe ouer to the Philistines garison, that is on the other side: but hee told not his father.

2 And Saul taried in the vttermoost part of Gibeah, vnder a pomegranate tree, which is in Migron: and the people that were with him, were about sixe hundred men:

* Chap. 4. 21.

3 And Ahiah the sonne of Ahitub, Ichabods brother, the sonne of Phinehas, the sonne of Eli, the LORDS Priest in Shiloh, wearing an Ephod: and the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

4 And betweene the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go ouer vnto the Philistines garison, there was a sharpe rocke on the one side, and a sharpe rocke on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

† Heb. tooth.

5 The forefront of the one was situate Northward ouer against Michmash, and the other Southward ouer against Gibeah.

6 And Jonathan said to the yong man that bare his armour, Come, and let vs goe ouer vnto the garison of these vncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will worke for vs: for there is

no restraint to the LORD, * to saue by many, or by few.

* 2. Chron. 14. 11.

7 And his armour bearer sayd vnto him, Doe all that is in thine heart: turne thee, behold, I am with thee, according to thy heart.

8 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will passe ouer vnto these men, and we will discouer our selues vnto them.

9 If they say thus vnto vs, † Lary vntill we come to you: then wee will stand still in our place, and will not goe vp vnto them.

† Heb. be still.

10 But if they say thus, Come vp vnto vs: then we will goe vp; for * the LORD hath deliuered them into our hand: and this shall be a signe vnto vs.

* 1. Macc. 4. 30.

11 And both of them discouered themselves vnto the garison of the Philistines: and the Philistines sayd, Behold, the Hebrewes come forth out of the holes, where they had hid themselves.

12 And the men of the garison answered Jonathan and his armour bearer, and said, Come vp to vs, and wee will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said vnto his armour bearer, Come vp after me; for the LORD hath deliuered them into the hand of Israel.

13 And Jonathan climed vp vpon his hands, and vpon his feete, and his armour bearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armour bearer slew after him.

14 And that first slaughter which Jonathan and his armour-bearer made, was about twentie men, within as it were an halfe acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow.

Or, halfe a furrow of an acre of land.

15 And there was trembling in the hoste, in the field, and among all the people: the garison and the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was † a very great trembling.

† Heb. a trembling of God.

16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked: and behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating downe one another.

17 Then said Saul vnto the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from vs. And when they had numbred, behold, Jonathan and his armour bearer were not there.

18 And Saul said vnto Ahiah, Bring hither the Arke of God: (for the Arke of God was at that time with the children of Israel.)

19 And it came to passe while Saul talked

Or, tumult.

talked vnto the Priest, that the noise that was in the hoste of the Philistines went on, and increased: And Saul said vnto the Priest, Withdraw thine hand.

† Heb. were
cried toge-
ther.
* Iudg. 7.
22. 2. chro.
20. 23.

20 And Saul and all the people that were with him[†] assembled themselves, and they came to the battel, and behold, ^{*}every mans sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture.

21 Moreover, the Hebrewes that were with the Philistines before that time, which went by with them into the campe from the countrey round about; even they also turned to be with the Israelites, that were with Saul and Jonathan.

22 Likewise all the men of Israel, which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battell.

23 So the LORD saved Israel that day: and the battell passed ouer vnto Beth-auen.

24 And the men of Israel were distressed that day; for Saul had aduised the people, saying, Cursed bee the man that eateth any foode vntill evening, that I may be auenged on mine enemies: so none of the people tasted any food.

25 And all they of the land came to a wood, and there was honie vpon the ground.

26 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honie dropped, but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.

27 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath; wherefore he put forth the ende of the rodde that was in his hand, and dipt it in an hony combe, and put his hand to his mouth, and his eyes were enlightened.

28 Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food this day. And the people were faint.

Or, wearie.

29 Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes haue bene enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honie:

30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoile of their enemies which they found: for had there not bene now a

much greater slaughter among the Philistines:

31 And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aialon: and the people were very faint.

32 And the people flew vpon the spoile, and tooke sheepe, and oren, and calues, and flew them on the ground, and the people did eate them^{*} with the blood.

* Leuit. 7.
26. and 19.
26. deut.
12. 16.

33 Then they tolde Saul, saying, Behold, the people sinne against the LORD, in that they eate with the blood. And he said, Bee haue transgressed: roule a great stone vnto mee this day.

Or, dealt
treache-
rously.

34 And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say vnto them, Bring me hither every man his ore, and every man his sheepe, and slay them here, and eat, and sinne not against the LORD in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ore[†] with him that night, and flew them there.

† Heb. in his
hand.

35 And Saul built an altar vnto the LORD: [†]the same was the first altar that he built vnto the LORD.

† Hebr. that
Altar he be-
ganne to
build vnto
the LORD.

36 And Saul saide, Let vs goe downe after the Philistines by night, and spoile them vntil the morning light, and let vs not leaue a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoeuer seemeth good vnto thee. Then said the priest, Let vs draw neere hither vnto God.

37 And Saul asked counsell of God, Shall I goe downe after the Philistines: wilt thou deliuer them into the hand of Israel: But he answered him not that day.

38 And Saul said, Draw yee neere hither^{*} all the[†] chiefe of the people: and know and see, wherein this sinne hath bene this day.

* Iudg. 20. 2
† Heb. cor-
ners.

39 For as the LORD liueth, which saueth Israel, though it bee in Jonathan my sonne, he shall surely die: But there was not a man among all the people that answered him.

40 Then said he vnto all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I, and Jonathan my sonne will be on the other side. And the people said vnto Saul, Doe what seemeth good vnto thee.

41 Therefore Saul saide vnto the LORD God of Israel, Give a perfect lot. And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people[†] escaped.

Or, shew
the innocent.

42 And Saul said, Cast lots betweene me

† Heb. went
forth.

Jonathan is rescued. I. Samuel. Saul spareth Agag.

me and Jonathan my sonne. And Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan tolde him, and saide, I did but taste a litle hony with the end of the rodde that was in mine hand, and loe, I must die.

44 And Saul answered, God do so, and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan.

45 And the people said vnto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great saluation in Israel: God forbid: as the LORD liueth, there shal not one haire of his head fall to the ground: for hee hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that hee died not.

46 Then Saul went by from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their owne place.

47 ¶ So Saul tooke the kingdom ouer Israel, and fought against all his enemies on euery side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoener hee turned himselfe, hee vered them.

¶ Or, wrought mightily.

48 And he gathered an hoste, and smote the Amalekites, and deliuered Israel out of the handes of them that spoiled them.

49 Now the sonnes of Saul, were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchishua: and the names of his two daughters were these: the name of the first borne Merab, and the name of the younger Michal:

50 And the name of Sauls wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz, and the name of the captaine of his host was Abner, the sonne of Ner, Sauls vncle.

51 And Kish was the father of Saul, and Ner the father of Abner was the sonne of Abiel.

52 And there was sore warre against the Philistines, all the dayes of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he tooke him vnto him.

C H A P. XV.

1 Samuel sendeth Saul to destroy Amalek. 6 Saul fauoureth the Kenites. 8 Hee spareth Agag and the best of the spoile. 10 Samuel denounceth vnto Saul commending and ex-

cusing himselfe, Gods reiection of him for his disobedience. 24 Sauls humiliation. 32 Samuel killeth Agag. 34 Samuel and Saul part.

¶ Samuel also saide vnto Saul, * The LORD sent me to annoint thee to bee king ouer his people, ouer Israel: nowe therefore hearken thou vnto the voyce of the words of the LORD.

* Chap. 9. 16.

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, * how he laid wait for him in the way when he came by from Egypt.

* Exod. 17. 8. num. 24. 20.

3 Now goe, and smite Amalek, and vtterly destroy all that they haue, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ore and sheepe, camell and asse.

4 And Saul gathered the people together, and numbred them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah.

5 And Saul came to a citie of Amalek, and laid waite in the valley.

¶ Or, fought.

6 ¶ And Saul saide vnto the Kenites, Goe, depart, get you downe from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for yee shewed kinnesse to all the children of Israel when they came by out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7 And Saul smote the Amalekites from Hauilah, vntill thou comest to Shur, that is ouer against Egypt.

8 And hee tooke Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and vtterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheepe, and of the oren, and of the fatlings, and the lambes, and all that was good, and would not vtterly destroy them: but euery thing that was vile, and refuse, that they destroyed vtterly.

¶ Or, of the second sort.

10 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD vnto Samuel, saying;

11 It repenteth me that I haue set by Saul to be king: for hee is turned backe from following me, and hath not performed my commandements. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried vnto the LORD all night.

12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was tolde Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set him by a place, and is gone

gone about, and passed on, and gone downe to Gilgal.

13 And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said vnto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I haue performed the commandement of the LORD.

14 And Samuel said, what meaneth then this bleating of the sheepe in mine eares, and the lowing of the oren which I heare?

15 And Saul sayde, They haue brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheepe, and of the oren, to sacrifice vnto the LORD thy God, and the rest we haue vtterly destroyed.

16 Then Samuel sayd vnto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to mee this night. And he said vnto him, Say on.

17 And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine owne sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee King ouer Israel?

18 And the LORD sent thee on a iourney, and said, Goe, and vtterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them, vntill they be consumed.

19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst flie vpon the spoile, and didst euill in the sight of the LORD?

20 And Saul said vnto Samuel; Yea, I haue obeyed the voice of the LORD, and haue gone the way which the LORD sent me, and haue brought Agag the king of Amalek, and haue vtterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But the people tooke of the spoile, sheepe and oren, the chiefe of the things which should haue bene vtterly destroyed, to sacrifice vnto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

22 And Samuel saide, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, *to obey, is better then sacrifice: and to hearken, then the fat of rammes.

