

1 AND 2 KINGS.

THE STRUCTURES OF THE TWO BOOKS* AS A WHOLE. (Division.)

1 Kings 1:1—12:15.	THE KINGDOM. United.
1 Kings 12:16—2 Kings 25:30.	THE KINGDOM. Divided.

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

1 Kings **1:1—12:15.** THE KINGDOM. United.
(Division.)

1 Kings 1:1—2:11.	DAVID.
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1 Kings 12:16—2 Kings 25:30. THE KINGDOM. DIVIDED.

1 Kings 12:16-19.	THE DIVISION OF THE KINGDOM.	
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2 Kings 17:1-41.	ISRAEL (Hoshea).	} Dispersion of Israel and Captivity of Judah. †
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2 Kings 25:1-30.	THE ENDING OF THE KINGDOM.	

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

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

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THE °FIRST BOOK OF THE °KINGS, COMMONLY CALLED, THE °THIRD BOOK OF THE KINGS.

1 Now °king David was old [about 70] and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he °gat no heat.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE STRUCTURE OF 1 AND 2 KINGS AS RELATED TO 1 AND 2 SAMUEL:
2 Sam. 2. 1—4. 12. The Divided kingdom,
2 Sam. 5. 1—24. 25. The United kingdom,
1 Kings 1. 1—12. 15. The United kingdom.
1 Kings 12. 16—2 Kings 25. 30. The Divided kingdom.

Kings. As compared with Chronicles, Kings and Samuel give the history from the human point of view, while Chronicles gives the same history from the Divine standpoint. The former, as man ruled the history; the latter, as God overruled it. Cp. Saul's death, 1 Sam. 31. 6, with 1 Chron. 10. 13, 14; and in Kings, three verses given to Hezekiah's reformation, and in Chronicles, three chapters. For the parallel passages in the Book of Chronicles, see Ap. 56, and note on Title of 1 Samuel, p. 366.

1:1—2:11.....DAVID.
(Repeated Alternation with Introversion.)

1:1.	David. Length of years.	
1:2-4.	Advice of servants to David.	
1:5-10.	Solomon. Wrongful succession.	
1:11-14.	Nathan.	}
1:15-15.	Bath-sheba.	
-15.	David. Very old.	Counter-action
1:16-21.	Bath-sheba.	}
1:22-27.	Nathan.	
1:28-53.	Solomon. Rightful succession	Counter-action.
2:1-9.	Advice of David to Solomon.	
2:10, 11.	David. Length of reign.	

1 king David : Occurs in 2 Sam. 6:12, 16; 7:18; 8:8, 11; 9:5; 13:21, 39; 16:5, 6; 17:17, 21; 19:11, 16. Books begins with king David and ends with king of Babylon. Opens with Temple built, and closes with Temple burnt. Begins with David's first successor on the throne of his kingdom, and ends with David's last successor released from the house of the captivity. Characters of all are tested by the standard of David. **old :** About seventy. Cp. 2 Sam. 5:4, 5. **gat no heat.** Cp. Ps. 32:3, 4.

2 servants : i.e. his advisers, probably medical. **virgin** = damsel. Heb. *b^ethulah*. **3 coasts** = borders.

5-10. SOLOMON. WRONGFUL SUCCESSORS.

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

5 Adonijah. Fourth son of David (1 Sam. 3:4). Amnon dead (2 Sam. 13:29), Absalom dead (2 Sam. 18:14), and probably Chileab (2 Sam. 3:3) men. Heb. *'ish*. Ap. 14. II. **6 his mother :** i.e. "Haggith". See v. 5. **7 Joab.** This is why his name is not in 2 Sam. 23. See note on 2 Sam. 23:24. **8 mighty men.** See 2 Sam. 23:8, 9, 16, 22. **9 En-rogel** = well or spring of Rogel. South side of Jerusalem, in the Kidron valley. **the king.** Some codices with Syr., read "and the", &c.

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

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

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

14 *And behold*, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words.

15 And Bath-sheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king.

16 And Bath-sheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said [*to her*], What wouldest thou?

17 And she said unto him, My lord [*O king*], thou swarest by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, *saying*, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.

18 And now, ¹⁴behold, Adonijah reigneth; and ^onow, my lord the king, thou knowest *it* not:

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

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

21 Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall ^osleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted ^ooffenders.

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

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

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

25 For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, *behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Adonijah.

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

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

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

29 And the king sware, and said, As the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress,

1:11-14. NATHAN AND BATH-SHEBA. COUNTERACTION.

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

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

13 Didst not thou...? Fig. *Erotosis*. Ap. 6.
 why then...? Fig. *Erotosis*. Ap. 6. Some codices, with Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "And behold".

16-27. NATHAN AND BATH-SHEBA. COUNTERACTION.

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| 16. | Obeisance of Bath-sheba | } | Nathan's advice followed |
| 17. | Rightful successor? | | |
| 18. | Adonijah. | } | Nathan's promise fulfilled |
| 19. | Feast. | | |
| 20, 21. | Expectation. | } | Nathan's promise fulfilled |
| 22, 23. | Obeisance of Nathan. | | |
| 24. | Wrongful successor. | } | Nathan's promise fulfilled |
| 25-. | Adonijah. | | |
| -25, 26. | Feast. | } | Nathan's promise fulfilled |
| 27. | Inquiry. | | |

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

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

the Lord. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

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

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

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

21 sleep with his fathers. See note on Deut. 31.16. offenders. See Ap. 44. i.

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

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

28-53. SOLOMON. RIGHTFUL SUCCESSOR.

- 28-40. Proclamation and anointing.
- 41-53. Adonijah. Rebellion quelled.

29 soul. Heb. *nepshesh*. Ap. 13.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 *According as* the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be **He** with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

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

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

40 And all the People came up after him, and the People *playing loudly on pipes*, and *greatly rejoiced*, so that ^{*}the earth rent with the sound of them.

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

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

43 *But* ^oJonathan answered and said to Adonijah, *Of a truth* our lord king David hath made Solomon king.

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

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

30 as = according as.

33 mine own mule. David had not disobeyed Deut. 17:16, as Absalom had done (2 Sam. 15:1) and Adonijah (1 Kings 1:5).

35 sit, &c. As associate king, Solomon being nineteen years of age. **39** tabernacle = tent. Heb. 'ohel. Not the Tabernacle at Gibeon, but David's tabernacle (2 Sam. 6:17) See Ap. 40.

40 piped with pipes = playing loudly on pipes.

Fig. *Polyptoton* Ap. 6.

rejoiced with great joy = greatly rejoiced.

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

41-53. ADONIJAH. REBELLION QUELLED.

41. Alarm.

42-48. Tidings brought to Adonijah.

49, 50. Fear and flight.

51-53. Tidings brought to Solomon.

43 And = But. **Jonathan**. David's faithful messenger of 2 Sam. 15:36 and 17:17.

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

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

46 sitteth = hath taken [his] seat.

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

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

worthy man = a son of valour.

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

have heard.

46 And also Solomon *hath taken his seat* on the throne of the kingdom.

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

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

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

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

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

52 And Solomon said, If he will shew himself [*toward me*] *a son of valour*, there shall ^{*}not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.

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

2 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he °charged Solomon his son, saying,
2 I go °the way of all the earth: be thou *resolute* therefore, and shew thyself a man;
3 And keep the °charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in **His** ways, *and to keep His* statutes, and **His** commandments, and **His** judgments, and **His** testimonies, °as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest *do wisely* in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:
4 That the LORD may *establish* His word which **He** spake concerning me, saying, If thy *sons* take heed to their way, to walk before **Me** in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not *be cut off from* thee (said **He**) a man on the throne of Israel.
5 Moreover thou knowest also what °Joab the son of Zeruiah °did to me, *and* what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto °Abner the son of Ner, and unto °Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that *was* about his loins, and in his shoes that *were* on his feet.
6 Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to °the grave in peace.
7 But shew kindness unto the sons of °Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother.
8 And, *behold, *thou hast* with thee °Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and °I sware to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword.
9 Now therefore hold him not guiltless: (for thou art a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him); °*neither* his hoar head bring thou down to °the grave with blood.
10 So David °slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.
11 And the days that David reigned over Israel *were* forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.
12 Then sat °Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.
13 And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.
14 He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said [*unto him*], Say on.
15 And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and *that* all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the LORD.

2:1-10. ADVICE OF DAVID TO SOLOMON.

- 1-. David. End near.
- 1-4. For good. Solomon.
- 5, 6. For retribution. Johab.
- 7. For good. Barzillai.
- 8, 9. For retribution. Shimei.
- 10. David. Death.

1 charged. Cp. Josh. 1:6-9.
2 the way of all the earth. Cp. Josh. 23:14. **strong** = resolute. Necessary advice for Solomon = the peaceable. **man.** Heb. *'ish.* Ap. 14. II.
3 charge. Cp. Lev. 8:35; 18:30.
the Lord. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.
God. Heb. Elohim.
to keep. Some codices, with three early printed editions, read "and to keep", thus enlarging the Fig. *Polysyndeton* (Ap. 6) in this verse.
as it is written. Cp. Deut. 17:18, 19. Josh. 1:6-8. Note the emphasis laid on God's Word written. See note on Ex. 17:14, and Ap. 47.
prosper do wisely. **4 continue** = establish.
children = sons. Cp. 2 Sam. 7:8, 11-16.
soul. Heb. *nepshesh.* Ap. 13. **fail** = be cut off from.
5 Joab...Zeruiah. David's own sister's son.
did to me. David does not mention the worst sin, the death of Absalom. **Abner.** Cp. 2 Sam. 3:27, 39.
Amasa. Cp. 2 Sam. 20:9-11. 1 Chron. 2:17.
6 the grave. Heb. *Sheol.* Ap. 35. Note "the", not "a". Cp. v. 9.
7 Barzillai. Cp. 2 Sam. 17:27, 29; 19:31, 32.
8 Shimei. Cp. 2 Sam. 16:5-13; 19:18-23.
I sware. Cp. 2 Sam. 19-23.
9 for. Note the parenthesis as indicated. Fig. *Epitrechon.* **but** = neither, as in Ps. 38:1, the second negative being omitted, as is frequently the case. Lit. "and [not]". See Ps. 9:18 (R.V. nor); 38:1 (neither); 75:5. Prov. 24:12; 25:27. Isa. 38:18. The Ellipsis must be supplied here, as it is in the above passages. The Heb. *Vav* () is disjunctive (as well as conjunctive), and is frequently translated "or" (see note on Judg. 11:31), and with a negative "nor" and "neither", as it should be here, &c. Solomon obeyed David's former alternative and did not "hold him guiltless" (v. 36); but punished him for a fresh offence (vv. 42-46).

2:12—11:43. SOLOMON.

- 2:12-. Solomon. Accession.
- 2:-12--11:40. Reign. Events.
- 11:40-42. Reign. Record of events.
- 11:43-. Solomon. Death and burial.

2:-12—11:40. REIGN. EVENTS.

- 2:-12-46. Government.
- 3:1. Marriage.
- 3:2--10:29. Government.
- 11:1-40. Marriages, &c.

2:-12-46. GOVERNMENT.

- 12. Establishment of kingdom.
- 13-25. Execution. Adonijah.
- 26, 27. Deposition. Abiathar.
- 28-34. Execution. Joab.
- 35. Substitution. Benaiah and Zadok.
- 36-46-. Execution. Shimei.
- 46. Establishment of kingdom.

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

16 And now I ask one petition of thee, *turn me not away*. And she said unto him, Say on.

17 And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not *turn thee away*,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife.

18 And Bath-sheba said, *Good*; I will speak for thee unto the king.

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

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

21 And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite ^obe given to Adonijah thy brother to wife.

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

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

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

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

26 And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to ^oAnathoth, unto thine own *estate*; for thou *art doomed to death*: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the Lord GOD before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.

27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD; that he might ^ofulfil the word of the LORD, which **He** spake concerning the house of Eli in ^oShiloh.

28 Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after *Solomon*. And Joab fled unto the ^otabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

29 And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the ²⁸tabernacle of the LORD; and, ^{*}behold, *he is* by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him.

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

2:13-25. EXECUTION. ADONIJAH.

13-16. Bath-sheba. Approached by Adonijah.

17. Adonijah's request.

18. Promise made.

19, 20. Bath-sheba. Approach to Solomon.

21. Adonijah's request.

22-25. Promise fulfilled. Result.

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

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

18 Well = good.

19 seat = throne.

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

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

24 as = according as. **promised.** Cp. 2 Sam. 7. 12, 13.

26 Anathoth. Cp. Josh. 21. 18.

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

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

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

27 fulfil. Cp. 1 Sam. 2. 31, 36. Already partly fulfilled (1 Sam. 4. 11; and now, wholly, in v. 35).

Shiloh. Cp. 1 Sam. 2. 35.

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

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

30 Nay; but...here. The famous Mughah codex quoted in the Massorah adds "to him". Ap. 30.

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

36 any whither. Fig. *Paronomasia*. Ap. 6. Heb. 'aneh va anah = hither and thither.

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

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

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

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

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

36 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth *hither and thither*.

37 For it shall be, *that* ^oon the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou ^oshalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon *thyself*.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; which went out, and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

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

2 ^oOnly the people sacrificed ^oin high places, because there was no house built unto the name of the LORD, until those days.

3 And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the ^ostatutes of David his father: ²only he sacrificed and burnt incense in ^ohigh places.