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornnesse is as iniquitie and idolatrie: because thou hast reiecte the word of the LORD, he hath also reiecte thee from being king.

24 And Saul said vnto Samuel, I haue sinned: for I haue transgressed the Commandement of the LORD,

and thy wordes; because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sinne, and turne againe with me, that I may worship the LORD.

26 And Samuel said vnto Saul, I will not returne with thee: for thou hast reiecte the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath reiecte thee from being king ouer Israel.

27 And as Samuel turned about to goe away, he laid hold vpon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.

28 And Samuel said vnto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdome of Israel from thee this day, and hath giuen it to a neighbour of thine, that is better then thou.

29 And also the strength of Israel will not lie, nor repent: for he is not a man that he should repent.

30 Then he said, I haue sinned; yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the Elders of my people, and before Israel, and turne againe with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.

31 So Samuel turned againe after Saul, and Saul worshipped the LORD.

32 Then said Samuel, Bring you hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites: and Agag came vnto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.

33 And Samuel said, *As thy sword hath made women childlesse, so shall thy mother bee childlesse among women. And Samuel helved Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

34 Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went by to his house to Gibeah of Saul.

35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul vntill the day of his death: neuertheless, Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king ouer Israel.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Samuel sent by God, vnder pretence of a sacrifice, commeth to Bethlehem. 6 His humane iudgement is reprooued. 11 He anointeth Dauid. 15 Saul sendeth for Dauid to quiet his euill spirit.

And the LORD said vnto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourne for Saul, seeing I haue reiecte him from reigning ouer Israel:

Or, eternitie: or, victory.

* Exod 17. 11. num. 14. 45.

† Heb. they consume them.

* Eccles. 4. 17. ofc. 6. 7. matt. 9. 13. and 12. 7. † Heb. diuination.

Samuel is sent, and I. Samuel. annointeth Dauid.

Israel: Fill thine home with oile, and goe, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I haue provided mee a King among his sonnes.

2 And Samuel said, How can I goe: if Saul heare it, he will kill mee. And the LORD said, Take an heifer [†]with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt doe: and thou shalt anoynt vnto mee him whom I name vnto thee.

4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem: and the elders of the towne trembled at his [†]comming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

5 And hee said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice vnto the LORD: sanctifie your selues, and come with me to the sacrifice: and he sanctified Jesse, and his sonnes, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 And it came to passe when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORDS anointed is before him.

7 But the LORD said vnto Samuel, Looke not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature, because I haue refused him: for the LORD seeth not, as man seeth: For man looketh on the [†]outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the ^{*}heart.

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him passe before Samuel: and he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

9 Then Jesse made Shammah to passe by: and he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

10 Againe Jesse made seuen of his sonnes to passe before Samuel: and Samuel said vnto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

11 And Samuel saide vnto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the yongest, and behold, he keepeth the sheepe. And Samuel said vnto Jesse, ^{*}Send, and fetch him: for we will not sit downe, till hee come hither.

12 And he sent, and brought him in: now he was ruddy, and withal [†]of a beautifull countenance, and goodly to looke to: And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

13 Then Samuel tooke the home of

oile, and annointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came vpon Dauid, from that day forward: So Samuel rose vp and went to Ramah.

14 But the spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an euill spirit from the LORD troubled him.

15 And Sauls seruants said vnto him, Behold now, an euill spirit from God troubleth thee.

16 Let our lord now command thy seruants which are before thee, to seeke out a man, who is a cunning player on an harpe: and it shall come to passe when the euill spirit from God is vpon thee, that hee shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.

17 And Saul said vnto his seruants, Provide mee now a man, that can play well, and bring him to me.

18 Then answered one of the seruants, and said, Behold, I haue seene a sonne of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of warre, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him.

19 Wherefore Saul sent messengers vnto Jesse, and said, Send me Dauid thy sonne, which is with the sheepe.

20 And Jesse tooke an asse laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by Dauid his sonne vnto Saul.

21 And Dauid came to Saul, and stood before him: and hee loued him greatly, and hee became his armour bearer.

22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let Dauid, I pray thee, stand before me: for hee hath found fauour in my sight.

23 And it came to passe, when the euill spirit from God was vpon Saul, that Dauid tooke an harpe, and played with his hand: So Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the euill spirit departed from him.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The armies of the Israelites, and Philistines beeing readie to battell, 4 Goliath cometh proudly forth, to challenge a combate. 12 Dauid sent by his father to visit his brethren, taketh the challenge. 28 Eliab chideth him. 30 He is brought to Saul. 32 He sheweth the reason of his confidence. 38

Without

[†] Hebr. in
shine hand.

[†] Hebr. mee-
ting.

[†] Hebr. eyes.
^{*} 1. Chron.
28.9. psal.
7.9. ierem.
11.20. and
17.10. and
20.12.

^{*} 2. Sam. 7.
8. psal. 78.
71.
[†] Hebr. round.

[†] Hebr. faire
of eyes.

^{||} Or, terrifi-
fied.

^{||} Or, speech.

Goliath defieth the Chap.xiiij. armies of Israel.

Without armour, armed by faith, he slayeth the Giant. 55 Saul taketh notice of Dauid.

NOW the Philistines gathered together their armies to battell, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched betweene Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephes-Dammim.

2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battell in aray against the Philistines.

3 And the Philistines stood on a mountaine on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountaine on the other side: and there was a valley betweene them.

4 And there went out a champion out of the campe of the Philistines, named Goliath of Gath: whose height was six cubites and a span.

5 And he had an helmet of brasse upon his head, and he was armed with a coate of mail: and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brasse.

6 And he had greaves of brasse upon his legs, and a target of brasse betweene his shoulders.

7 And the staffe of his speare was like a weavers beame, and his speares head weighed six hundred shekels of yron: and one bearing a shield, went before him.

8 And hee stood and cried vnto the armies of Israel, and said vnto them, Why are yee come out to set your battell in aray: am not I a Philistine, and you servants to Saul: chuse you a man for you, and let him come downe to me.

9 If he be able to fight with mee, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I preuaile against him, and kill him, then shall yee be our servants, and serue vs.

10 And the Philistine said, I defie the armies of Israel this day: giue me a man, that we may fight together.

11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

12 Now Dauid was the sonne of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem Judah, whose name was Jesse, and hee had eight sonnes: and the man went among men for an old man in the dayes of Saul.

13 And the three eldest sonnes of Jesse went, and followed Saul to the battell: and the names of his three sonnes that

went to the battell, were, Eliab the first borne, and next vnto him, Abinadab, and the third, Shamamah.

14 And Dauid was the yongest, and the three eldest followed Saul.

15 But Dauid went, and returned from Saul, to feed his fathers sheepe at Bethlehem.

16 And the Philistine drewe neere, morning and euening, and presented himselfe forty dayes.

17 And Jesse said vnto Dauid his sonne, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corne, and these ten loaves, and run to the campe to thy brethren.

18 And carie these ten cheeses vnto the Captaine of their thousand, and looke how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.

19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

20 And Dauid rose vp early in the morning, and left the sheepe with a keeper, and tooke, and went, as Jesse had commanded him: and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battell.

21 For Israel and the Philistines had put the battell in aray, army against armie.

22 And Dauid left his cariage in the hand of the keeper of the cariage, and ranne into the armie, and came and saluted his brethren.

23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came vp the champion (the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name) out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and Dauid heard them.

24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.

25 And the men of Israel said, Haue yee seene this man that is come vp: Surely to defie Israel is he come vp: and it shall be that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will giue him his daughter, and make his fathers house free in Israel.

26 And Dauid spake to the men that stood by him, saying: what shall bee done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproch from Israel: for who is this vncircumcised

Or, the coast of Dammim.

Heb. ranged the battell.

Heb. clothed.

Or, gorget.

Heb. cheeses of milke.
Heb. captaine of a thousand.

Or, place of the cariage.
Or, battell ray, or place of fight.

Heb. the vessels from upon him.

Heb. asked his brethren of peace.

Heb. from his face.

Iosh. 15. 16.

* Chap. 16. 1.

circumcised Philistine, that he should defie the armies of the living God:

27 And the people answered him after this maner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.

28 ¶ And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake vnto the men, and Eliabs anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why comest thou down hither: and with whom hast thou left those few sheepe in the wilderness: I know thy pride, and the naughtinesse of thine heart: for thou art come downe, that thou mightest see the battell.

29 And David saide, what haue I now done: Is there not a cause?

30 ¶ And hee turned from him to wards another, and spake after the same[†] maner: and the people answered him againe after the former maner.

31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he[†] sent for him.

32 ¶ And David said to Saul, Let no mans heart faile, because of him: thy seruant will goe and fight with this Philistine.

33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to goe against this Philistine, to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of warre from his youth.

34 And David said vnto Saul, Thy seruant kept his fathers sheepe, and there came a Lyon, and a Beare, and tooke a^{||} lambe out of the flocke:

35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and deliuered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

36 Thy seruant slew both the Lyon and the Beare: and this vncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

37 David saide moreouer, The LORD that deliuered me out of the paw of the Lyon, and out of the paw of the Beare, he will deliuer me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said vnto David, Goe, and the LORD be with thee.

38 ¶ And Saul[†] armed David with his armour, and hee put an helmet of brasse vpon his head, also he armed him with a coat of male.

39 And David girded his sword vpon his armour, and he assayed to goe,

for he had not proued it: and David said vnto Saul, I cannot goe with these: for I haue not proued them. And David put them off him.

40 And hee tooke his staffe in his hand, and chose him five smoothe stones out of the^{||} brooke, and put them in a shepherds[†] bag which he had, euen in a scrip, and his sling was in his hande, and he drew neere to the Philistine.

41 And the Philistine came on and drew neere vnto David, and the man that bare the shield, went before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, hee disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a faire countenance.

43 And the Philistine said vnto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with stauess: and the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will giue thy flesh vnto the fowles of the aire, and to the beasts of the field.

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to mee with a sword, and with a speare, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the Name of the LORD of hostes, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day wil the LORD[†] deliuer thee into mine hand, and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee, and I wil giue the carkeises of the host of the Philistines this day vnto the fowles of the aire, and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 And all this assembly shal know that the LORD sauech not with sword & speare (for the battell is the LORDS) and he will giue you into our hands.

48 And it came to passe when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew neigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the armie to meete the Philistine.

49 And David put his hande in his bag, and tooke thence a stone, and slang it, & smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunke into his forehead, and he fell vpon his face to the earth.

50 So^{*} David preuailed ouer the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him, but there was no sword in the hande of David.

51 There

[†] Hebr. word.

[†] Hebr. tooke him.

^{||} Or, kid.

[†] Hebr. clothed, &c. with his cloathes.

^{||} Or, valley.
[†] Heb. ves-sell.

[†] Hebr. sent thee up.

^{*} Eccles. 47. 4. 1. macc. 4. 30.

51 Therefore David ran and stood vpon the Philistine, and tooke his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines sawe their champion was dead, they fled.

52 And the men of Israel, and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, vntill thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron: and the wounded of the Philistines fell downe by the way to Shaaraim, euen vnto Gath, and vnto Ekron.

53 And the children of Israel returned from chaling after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.

54 And David tooke the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armour in his tent.

55 And when Saul sawe David goe forth against the Philistine, he sayd vnto Abner the captaine of the hoste, Abner, whose sonne is this yout: And Abner said, As thy soule liueth, O king, I cannot tell.

56 And the king said, Enquire thou whose sonne the stripling is.

57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner tooke him, & brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

58 And Saul saide to him, whose sonne art thou, thou yong man: And David answered, I am the sonne of thy seruant Jesse, the Bethlehemitte.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Jonathan loueth David. 5 Saul enuieeth his praise, 10 Seeketh to kill him in his furie, 12 Feareth him for his good successe, 17 Offereth him his daughters for a snare. 22 David perswaded to be the Kings sonne in law, giueth two hundred foreskinnes of the Philistines for Michals dowrie. 28 Sauls hatred, and Davids glory increaseth.

AND it came to passe when hee made an ende of speaking vnto Saul, that the soule of Jonathan was knit with the soule of David, and Jonathan loued him as his owne soule.

2 And Saul tooke him that day, and would let him go no more home to his fathers house.

3 Then Jonathan and David made a couenant, because he loued him as his owne soule.

4 And Jonathan stript himselfe of the robe that was vpon him, and gaue it to David, and his garments, euen to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

5 And David went out, whither soeuer Saul sent him, and behaued himselfe wisely: and Saul set him ouer the men of warre, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Sauls seruants.

6 And it came to passe as they came when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meete king Saul, with tabrets, with ioy, and with instruments of musicke.

7 And the women answered one another as they played, and said, * Saul hath slaine his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him, and he sayd, They haue ascribed vnto David tenne thousands, and to me they haue ascribed but thousands: and what can he haue more, but the kingdome:

9 And Saul eyed David from that day, and forward.

10 And it came to passe on the morrow, that the euill spirit from God came vpon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a iauelin in Sauls hand.

11 And Saul cast the iauelin: for hee said, I will smite David euen to the wall with it: and David auoided out of his presence twice.

12 And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.

13 Therefore Saul remooued him from him, and made him his captaine ouer a thousand, and hee went out and came in before the people.

14 And David behaued himselfe wisely in all his wayes; & the LORD was with him.

15 Wherefore when Saul saw that hee behaued himselfe very wisely, hee was afraid of him.

16 But all Israel and Judah loued David, because hee went out and came in before them.

17 And Saul said to David, Behold, my elder daughter Merab, her will I giue thee to wife: onely be thou

valiant

Or, propped.

Or, Philistines.

† Heb. three stringed instruments.

* Chap. 21. 11. and 29. 5. ecclus. 47. 6.

† Hebr. was euill in his eyes.

Or, propped.

† Hebr. a
sonne of va-
lour.

† valiant for me, and fight the LORDS
battels: for Saul said, Let not mine
hand be vpon him, but let the hand of
the Philistines be vpon him.

18 And David said vnto Saul, vho
am I: and what is my life, or my fa-
thers family in Israel, that I should
be sonne in law to the king?

19 But it came to passe at the time
when Merab Sauls daughter should
haue bene giuen to David, that shee
was giuen vnto Abriel the Gheola-
thite to wife.

20 And Michal Sauls daughter lo-
ued David: and they tolde Saul, and
the thing † pleased him.

† Hebr. was
right in his
eyes.

21 And Saul said, I will giue him
her, that she may be a snare to him, and
that the hand of the Philistines may be
against him. Wherefore Saul said to
David, Thou shalt this day be my
sonne in law, in the one of the twaine.

22 And Saul commanded his ser-
uants, saying, Commune with David
secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath
delight in thee, and all his seruants loue
thee: now therefore be the kings sonne
in law.

23 And Sauls seruants spake those
wordes in the eares of David: And
David said, Seemeth it to you a light
thing to be a kings sonne in law, seeing
that I am a poore man, and lightly
esteemed?

† Hebr. ac-
cording to
these words.

24 And the seruants of Saul tolde
him, saying; † On this manner spake
David.

25 And Saul said, Thus shall yee
say to David, The King desireth not
any dowrie, but an hundred foreskinnes
of the Philistines, to be auenged of the
kings enemies. But Saul thought to
make David fall by the hand of the Phi-
listines.

26 And when his seruants told Da-
uid these wordes, it pleased David well
to be the kings sonne in lawe: and the
dayes were not † expired.

† Hebr. ful-
filled.

27 Wherefore David arose, hee and
his men, and slew of the Philistines two
hundred men, and David brought their
foreskinnes, and they gaue them in full
tale to the king, that hee might be the
kings sonne in law: and Saul gaue him
Michal his daughter to wife.

28 And Saul saw and knew that
the LORD was with David, and that
Michal Sauls daughter loued him.

29 And Saul was yet the more a-

fraid of David; and Saul became Da-
uids enemie continually.

30 Then the Princes of the Philis-
tines went forth: and it came to passe
after they went forth, that David beha-
ued himselfe more wisely then all the
seruants of Saul, so that his name was
† much set by.

† Hebr. pre-
cious.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Jonathan discloseth his fathers purpose to kill
David. 4 Hee perswadeth his father to re-
conciliation. 8 By reason of Dauids good
successe in a new warre, Sauls malicious rage
breaketh out against him. 12 Michal decei-
ueth her father with an image in Dauids bed.
18 David commeth to Samuel in Naioth.
20 Sauls messengers sent to take David, 22
and Saul himselfe, prophesie.

AND Saul spake to Jona-
than his sonne, and to
all his seruants, that they
should kill David.

2 But Jonathan Sauls
sonne delighted much in David, and
Jonathan told David, saying, Saul
my father seeketh to kill thee: Now
therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thy
selfe vntill the morning, and abide in a
secret place, and hide thy selfe:

3 And I will goe out and stand be-
side my father in the field where thou
art, and I will commune with my fa-
ther of thee, and what I see, that I will
tell thee.

4 And Jonathan spake good of
David vnto Saul his father, and said
vnto him, Let not the King sinne a-
gainst his seruant, against David: be-
cause hee hath not sinned against thee,
and because his workes haue bene to thee
ward very good.

5 For he did put his life in his hand,
and slew the Philistine, & the LORD
brought a great saluation for all Is-
rael: thou sawest it, and didst reioyce:
Wherefore then wilt thou sinne against
innocent blood, to slay David without
a cause?

*Iudg. 9.
17. and 12.
3. chap. 28.
21. psalm.
119. 109.

6 And Saul hearkened vnto the
boyce of Jonathan; and Saul sware,
As the LORD liueth, he shall not be
slaine.

7 And Jonathan called David,
and Jonathan shewed him all those
things: and Jonathan brought David
to Saul, and he was in his presence, as
† in times past.

† Hebr. ye-
sterday,
third day.

8 And

8 And there was warre againe, and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter, & they fled from him.

† Heb. his face.

9 And the euill spirit from the LORD was vpon Saul, as he sate in his house with his iauelin in his hand: and David played with his hand.

10 And Saul sought to smite David euen to the wall with the iauelin: but hee slipt away out of Sauls presence, and he smote the iauelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

11 Saul also sent messengers vnto Davids house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal Davids wife tolde him, saying, If thou saue not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slaine.

12 So Michal let David downe thorow a window: and hee went and fled, and escaped.

13 And Michal tooke an image, and laid it in the bedde, and put a pillow of goats haire for his bolster, and couered it with a cloth.

14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, he said, he is sicke.

15 And Saul sent the messengers againe to see David, saying, Bring him vp to me in the bedde, that I may slay him.

16 And when the messengers were come in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goates haire for his bolster.

17 And Saul said vnto Michal, why hast thou deceiued me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped: And Michal answered Saul, hee said vnto me, Let mee goe; why should I kill thee?