4 And the king went to Gibeon [*a high place where the Tabernacle was*] to sacrifice there; for that *was* the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon *offer up* upon that altar.

5 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a ^odream by night: and God said, Ask what **I** shall give thee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. 1 affinity = relationship by marriage.

3:2—10:29. GOVERNMENT.

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

2 Only. May imply regret rather than censure. Cp. 15:14, &c. **in high places.** Deut. 12:11, 14, 26, 27, not obeyed since Jehovah had forsaken Shiloh. Cp. Ps. 78:60, 67-69. Jer. 7:12-14.

3:2-15. FIRST APPEARANCE OF JEHOVAH TO SOLOMON.

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

3 statutes of David. Contrast "the statutes of Omri" (Mic.6.16), and "statutes of the heathen" (2 Kings 17. 8).

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

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

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

5 dream. One of the twenty in Scripture. See note on Gen. 20. 3. God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4.

6 said : i.e. in his sleep. Cp. v. 15. See note on Ps. 127. 2. **mercy** = grace, or lovingkindness.

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

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

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

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

9 ^oGive therefore thy servant *a hearing* heart to judge Thy People, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this Thy so great a People?

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

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

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

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

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

15 And Solomon awoke; and, ^{*}behold, *it was* a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and ⁴offered up burnt offerings, and *prepared* peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

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

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

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

19 And this woman's *son* died in the night; because she ^ooverlaid it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 like thee. Supply Fig. *Ellipsis*, by adding "among the kings" from v. 13 and 10:23.

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

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

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

3:16—4:34. WISDOM AND RICHES.

3:16-28. Wisdom.

4:1-28. Dominion and riches.

4:29-34. Wisdom.

3:16-28. WISDOM.

16-22. Case propounded.

23-25. Sentence pronounced.

26. Case withdrawn.

27, 28. Judgment executed.

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

19 child = son. **overlaid.** One of the ten deaths occasioned by women. See note on Judg. 4:21.

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

26 said = kept on saying.

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

4:1-28. DOMINION AND RICHES.

1-19. Solomon. Riches (officers).

20. People. Prosperity.

21. Solomon. Dominion (foreign).

22-23. People. Provision.

24. Solomon. Dominion (foreign).

25. People. Security.

26-28. Solomon. Riches (officers).

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

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

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

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

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

4 So king Solomon was king over all Israel.

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

3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder.

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

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

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

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

8 And these *are* their names: The son of Hur, in *hill country* Ephraim:

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

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

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

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

13 The son of Geber, in ^oRamoth-gilead; to him *pertained* the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which *are* in Gilead; to him *also pertained* the ^oregion of *Edrei*, which *is* in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls and brasen bars:

14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo *had* ^oMahanaim:

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

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

17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar:

18 Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin:

19 Geber the son of Uri *was* in the country of Gilead, *in* the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and *Geber was* the only ^oofficer which *was in the land of Bashan*.

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

21 And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from *the Euphrates even unto* the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they ^obrought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

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

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

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

25 And Judah and Israel dwelt *confidently*, every man under his

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

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

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

8 **mount** = hill country.

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

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

12 **Abel-meholah**. The country of Elisha (19.16, 21). Cp. Judg. 7. 22.

13 **Ramoth-gilead**. In the tribe of Gad. Famous for Ahab's last battle (22. 20). Cp. Josh. 20. 8. Judg. 11. 29.

region. A sharply defined border, defining the rocky rampart encircling the "Lejah" as it is called to-day.

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

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

16 **Hushai**. See note on v. 5,

19 **he** = Geber. **officer**. Not the same word as in v. 7.

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

20 **as the sand**. Fig. *Paroemia*. Ap. 6. Cp. Gen.13. 16.

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

21 **the river** = the Euphrates. Cp. Gen. 15. 18, &c.

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

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

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

24 **on this side**, or beyond.

safely = confidently,

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

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

6. 4; 22. 20. **horses**. A breach of Deut. 17.16. It began by breeding mules (1. 33, 38, 44), which was a breach of Lev. 19. 19). **29** **exceeding great** = very great.

vine and under his fig tree, from ^oDan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.

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

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

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

29 And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding *very great*, and largeness of heart, even ^{*}as the sand that is on the sea shore.

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

31 For he was wiser than *any human being*; than ^oEthan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his *name* was in all nations round about.

32 And he spake three thousand ^oproverbs: and his ^osongs were a thousand and five.

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

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

5 And ^oHiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a *ally* of David.

2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

3 ^oThou knowest how that David my father ^ocould not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

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

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

6 Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that *there is* not among us *a man* that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.

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

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

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

10 So Hiram *continued to give* Solomon cedar trees and *cypress* trees *according to* all his desire.

11 And Solomon ^ogave Hiram twenty thousand ^omeasures of wheat *for* food to his household, and twenty measures of *bruised* oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.

12 And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, *according as He*

30 children = sons.

31 all men = any man.

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

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

fame = name.

32 proverbs. Some included in the book of that name. songs. Cp. Ps. 72 and 127.

34 people = peoples. Cp. ch. 10.

5. 1—12. CONTRACT WITH HIRAM.

1. Hiram and Solomon. Congratulations.

2-6-. Timber required.

-6. Payment.

7-10. Timber required.

11. Payment.

12. Hiram and Solomon. Covenant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 adversary. Heb. *satan*.

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

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

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

fir. Or, cypress.

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

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

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

measures. See Ap. 51. III. 3.

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

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

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

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

promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made *a covenant* together.

13 And king Solomon raised a *tribute of men for free labour* out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men.

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

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

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

17 And the king commanded, and they *quarried* ^ogreat stones, costly stones, *and* hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.

18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew *them*, and the *men of Gebal*: *and* they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

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

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

3 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty ³cubits *was* the length thereof, *in the front of* the breadth of the house; *and* ten cubits *was* the breadth thereof before the house.

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

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

6 The nethermost chamber *was* five ²cubits broad, and the middle *was* six cubits broad, and the third *was* seven cubits broad: for without *in the wall* of the house he made narrowed rests round about, that *the beams* should not be fastened in the walls of the house.

7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone *made perfect* [*in the quarries afar off*] before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe *nor* any tool of iron ^oheard in the house, while it was in building.

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

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

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

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

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

17 brought = quarried.

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

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

6. 1—8. 66...THE TEMPLE.

(PARTICULAR.)

1-38. The Temple.

7:1-12. Other buildings.

7:13—8:66. The Temple.

• 6. 1-38 . THE TEMPLE.

1. Date of commencement,

2-8. Exterior of house.

9,10. Completion.

11-13. Word of Jehovah.

14. Completion.

15-36. Interior of house.

37, 38. Date of completion.

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

children = sons.

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

6. 2-8.....EXTERIOR OF HOUSE.

2. House. Dimensions.

3-6. Accessories. Porch, &c,

7. House. Materials.

8. Accessories. Door, &c.

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

3 according to. Or, in the front of,

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

7 made ready = made perfect.

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

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

12 which I spake unto David. Cp. 2 Sam. 7. 13.

1Chron. 22. 10.

13 And I will dwell *in the midst of* the *sons* of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel.

14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

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

16 And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built *them* for it within, *even* for the ⁵oracle, *even* for the most holy *place*.

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

18 And the cedar of the house within *was* carved with knops and open flowers: all *was* cedar; there was ^ono stone seen.

19 And the ⁵oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

20 And the ⁵oracle in the forepart *was* twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he ^ooverlaid it with pure gold; and *so* ¹⁵covered the altar *which was of* cedar.

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

22 And the *every part of the* house he ²⁰overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that *was* by the ⁵oracle he overlaid with gold.

23 And within the ⁵oracle he made ^otwo cherubims of olive tree, *each* ten cubits high.

24 And five cubits *was* the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one

wing unto the uttermost part of the other *were* ten cubits.

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

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

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

28 And he ²⁰overlaid the cherubims with gold.

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

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

31 And for the entering of the ⁵oracle he made doors of olive tree: the lintel *and* side posts *were* a fifth part *of the* wall.

13 among = in the midst of.

6. 15-36 INTERIOR OF HOUSE.

15. Covering. Walls, within, covered, cedar.

16, 17. Oracle. Dimensions.

18. Covering. Walls, within, carved, cedar.

19, 20. Oracle. Ark, &c.

21, 22. Covering. Walls, within, gold.

23-29. Oracle. Cherubim.

30. Covering. Floor, covered, gold.

31-36. Oracle. Entrances.

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

Cp. Luke 15. 22. Phil. 3. 9.

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

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

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

23 two cherubims. See Ap. 41.

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

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

33 door = entrance.

37 Zif. The second month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which *is* the ^oeighth month, was the house finished throughout all the *appointments* thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he ^oseven years in building it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 And his house where he dwelt *had* another court within the porch, *which was* of the like work. Solomon made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken *to wife*, like unto this porch.

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

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

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

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

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

14 He was °a widow's son of the tribe of °Naphtali [*by marriage*], and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and *skilful* to work all *casting in bronze*. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.

15 For he *fashioned the two notable pillars* of brass, of °eighteen cubits high °apiece: and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about.

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

17 And *lattice-work* of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the *crowns* which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one *crowns*, and seven for the other *crowns*.

18 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the *crowns* that were upon the

5 doors = entrances.

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

7. 13—8. 66..... THE TEMPLE.

7:13-51. The work itself.

8:1-66. The dedication of the work.

7 . 13-51..... THE WORK.

13,14-. The worker.

-14-51. The works.

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

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

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

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

1 Chron. 22. 15.

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

7:-14-51. THE WORKS.

-14-40. Description.

15-22. Completion.

41-50. Enumeration.

51. Completion.

7:-14-40. DESCRIPTION.

-14. Hiram commences the work.

15-22. The position of pillars.

23-37. The sea. } Water

38. The lavers. }

39, 40-. The position of the sea lavers.

-40. Hiram completes the work.

15 cast. Heb. fashioned.

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

eighteen cubits high apiece. So 2 Kings 25. 17 and Jer. 52. 21.

But 2 Chron. 3. is (marg.) says thirty-five cubits long:

i. e. together, the top of "each" being reckoned separately.

Therefore the height here was $17\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$

cubit being taken up in the joining on of the capital.

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

16 chapters. Old French *chapiteau*, from Lat. *capitu-lum* = capitals, or crowns.

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

17 nets = frames, or net- or lattice-work. These are *included* in the five cubits here and in 2 Chron. 3. 15, but not in 2 Kings 25.17.

20 belly = swell, or protuberance.

top, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other *crowns*.

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

20 And the *crowns* upon the two pillars *had* pomegranates also above, over against the *swell* which was by the network: and the pomegranates were two hundred in rows round about upon the other *crowns*.

21 And he set up the pillars *for the porch* of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof ^oJachin: and he set up the left pillar, and he called the name thereof ^oBoaz.

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

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

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

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

26 And it *was* an hand breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained ^otwo thousand ^obaths.

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

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

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

30 And every base had four brasen ^owheels, and *axletrees* of brass: and the four corners thereof had *supports*: under the laver *were supports* molten, *opposite* of every ²⁹addition.

31 And the mouth of it within the *crowns* and above *was* a cubit: but the mouth thereof *was* round *after* the work of the base, a cubit and an half: and also upon the mouth of it *were* gravings with their *panels*, foursquare, not round.

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

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

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

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

36 For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the ^oproportion of every one, and ²⁹additions round about.

37 After this *manner* he made the ten bases: all of them had

21 in the porch = for the porch.

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

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

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

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

baths. See Ap. 51. III. 3.

28 borders = panels, or enclosures.

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

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

undersetters = projections, or supports.

at the side of = opposite.

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

33 naves = felloes. **felloes** = spokes. **spokes** = naves.

36 proportion : i. e. on a reduced scale, as the plates required. **40 lavers** = cauldrons (for boiling the peace offerings). Some codices, with three early printed editions, Sept., and Vulg., read "pans". Cp. v. 45 and 2 Chron. 4. 11. **made** = made for.

41 networks = lattices.

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

one casting, one measure, *and* one size.

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

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

40 And Hiram made the *pans*, and the shovels, and the basons. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he *made for* king Solomon for the house of the LORD:

41 The two pillars, and the *two* bowls of the *crowns* that *were* on the top of the two pillars; and the two *lattices*, to cover the two bowls of the *crowns* which *were* upon the top of the pillars;

42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two *lattices*, even two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the *crowns* that *were upon the face of* the pillars;

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

44 And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea;
45 And the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, *were of* bright brass.
46 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarthan.
47 And Solomon left all the vessels *unweighed*, because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass *sought out*.
48 And Solomon made all the *furniture* that *pertained* unto the house of the LORD: *the altar of incense* of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the shewbread *was*,
49 And the ^o candlesticks of ^o pure gold, five on the right *side*, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs *of* gold,
50 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers *of* pure gold; and the hinges *of* gold, *both* for the doors of the inner house, *the holy of holies*, and for the doors of the house, *to wit*, of the temple.
51 So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in *the holy things of David*; *even* the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.

8 Then Solomon assembled *all the elders* of Israel, ^oand all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the *families* of the *sons* of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD ^oout of the city of David, which is Zion.