18 So David fledde, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him: and hee and Samuel went, and dwelt in Naioth.

19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah.

20 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they sawe the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed ouer them, the Spirit of God was vpon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

21 And when it was tolde Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise: and Saul sent messen-

gers againe the third time, and they prophesied also.

22 Then went hee also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he asked, and said, where are Samuel and David: And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah.

23 And hee went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was vpon him also, and he went on and prophesied vntill hee came to Naioth in Ramah:

24 And he stript off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay downe naked all that day, and all that night: wherefore they say, * Is Saul also among the prophets?

† Heb. fell.

* Chap. 10. 11.

CHAP. XX.

1 David consulteth with Jonathan for his safetie. 11 Jonathan and David renew their covenant by oath. 18 Jonathans token to David. 24 Saul missing David, seeketh to kill Jonathan. 35 Jonathan louingly taketh his leaue of David.

And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, what haue I done: what is mine iniquity: and what is my sinne before thy father, that he seeketh my life?

2 And he said vnto him, God forbid, thou shalt not die: beholde, my father will doe nothing, either great or small, but that he will shew it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me: it is not so.

† Heb. uncover mine care.

3 And David sware moreouer, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I haue found grace in thine eyes, and he sayth, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truely, as the LORD liueth, and as thy soule liueth, there is but a step betweene me & death.

4 Then said Jonathan vnto David, || whatsoeuer thy soule desireth, I will euen doe it for thee.

|| Or, Say, what is thy mind, and I will doe, &c.

5 And David said vnto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow is the new moone, and I should not faile to sit with the king at meate: but let me goe, that I may hide my selfe in the fields vnto the third day at euen.

† Heb. speaketh, or thinketh.

6 If thy father at all misse me, then say, David earnestly asked leaue of me that he might runne to Bethlehem his

Or, feast.

citie: for there is a yeerely sacrifice there for all the family.

7 If he say thus, It is well, thy seruant shall haue peace: but if he be very wroth, then be sure that euill is determined by him.

* Chap. 18.
3. and 23.
18.

8 Therefore thou shalt deale kindly with thy seruant, for thou hast brought thy seruant into a couenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquitie, slay me thy selfe: for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father?

9 And Jonathan said, Farre be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that euill were determined by my father to come vpon thee, then would not I tell it thee?

10 Then said Dauid to Jonathan, Who shall tell me: or what if thy father answer thee roughly?

11 And Jonathan said vnto Dauid, Come, and let vs goe out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

† Heb. feared.

12 And Jonathan said vnto Dauid, O LORD God of Israel, when I haue † sounded my father, about to morrow any time, or the third day, and behold, if there be good toward Dauid, and I then send not vnto thee, and † shew it thee;

† Heb. uncover thine care.

13 The LORD doe so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to doe thee euill, then I wil shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest goe in peace, and the LORD be with thee, as hee hath bene with my father.

14 And thou shalt not onely while yet I live, shew me the kindnesse of the LORD, that I die not:

15 But also thou shalt not cut off thy kindnesse from my house for ever: no not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of Dauid, euery one from the face of the earth.

† Heb. cut.

16 So Jonathan † made a couenant with the house of Dauid, saying, Let the LORD euen require it at the hande of Dauids enemies.

Or, by his loue towards him.

17 And Jonathan caused Dauid to sweare againe, because he loued him: for he loued him as he loued his owne soule.

† Heb. missed

18 Then Jonathan said to Dauid, To morrow is the newe moone: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat wil be † emptie.

19 And when thou hast stayed three dayes, then thou shalt goe downe quickly, and come to the place where thou diddest hide thy selfe, † when the businesse was in hand, and shalt remaine by the stone. Ezel.

Or, diligently. Heb. greatly. † Heb. in the day of the businesse. Or, that sheweth the way.

20 And I will shoot three arrowes on the side thereof, as though I shot at a marke.

21 And behold, I will send a ladde, saying, Goe, find out the arrowes. If I expressly say vnto the lad, Behold, the arrowes are on this side of thee, take them: then come thou, for there is peace to thee, and † no hurt, as the LORD liueth.

† Heb. not anything.

22 But if I say thus vnto the yong man, Behold, the arrowes are beyond thee: goe thy way, for the LORD hath sent thee away.

23 And as touching the matter which thou and I haue spoken of, behold, the LORD be betweene thee and mee for ever.

24 So Dauid hid himselfe in the field: and when the newe moone was come, the king sate him downe to eate meate.

25 And the king sate vpon his seate, as at other times, euen vpon a seate by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sate by Sauls side, and Dauids place was emptie.

26 Neuerthelesse, Saul spake not any thing that day: for hee thought, Some thing hath befallen him, hee is not cleane: surely he is not cleane.

27 And it came to passe on the morrow which was the second day of the moneth, that Dauids place was emptie: and Saul said vnto Jonathan his sonne, Wherefore commeth not the sonne of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday nor to day?

28 And Jonathan answered Saul, Dauid earnestly asked leaue of me, to goe to Bethlehem.

29 And he said, Let me goe, I pray thee, for our familie hath a sacrifice in the citie, and my brother, hee hath commanded mee to be there: and now if I haue found fauour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren: Therefore he commeth not vnto the kings table.

30 Then Sauls anger was kindled against Jonathan, and hee said vnto him, Thou sonne of the peruerse rebellious woman, doe not I know that thou hast

Or, then peruerse rebell. Heb. some of peruerse rebellious.

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hast chosen the sonne of Jesse to thine owne confusion, and vnto the confusion of thy mothers nakednesse?

31 For as long as the sonne of Jesse liueth vpon the ground, thou shalt not be stablished, nor thy kingdome: Wherefore now send and fetch him vnto mee, for he [†] shall surely die.

[†] Heb. is the
some of
death.

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said vnto him, Wherefore shall hee be slaine? What hath hee done?

33 And Saul cast a iauelin at him to smite him, whereby Jonathan knewe that it was determined of his father to slay Dauid.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eate no meat the second day of the moneth: for hee was grieved for Dauid, because his father had done him shame.

35 And it came to passe in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field, at the time appointed with Dauid, and a little ladde with him.

36 And he said vnto his lad, Runne, finde out now the arrowes which I shoote. And as the ladde ranne, he shot an arrow [†] beyond him.

[†] Hebr. to
passe ouer
him.

37 And when the ladde was come to the place of the arrow, which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cryed after the ladde, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee?

38 And Jonathan cryed after the ladde, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathans ladde gathered vp the arrowes, and came to his master.

39 But the lad knew not any thing: onely Jonathan and Dauid knew the matter.

40 And Jonathan gaue his [†] artillery vnto [†] his ladde, and said vnto him, Goe, cary them to the citie.

[†] Heb. in-
struments.
[†] Hebr. that
was his,

41 And as soone as the ladde was gone, Dauid arose out of a place toward the South, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himselfe three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, vntill Dauid exceeded.

42 And Jonathan said to Dauid, Goe in peace, || forasmuch as wee haue sworne both of vs in the Name of the LORD, saying; The LORD be betweene me and thee, and betweene my seede and thy seede for ever. And hee arose, and departed: and Jonathan went into the citie.

|| Or, The
LORD be
witness of
that which,
&c.

1 Dauid at Nob, obtaineth of Ahimelech hallowed bread. 7 Doeg was present. 8 Dauid taketh Goliaths sword. 10 Dauid at Gath faineth himselfe madde.

When came Dauid to Nob, to Ahimelech the Priest, and Ahimelech was a fraide at the meeting of Dauid, and said vnto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?

2 And Dauid said vnto Ahimelech the Priest, The king hath commanded me a businesse, and hath said vnto me, Let no man know any thing of the businesse whereabout I send thee, and what I haue commanded thee: and I haue appointed my seruants to such and such a place.

3 Now therefore what is vnder thine hand: giue me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is [†] present.

[†] Heb. found.

4 And the Priest answered Dauid, and said, There is no common bread vnder mine hand, but there is ^{*} hallowed bread: if the young men haue kept themselves at least from women.

^{*} Exod. 25.
30. leuit.
24 5. matt.
12.4.

5 And Dauid answered the Priest, and said vnto him, Of a trueth women haue bene kept from vs about these three dayes, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, || yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessell.

|| Or, especi-
ally whe this
day there is
other sancti-
fied in the
vessell.

6 So the Priest gaue him hallowed bread; for there was no bread there, but the Shewbread that was taken from before the LORD, to put hote bread in the day when it was taken away.

7 Now a certaine man of the seruants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD, and his name was Doeg an Edomite, the chiefest of the heardmen that belonged to Saul.

8 And Dauid said vnto Ahimelech, And is there not here vnder thine hand speare or sword: for I haue neither brought my sword nor my weapons with mee, because the kings businesse required haste.

9 And the Priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whome thou fellest in ^{*} the valley of Elah, behold, it is heere wrapt in a cloth behinde the Ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other saue that here. And

^{*} Chap.
17.2.

Dauid saide, There is none like that, giue it me.

10 **C** And Dauid arose, and fled that day, for feare of Saul, and went to Achish, the king of Gath.

11 And the seruants of Achish sayd vnto him, Is not this Dauid the king of the land? Did they not sing one to another of him in daunces, saying, * Saul hath slaine his thousands, and Dauid his ten thousands?

12 And Dauid layd by these wordes in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

13 And he changed his behauiour before them, and fained himselfe mad in their hands, and scrabled on the doores of the gate, and let his spittle fall downe vpon his beard.

14 Then saide Achish vnto his seruants, Loe, you see the man is mad: Wherefore then haue yee brought him to mee?

15 Haue I need of mad-men, that ye haue brought this fellow to play the mad-man in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?