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

3 And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests ^otook up the ark.
4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and *the tent* of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in *the tent*, *even* those did the ^opriests and the ^oLevites bring up.
5 And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that *were* assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.
6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into *the most holy place* of the house, to *the holy of holies*, *even* under the wings of the cherubims.
7 For the cherubims spread forth *their* two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.
8 And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy *place* before *the most holy place*, and they were not seen *outside the holy place*: and there they are ^ounto this day.
9 *There was* nothing in the ark ^osave the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, ^owhen the LORD

47 found out = sought out. **48 vessels** = furniture.
altar : i.e. the altar of incense. Cp. 6. 22.
49 candlesticks. Cp. 2 Chron. 4. 20. Solomon exceeded the pattern in number but followed the design in shape. Size not stated.
pure gold. In Palestine, gold has the least possible alloy, and is exceedingly malleable.
50 the most holy place = the holy of holies.
51 the things which David his father had dedicated = the holy things of David. Heb. *kodesh*. See note on Ex. 3. 5

8:1- 66 THE DEDICATION.

1-11. The Feast.
 12-21. Blessing.
 22. Station.
 23-53. PRAYER.
 54, 55. Station.
 56-61. Blessing.
 62-64. WORSHIP.
 65, 66. The Feast.

1-11. THE FEAST. (Alternation.)

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

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

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

fathers = fathers' houses = families. **children** = sons.

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

2 Ethanim. Same as Tisri.

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

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

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

Levites : the ministers of praise.

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

the most holy place = the holy of holies.

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

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

9 save, &c. Heb. 9. 4 speaks of the Ark as it was in the Tabernacle, not as in the Temple. Cp. Heb. 9. 2, 3, 4.

when...Israel. The Sept. reads "the Tables which Moses placed [there] in Horeb, which [Tables] the LORD covenanted with the sons of Israel".

made a covenant with the *sons* of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

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

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

12 Then spake Solomon, The LORD said that **He** would ^odwell in thick darkness.

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

14 And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the *assembly* of Israel: (and all the *assembly* of Israel stood;)

15 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, Which spake with **His** mouth unto David my father, and hath with **His** hand fulfilled *it*, ^osaying,

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

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

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

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

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

21 And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein *is* [*the two tables of stone on which is written*] the covenant of the LORD, which **He** made with our fathers, when **He** brought them out of the land of Egypt.

22 And Solomon *took his position* before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the *assembly* of Israel, and [*kneeling*] spread forth his hands toward heaven:

23 And he said, LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God like **Thee**, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, **Who** keepest covenant and mercy with **Thy** servants that walk before **Thee** with all their heart:

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

25 Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with **Thy** servant David my father that **Thou** promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in **My** sight to sit on the throne of Israel; *provided that* **Thy** sons take heed to their way, that they walk before **Me** *according as* thou hast walked before **Me**.

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

27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? ^{*}behold, the heaven and ^{*}heaven of heavens cannot contain **Thee**; how much less this house that I have builded?

28 Yet have **Thou** respect unto the prayer of **Thy** servant, and to his *entreaty*, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and

8. 12- 21 BLESSING.

12. Words of and to Jehovah.

13. The house.

14- 16. Words of and to Jehovah.

17. The house.

18 ,19. Words of and to Jehovah.

20, 21. The house.

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

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

14 congregation = assembly,

15 God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. saying. Cp. 2 Sam. 7. 6.

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

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

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

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

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

23 mercy = lovingkindness, or grace.

23-53 THE PRAYER.

23-30. General. Jehovah and himself.

31-53. Special. The people.

23-30 GENERAL.

23, 24. Jehovah's faithfulness.

25, 26. Solomon's plea.

27. Jehovah's immensity.

28-30. Solomon's plea.

25 so that = provided that, **as** = according as.

26 God = Elohim. Ap. 4.1. Some codices, with Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "Jehovah Elohim". Ap. 4. I, II.

word. Heb. *dabar*. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Subject), for the promises made by it. See v. 56.

27 will...? Fig. *Erotasis*. Ap. 6. Cp. 2 Chron. 6. 18. Isa. 66. 1. Acts 7. 48, 49.

indeed = in truth.

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

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

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

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

supplication = entreaty (for favour).

cry = the vehement utterance of either.

29 toward. So written, but some codices read "upon".

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

to the ^oprayer, which **Thy** servant prayeth before **Thee** to day:

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

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

31 *Whosoever* °trespass against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, ... before Thine altar in this house:

32 Then hear Thou in heaven, and do, and judge Thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and

justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

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

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

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

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

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

38 What ²⁸prayer and *entreaty for favour* soever be *made* by any man, *or* by all Thy People Israel, which shall *perceive in his own heart* every man the *sin* of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:

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

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

41 Moreover concerning a *foreigner, or alien*, that *is* not of Thy People Israel, but cometh out of a far country for Thy name's sake;

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

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

44 If Thy People go out to battle against their *enemies*,

31-53. SPECIAL. THE PEOPLE.

31.	Subject.	}	Individual.
32.	"Hear Thou".		
33.	Subject.	}	National.
34.	"Hear Thou".		
35.	Subject.		
36.	"Hear Thou".		
37, 38.	Subject.	}	Individual.
39, 40.	"Hear Thou".		
41, 42.	Subject.	}	National.
43.	"Hear Thou".		
44.	Subject.		
45.	"Hear Thou".		
46-48.	Subject.	}	National.
49-53.	"Hear Thou".		

30 dwelling place. Fig. *Anthropopatheia*. Ap. 6.

31 If = When, or Whosoever shall.

trespass. See Ap. 44. i. This shows an acquaintance with the Pentateuch. See v. 33, and Ap. 47.

and the oath come. Omitted by Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg. versions.

33 When. Note how these petitions are based on the *Pentateuch*. Cp. Lev. 26.17. Deut. 28. 25.

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

35 When heaven is shut up. Cp. Lev. 26.19. Deut. 11. 17. Cp. ch. 17.1.

36 that Thou teach = because Thou wilt teach.

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

blasting = blight. **cities.** Heb. gates. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Adjunct) for cities. **38 man.** Heb. 'adam. Ap. 14. I.

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

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

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

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

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

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

42 they shall hear. Cp. 10.1, 6, 7.

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

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

46 there is no man that sinneth not. Fig. *Parosmia*. Ap. 6. Cp. Prov. 20. 9. Ecc. 7. 20. Jas. 3. 2.

whithersoever Thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the LORD *toward* the city which Thou hast chosen, and *toward* the house that I have built for Thy name:

45 Then hear Thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and *execute judgment for them.*

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

47 Yet ^oif they shall *call themselves to their right mind* in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto Thee in the land of them that carried them captives, ^osaying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;

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

49 Then hear Thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven Thy ^{*}dwelling place, and maintain their ⁴⁵cause,

50 And ^oforgive Thy People that have sinned against Thee and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against Thee, and ^ogive them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them:

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

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

53 For Thou ^odidst separate them from among all the *peoples* of the earth, *to be* Thine inheritance, *according as* Thou spakest by the hand of Moses Thy servant, when Thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD.

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

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

56 Blessed *be* the LORD, That hath ^ogiven rest unto His People Israel, according to all that He promised: there hath *not fallen to the ground* one word of all His good promise, which He promised by the hand of ^oMoses His servant.

57 The LORD our God be with ^ous, *according as* He was with our fathers: ^olet Him not leave us, nor forsake us:

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

59 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that He maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of His People Israel *day by day*, as the matter shall require:

60 That all the *peoples* of the earth ^omay know that the LORD *He is* God, *and that* there is none else.

61 Let your heart therefore be *loyal* with the LORD our God, to walk in His statutes, and to keep His commandments, as at this day.

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

bethink themselves = call themselves to their right mind. (The verb is in the Hiphil.)

saying, We have sinned. Cp. Neh. 1. 6, 7. Dan. 9. 8.

48 toward their land. Cp. Dan. 6. 10; 9. 5-19. Ezra 9. 5-15; 10.1. Neh. 9. 16-35. Ps. 106. 6.

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

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

50 forgive Thy People. Cp. Lev. 26. 40, 42.

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

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

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

people = peoples.

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

kneeling. See note on v. 22, and cp. 19. 18. Isa. 45.23. Ezra 9. 5. 2 Chron. 6. 13. Dan. 6. 10. Ps. 95. 6. Standing was the earlier practice (1 Sam. 1. 26).

8. 56-61 THE BLESSING.

56- The faithfulness of Jehovah. Celebrated.

-56. Retrospective. Praise.

57-60. Prospective. Prayer.

61 The faithfulness of His People. Exhortation.

56 given rest. Cp. Ex. 33.14.

not failed. Not fallen [to the ground]. Heb. *naphal*, to fall. Solomon knows Josh. 23. 14. Cp. Josh. 21. 45, **Moses His servant.** See note on Ex. 14. 31.

57 us. Note that Solomon includes himself.

let Him not leave us, &c. See note on Gen. 28. 15.

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

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

60 may know. Cp. Deut. 4. 39. **is** = he [is].

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

62 offered sacrifice. Heb. sacrificed a sacrifice. Fig. *Polyptoton* (Ap. 6) = offered a great or abundant sacrifice.

See Ap. 43. I. iv. Jehovah accepted them by fire from heaven, as recorded in 2 Chron. 7. 1. See note on Gen. 4. 4.

62 And the king, and all Israel with him, ^ooffered sacrifice before the LORD.

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

64 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that *was* before the house of the LORD: for there he *prepared* burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brasen altar that *was* before the LORD *was* too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

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

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

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

2 That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, ^oas he had appeared [*in a dream*] unto him at Gibeon.

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

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

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

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

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

8 *And this house will become conspicuous; every passer by will be astonished, and hiss; and they will say*, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house?

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

10 And it came to pass at the end of ^otwenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house,

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

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

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

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

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

9. 1-9. SECOND APPEARANCE OF JEHOVAH.

- 1, 2. Appearance.
- 3. Acceptance.
- 4-9. Admonition.

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

2 as He had appeared. See 3:5.

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

4-9. ADMONITION.

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

5 as = according as.

6 children = sons.

7 people = peoples.

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

9 God. Heb. Elohim. evil. Heb. *ra'a'*. Ap. 44. viii.

10 twenty years. Cp. 7. 1.

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

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

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

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

15-24. THE LEVY.

15 reason = account, or schedule.

Levy: i.e. tribute of men. Same word as 5:13-18; not the same word as v. 21.

land of Galilee.

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

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

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

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

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

16 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken ¹⁵Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a *dowry* unto his daughter, Solomon's wife.

17 And Solomon *rebuilt* Gezer, and Beth-horon the nether,

18 And Baalath, and ^oTadmor in the wilderness, in the land,

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

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

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

22 But of the *sons* of Israel did Solomon ^omake no bondmen: but they were men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

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

24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo.

25 And ^othree times in a year did Solomon *offer up* burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house.

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

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

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

10 And when the ^oqueen of Sheba *kept hearing* of the *report* of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with *difficult* questions.

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

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

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

5 And the meat of his table, and the *seated assembly* of his servants, and the *standing* of his ministers, and their apparel, and his

Millo = the Millo. Part of Jebusite city, or the filling up between Jebus and Moriah. Hezekiah strengthened it. Shechem had a "Millo" (Judg. 9. 6). Cp. v. 24; 11.27. 2 Sam. 5. 9. 1 Chron. 11.8. 2 Chron. 32. 54.

the wall. Begun by David (2 Sam. 5. 9. 1 Chron. 11. 8). Solomon closed the breaches (11. 27).

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

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

Gezer. Gezer was formerly under the suzerainty of Egypt. Correspondence of the time of Amen-hotep III and IV, about 1450 B. C. has been found at Tel-el-Amarnah explorations, which mentions Yapakhi as "king" of Gezer. Letters from Abdkhiva, king of Jerusalem, complain of the Gezerites. First mentioned in Josh. 10. 33. Conquest only partial (Josh. 16. 10. Judg. 1. 29). Allotted to Levites (Josh. 21. 21). In excavation by Palestine Exploration Fund a contract was found, dated 649 B. C. (in Assyrian). Gezer then still under an Egyptian Governor. Another contract, dated 647 B. C. was found, showing an Assyrian occupation in the time of Manasseh. This may explain the "captains" of 2 Chron. 38.11.

16 present = dowry.

17 built = rebuilt and fortified.

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

21 bondservice. See note on v. 22.

22 make no bondmen. According to Lev. 25. 39. The levy, of 5.13; 11. 28, was a levy for free service. This was for bondservice (v. 21).

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

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

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

9:26—10:29. RICHES AND WISDOM.

9:26-28	Riches. Navy.
10:1-10.	Wisdom. Queen of Sheba.
10:11, 12.	Riches. Navy.
10:13.	Wisdom. Queen of Sheba.
10:14-29.	Riches. Possessions.

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

10. 1 queen of Sheba. Cp. 2 Chron. 9.1.

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

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

fame = report.

hard = abstruse, or difficult.

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

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

5 sitting = seated assembly. **attendance** = standing.

cupbearers, and his ^oascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more ^ospirit in her.

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

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

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

9 Blessed be the LORD thy God, Which ^odelighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made **He** thee king, to do judgment and

righteousness.

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

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

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

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

14 Now the weight of gold that ^ocame to Solomon in one year was ^osix hundred threescore and six [666] talents of gold.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 For the king had at sea a ^onavy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of

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

spirit. Heb. *ruach*. Ap. 9.

6 acts = words.

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

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

justice = righteousness.

11 navy also of Hiram. Joined with Solomon (v. 22; 9. 27, 28).

Ophir. See note on 2 Chron. 8.18.

13 of his royal bounty. Heb. according to the hand of king Solomon.

10:14-29. RICHES. POSSESSIONS.

14 came. Probably in tariffs.

six hundred threescore and six = 666. Symbolical of the height or essence of man's desire, but all vanity (Ap. 10). Cp. Ecc 2. 8, 11. 1 Tim. 6. 10.

17 shields. Taken away by Shishak in the reign of Rehoboam (14. 26).

18 the best = pure.

19 top = canopy. **stays** = supports. Lit. hands.

22 navy of Tharshish = Tharshish ships, a name for large ocean-going ships (like English "East-Indiamen"). When mentioned as a place it is identified by Oppert with Tartessus = the Andalusia of to-day, noted for silver (not gold), iron, tin, and lead (Jer. 10. 9. Ezek. 27.12). They sailed from Tyre to the West Mediterranean, and from Ezion-geber to Ophir (Arabia, India, and East Africa), 9. 26-28 and 10. 11.

ivory = elephants' tusks.

apes, and peacocks. The Heb. for these are Indian words (Tamil).

25 brought = kept bringing.

27 sycamore. Not English, but Eastern; a kind of fig, or mulberry.

Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, **elephants' tusks**, and ^oapes, and ^opeacocks.

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

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

25 And they **kept bringing** every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

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

27 And the king made silver *to be* in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he *to be as the* ^osycamore trees that *are* in the vale, for abundance.

28 And Solomon had ^ohorses brought out of Egypt, and ^olinen yarn: the king's merchants received the ^olinen yarn at a price.

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

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

2 Of the nations *concerning* which the LORD said unto the *sons* of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.

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

4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was ^onot perfect with the LORD his God, ^oas was the heart of David his father.

5 For Solomon went after ^oAshtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after ^oMilcom the ^oabomination of the Ammonites.

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

7 Then did Solomon build an high place for ^oChemosh, the ⁵abomination of Moab, in [*the*] *Mount of Olives* that *is* before Jerusalem, and for ^oMolech, the ⁵abomination of the *sons* of Ammon.

8 And likewise did he for all his *foreign* wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

9 And the LORD was ^oangry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, **Which** had appeared unto him ^otwice,

10 And ^ohad commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded *him*.

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

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

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

14 And the LORD stirred up *a Satan* unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he *was* of the king's seed in Edom.

28 horses. Cp. Isa. 31. 1; 36. 9. Also Ezek. 17. 15. **linen yarn.** Probably = by strings, or droves (i. e. the horses).

29 kings of the Hittites. Cp. 1 Sam. 26:6. 2 Kings 7:6. These passages alleged to be unhistoric! but they are confirmed by the discoveries made in 1874 throughout Asia Minor and North Syria, which identify them with the "sons of Heth" (Gen. 23. 3, 5, 7; 25. 10; 27. 46; 49. 32), the *Khatta* of the Accadian and the *Kheta* of the Egyptian records. They contended on equal terms with Assyria and Egypt. Crushed by Sargon II, 717 B. c. Chief centers, Carchemish on the Euphrates and Kadesh on the Upper Orontes.

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

11:1-40. MARRIAGES.

1-8. Sins. Committed.

9-. Jehovah's anger.

-9, 10. Sins. Charged.

11-40. Jehovah's punishment.

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

3 children = sons.

4 not perfect. See note on 8. 61.

as = according to. David was faultless as to idolatry.

5 Ashtoreth. Cp. Judg. 2:13. 1 Sam. 7:3; 12:10; 31:10.

Milcom. Same as *Malcham*, the Aramaic pronunciation of Molech (v. 7). See Zeph. 1. 5. Translated "their king" (Jer. 49. 1. Amos 1. 15).

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

6 evil = the evil. Heb. *ra'a'*. Ap. 44. viii.

7 Chemosh. Cp. Num. 21. 29. Jer. 48. 7,13, 46. 2 Kings 23. 13.

the hill, &c. = Mount of Olives! Hence called "the Mount of Corruption" (2 Kings 23. 13).

Molech. Generally has the article and denotes the king-idol (Lev. 18. 21; 20. 2, 3, 4, 5. 1 Kings 11. 7. 2 Kings 23. 10. Jer. 32. 35). Isa. 30. 33 and 57. 9 may be Molech, the idol, and not *Melek*, "king".

9 angry. Fig. *Prosopopoeia*. Ap. 6. Heb. *'anaph*. Used only of *Divine* anger. Occurs fourteen times: six in the *Hithpael* = to force one's self to be angry (as with one loved). See the six: Deut. 1. 37; 4. 21; 9.8,20.

1 Kings 11. 7. 2 Kings 17. 18.

twice. Cp. 3. 5; 9. 2.

11-40. JEHOVAH. PUNISHMENT.

10 had commanded him. Cp. 6. 12.

commanded. Some codices, with three early printed editions, Sept., Syr., and Vulg., add "him".

11 will surely rend = a rending I will rend. Fig. *Polyptoton*. Ap. 6. See note on Gen. 26. 28. 13

13 one tribe. Benjamin reckoned as part of Judah.

14-40. EXECUTION (ADVERSARIES).

14 an adversary = a Satan.

15 For ^oit came to pass, when David was in Edom, and ^oJoab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten ^oevery male [*whom he found*] in Edom;

16 (For ^osix months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom:)

17 That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad *being* yet a little child.

18 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.

19 And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.

20 And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh.

21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David ^oslept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country.

22 Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.

23 And God stirred him up *another* ¹⁴adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:

24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them *of Zobah*: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

25 And he was *the Satan* to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad *did*: and he abhorred Israel, and ^oreigned over Syria.

26 And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an *Ephraimite* of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, ^oa widow woman, even he lifted up *his* hand against the king.

27 And this *was* the cause that he lifted up *his* hand against the king: Solomon built *the Millo*, and repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.

28 And the man Jeroboam *was* a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he *gave him oversight* over all the charge of the house of Joseph.

29 And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet ^oAhijah the ^oShilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two *were* alone in the field:

30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that *was* on him, and ^orent it *in* twelve pieces:

31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, *Behold, **I** will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ^oten tribes to thee:

15 it came to pass, &c. Cp. 2 Sam. 8. 3-13. Joab. Cp. Ps. 60, title, and see note on 2 Sam. 8. 13.

every male: i.e. who did not flee, as Hadad did. Supply Fig. *Ellipsis* (Ap. 6), "every male [whom he found] in Edom". See v. 17.

16 six months. See note on 2 Sam. 8. 13. Note also Fig. *Parenthesis* (Ap. 6), v. 16.

21 slept with his fathers. See note on Deut. 31.16.

25 reigned. David had subdued Syria (2 Sam. 8. 3, 6; 10. 8, 18). Now Solomon, weakened by sin, loses Syria.

26 Ephraimite = Ephraimite, as in 1 Sam. 1.1. Not a Bethlehemite, as in Ruth 1. 2. Zealous therefore for his tribe as against Judah.

a widow. One of the nine widows mentioned in Scripture. See note on Gen. 38. 19.

27 Millo = the Millo. See note on 9.15.

28 made him ruler = gave him oversight, which gave him opportunity to oppress and create disaffection.

29 Ahijah. He afterwards rebuked Jeroboam (14. 6-16).

Shilonite = a native of Shiloh, where the Tabernacle and Ark had been placed (Josh. 18. 1). Cp. 1 Sam. 4:3.

30 rent it. Symbolic act. Cp. 22. 11. Isa. 20. 2, &c. Jer. 19. 1-13. Ezek. 12. 1-20. Zech. 11. 7, 10, 14.

31 ten. Levi not reckoned.

32 one tribe. Put for, and including, Simeon, Benjamin, and Levi, and others who joined later. Cp. 12.23. 2Chron. 11. 13; 15. 9.

33 Ashtoreth.

Chemosh. } See notes on vv. 5 and 7.

Milcom.

35 I will take. Fulfilled in 12. 16-20.

36 light = lamp. Cp. the "furnace" of 8. 51, and see note on Gen. 15.17. Cp. 2 Kings 8.19. Ps. 18. 28. Jer. 25. 10: implying the continued existence of the Divine purpose.

32 (But he shall have ^oone tribe for **My** servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which **I** have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)

33 Because that they have forsaken **Me**, and have worshipped ^oAshtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, ^oChemosh the god of the Moabites, and ^oMilcom the god of the *sons* of Ammon, and have not walked in **My** ways, to do *that which is* right in **Mine** eyes, and *to keep My* statutes and **My** judgments, as *did* David his father.

34 Howbeit **I** will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but **I** will make him prince all the days of his life for David **My** servant's sake, whom **I** chose, because he kept **My** commandments and **My** statutes:

35 But ^o**I** will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, *even* ten tribes.

36 And unto his son will **I** give one tribe, that David **My** servant may have a *lamp* alway before **Me** in Jerusalem, the city which **I** have chosen **Me** to put **My** name there.

37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.

38 And it shall be, °if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in My ways, and do that is right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as David My servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee °a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.

39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but °not for ever.

40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into °Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

41 And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, *are* they not °written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

42 And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was °forty years.

43 And Solomon ²¹slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

12 And Rehoboam went to °Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.

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

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

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

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

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

7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants *always*.

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

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

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

11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with °whips, but I will chastise you with *knotted whips*.

38 if thou wilt hearken. Same conditions as in 9. 4.

a sure house: i.e. a long and unbroken line of descendants.

39 not for ever. Thus confirming the prophecy of Gen. 49. 10, which refers to the *tribal pre-eminence* of Judah (not national existence), which was preserved till fulfilled in Christ, when David's line ended in Him.

40 Egypt. This explains much. He must have thought of Joseph's exaltation, and the blessing pronounced on Ephraim (Gen. 49. 13-20; 49. 22-26); and by Moses (Deut. 33. 13-17). It explains also the origin of the "golden calves" (12. 28).

41 written in the book. See note on Ex. 17. 14.

42 forty years : 920-880 B. C.

12:1-15. REHOBOAM.

1. Rehoboam. Accession to kingdom.
- 2-4. Petition of Jeroboam. Made.
5. Dismissal.
- 6-11. Answer considered.
12. Return.
- 13, 14. Petition of Jeroboam. Answered.
15. Rehoboam. Rending of kingdom.

1 Shechem. A national sanctuary (Josh. 24. 1). Now *Nablous*, corruption of Neapolis, the (New town) of Vespasian. The site of Abraham's first altar. Jacob's first home. Here the tribes met. Here Joseph was buried. All this before Jebus became Jerusalem. Hence the envy of Ephraim for Judah (Isa. 11. 13). Degraded by new name, Sychar = drunkenness (Isa. 28. 1-7). Yet here alone in all the world is the Paschal lamb still slain.

3 congregation = assembly.

4 made our yoke grievous. Made by Jeroboam himself owing to the opportunity afforded by Solomon's action (11. 28).

7 for ever. Heb. all the days : i.e. always.

10 My little finger. Fig. *Parotmia*. Ap. 6.

11 whips. The badge of the taskmaster on the Egyptian monuments. Cp. Ex. 1. 10, 14; 5. 13, 14 ("beaten").

scorpions. A knotted whip, so called ; as we call another kind of whip the "cat".

12 as = according as.

13 gave him = counseled him.

15 the cause = the turning (of events), or overruling.

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

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

14 And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father *also* chastised you with ¹¹whips, but I will chastise you with ¹¹scorpions.

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

16 So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, *What portion have we in David? neither *have we* inheritance in ^othe son of Jesse: **to your gods**, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents.

17 But *as for* the **sons** of ^oIsrael which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who *was* over the tribute; and all Israel ^ostoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam ^omade speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem [**from Shechem**].

19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David ^ounto this day.

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

21 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, ^oan hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

22 But the word of God came unto ^oShemaiah the man of God, saying,

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

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

25 Then Jeroboam **rebuilt** Shechem in **hill country** Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built ^oPenuel.

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:

27 ^oIf this People go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this People turn again unto their lord, *even* unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

28 Whereupon the king took counsel (**[but not of Jehovah]**), and made two calves *of* gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: *behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

29 And he set the ^oone in Beth-el, and the other put he ^oin Dan.

16 What portion...? Fig. *Erotosis*. Ap. 6, the son of Jesse. Used in contempt. Cp. 1 Sam. 16. 18; 20. 31; 22. 7, 8, 9; 25.10. 2 Sam. 20. 1.

to your tents. One of the emendations of the *Sopherim*. Ap. 33. The primitive text was "to your gods", because the sin here was apostasy from Jehovah's worship in Jerusalem. Two letters transposed made it read "to your tents". See note on 1 Sam. 20. 1, and cp. 2 Chron. 10. 16.

17 children = sons.