CHAP. XXII.

1 Companies resort vnto Dauid at Adullam. 3 At Mizpeh he commendeth his parents vnto the King of Moab. 5 Admonished by Gad, hee commeth to Hareth. 6 Saul going to pursue him, complaineth of his seruants vnfaihtfulnesse. 9 Doeg accuseth Ahimelech. 11 Saul comandeth to kil the Priests. 17 The footmen refusing, Doeg executeth it. 20 Abiathar escaping, bringeth Dauid the newes.

DAuid therefore departed thence, and escaped to the caue Adullam: and when his brethren, and all his fathers house heard it, they went downe thither to him.

2 And every one that was in distresse, and every one that was in debt, and euery one that was discontented, gathered themselves vnto him, and he became a captaine ouer them: and there were with him about foure hundred men.

3 **C** And Dauid went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said vnto the king of Moab, Let my father, and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will doe for me.

4 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with

him all the while that Dauid was in the hold.

5 **C** And the Prophet Gad said vnto Dauid, Abide not in the hold: depart, and get thee into the land of Iudah. Then Dauid departed, and came into the forrest of Hareth.

6 **C** When Saul heard that Dauid was discouered, and the men that were with him: (now Saul abode in Gibeah vnder a tree in Ramah, hauing his speare in his hand, and all his seruants were standing about him.)

7 Then Saul saide vnto his seruants that stood about him, Heare now, ye Beniamites: Will the sonne of Jesse giue euery one of you fields, and Vineyards, and make you all captaines of thousands, and captaines of hundreds?

8 That all of you haue conspired against me, and there is none that sheweth mee, that my sonne hath made a league with the sonne of Jesse, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth vnto me that my sonne hath stirred by my seruant against me, to lye in wait, as at this day?

9 **C** Then answered Doeg the Edomite, (which was set ouer the seruants of Saul) and saide, I saw the sonne of Jesse comming to Nob, to Ahimelech the sonne of Ahitub.

10 And hee enquired of the LORD for him, and gaue him victuals, and gaue him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the Priest, the sonne of Ahitub, and all his fathers house, the Priests that were in Nob: and they came all of them to the king.

12 And Saul said, Heare now thou sonne of Ahitub: and hee answered, Here I am, my lord.

13 And Saul saide vnto him, Why haue ye conspired against me, thou and the sonne of Jesse, in that thou hast giuen him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against mee, to lye in waite, as at this day?

14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who is so faithfull among all thy seruants, as Dauid, which is the kings sonne in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?

15 Did I then beginne to enquire of God

* Chap. 18. 7. and 29. 5. eccles. 47. 6.

|| Or, made markes.

|| Or, playeth the mad-man.

|| Or, groweth in a his place.

† Hebr. on cometh mine ear.

† Hebr. had a creditour. † Hebr. bitter of soule.

† Hebr. behold me.

God for him: be it farre from mee: let not the king impute any thing vnto his seruant, nor to all the house of my father: for thy seruant knew nothing of all this,† lesse or more.

† Hebr. little or great.

16 And the king saide, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy fathers house.

|| Or, guard. Heb. the runners.

17 ¶ And the king said vnto the footmen that stood about him, Turne and slay the Priests of the LORD, because their hand also is with Dauid, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to mee. But the seruants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall vpon the Priests of the LORD.

18 And the king said to Doeg, Turne thou and fall vpon the Priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and hee fell vpon the Priests, and slew on that day foure score and fve persons that did weare a linnen Ephod.

19 And Nob the citie of the Priests smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen and asses, and sheepe, with the edge of the sword.

20 ¶ And one of the sonnes of Ahimelech, the sonne of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped and fled after Dauid:

21 And Abiathar shewed Dauid that Saul had slaine the LORDS Priests.

22 And Dauid said vnto Abiathar, I knew it that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul: I haue occasioned the death of all the persons of thy fathers house.

23 Abide thou with me, feare not: for he that seeketh my life, seeketh thy life: but with me thou shalt bee in safeguard.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Dauid enquiring of the Lord by Abiathar, rescueth Keilah. 7 God shewing him the comming of Saul and the trecherie of the Keilites, he escapeth from Keilah. 14 In Ziph Jonathan commeth and comforteth him. 19 The Ziphites discover him to Saul. 25 At Maon he is rescued from Saul by the inuasion of the Philistines. 29 He dwelleth at En-gedi.

When they told Dauid, saying, Beholde, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshing floores.

2 Therefore Dauid enquired of the

LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines: And the LORD said vnto Dauid, Goe, and smite the Philistines, and saue Keilah.

3 And Dauids men said vnto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if wee come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines:

4 Then Dauid enquired of the LORD yet againe: And the LORD answered him, and said, Arise, go down to Keilah: for I will deliuer the Philistines into thine hand.

5 So Dauid and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattell, and smote them with a great slaughter: so Dauid saued the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 And it came to passe when Abiathar the sonne of Ahimelech* fled to Dauid to Keilah, that hee came downe with an Ephod in his hand.

* Chap. 22. 20.

7 ¶ And it was told Saul that Dauid was come to Keilah: and Saul said, God hath deliuered him into mine hand: for he is shut in, by entring into a towne that hath gates and barres.

8 And Saul called all the people together to warre, to goe downe to Keilah, to besiege Dauid, and his men.

9 ¶ And Dauid knewe that Saul secretly practised mischief against him, and hee said to Abiathar the Priest, Bring hither the Ephod.

10 Then saide Dauid, O LORD God of Israel, thy seruant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the citie for my sake.

11 Will the men of Keilah deliuer me by into his hande: Will Saul come downe, as thy seruant hath heard, O LORD God of Israel: I beseech thee tell thy seruant. And the LORD said, He will come downe.

12 Then said Dauid, Will the men of Keilah† deliuer me, and my men, into the hand of Saul: And the LORD said, They will deliuer thee by.

† Hebr. sent vp.

13 ¶ Then Dauid and his men, which were about sixe hundred, arose, and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could goe: and it was told Saul that Dauid was escaped from Keilah, and hee forbore to goe forth.

14 And Dauid abode in the wilderness

ness in strong holds, and remained in a mountaine in the wilderness of Ziph: and Saul sought him euery day, but God deliuered him not into his hand.

15 And Dauid saw that Saul was come out to seeke his life: and Dauid was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood.

16 And Jonathan Sauls sonne arose, & went to Dauid into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.

17 And he said vnto him, Feare not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not finde thee, and thou shalt be king ouer Israel, and I shall be next vnto thee: and that also Saul my father knoweth.

18 And they two made a couenant before the LORD: and Dauid abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

19 Then came by the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not Dauid hide himselfe with vs in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is [†] on the South of [†] Jeshimon?

20 Now therefore, O king, come downe according to all the desire of thy soule to come downe, and our part shall be to deliuer him into the kings hand.

21 And Saul said, Blessed be yee of the LORD, for yee haue compassion on me.

22 Goe, I pray you, prepare yet, and know, and see his place where his [†] haunt is, and who hath seene him there: for it is told mee that he dealeth very subtilly.

23 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himselfe, and come ye againe to me with the certainty, and I will goe with you: and it shall come to passe, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Iudah.

24 And they arose, & went to Ziph before Saul: but Dauid and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the plaine on the South of Jeshimon.

25 Saul also and his men went to seeke him, and they told Dauid: wherefore he came downe into a rocke, and abode in the wilderness of Maon: and when Saul heard that, he pursued after Dauid in the wilderness of Maon.

26 And Saul went on this side of the mountaine, and Dauid and his men on that side of the mountaine: and Da-

uid made haste to get away for feare of Saul: for Saul and his men compassed Dauid and his men round about to take them.

27 But there came a messenger vnto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come: for the Philistines haue [†] invaded the land.

28 Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after Dauid, & went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place ^{||} Sela-Hammahlekoth.

29 And Dauid went by from thence, and dwelt in strong holds at Engedi.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Dauid in a caue at Engedi, hauing cut off Sauls skirt, spareth his life. 8 Hee sheweth thereby his innocencie. 16 Saul acknowledging his fault, taketh an oath of Dauid, and departeth.

And it came to passe when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, Dauid is in the wilderness of Engedi.

2 Then Saul tooke three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seeke Dauid and his men vpon the rockes of the wilde goates.

3 And hee came to the sheepe coates by the way, where [†] was a caue, and Saul went in to couer his feet: and Dauid and his men remained in the sides of the caue.

4 And the men of Dauid sayd vnto him, Beholde the day of which the LORD sayd vnto thee, Behold, I will deliuer thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest doe to him as it shall seeme good vnto thee. Then Dauid arose, and cut off the skirt of [†] Sauls robe priuily.

5 And it came to passe afterward, that Dauids heart smote him, because he had cut off Sauls skirt.

6 And hee sayd vnto his men, The LORD forbid that I should doe this thing vnto my master the LORDS Anoynted, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the Anoynted of the LORD.

7 So Dauid [†] stayed his seruants with these wordes, and suffered them not to rise against Saul: but Saul rose by out of the caue, and went on his way.

8 Dauid also rose afterward, and went

[†] Hebr. on the right hand.
^{||} Or, the wilderness?

[†] Heb. foote shall be.

[†] Hebr. spread themselves upon &c.

^{||} That is, the rocke of divisions.

[†] Heb. after.

[†] Hebr. the robe, which was Sauls.

[†] Hebr. cut off.

Went out of the caue, and cryed after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behinde him, David stouped with his face to the earth, and bowed himselfe.