Israel which dwelt in...Judah. Here was a nucleus of true worshippers constantly increased (1 Kings 12. 19. 1 Chron. 9. 3. 2 Chron. 10. 17; 11. 3,16, 17; 15. 9; 16. 1; 19. 8; 23. 2; 30. 1, 5, 10, 11; 31. 6). In Ezra 1. 5; 2. 2, 59, 70; 7. 13; 9. 1; 10. 5, those returning of Judah's captivity are called "of Israel", and "all Israel", 2. 2, 70; 3. 1; 6. 21; 7. 10,13; 8. 25; 9. 1; 10.1, 2, 5, 10,25. Neh. 2. 10; 7. 7,61,73; 8. 17; 10.33; 11.3; 12.47. Judah was thus always representative of "all Israel". Hence Acts 4. 27, "the People of Israel", and Acts 2.14, 22,36, "of Judah". The two words are used interchangeably, except where otherwise stated. See note on "all the house of Israel", Ex. 16. 31. Also on 1 Chron. 22.17; 23. 2. 2 Chron. 12. 6, "princes of Israel", used of Judah before the division. Also, on the cause of the increase of Judah, see note on 2 Chron. 13. 3.

18 stoned him. One of the nine stonings recorded See note on Lev. 24.14.

made speed. Heb. strengthened himself.

to Jerusalem: from Shechem.

19 unto this day. Cp. 8. 8. This was written certainly before the removal of Israel in 2 Kings 17.

12:20—14:20. ISRAEL. JEROBOAM I.

12:20. Jeroboam. Accession.

12:21-24. Reign. Assured.

12:25—14:18. Reign. Events.

14:19, 20. Jeroboam. Record.

20 Judah only. See note on "one tribe" (11. 32).

21 an hundred, &c. 180,000. In David's time there were 470,000. See note on 2 Sam. 24. 9,

22 Shemaiah. Cp. 2 Chron. 11. 2; 12. 5.

the man of God = prophet. See the first occurrence, Deut. 33. 1, and Ap. 49.

24 this thing : i. e. the division of the kingdom. Not the rebellion of Jeroboam. Cp. 2 Chron. 13. 4-12.

12:25—14:18. REIGN. EVENTS.

25 built = rebuilt, or repaired. This doubtless included increased fortification (2 Chron. 11. 11).

mount = hill-country.

Penuel. On east of Jordan (Gen. 32. 30. Judg. 8. 8),

12:26-33. IDOLATRY. COMMENCED.

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

12:28-33. JEROBOAM. EXPEDIENTS.

28-30. Idolatry. The two calves.

31-33. Idolatry. The high places.

28 took counsel: "but not of Jehovah" (Isa. 30. 1). **behold**. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6. Cp. Ex. 32. 4. Hos. 8. 5, 6; 10. 5. **29** one in Beth-el: was desecrated by Josiah (2 Kings 23. 15). **in Dan**. See note on Gen. 49. 17. Carried away by Tiglath-pileser (2 Kings 15. 29). The sons of Jonathan, the grandson of Moses (see note on Judg. 18. 30), were ready to act as priests.

30 And this thing ^obecame a sin: for the People went *to worship* before the one, *even* unto Dan.

31 And he made *a temple* of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the People, which were not of the sons of Levi.

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

33 So he *offered up* upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, *even* in the month which he had devised *by himself*; and ordained a feast unto the *sons* of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

13 And, behold, there came ^oa man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

2 And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, *O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a *son* shall be born unto the house of David, ^oJosiah by name; and upon thee shall he *slaughter* the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and *human* bones ^oshall be burnt upon thee.

3 And he gave ^oa sign the same day, saying, This *is* the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar ²shall be rent, and the ashes that *are* upon it shall be poured out.

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

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

6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD ^othy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the

king's hand was restored him again, and became as *it was* before.

7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.

8 And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me ^ohalf thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

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

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

11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day ^oin Bethel:

30 became a sin. See Ap. 44. i. Hence the repeated stigma who "made Israel to sin". Cp. 13. 34 ; 14. 16; 15. 26, 30, 34; 16. 2, 19, 26, &c.

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

33 offered = offered up. Ap. 43. I. vi.

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

33 of his own heart. Heb. text reads "by himself". Some codices, with three early printed editions, Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read as A.V. Man-made feasts go with man-made priests (v. 31).

13:1-31. WARNING. BY MAN OF GOD.

1, 2.	Jeroboam. War	}	Arrival.
3.	Sign given.		
4.	Jeroboam. Smit		
5.	Sign fulfilled.		
6.	Jeroboam. Heal	}	Return.
7-10.	Obedience.		
11-14.	Old prophet.		
15-19.	Disobedience.		
20-32.	Old prophet.		

1 a man of God. Cp. Deut. 33. 1, and see Ap. 49.

2 O altar, altar. Figs. *Apostrophe* and *Epizeuxis*. child = son.

Josiah by name. Cyrus is the only other so foretold (177 years before). Josiah knew (2 Kings 23. 17, 18). Cyrus knew (2 Chron. 36. 22, 23. Isa. 44. 28).

offer (in sacrifice) = slay, or slaughter. Ap. 43. I. iv.

men's: human. Heb. '*adam*'. Ap. 14. I.

shall be. This was fulfilled in 2 Kings 23. 16 (360 years later).

3 a sign. We have similar signs in Ex. 3.12. 2 Kings 19. 29; 20. 8. Isa. 7. 14; 8 18.

4 put forth his hand. One of the eleven rulers who thus assaulted Jehovah's witnesses. See note on Ex. 10. 28.

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

8 half thine house. Remembering Num. 22:18; 24:13.

11 in Beth-el. A true prophet could not have remained there. Cp. 2 Chron. 11. 16, 17.

and his sons. Sept. reads "whose sons".

the words. Syr. and Vulg. read "and the words".

13 me = for me. **him** = for him.

14 an oak = the oak.

the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.

12 And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle *for me* the ass. So they saddled *for him* the ass: and he rode thereon,

14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under *the oak*: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am.

15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:

17 For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt ^oeat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.

18 He said unto him, I *am* a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. *But* he lied unto him.

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

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

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

22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which *the LORD* did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the *burying place* of thy fathers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 And he laid his carcase in his own *sepulchre*; and they mourned over him, *saying*, Alas, my brother!

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

32 For the saying which ^ohe cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel,

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

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

21 disobeyed = rebelled against. The same expression used of Moses and Aaron at Meribah (Num. 20. 24; 27. 14). Safety found only in the path of obedience. Cp. v. 26.

22 sepulchre. Heb. *keber*, a burying-place.

23 to wit = that is to say.

24 a lion. For lions in Palestine see Judg. 14. 5. 1 Sam. 17. 34. 2 Sam. 23. 20. 1 Kings 20. 36.

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

which He spake. Cp. v. 22.

30 grave = sepulchre. Heb. *keber*, a burying-place, a pit. Cp. Ap. 35.

31 lay my bones : i. e. lay them not with the bones of those referred to in v. 2. Cp. 2 Kings 23. 18.

32 he cried. Cp. v. 2.

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

34 became sin = became the sin. See note on 12.30.

14:1-17. WARNING FROM AHIJAH.

3 get thee to Shiloh. He had no confidence in his own gods. They were only political expedients.

3 cruse = flask, or bottle.

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

and against all the houses of the high places which *are* in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

33 After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the People priests of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he *became priest* of the high places.

34 And this thing *became the sin* unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut *it* off, and to destroy *it* from off the face of the earth.

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

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

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

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

5 And the LORD said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son; for he *is* sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself *to be* another woman.

6 And it was *so*, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet as she came in at the *entrance*, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself *to be* another? for I *am* sent to thee *with* heavy tidings.

7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Forasmuch as **I** exalted thee from among the People, and made thee prince over My People Israel,

8 And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and yet thou hast not been as My servant David, who kept My commandments, and who followed Me with all his heart, to do *that* only *which* was right in Mine eyes;

9 But hast done evil above ^oall that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee ^oother gods, and molten images, to provoke Me to anger, and hast cast Me behind thy back:

10 Therefore, behold, **I** will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam *every male*, and him that is ^oshut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, *according as* a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

11 Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

12 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: *and* when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

13 And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him: for he only of Jeroboam shall come to ^othe grave, because in him there is found *some* good thing toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

14 Moreover the LORD shall raise Him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: but what [*am I saying, 'That day'*] ? Even now [*hath He raised him up*].

15 For the LORD shall ^osmite Israel, [*shaking him*] as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger.

16 And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.

17 And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to ^oTirzah: *and* when she came to the threshold of the *entrance*, the child died;

18 And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, which He spake by the hand of His servant Ahijah the prophet.

19 And ^othe rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they *are* written in the book of

4 were set. Cp. 1 Sam. 4. 15. One of the nine afflicted with blindness. See note on Gen. 19. 11.

6 door = entrance.

9 all Not merely kings, but all other rulers. No anachronism.

other gods. Jehovah does not recognize the calves as being what Jeroboam intended, mere political expedients. See note on v. 2.

10 him that, &c. = every male.

shut up and left. The commentators speak of the text being obscure or corrupt. But 'azab is a *Homonym*, meaning: (1) *to leave* (as in Gen. 2. 24; 39. 6. Neh.

5. 10. Ps. 49. 10. Mai. 4. 1); and (2) *to restore, repair, fortify* (as in Neh. 3. 8. Ex. 23. 5 (see note there). Deut. 32. 36. 1 Kings 14. 10. 2 Kings 14. 26. Jer. 49. 25). Here it means "strengthened and fortified": i. e. they will not escape. Cp. 21. 21. 2 Kings 9. 8.

as = according as.

13 grave = a burying-place. Heb. *keber*, not *sh^eol*.

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

15 smite Israel, [shaking him] as a reed is shaken, &c. The Fig. *Ellipsis* (Ap. 6) to be thus supplied.

this good land. Occurs only here and Josh. 23:13, 15. the river: i. e. the Euphrates. **groves** = 'Asherim.

16 made Israel to sin. The first of twenty-one occurrences in these two books: 14. 16; 15. 26, 30, 34; 16. 19, 26; 21. 22; 22. 52. 2 Kings 3. 3; 10. 29, 31; 13. 2, 6, 11; 14. 24; 15. 9, 18, 24, 28; 16. 13; 17. 21; 23. 15.

17 Tirzah. Afterward made the capital by Baasha (15. 21), till Samaria was built by Omri (15. 33; 16. 8, 15, 23, 24).

19 the rest. See 2 Chron. 13. 3-20.

20 two and twenty years. In 15. 25 Nadab reigned two years, and began in the second year of Asa, which was the twenty-first of Jeroboam, so that Nadab's two years fall within the time of his father's twenty-two. But from 2 Chron. 13. 20 we learn that Jeroboam was stricken with a languishing disease, in which time Nadab reigned with him, and died the same year as his father. The number "twenty-two" is associated with disorganization and disintegration (= 2x11). It is associated with the worst two reigns: Jeroboam, here; and Ahab in 16. 29.

slept with his fathers = died. See notes on Deut. 31. 16. Said of the wicked Jeroboam and Ahab, as well as of good David and Jehoshaphat.

14:21—15:24. JUDAH.

14:21-31.	Rehoboam.
15:1-8.	Abijam.
15:9-24.	Asa.

the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned were ^otwo and twenty years: and he *died*, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

21 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam *was* forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his ^omother's name *was* Naamah an ^oAmmonitess.

22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked **Him** to ^{*}jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done.

23 For they also built them high places, and images, and ^ogroves, on every high hill, and under every green tree.

24 And there were also ^osodomites in the land: *and* they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the *sons* of Israel.

25 (And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, *that* Shishak king of Egypt came up ^oagainst Jerusalem:

26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all [*he could find*]: and he took away ... the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brasen shields, and committed *them* unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the *entrance* of the king's house.

28 And it was *so*, when the king went into the house of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.)

29 Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

30 And there was war between ^oRehoboam and Jeroboam all *their* days.

31 And Rehoboam ²⁰*died*, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name *was* Naamah an ²¹Ammonitess. And *Abijah* his son reigned in his stead.

15 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned *Abijah* over Judah.

2 ^oThree years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his *grandmother's* name *was* *Michaiah*, the daughter of *Absalom*.

3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his *ancestor*.

4 Nevertheless for David's sake did the LORD his God give him a ^olamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:

5 Because David did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any *thing* that **He** commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

6 ^oAnd there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

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

8 And Abijah *died*; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead.

9 And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah.

10 And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his ²mother's name *was* *michaiah*, the daughter of *Absalom*.

21 mother's name. Mentioned here and in the case of each successive king (cp. 15. 10; 22. 42. 2 Kings 8. 26, &c.); because the king's character stands connected with the *mother*; and because of the position which the queen dowager occupied (cp. 2. 19; 15. 13. Jer. 13. 18).

Ammonitess. Twice mentioned, and in connection with Jerusalem. See v. 31.

22 jealousy. Fig. *Anthropopatheia*. Ap. 6.

23 groves. See note on Ex. 34. 13, and Ap. 42.

24 sodomites. Committers of the sin of Sodom (Gen. 19). Male prostitutes, dedicated to idolatry involving this sin. Connected with the '*Asherah*'. Ap. 42. Cp. Dent. 23. 17. 1 Kings 15. 12; 22. 46.

children = sons.

25 Shishak. Founder of the twenty-second dynasty.

against. See note on Judg. 1. 8, and Ap. 53.

26 all = "all [he could find]".

all the shields. Some codices, with three early printed editions, and Vulg., omit "all".

30 Rehoboam. Being named first he was probably the aggressor, contrary to 12. 24.

31 Abijam = Abijah.

15:1-8. ABIJAH.

- 1, 2 Introduction.
- 3. Sins. Committed.
- 4, 5. Divine forbearance.
- 6. Sins. Punished.
- 7, 8. Conclusion.