9 And David said to Saul, wherefore hearest thou mens words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?

10 Behold, this day thine eyes haue seene, how that the LORD had deliuered thee to day into mine hand in the caue: and some bade me kill thee, but mine eye spared thee, and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord, for hee is the LORDS Anointed.

11 Moreover my father, See, yea see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see, that there is neither euill nor transgression in mine hand, and I haue not sinned against thee: yet thou huntest my soule, to take it.

12 The LORD iudge betweene me and thee, and the LORD auenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be vpon thee.

13 As saith the prouerbe of the ancients, wickednesse proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be vpon thee.

14 After whom is the king of Israel come out: after whom doest thou pursue? After a dead dogge, after a flea.

15 The LORD therefore be Iudge, and iudge betweene me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and † deliuer me out of thine hand.

16 And it came to passe when David had made an ende of speaking these words vnto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my sonne David? And Saul lift vp his voice, and wept.

17 And he said to David, Thou art more righteous then I: for thou hast rewarded mee good, whereas I haue rewarded thee euill.

18 And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had † deliuered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not.

19 For if a man finde his enemy, will hee let him goe well away: wherefore the LORD reward thee good, for that thou hast done vnto me this day.

20 And now behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be King, and that

the kingdome of Israel shall be established in thine hand.

21 Swear now therefore vnto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seede after mee, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my fathers house.

22 And David sware vnto Saul, and Saul went home: but David and his men gate them vp vnto the holde.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Samuel dieth. 2 David in Paran sendeth to Nabal. 10 Prouoked by Nabals churlishnesse, hee mindeth to destroy him. 14 Abigail vnderstanding thereof, 18 taketh a present, 23 and by her wisedome 32 pacifieth David. 36 Nabal hearing thereof, dieth. 39 David taketh Abigail and Ahinoam to be his wiues. 44 Michal is giuen to Phalti.

And * Samuel died, and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, & went downe to the wilderness of Paran.

2 And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel, and the man was very great, and hee had three thousand sheepe, and a thousand goates: and he was shearing his sheepe in Carmel.

3 Now the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife, Abigail: and shee was a woman of good vnderstanding, and of a beautifull countenance: but the man was churlish and euill in his doings, and hee was of the house of Caleb.

4 And David heard in the wilderness, that Nabal did sheare his sheepe.

5 And David sent out ten yong men, and David said vnto the young men, Get you vp to Carmel, and goe to Nabal, and † grette him in my name;

6 And thus shall ye say to him that liueth in prosperitie, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be vnto all that thou hast.

7 And now, I haue heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with vs, wee † hurt them not, neither was there ought missing vnto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

8 Aske thy yong men, and they will shew thee: wherefore let the yong men finde

* Chap. 28.
3. ecclus.
46. 13, 20.

Or, busines.

† Heb. aske
him in my
name, of
peace.

† Heb. shamed.

† Heb. iudge

† Heb. sent
vp.

Nabals churlishnes. I. Samuel. Abigails wisdom.

finde fauour in thine eyes: (for we come in a good day) gaie, I pray thee, what-soeuer cometh to thine hand, vnto thy seruants, and to thy sonne Dauid.

9 And when Dauids yong men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of Dauid, and ceased.

† Heb. re-
sted.

10 And Nabal answered Dauids seruants, and said, who is Dauid? and who is the sonne of Jesse? There bee many seruants now a daies that breake away euery man from his master.

† Heb.
slaughter.

11 Shall I then take my bread and my water, and my flesh that I haue killed for my shearers, and giue it vnto men, whom I know not whence they bee?

12 So Dauids yong men turned their way, and went againe, and came and told him all those sayings.

13 And Dauid said vnto his men, Gird you on euery man his sword. And they girded on euery man his sword, and Dauid also girded on his sword: and there went by after Dauid about foure hundred men, and two hundred abode by the stuffe.

† Heb.
flew upon
them.

† Heb. sha-
med.

14 But one of the yong men told Abigail Nabals wife, saying, Behold, Dauid sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master: and he railed on them.

15 But the men were very good vnto vs, and we were not hurt, neither misfed we any thing as long as wee were conuersant with them, when we were in the fields.

16 They were a wall vnto vs both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping sheepe.

17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt doe: for euill is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a sonne of Belial, that a man cannot speake to him.

|| Or, lumps.

18 Then Abigail made haste, and tooke two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheepe readie dressed, and five measures of parched corne, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figges, and laid them on asses.

19 And she said vnto her seruants, Goe on before me, behold, I come after you: but she told not her husband Nabal.

20 And it was so as she rode on the

asse, that she came downe by the couert of the hill, and behold, Dauid and his men came downe against her, and she met them.

21 (Now Dauid had said, Surely in vaine haue I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained vnto him: and he hath requited me euil for good.

22 So and more also doe God vnto the enemies of Dauid, if I leaue of all that pertaine to him by the morning light, any that pisseth against the wall.)

23 And when Abigail saw Dauid, she halted, and lighted off the asse, and fell before Dauid on her face, and bowed her selfe to the ground,

24 And fell at his feet, and said, Vpon me, my lord, vpon me let this iniquitie be, and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speake in thine audience, and heare the words of thine handmaid.

† Heb. ear.

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, euen Nabal: for as his name is, so is he: Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: But I thine handmaid saw not the yong men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

† Heb. lay it
to his heart.

26 Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD liueth, and as thy soule liueth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from committing to shed blood, and from auenging thy selfe with thine owne hand: now let thine enemies and they that seeke euill to my lord, bee as Nabal.

† Heb. sa-
uing thy
selfe.

27 And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought vnto my lord, let it euen be giuen vnto the yong men that follow my lord.

|| Or, present

28 I pray thee, forgive the trespassse of thine handmaide: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and euill hath not bene found in thee all thy dayes.

† Heb. walke
at the feet of
etc.

29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seeke thy soule: but the soule of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God, and the soules of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling.

† Heb. in the
midst of the
boughs of a
sling.

30 And it shall come to passe when the LORD shall haue done to my lord, according to all the good that hee hath spoken concerning thee, and shall haue appointed thee ruler ouer Israel,

31 That

Nabal dieth. Dauid Chap.xxvj. marieth Abigail.

† Hebr. no
staggering:
or, stum-
bling.

31 That this shall bee no † grieffe vn-
to thee, nor offence of heart vnto my
lord, either that thou hast shed blood
causelesse, or that my lord hath auenged
himselfe: But when the LORD shall
haue dealt well with my lord, then re-
member thine handmayd.

32 And Dauid sayd to Abigail,
Blessed be the LORD God of Israel,
which sent thee this day to meet me.

33 And blessed bee thy aduice, and
blessed be thou, which hast kept me this
day from comming to shed blood, and
from auenging my selfe with mine
owne hand.

34 For in very deed, as the LORD
God of Israel liueth, which hath kept
mee backe from hurting thee, except
thou hadst hasted and come to meet me,
surely there had not bene left vnto Na-
bal, by the morning light, any that pis-
seth against the wall.

35 So Dauid receiued of her hand
that which shee had brought him, and
sayd vnto her, Goe by in peace to thine
house: See, I haue hearkened to thy
voyce, and haue accepted thy person.

36 And Abigail came to Nabal,
and behold, he held a feast in his house
like the feast of a king: & Nabals heart
was merry within him, for hee was very
drunken: Wherefore shee tolde him no-
thing, lesse or more, vntill the morning
light.

37 But it came to passe in the mor-
ning, when the wine was gone out of
Nabal, and his wife had told him these
things, that his heart died within him,
and he became as a stone.

38 And it came to passe about ten
dayes after, that the LORD smote Na-
bal, that he died.

39 And when Dauid heard that
Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the
LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of
my reproch from the hand of Nabal,
and hath kept his seruant from euil: for
the LORD hath returned the wicked-
nesse of Nabal vpon his owne head.
And Dauid sent, and communed with
Abigail, to take her to him to wife.

40 And when the seruants of Da-
uid were come to Abigail to Carmel,
they spake vnto her, saying, Dauid
sent vs vnto thee, to take thee to him
to wife.

41 And shee arose, and bowed her
selfe on her face to the earth, and sayd,
Beholde, let thine handmayd bee a ser-

uant to wash the feet of the seruants of
my lord.

42 And Abigail hasted, and rose,
and rode vpon an asse, with five damo-
sels of hers that went † after her; and
she went after the messengers of Da-
uid, and became his wife.

43 Dauid also tooke Ahinoam * of
Jezreel, and they were also both of
them his wives.

44 But Saul had giuen * Mi-
chal his daughter, Dauids wife, to
Phalti the sonne of Laish, which was
of Gallim.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 Saul by the discouery of the Ziphites, com-
meth to Hachilah against Dauid. 4 Da-
uid comming into the trench, stayeth A-
bishai from killing Saul, but taketh his
speare and cruse. 13 Dauid reprocueth Ab-
ner, 18 and exhorteth Saul. 21 Saul ac-
knowledgeth his sinne.

And the Ziphites came
vnto Saul to Gibeah,
saying, * Doeth not Da-
uid hide himselfe in the
hill of Hachilah, which is
before Jeshimon?

2 Then Saul arose, and went
downe to the wilderness of Ziph, ha-
uing three thousand chosen men of Is-
rael with him, to seeke Dauid in the wil-
dernesse of Ziph.

3 And Saul pitched in the hill of
Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon by
the way: but Dauid abode in the wil-
dernesse, and he saw that Saul came
after him into the wilderness.