1 Abijam = Abijah.

2 Three years. Not full years, for he died in the twentieth year of Jeroboam (v. 9).

mother's. Put by Fig. *Synecdoche* (of Genus) for ancestor. Here = grandmother. Maachah, or Michaiah (2 Chron. 13. 2).

Abishalom = Absalom (2 Chron. 11. 21).

3 father. Put by Fig. *Synecdoche* (of Genus), Ap. 6. for ancestor.

4 lamp. See note on 11. 36. Peculiarly used of David.

6 And, &c. This is repeated (from 14. 30) to complete Structure above.

7 the rest. See 2 Chron. 13. 3, &c.

8 slept with his fathers. See note on 14.20.

15:9-24. ASA.

- 9, 10. Introduction.
- 11-15. Events. Religious.
- 16-22. Events. Military.
- 23, 24. Conclusion.

11 right. Therefore his days "long in the land" (v. 23). Contemporary with seven Israelite kings.

idols = filthy idols.

11 And Asa did *that which was* ^oright in the eyes of the LORD, as *did* David his *ancestor*.

12 And he took away the ^osodomites out of the land, and removed all the *filthy idols* that his fathers had made.

13 And also *Michaiah* his mother, even her he removed from *being* queen, because she had made *a monstrous Asherah*; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt *it* by the brook Kidron.

14 But the high places were ^onot removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD all his days.

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

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

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

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

19 *Let there be a covenant* between me and thee, and between my father and thy father: ^{*}behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy *covenant* with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

20 So Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the *forces* which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote ^oIjon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

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

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

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

24 And Asa *died*, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his *forefather*: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

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

26 And he did ^oevil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his ^osin wherewith he ^omade Israel to sin.

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

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

29 And it came to pass, when he reigned, *that* he smote all the

14 not removed: not till the reign of Hezekiah (22. 43. 2 Kings 12. 3; 18. 4).

15 things...dedicated = holy things of his father. See note on Ex. 3. 5.

15:16-22. EVENTS. MILITARY.

- 16. War with Baasha. Begun.
- 17. Baasha's building of Ramah. Begun.
- 18. Ben-hadad. Subsidy to.
- 19. Former league appealed to.
- 20. Ben-hadad. Help from.
- 21. Baasha's building of Ramah. Left.
- 22. War with Baasha. Ended.

16 war. Only border fighting. No campaign. Cp. v. 32.

17 Ramah = the modern *er Ram*, five miles north of Jerusalem, which it was intended to menace. See 2Chron. 16. 1.

go out or come in. But in vain. See 12. 27; 15. 9, &c.

18 the. Some codices, with two early printed editions, read "among the".

19 There is. Supply Fig. *Ellipsis* (Ap. 6). [Let there be.]

league = covenant. **and.** Supply [as] instead of "and", **behold.** Fig. *Asterismos* Ap. 6.

20 hosts = forces.

Ijon, &c. All in the neighbourhood of Gennesaret.

21 dwelt in. Sept. and Vulg. read "returned to". See note on 14. 17.

23 The rest. Cp. 2 Chron. 14. 9—15.10.

are they not...? Fig. *Erotosis*. Ap. 6.

24 father = forefather. Fig. *Synecdoche* (of Species).

15:25—22:40. ISRAEL.

- 15:25-31. Nadab.
- 15:32—16:7. Baasha.
- 16:8-14. Elah.
- 16:15-20. Zimri.
(¶ *Interregnum*, 16:21, 22.)
- 16:23-28. Omri.
- 16:29—22:40. Ahab.

25-31. NADAB.

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

sin. Same as "evil", above.

made Israel to sin. See note on 14. 16.

29 that breathed. Heb. *n^eshamah*. Ap. 16.

the saying. Cp. 14. 7-11.

house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any ^othat breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto ^othe saying of the LORD, which **He** spake by **His** servant Ahijah the Shilonite: **30** Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he ²⁶made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger.

31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, ^{*}*are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

32 And there was ^owar between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, ^otwenty and four years.

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

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

2 Forasmuch as **I** exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee *one raised up* over My People Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made My People Israel to sin, to provoke Me to anger with their sins;

3 ^{*}Behold, **I** will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy house ^olike the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

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

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

6 So Baasha *died*, and was buried in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in his stead.

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

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

9 And his servant Zimri, captain of half *his* chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, ^{*}drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza steward of *his* house in Tirzah.

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

11 And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, *that* he slew all the house of Baasha: he left him *not one male*, neither of his *kinsmen-redeemers*, nor of his friends.

12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which **He** spake *concerning* Baasha by ¹Jehu the prophet,

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

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

15 In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. And the People *were* encamped against Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines.

15:32—1 BAASHA.

15:32, 33. Introduction.

15:34. Evil-doing. Committed.

16:1-4. Evil-doing. Punished.

16:5-7. Conclusion.

32 war. Only border fighting (cp. vv. 16, 32. 2Chron. 14. 1; 15.19); no actual campaign, as in 2 Chron. 16. 1.

33 in Tirzah. See notes on 14. 17 and v. 21.

twenty and four years. Began in the third year of Asa. Therefore he died in the twenty-sixth year of Asa (16. 8). Yet in the thirty-sixth year Baasha came and made war against Judah (2 Chron. 16. 1). This would be nine or ten years after he was dead. But see note on 2 Chron. 16. 1, where the word "reign" should be rendered "kingdom": i.e. the thirty-sixth year from the kingdom of Israel. See Ap. 50. V.

16. 1 Jehu the son of Hanani. Cp. 2 Chron. 16. 7-10; 19. 2.

2 prince: or captain = one raised up. Heb. *nagid*.

3 like. Cp. 15. 29; 14. 11.

6 slept, &c. See note on Deut. 31. 16.

8-14. ELAH.

9 drinking himself drunk. Fig. *Polyptoton* (Ap. 6) for emphasis.

11 not one, &c. =not one male.

kinsfolks = kinsmen-redeemers.

12 against. Some codices read "unto". Others read "concerning".

13 vanities = idols. Cp. v. 26.

15-20. ZIMRI.

19 sins. Some codices read "sin", as in v. 26. Committed not merely during the seven days' reign, but during his whole life, of course.

make Israel to sin. See note on 14. 16.

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

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

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

19 For his ^osins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to ^omake Israel to sin.

20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, ^oare they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

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

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

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

24 And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, *lord* of the hill, ^oSamaria.

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

26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he ^omade Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their *idols*.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri *and all that* he did, and his might that he shewed, ^{*}are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

28 So Omri *died*, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

29 And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria ^otwenty and two years.

30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD ^oabove all that *were* before him.

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

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

33 And Ahab made a ^ogrove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

34 In his days did Hiel the Bethelite *fortify and complete* Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof *at the cost of* Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof *at the cost of* his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, ^owhich **He** spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

17 And ^oElijah the ^oTishbite, *who was* of the *sojourners* of Gilead, said unto Ahab, *As* the LORD God of Israel liveth, ^obefore **Whom** I stand, there shall not be *night-mist* nor rain ^othese years, but according to my word.

20 are they not written...? Fig. *Erotosis*. Ap. 6.

16:21, 22. ¶ p. 30 .INTERREGNUM.

21. People. Division for Tibni.

22. People. Prevalence for Omri.

22 Omri. Note the Introversion of these names in this verse.

23-28. OMRI.

23. Introduction.

24. Events. Building Samaria.

25, 26. Events. Evil-doing.

27, 28. Conclusion.

23 thirty and first year. He reigned twelve years (833-821), and yet in v. 29 Ahab began in the thirty-eighth year of Asa. Omri began to reign *de jure* when he slew Zimri, in the twenty-seventh year of Asa; but only *de facto* on the death of Tibni the usurper.

six years. Beginning in Asa's thirty-first and ending in Asa's thirty-eighth (v. 29).

24 owner = lord.

Samaria. This is the origin of the city.

26 made Israel to sin. See note on 14. 16.

27 which. Some codices, with four early printed editions, Sept., and Syr., read "and all that".

16:29—22:40. AHAB.

16:29-. Introduction.

16:-29-33. Personal evil. Idolatry.

16:34—20:43. Public events. War with Syria.

21:1-29. Personal evil. Naboth.

22:1-38. Public events. War with Syria.

22:39, 40. Conclusion.

29 twenty and two years. For spiritual significance, see note on 14:20, and Ap. 10.

30 above all. The reign of Ahab opens a new era in Israel's history.

31 Jezebel, daughter of a regicide and fratricide (Josephus *c. Apion* 1. 18, *Ant.* viii. 3. 1), priest of the Phoenician goddess Astarte.

33 grove. See note on Ex. 34.13, and Ap. 42.

34 build = to fortify and complete. It had been partially restored (Judg. 3. 13. 2 Sam. 10.5), but now became a fortified city of Israel.

in = at the cost of. which He spake. Cp. Josh. 6. 26.

17:1—19:21. THE DROUGHT.

17:1-24. Elijah's retirement.

18:1-46. Mission to Ahab.

19:1-14. Elijah's flight.

19:15-21. Mission to Hazael and others.

1 Elijah. First mention = GOD (*El*) is JAH (or Jehovah). See Ap. 4. II.

Tishbite = sojourner. Probably a priest.

inhabitants = sojourners. before, &c. Probably a priest. See note above. **dew = night-mist.** Cp. Deut. 32. 2. 2 Sam. 1. 21. Job 38. 28.

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

2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,
3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that *is on the east side of* Jordan.
4 And it shall be, *that* thou shalt drink of the brook; and ^oI have commanded the ^oravens to feed thee ^othere.
5 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan.
6 And the ⁴ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.
7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.
8 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,
9 Arise, get thee to ^oZarephath, which *belongeth* to Zidon, and dwell there: ^{*}behold, ⁴I have commanded ^oa widow woman there to sustain thee.
10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, ^{*}behold, the widow woman *was* there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.
11 And as she was going to fetch *it*, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.
12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and ^oa little oil in a *flask*: and, ^{*}behold, I *am* gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.
13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go *and* do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring *it* unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.
14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The *meal in the barrel* shall not waste, neither shall the *flask* of oil fail, until the day *that* the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.
15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many* days.
16 *And* the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the *flask* of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which **He** spake by Elijah.
17 And it came to pass after these things, *that* the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no ^obreath left in him.
18 And she said unto Elijah, ^oWhat have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?
19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.
20 And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast **Thou** also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

17:1-24. ELIJAH'S RETIREMENT.

- 1-4. Command.
- 5, 6. Obedience.
- 7. Circumstance. The brook and ravens.
- 8, 9. Command.
- 10-. Obedience.
- 10-24. Circumstance. The widow.

3 before Jordan: i.e. on the east side.
4 I have commanded. Elijah miraculously fed *three* times : (1) by ravens (17. 6); (2) by a widow (17. 9); (3) by an angel (19. 5, 6).
ravens. Note "I have commanded". All things possible when He speaks. Almighty power is a better and easier explanation than all rationalistic inventions.
there. Nowhere else. Note the special lesson. Any-where but in God's appointed place he would have perished.
9 Zarephath = the Sarepta of Luke 4. 26.
a widow. One of nine widows mentioned. See note on v. 4 and Gen. 38. 19.

-10-24. CIRCUMSTANCE. THE WIDOW.

- 10-16. Maintenance.
- 17-24. Bereavement.

-10-16. MAINTENANCE.

- 10, 11. Elijah. Request.
- 12. The widow. Excuse.
- 13, 14. Elijah. Promise.
- 15-. The Widow. Compliance.
- 15, 16. Elijah. Promise fulfilled.

12 a little oil. From Josh. 19. 24-28 Zidon fell to Asher. From Deut. 33. 24 Asher had abundance of oil, though water was scarce. Cp. Gen. 49. 20.
cruse = flask. Cp. Matt. 25. 4.
14 barrel of meal. Fig. *Hypallage* (Ap. 6) = meal in the barrel.

17-24. BEREAVEMENT.

- 17. Son. Death.
- 18. Widow. Complaint.
- 19. Son taken.
- 20, 21. Prayer made.
- 22. Prayer answered.
- 23-. Son restored.
- 23. Son. Life.
- 24. Widow. Acknowledgment.

17 breath. Heb. *n^eshamah*. Ap. 16.
18 What have I...? See note on 2 Sam. 16. 10..
man of God. See note on Deut. 33. 1, and Ap. 49.
sin. Heb. *'avon*. Ap. 44. iii.

21 And he *measured* himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray Thee, let this child's *life* come into him again.

22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the *life* of the child came into him again, and he revived.

23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son ^oliveth.

24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou *art* a man of God, *and* that the word of the LORD in thy mouth *is* truth.

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

2 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And *there was* a sore ^ofamine in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called Obadiah, which *was* the *governor over* his house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly:

4 For it was *so*, when ^oJezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by *fifty men*, and fed them with bread and water.)

5 And Ahab said unto Obadiah, *Go and let us pass through* the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts.

6 So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

7 And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, *Art* thou that my lord Elijah?

8 And he answered him, *I am*: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*.

9 And he said, *What have I sinned, that thou *art giving* thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?

10 As the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, *He is not there*; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.

11 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*.

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

13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by *fifty men*, and fed them with bread and water?

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

15 And Elijah said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, ^obefore Whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to day.

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

21 stretched = measured.

soul = life. Cp. v. 23, "liveth". Heb. *nephesh*. Ap. 13.

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

18:1-46. MISSION TO AHAB.