4 Dauid therefore sent out spies,
and vnderstood that Saul was come in
very deed.

5 And Dauid arose, and came to
the place where Saul had pitched: and
Dauid beheld the place where Saul
lay, and * Abner the sonne of Ner the
captaine of his hoste: and Saul lay in
the trench, and the people pitched
round about him.

6 Then answered Dauid, and sayd
to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai
the sonne of Zeruiah brother to Joab,
saying, who will goe downe with me
to Saul to the campe? And Abishai
sayd, I will goe downe with thee.

7 So Dauid and Abishai came to
the people by night, and behold, Saul
lay sleeping within the trench, and his
speare sticke in the ground at his bol-
ster:

† Hebr. at
her feet.

* Iosh. 15.
56.

* 2. Sam. 3.
14, 15.

* Chap. 23.
19.

* Chap. 14.
50. and 17.
55.
Or, midst
of his car-
riages.

ster: but Abner and the people lay round about him.

† Heb. smit
up.

8 Then said Abishai to David, God hath† deliuered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let mee smite him, I pray thee, with the speare, euen to the earth at once, and I will not finite him the second time.

9 And David sayd to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORDS Anointed, and be guiltlesse?

10 David said furthermore, As the LORD liueth, the LORD shall smite him, or his day shall come to die, or hee shall descend into battell, and perish.

11 The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORDS Anointed: but I pray thee, take thou now the speare that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let vs goe.

12 So David tooke the speare and the cruse of water from Sauls bolster, and they gate them away, and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither awaked: for they were all asleepe, because a deepe sleepe from the LORD was fallen vpon them.

13 Then David went ouer to the other side, and stood on the toppe of an hill as farre off (a great space being betweene them:)

14 And David cryed to the people, and to Abner the sonne of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner? Then Abner answered, and sayd, Who art thou that cryest to the King?

15 And David said to Abner, Art not thou a valiant man: and who is like to thee in Israel: wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king: for there came one of the people in, to destroy the king thy lord.

† Heb. the
sonnes of
death.

16 This thing is not good that thou hast done: as the LORD liueth, ye are† worthy to die, because yee haue not kept your master the LORDS Anointed: and now see where the Kings speare is, and the cruse of water that was at his bolster.

17 And Saul knew Davids voyce, and said, Is this thy voice, my sonne David? And David saide, It is my voice, my lord, O king.

18 And he said, wherefore doeth my lord thus pursue after his seruant: for what haue I done: or what euill is in mine hand?

19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king heare the words of his seruant: If the LORD haue stirred thee vp against mee, let him† accept an offering: but if they be the children of men, cursed be they before the LORD: for they haue driven me out this day from† abiding in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Goe serue other gods.

† Heb. small.

† Heb. clea-
ning.

20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD: for the king of Israel is come out to seeke a flea, as when one doeth hunt a partridge in the mountaines.

21 Then said Saul, I haue sinned: Returne, my sonne David, for I will no more doe thee harme, because my soule was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I haue played the foole, and haue erred exceedingly.

22 And David answered, and sayd, Behold the kings speare, and let one of the yong men come ouer and fetch it.

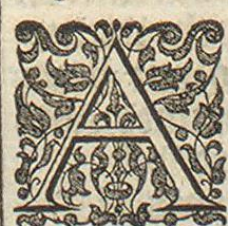
23 The LORD render to euery man his righteousness, and his faithfulness: for the LORD deliuered thee into my hand to day, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORDS Anointed.

24 And behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes: so let my life bee much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliuer me out of all tribulation.

25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my sonne David: thou shalt both doe great things, and also shalt still preuaile. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Saul hearing David to be in Gath, seeketh no more for him. 5 David beggeth Ziklag of Achish. 8 Hee inuading other countreys, perswadeth Achish he fought against Iudah.



And David sayd in his heart, I shall now† perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me, then that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines: and Saul shall despaire of me, to seeke me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.

† Hebr. be
consumed.

2 And David arose, and hee passed ouer with the six hundred men that were

were With him, vnto Achish the sonne of Maach king of Gath.

3 And Dauid dwelt With Achish at Gath, he, and his men, euery man With his household, euen Dauid With his two wiues, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess Nabals wife.

4 And it was told Saul, that Dauid was fled to Gath, and he sought no more againe for him.

5 And Dauid said vnto Achish, If I haue now found grace in thine eyes, let them giue mee a place in some towne in the countrey, that I may dwell there: for Why should thy seruant dwell in the royall citie With thee?

6 Then Achish gaue him Ziklag that day: Wherefore Ziklag pertaineth vnto the kings of Iudah vnto this day.

7 And the time that Dauid dwelt in the countrey of the Philistines, was a full yeere, and foure moneths.

8 And Dauid and his men went bp and inuaded the Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites: for those nations were of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shur, euen vnto the land of Egypt.

9 And Dauid smote the land, and left neither man nor woman aliuie, and tooke away the sheepe, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparell, and returned, and came to Achish.

10 And Achish said, Whither haue ye made a rode to day: And Dauid said, Against the South of Iudah, and against the South of the Ierahmeelites, and against the South of the Kenites.

11 And Dauid saved neither man nor woman aliuie, to bring tidings to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on vs, saying, So did Dauid, and so will be his maner, all the while he dwelleth in the countrey of the Philistines.

12 And Achish beleued Dauid, saying, Hee hath made his people Israel vtterly to abhorre him, therefore hee shall be my seruant for euer.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Achish putteth confidence in Dauid. 3 Saul hauing destroyed the witches, 4 and now in his feare forsaken of God, 7 seeketh to a witch. 9 The witch, encouraged by Saul, raiseth vp Samuel. 15 Saul hearing his ruine, fainteth. 21 The woman with his seruants refresh him with meate.

And it came to passe in those dayes, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight With Israel: And Achish said vnto Dauid, Knowe thou assuredly, that thou shalt goe out With me to battell, thou, and thy men.

2 And Dauid said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy seruant can doe. And Achish said to Dauid, Therfore will I make thee keeper of mine head for euer.

3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, euen in his owne citie: and Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

4 And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.

5 And when Saul saw the hoste of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

6 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreames, nor by Urim, nor by Prophets.

7 Then said Saul vnto his seruants, Seeke me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may goe to her, and enquire of her. And his seruant said to him, Beholde, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.

8 And Saul disguised himselfe, and put on other raiment, and hee went, and two men With him, and they came to the woman by night, and he said, I pray thee diuine vnto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him by Whom I shall name vnto thee.

9 And the woman saide vnto him, Beholde, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how hee hath cut off those that haue familiar spirits, and the wizards out of the land: Wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

10 And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liueth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.

11 Then said the woman, Whome shall I bring by vnto thee: and he said, Bring me by Samuel.

12 And when the woman saw Samuel,

* Chap. 25.
1.

† Heb. the number of dayes.

† Hebr. a yeere of dayes.

Or, Gerzites.

Or, did you not make a rode, &c.

† Hebr. to stinke.

Ee nuel,

muel, she cried with a lowd voyce: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, why hast thou deceiued me: for thou art Saul.

13 And the king sayd vnto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou: And the woman said vnto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.

† Hebr. what is his forme?

14 And he said vnto her, † what forme is he of: And she said, An old man cometh vp, and he is couered with a mantle. And Saul perceiued that it was Samuel, and hee stouped with his face to the ground, and bowed himselfe.

† Hebr. by the hand of Prophets.

15 And Samuel said to Saul, why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me vp: And Saul answered, I am sore distressed, for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither † by Prophets, nor by dreames: therefore I haue called thee, that thou mayst make known vnto me, what I shall doe.

16 Then said Samuel, wherefore then dost thou aske of mee, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy:

|| Or, for himselfe.

* Chap. 15.

28.

† Hebr. mine hand.

17 And the LORD hath done || to him, * as hee spake by † mee: for the LORD hath rent the kingdome out of thine hand, and giuen it to thy neighbour, euen to David:

18 Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath vpon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing vnto thee this day.

19 Moreover, the LORD will also deliuer Israel with thee, into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sonnes bee with mee: the LORD also shall deliuer the hoste of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

† Heb. made haste and fel with the fulnesse of his stature.

20 Then Saul † fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel, & there was no strength in him: for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.

21 And the woman came vnto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and sayd vnto him, Behold, thine handmayd hath obeyed thy voice, and I haue put my life in my hand, and haue hearkened vnto thy words which thou spakest vnto me.

22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also vnto the voyce of thine handmaid, & let me set a morsel of bread before thee: & eat, that thou mayest haue strength, when thou goest on thy way.

23 But hee refused, and said, I will not eate. But his seruants together with the woman compelled him, and he hearkened vnto their voyce: so he arose from the earth, & sate vpon the bed.

24 And the woman had a fat calfe in the house, and she hasted, and killed it, and tooke flower and kneaded it, and did bake vneleuened bread thereof.

25 And she brought it before Saul, and before his seruants, and they did eate: then they arose vp, and went away that night.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 David marching with the Philistines, 3 is disallowed by their Princes. 6 Achish dismisseth him with commendations of his fidelity.

NOW the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched by a fountaine which is in Jezreel.

2 And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but David and his men passed on in the reere-ward with Achish.

3 Then said the princes of the Philistines, what doe these Hebrewes here? And Achish said vnto the princes of the Philistines, Is not this David the seruant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath bene with me these dayes, or these yeeres, and I haue found no fault in him since he fell vnto me, vnto this day:

4 And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him, and the princes of the Philistines said vnto him, * Make this fellow returne, that he may goe againe to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go downe with vs to battel, lest in the battell he be an aduersary to vs: for wherewith should hee reconcile himselfe vnto his master: should it not be with the heads of these men?