1-. Command.

-1. Promise of rain. Given.

2-40. Obedience.

41-46. Promise of rain. Fulfilled.

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

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

2-40. OBEDIENCE.

2-6. Ahab and Obadiah.

7, 8-. Elijah.

-8-16-. Ahab. Elijah's message.

-16, 17. Ahab and Elijah.

18. Elijah.

19-40. Ahab. Elijah. Elijah's proposal.

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

3 governor of = governor over. Now. Fig. *Parenthesis*. Ap. 6.

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

5 Go into = Sept. and Syr. read "Go and let us pass through".

9-14. AHAB. ELIJAH'S MESSAGE.

-8. Command to Obadiah.

9-14. Expostulation of Obadiah.

15. Assurance of Elijah.

16-. Obedience of Obadiah.

9-14...EXPOSTULATION OF OBADIAH.

9. Danger of Obadiah.

10. Ahab's search for Elijah (past).

11. Command. Of Elijah.

12, 13. Ahab's search for Elijah (future).

14-. Command. Of Elijah.

-14. Danger of Obadiah.

9 What...? Fig. *Erotosis*. Ap. 6.

wouldest deliver = art giving.

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

12 Spirit. Heb. *ruach*. Ap. 9.

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

15 before, &c. See note on 17. 1.

17 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, *Art thou he that* [◊]troubleth **Israelitish People** ?

18 And he answered, I have not troubled ¹⁷Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

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

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

21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, *How long **leap** ye between two opinions? if the LORD *be* God, follow **Him**: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the People answered him not a word.

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

23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*:

24 And call ye on the name of your **god**, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God **That** answereth [◊]by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

25 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress *it* first; for ye *are* many; and call on the name of your **god**, but put no fire *under*.

26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But *there was* no voice, nor any that answered. And they **leaped over** the altar which **had been made**.

27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, *Cry aloud: for he *is* a god; either he is talking, or he is [◊]pursuing, or he is in a journey, *or* peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

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

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

30 And Elijah said unto all the People, Come near unto me. And all the People came near unto him. And he [◊]repaired the altar of the LORD *that was* [**purposely**] broken down.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of **Israel**, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, [◊]Israel shall be thy name:

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

33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid *him* on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with

17 troubleth. Cp. Josh. 7.25 with 6.18, and 1 Chron. 2.7, **Israel.** Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Cause), Ap. 6, for Israelitish people.

18:19-40.....AHAB. ELIJAH'S PROPOSAL.

19, 20. Baal's prophets. Assembled.
21-38. Conflict with prophets.
39. Confession of the People.
40. Baal's prophets. Slain.

19 Carmel. Eighteen miles from Jezreel; sixteen miles from the sea. The Kishon below, but now dry. At the foot a perennial spring, with a roofed reservoir, eight feet deep. Carmel is still called "Mar-Elias".

groves = the' *Asherah*. See note on Ex. 34. 13.

20 children = sons.

21-38....CONFLICT WITH THE PROPHETS.

21-24. The People. Elijah's appeal.
25-29. Bullock of the prophets.
30-. The People. Elijah's call.
-30-38. Bullock of Elijah.

21 How long...? Fig. *Erotesis*. Ap. 6.

halt = leap. Cp. v. 26.

22 the People. Some codices read "all the people".

24 gods = god, as in v. 25. So R.V.

by fire. This was Jehovah's way of showing His acceptance of the offering. See note on Gen. 4. 4.

25-29....BULLOCK OF THE PROPHETS.

25. Elijah.
26. The prophets of Baal.
27. Elijah.
28, 29. The prophets of Baal.

26 leaped upon = leaped over. Cp. v. 21.

was made = had been made.

27 Cry aloud, &c. Fig. *Eironeia*. Ap. 6.

pursuing. Occurs only here.

28 lancets = lances. Done by Dervishes to the present day.

29 evening sacrifice. The usual meal offering. There was also a morning meal offering as well (Num. 28. 8). Cp. 2 Kings 16.15.

-30-38. THE BULLOCK OF ELIJAH.

-30-32. Altar. Its repairing.
-32. The trench.
33-. Altar. Arrangement of wood.
-33-35. The water.
36, 37. Altar. Time for offering. Prayer..
38. The fire.

30 repaired. Carmel had been a *local* altar for *lay* (individual) offerings, but had been broken down. Cp. 19.10. These *lay* altars had no horns.

broken down: i.e. purposely.

31 Jacob. Some codices, with one early printed edition, and Sept., read "Israel", in harmony with v. 36.

Israel. See note on Gen. 32. 28.

33 water. See note on v. 19.

the wood. Sept. adds "and they did so".

[◊]water, and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood [**and they did so**].

34 And he said, Do *it* the second time. And they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time. And they did *it* the third time.

35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

36 And it came to pass at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of ^oIsrael, let it be known this day that *Thou art* God in Israel, and *that I am* Thy servant, and *that I have* done all these things at Thy word.

37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this People may know that *Thou art* the LORD God, and *that Thou* hast turned their heart back again.

38 *Then fire from Jehovah fell*, and consumed the ^oburnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench.

39 And when all the People saw *it*, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, **He is** the God; the LORD, **He is** the God.

40 And Elijah said unto them, *Seize* the prophets of Baal; let not *a man* of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook ^oKishon, and *caused them to be slain* there.

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

42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he *kneeled, and then placed his forehead on the ground*.

43 And said to his *young man*, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There is* nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, ^{*}Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare *thy chariot*, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and ^owind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

46 And the *power* of the LORD was on Elijah; and he ^ogirded up his loins, and ^oran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

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

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

3 And when he saw *that*, ^ohe arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which *belongeth* to Judah, and left his *young man* there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for *His soul* that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for *I am* not better than my fathers.

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an Angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise *and* eat.

36 Israel, not Jacob. See note on Gen. 32. 28.

38 **Then the fire of the LORD fell.** Aram, and Sept. read "Then fire from Jehovah fell". See note on Gen. 4. 4. "Fire of Jehovah" occurs only here and Num.11. 1, 3.

burnt sacrifice. See Ap. 43. II. ii.

40 **Take** = seize, lay hold of.

one = a man. Heb. 'Ish. Ap. 14. II.

Kishon. Cp. Judg. 4.13; 5. 21.

slaw. Heb. idiom, caused them to be slain.

18:41-46...PROMISE OF RAIN. FULFILLED.

41-. Command. To Ahab.

-41. Reason.

42-. Obedience of Ahab.

-42. Elijah. Ascent of Carmel.

43, 44-. Rain. Expectation of.

-44. Reason.

45-. Rain. Fall of.

-45. Obedience of Ahab.

46. Elijah. Run to Jezreel.

42 **cast himself down.** A rare word. Only here and 2Kings 4. 34, 35. = Kneeling, and then placing forehead on the ground.

43 **servant** = young man.

45 **wind.** Heb. *ruach*. Ap. 9.

46 **hand.** Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Cause), Ap. 6, for power put forth.

girded. Girdles worn by all. Taken off when resting. Put on when preparing for work or journeying. See Ex. 12. 11. 2 Kings 4.29; 9. 1. Luke 12. 37; 17. 8. Acts 12. 8.

ran. For over twenty miles Elijah acted as the royal "runner" across the great plain of Esdraelon. Possibly none at hand in the king's hasty departure.

19:1-14.....ELIJAH'S FLIGHT.

1, 2. Jezebel's threat.

3, 4. Elijah. To the desert.

5-7. Coming of angel.

8, 9-. Elijah. To Horeb.

-9. Coming of word of Jehovah.

10. Jezebel's threat.

11-. Elijah. Command.

-11, 12. Jehovah. Manifestations.

13-. Elijah. Awe.

-13. Jehovah. Inquiry.

14. Jezebel's threat.

1 **how he had slain** : or, all about how he had slain. **all.** Some codices, with Sept., omit this word "all".

2 **to me.** These words in italics are read in some codices, with Sept., Syr., and Vulg. Cp. 20. 10.

3 **he arose.** Some codices, with Aram. MS., Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "And he feared and arose".

servant = young man.

4 **himself** = his soul. Heb. *nephesh*. Ap. 13.

6 **cake...cruse.** Elijah miraculously fed three times. See notes on 17. 4, 6.

6 And he looked, and, behold, *there was* a ^ocake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

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

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

9 And he came thither unto a cave, and *passed the night* there; and, behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and **He** said unto him, *What doest thou here, Elijah?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for ^othe LORD God of hosts: for the *sons* of Israel have forsaken **Thy** covenant, ^oTHROWN DOWN **THINE** ^oALTARS, AND SLAIN **THY** PROPHETS WITH THE SWORD; AND *I, *EVEN* I ONLY, AM LEFT; AND THEY SEEK MY LIFE, TO TAKE IT AWAY.

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

12 And after the earthquake a fire; *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire: and after the fire *the sound of stillness*.

13 And it was *so*, when Elijah heard *it*, that he ^owrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, *there came* a voice unto him, and said [*unto him*], What doest thou here, Elijah?

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

15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return ^oto *thy way* to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, *cause to be anointed* Hazael *to be* king over Syria:

16 And Jehu the *grandson* of Nimshi shalt thou anoint *to be* king over Israel: and ^oElisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint *to be* prophet in thy room.

17 And it shall come to pass, that him *that* escapeth ^othe sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha *declare should be slain*.

18 Yet ^oI HAVE LEFT *ME* SEVEN THOUSAND IN ISRAEL, ALL THE KNEES WHICH HAVE NOT ^oBOWED UNTO BAAL, and every mouth which hath not *kissed to him*.

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

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for *what is the meaning of what I did* ?

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

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

Horeb. About 180 miles.

9 lodged = passed the night.

What...? Fig. *Anthropopatheia* (Ap. 6), as though He did not know.

10 the LORD God of hosts. First occurrence of this title. See Ap. 4 = *Jehovah Elohim z' b' aoth*. It occurs in 2 Sam. 5. 10, but in narrative, not address. "The LORD (*Jehovah*) God (*Elohim*) of hosts" occurs only here in Kings and Chronicles. Often in Psalms (59. 6; 69. 6; 80. 4,19; 84. 8; 89. 8). In Isa. 10. 23, 24; 22. 5, 12, 14, 15; 28.22. Jer. 2. 19; 5. 14; 15.16; 35.17; 49.5; 50.25,31.

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

children = sons. **thrown, &c.** Quoted in Rom. 11:2, 3. **altars.** There were *lay* altars (local) for customary individual offerings by laymen, as well as at Jerusalem. These had no horns.

I...I. Fig. *Epizeuxis*. Ap. 6.

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

wind. Heb. *ruach*. Ap. 9.

12 a still small voice = the sound of stillness. Cp. Job 4. 16. Sept. = a gentle breeze, usually misquoted "the still", &c.

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

said. Some codices, with Syr., add "unto him". Cp.v.9.

19:15-21..MISSION TO HAZAEL AND OTHERS.

15-. Return of Elijah. Command.

-15, 16. Anointings. Command.

17. Prophecy.

18. History.

19-. Return of Elijah. Effected.

-19-12. Anointings. Effected.

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

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

16 son of Nimshi. Son put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Subject), Ap. 6, for grandson or descendant (2 Kings 9. 2).

Elisha = El = my GOD [is] salvation.

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

Elisha slay : i. e. declare should be slain. Heb. idiom. See Jer. 1.10. Hos. 6. 5.

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

bowed. } Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Adjunct),

kissed. } for worshipping. Cp. Hos. 3. 12.

kissed him. Heb. kissed to him. Cp. Job 31. 26, 27.

19 twelve: seven separate ploughs following each other. Often seen to-day.

mantle. Cp. Zech. 13. 4.

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

21 instruments = implements. Cp. 2 Sam. 24. 22.

20 And ^oBen-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his *force* together: and *there were* ^othirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and *they said* unto him, Thus saith Ben-hadad,

3 Thy silver and thy gold *is* mine; thy wives also and thy *sons*, *even* the goodliest, *are* mine.

4 And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I *am* thine, and all that I have.

5 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy *sons*;

6 Yet I will send my servants unto thee to morrow about this time, and they shall *ransack* thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, *that* whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put *it* in their hand, and take *it* away.

7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this *man* seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my *sons*, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not.

8 And all the elders and all the People said unto him, Harken not *unto him*, nor consent.

9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again.

10 And Ben-hadad sent unto him, and said, The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that follow me.

11 And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell *him*, *Let not him that girdeth on *his harness* boast himself as he that putteth it off.

12 And it came to pass, when *Ben-hadad* heard this ^omessage, as he *was* drinking, he and the kings in the *tents*, that he said unto his servants, Set *yourselves in array*. And they set *themselves in array* against the city.

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

14 And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus saith the LORD, *Even* by the *servants* of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, Thou.

15 Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty two: and after them he numbered all the People, *even* all the *sons* of Israel, *being* seven thousand.

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

20:1-43.....WARS WITH SYRIA.

1.	Syria.	First invasion.
2-11.	Israel.	Negotiations.
12.	Syria.	Siege of Samaria.
13-21.	Israel.	Sortie by Ahab.
22-26.	Syria.	Second invasion.
27.	Israel.	Numbering of.
28-30.	Syria.	Defeat.
31-33-.	Israel.	Ahab's forbearance.
-33, 34.	Syria.	Covenant with Ahab.
35-43.	Israel.	God reproves Ahab.

1 Ben-hadad. Perhaps the son of the Ben-hadad of 15:18. **host** = force.

thirty and two. Probably vassal princes. Cp. v. 24.

2-11.....NEGOTIATIONS.

2, 3.	Ben-hadad.	First demand.
4.	Ahab.	Compliance.
5, 6.	Ben-hadad.	Second demand.
7-9.	Ahab.	Refusal.
10.	Ben-hadad.	Threatening.
11.	Ahab.	Retort.

2 said. A special various reading (*Sevir*, Ap. 34) reads "they said".

3 children = sons.

6 search : as from the top : i.e. ransack.

11 Let not him. Fig. *Paroemia*. Ap. 6.

12 message = word. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for the message contained.

pavilions = tents.

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

Hast...? Fig. *Erotesis*. Ap. 6.

14 young men = the servants, or esquires.

22 return of the year: the spring. Cp. 2 Sam. 11:1.

17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria.

18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive.

19 So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them.

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

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

22 And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thy self, and mark, and see what thou doest: for at the *spring* of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee.

23 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods *are* gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.

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

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

26 And it came to pass at the **spring** of the year, that Ben-hadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to ^oAphek, to fight against Israel.

27 And the **sons** of Israel **enrolled themselves**, and were all present, and went against them: and the **sons** of Israel pitched before them like two little **newborn kids**; but the Syrians filled the country.

28 And there came **a prophet**, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD *is* God of the hills, but **He** is not God of the valleys, therefore will **I** deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and **so shalt thou know** that **I am** the LORD.

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour in the word of the LORD, Smite me, **I** pray thee. And the man refused to smite him.

36 Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not

24 **captains** = governors, or pashas.

26 **Aphek**. Probably east of the Sea of Galilee.

27 **were numbered** = enrolled themselves.

flocks = newborn kids. Heb. *hasaph*. Occurs only here.

28 **man of God** = a prophet. See **Ap. 49**.

ye shall know. Sept. reads "so shalt thou know". Cp. v. 13 above.

32 **me** = my soul. Heb. *nephesh*. **Ap. 13**.

brother: i.e. a brother-king.

33 **did diligently observe**. Heb. *divined and hastened*. Fig. *Hendiadys* (**Ap. 6**) = quickly divined.

any thing would come. These italics are wrongly supplied, not knowing the two readings of E. and W. recensions, caused by a different division of words. The E. recension reads "and they pressed [to find out] whether it was from him and said". The W. recension reads "and they pressed it out from him, and they said" : i.e. they wanted to know whether he confirmed the word of his own accord.

34 **streets** = broad ways, or bazaars. **as** = according as.

said. Fig. *Ellipsis* (**Ap. 6**) to be supplied by repetition from previous clause.

35-43.....ISRAEL. GOD REPROVES AHAB.

35 **man**. Heb. *ish*. Josephus identifies him with Micaiah (22:8).

38 **ashes, &c.** = bandage.

obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him.

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

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

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

40 And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So *shall* thy judgment be; thyself hast decided *it*.

41 And he hastened, and took the **bandages** away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he *was* of the prophets.

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

43 And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

21 And it came to pass after these things, *that* Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard [*that came to be his by inheritance*], which was in ^oJezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

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

3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give ^othe inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

4 And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

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

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

7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, ^{*}Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, *and* eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

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

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth ^oon high among the People:

10 And set ^otwo men, ^osons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst ^oblaspheme God and the king. And *then* carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

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

12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth ^oon high among the People.

13 And there came in two men, *sons* of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, *even* against Naboth, in the presence of the People, saying, Naboth did ¹⁰blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and ^ostoned him with stones, that he died.

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

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

16 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

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

21:1-29...PERSONAL EVIL. NABOTH.

1-16. Evil committed.
17-29. Evil to be judged.

1-16.EVIL COMMITTED.

1-3. Ahab's covetousness. Fact.
4. Ahab's heaviness.
5. Jezebel's inquiry.
6. Ahab's covetousness. Recital.
7-15. Jezebel's promise.
16. Ahab's gratification.

1 had a vineyard = a vineyard came to be his (by inheritance).

Jezreel. In the plain of Esdraelon.

2 Give me. Cp. 1 Sam. 8. 14, of which this is a fulfilment.

3 the inheritance of my fathers. Naboth respected the Law of God (Lev. 25. 23. Num. 36. 7, 8).

7 Dost...? Fig. *Erotosis*. Ap. 6.

8 sealed...with his seal. Fig. *Polyptoton*. Ap. 6.

Sealing was done by rubbing ink on the seal, moistening the paper, and pressing the seal thereon.

9 on high : i.e. in a conspicuous place ; or, perhaps, before the bar of justice.

10 two. Cp. Deut. 17. 6. **sons of Belial.** Cp. Deut. 13. 13. 1 Sam. 1.16; 2. 12, &c.

blaspheme. The current Heb. text reads "bless". In spite of this the A.V. and B. V. render it "blaspheme". It is one of the emendations of the *Sopherim* (Ap. 18), and is correctly rendered "blaspheme", but should have had a marginal note of explanation.

11 as = according as.

13 stoned him. One of the nine cases of stoning. See note on Lev. 24.14.

15 Arise. This form of the imperative is only found in connection with Jehovah, and always with reference to the promised land. And the lengthened form is found only in Moses' mouth in Num. 10. 35.

17-29.EVIL TO BE JUDGED.

17-19-. Call to Elijah to go to Ahab.

-19. Judgment pronounced.

20. Altercation.

21, 22. Judgment. Particular.

23. Jezebel.

24. Judgment. Particular.

25, 26. Provocation.

27-29-. Call to Elijah to see Ahab humbled.

-29. Judgment mitigated.

19 Hast thou...? Fig. *Erotosis*. **killed** = murdered.

18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which *is* in Samaria: behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.

19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, ^{*}Hast thou *murdered*, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

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

21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab *every male*, and him that is ^oshut up and left in Israel,

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

23 And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel ^oby the wall of ^oJezreel.

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

25 (But there was ^onone like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

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

27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he ^orent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went *humbly*.

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

29 *Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before *Me*, *I* will ^onot bring the evil in his days: *but* in his son's days will *I* bring the evil upon his house.

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

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

3 ^oAnd the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that ^oRamoth in Gilead *is* ^oours, and we *be* still, *and* take *it* not out of the hand of the king of ^oSyria?

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

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

6 Then the king of Israel gathered the [*false*] prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; *and* ^othe Lord shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

7 And Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD ^obesides, that we might inquire of him?

20 evil = the evil. Heb. *ra'a'*. Ap. 44. viii.

21 him that, &c. = every male. Cp. 14. 10.

shut up and left. See note on 14. 10.

22 Jeroboam. Cp. 16. 3.

made Israel to sin. See note on 12. 30.

23 by the wall. The word *b^hhel* is thought by Ginsburg to be an abbreviation for *b^hhelek* = "in the portion of", as in 2 Kings 9.10, 36: i. e. within the rampart.

Jezreel. Not Samaria the capital, but Jezreel where Naboth had been murdered.

25 The Structure (p. 485) places the member, vv. 25, 26, as within a parenthesis.

none like unto Ahab. Out of twenty bad kings Ahab was the worst. Cp. 16. 30, 33.

26 idols = filthy idols. Cp. Lev. 26. 30.

27 rent his clothes. His repentance was outward, not real. **went softly:** i.e. humbly.

29 not bring. So the judgment on Solomon was postponed (11.12) for his father's sake.

22:1-38...PUBLIC EVENTS. WAR WITH SYRIA.

1, 2. Ahab. Visited by Jehoshaphat.

3, 4. Ramoth-gilead. Plan of Ahab.

5-28. Jehoshaphat's uneasiness.

29. Ramoth. Battle fought.

30. Ahab's expedient.

31. Ramoth-gilead. Plan of king of Syria

32. Jehoshaphat's danger.

33-36. Ramoth-gilead. Battle won.

37, 38. Ahab's death.

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

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

3 And the king of Israel. Note the Fig. *Anadiplosis* (Ap. 6) with v. 2. **Ramoth.** One of the Cities of Refuge.

ours. Given by Jehovah. Therefore presumably a "good work" to take it. But "good works" are "prepared works" (Eph. 2. 10), and this was not so prepared. See 2 Chron. 19. 1, 2.

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

5-28.....JEHOSHAPHATS UNEASINESS.

6 prophets: i.e. Ahab's false prophets.

for = and.

the Lord*. This is one of the 134 places where "Jehovah" was changed to "Adonai" by the *Sopherim*. See Ap. 32.

7 besides. Jehoshaphat uneasy, well knowing that Ahab's prophets were not the prophets of Jehovah.

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

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

10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a *threshing-floor* in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the [*false*] prophets prophesied before them.

11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them.

12 And all the [*false*] prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: *and* the LORD shall deliver *it* into the king's hand.

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

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

15 So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, ^oGo, and prosper: *and* the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

16 And the king said unto him, How many times *must* I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but *that which is* true in the name of the LORD?

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

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

19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on **H**is throne, and all the host of *the heavens* standing by **H**im on **H**is right hand and on **H**is left.

20 And the LORD said, Who shall *entice* Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

21 And there came forth *the spirit*, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will *entice* him.

22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying ²¹spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, ^oThou shalt *entice* him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

23 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying ²¹spirit

10 void place = level place, or threshing-floor.

13 word. So to be read; but written "words". In some codices, with three early printed editions, Syr., and Vulg., it is both written and read "word". Cp. 2 Chron. 18. 12.

15 Go, and prosper. Fig. *Eironeia*. Ap. 6. Doubtless repeating the words he had heard in vv. 6, 13.

16 shall: or must.

18 Did I not...? Fig. *Erotesis*. Ap. 6.

19 heaven = the heavens, as always.

20 persuade = entice.

21 a spirit = the spirit. Heb. *ruach*. A p. 9.

22 Thou shalt, &c. Illustrating 2 Thess. 2. 9-12. Cp. Ezek. 14. 9: "I have deceived" = I have permitted it. This is quite in harmony with Prov. 12. 22. That refers to the sphere of God's *grace*; this to the sphere of His *judgment*. We are governed by His Word, not by His ways. Prov. 12. 22 refers to the world of *men*. This to the world of *spirits*,

23 spoken: in v. 17.

24 Which way...? or, Which way then ?

27 Put this fellow, &c. One of the eleven rulers offended with God's servants for speaking the truth. See note on Ex. 10. 28.

28 People = peoples. **every one** = all.

30 I will. See note on v. 22. A feigned compliment. and piece of treachery.

in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath ^ospoken evil concerning thee.

24 But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, *Which way then* went the ²¹Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

25 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.

26 And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

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

28 And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, Harken, O *peoples*, *all* of you.

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

30 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, ^oI will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle.

31 But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel.

32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely *he is* the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat ^ocried out.

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

34 And a *certain* man drew a bow *to its full stretch*, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the *coat of mail*: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, ^oTurn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.

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

36 And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, [*Let every man go*] to his city, and ... to his own country.

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

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

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

40 So Ahab *died*; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

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

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

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

44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

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

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

47 *There was* then ^ono king in Edom: a deputy was king.

48 Jehoshaphat ^omade ships of ^oTharshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Ezion-geber.

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

32 *it = he.* **cried out.** See note on 2 Chron. 18. 31.

34 **at a venture** = in his innocence, or to its full stretch. **harness** = coat of mail.

Turn thine hand. This is Ahab's history; 2 Chron. 18 is Jehoshaphat's. Hence nothing about Jehovah's help.

35 **was stayed up** = stayed himself up, as in 2 Chron. 18. 34. Difference caused by pointing of the word *ma'amid* (here), and *ma'amid* in Chronicles. The only occurrence of this participle, cp. 2 Chron. 18. 34.

36 **Every man.** Supply Fig. *Ellipsis* (Ap. 6), "Let every man go".

every man. Omitted in some codices, with two early printed editions, Sept., and Vulg.

40 **slept with his fathers.** See note on Deut. 31.16.

41-50..... **JUDAH (JEHOSHAPHAT).**

41, 42. Jehoshaphat. Accession.

43, 44. Personal. Well- and wrong-doing.

45. Jehoshaphat. Political events. Record.

46-49. Personal. Well- and wrong-doing.

50. Jehoshaphat. Death and burial.

41 **Jehoshaphat.** Cp. 2 Chron. 17.1.

43 **And he walked.** The 19th *Seder* begins here, and ends with 2 Kings 2. 14. See note on p. 866.

offered = sacrificed. See Ap. 43. I. iv.

46 **sodomites.** See note on 14. 23, 24.

47 **no king.** As later in 2 Kings 8. 20.

48 **made ships, &c.** This was subsequent to 2 Chron. 20. 36-37. Here Jehoshaphat made "Tharshish ships" to go to Ophir, and, profiting by the experience and warning of 2 Chron. 20. 37, refused the request of Aha-ziah, king of Israel. In 2 Chron. 20. 35 he had joined himself with Ahaziah to make (ordinary) ships to go to Tharshish, which was quite a different thing.

ships of Tharshish = Tharshish ships: i. e., large ocean-going ships.

Tharshish. See note on 10. 22.

50 **buried** : in further explanation of preceding clause.

50 And Jehoshaphat *died*, and was ^oburied with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

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

52 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who ^omade Israel to sin:

53 For he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the LORD God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.