* 1. Chron. 12. 19.

5 Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in daunces, saying, * Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands:

* Chap. 18. 7. and 21. 11.

6 Then Achish called David, and said vnto him, Surely, as the LORD liueth, thou hast bene vp-right, and thy going out and thy comming in with me in the hoste is good in my sight: for I haue not found euil in thee, since the day of thy comming vnto me vnto this day: neuertheles, the † lords fauour thee not.

† Hebr. thou art not good in the eyes of the lords.

7 Wherefore now returne and goe in

Ziklag burnt. Dauid Chap. xxx. pursueth them.

† Hebr. doe
not enill in
the eyes of
the lords.

† Hebr. be-
fore thee.

in peace, that thou [†]displease not the lords of the Philistines.

8 And Dauid said vnto Achish, But what haue I done: and what hast thou found in thy seruant so long as I haue bene [†]with thee vnto this day, that I may not goe fight against the enemies of my lord the king:

9 And Achish answered, and said to Dauid, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an Angel of God: notwithstanding the Princes of the Philistines haue said, Hee shall not goe vp with vs to the battell.

10 Wherefore now rise vp early in the morning, with thy masters seruants that are come with thee: and as soone as yee be vp early in the morning, and haue light, depart.

11 So Dauid and his men rose vp early to depart in the morning, to returne into the land of the Philistines; and the Philistines went vp to Jezreel.

CHAP. XXX.

1 The Amalekites spoile Ziklag. 4 Dauid asking counsell, is encouraged by God to pursue them. 11 By the meanes of a reuiued Egyptian, he is brought to the enemies, and recouereth all the spoile. 22 Dauids law to diuide the spoile equally betweene them that fight, and them that keepe the stuffe. 26 He sendeth presents to his friends.

AND it came to passe when Dauid and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had inuaded the South and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burnt it with fire:

2 And had taken the women captiues, that were therein; they slewe not any either great or smal, but caried them away, and went on their way.

3 So Dauid and his men came to the citie, and beholde, it was burnt with fire, and their wiues, and their sonnes, and their daughters were taken captiues.

4 Then Dauid and the people that were with him, lift vp their voice, and wept, vntill they had no more power to weepe.

5 And Dauids two wiues were taken captiues, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

6 And Dauid was greatly distres-

sed: for the people spake of stoning him, because the soule of all the people was [†]griued, euery man for his sonnes, and for his daughters: but Dauid encouraged himselfe in the LORD his God.

7 And Dauid said to Abiathar the Priest Ahimelechs sonne, I pray thee, bring mee hither the Ephod: and Abiathar brought thither the Ephod to Dauid.

8 And Dauid enquired at the LORD, saying: Shall I pursue after this troupe: shall I ouertake them: And he answered him, Pursue, for thou shalt surely ouertake them, and without faile recouer all.

9 So Dauid went, hee, and the sixe hundred men that were with him, and came to the brooke Besor, where those that were left behinde, stayed.

10 But Dauid pursued, he and foure hundred men: (for two hundred abode behinde, which were so faint that they could not goe ouer the brooke Besor.)

11 And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to Dauid, and gaue him bread, and he did eate, and they made him drinke water.

12 And they gaue him a peece of a cake of figges, and two clusters of raisins: and when hee had eaten, his spirit came againe to him: for hee had eaten no bread, nor drunke any water, three dayes and three nights.

13 And Dauid sayde vnto him, To whome belondest thou: and whence art thou: And he said, I am a yong man of Egypt, seruant to an Amalekite, and my master left me, because three dayes agoe I fell sicke.

14 Wee made an inuasion vpon the South of the Cherethites, and vpon the coast which belongeth to Iudah, and vpon the South of Caleb, and wee burnt Ziklag with fire.

15 And Dauid sayde to him, Canst thou bring me downe to this company: And he said, I sweare vnto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliuer mee into the handes of my master, and I will bring thee downe to this company.

16 And when he had brought him downe, behold, they were spread abroad vpon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dauncing, because of all the great spoile that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Iudah.

† Heb. bitter.

† Heb. their
morrow.

17 And Dauid smote them from the twilight, euen vnto the euening of † the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, saue foure hundred yongmen which rode vpon camels, and fled.

18 And Dauid recouered all that the Amalekites had caried away: and Dauid rescued his two wiues.

19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sonnes nor daughters, neither spoile, nor any thing that they had taken to them: Dauid recouered all.

20 And Dauid tooke all the flockes, and the herds, which they draue before those other cattell, and said, This is Dauids spoile.

21 **C** And Dauid came to the two hundred men which were so faint that they could not follow Dauid, whome they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet Dauid, and to meete the people, that were with him: and when Dauid came neere to the people, he saluted them.

|| Or, asked
them howe
they did.
† Heb. men.

22 Then answered all the wicked men, and men of Belial, of † those that went with Dauid, and said, Because they went not with vs, we wil not giue them ought of the spoile, that wee haue recouered, saue to euery man his wife and his children, that they may leade them away, and depart.

23 Then said Dauid, He shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the **LORD** hath giuen vs, who hath preserved vs, and deliuered the companie that came against vs, into our hand.

24 For who will hearken vnto you in this matter: But as his part is that goeth downe to the battell, so shall his part bee that tarieth by the stuffe: they shall part alike.

† Heb. and
forward.

25 And it was so from that day † forward, that he made it a statute, and an ordinance for Israel, vnto this day.

† Heb. blef-
sing.

26 **C** And when Dauid came to Ziklag, hee sent of the spoile vnto the Elders of Iudah, etien to his friends, (saying, Behold a † present for you, of the spoile of the enemies of the **LORD**)

27 To them which were in Bethel, and to them which were in South Ramoth, and to them which were in Jattir,

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

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

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

30 And to them which were in Hozmah, and to them which were in Chozan, and to them which were in Athach,

31 And to them which were in Hebron, and to all the places where Dauid himselfe and his men were wont to haunt.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 Saul hauing lost his armie, and his sonnes slaine, he and his armour bearer kill themselves. 7 The Philistines possesse the forsaken townes of the Israelites. 8 They triumph ouer the dead carkeises. 11 They of Iabesh Gilead, recouering the bodies by night, burne them at Iabesh, and mournfully burie their bones.

Nowe * the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell downe slaine in mount Gilboa.

* 1. Chron.
10.1.

2 And the Philistines followed hard vpon Saul, and vpon his sonnes, and the Philistines slewe Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, Sauls sonnes.

3 And the battell went sore against Saul, and the † archers hit him, and he was sore wounded of the archers.

† Heb. shoot-
ers, men
with bowes.

4 Then said Saul vnto his armour bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith, lest these vncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse mee. But his armour bearer would not, for he was sore afraid: therfore Saul tooke a sword, & fell vpon it.

† Heb. found
him.

5 And when his armour bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise vpon his sword, and died with him.

6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armour bearer, and all his men that same day together.

7 **C** And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Iordane, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sonnes were dead, they forooke the cities and fled, and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 And it came to passe on the morrow when the Philistines came to strip the slaine, that they found Saul, and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

9 And they cut off his head, and stripped

|| Or, mocke
me.

stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about to publish it in the house of their idoles, and among the people.

10 And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroth: and they fastened his body to the wall of Bethshan.

Or, concerning him.

11 And when the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead heard of that which the

Philistines had done to Saul:

12 All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and tooke the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sonnes from the wall of Bethshan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there.

13 And they tooke their bones, and buried them vnder a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seuen dayes.

** Iere. 34.*

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** 2. Sam. 2.*

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THE SECOND BOOKE

of Samuel, otherwise called, The second Booke of the Kings.

CHAP. I.

1 The Amalekite, who brought tidings of the ouerthrow, and accused himselfe of Sauls death, is slaine. 17 Dauid lamenteth Saul and Jonathan with a song.

NOW it came to passe after the death of Saul, when Dauid was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and Dauid had abode two daies in Ziklag,

2 It came euen to passe on the third day, that behold, a man came out of the campe from Saul, with his clothes rent, and earth vpon his head: and so it was when he came to Dauid, that hee fell to the earth, and did obeysance.

3 And Dauid said vnto him, From whence comest thou: And he said vnto him, Out of the campe of Israel am I escaped.

† Heb. what was &c.

4 And Dauid said vnto him, † How went the matter: I pray thee, tell mee. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battell, and many of the people also are fallen and dead, and Saul and Jonathan his sonne are dead also.

5 And Dauid said vnto the yong man that told him, How knowest thou

that Saul and Jonathan his sonne be dead:

6 And the yong man that told him, said, As I happened by chance vpon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned vpon his speare: and loe, the charrets and horsemen followed hard after him.

7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called vnto mee: and I answered, † Here am I.

† Heb. behold me.

8 And hee said vnto mee, Who art thou: and I answered him, I am an Amalekite.

9 He said vnto me againe, Stand, I pray thee, vpon me, and slay me: for anguish is come vpon mee, because my life is yet whole in me.

|| Or, my coat of male, (or, my embroidered coat) hindereth mee, that my, &c.

10 So I stood vpon him, and slew him, because I was sure that hee could not liue after that hee was fallen: And I tooke the crowne that was vpon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arme, and haue brought them hither vnto my lord.

11 Then Dauid tooke hold on his clothes, and rent them, and likewise all the men that were with him.

** Chap. 3. 31. and 13. 31.*

12 And they mourned and wept, and fasted vntill Euen, for Saul and for Jonathan his sonne, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel, because they were fallen by the sword.

13 And Dauid said vnto the yong man that told him, Whence art thou: