THE
HOLY BIBLE,
CONTAINING THE
Old and New Testaments:
Translated out of
The Original Tongues:
AND WITH THE
FORMER TRANSLATIONS
Diligently Compared and Revised,
By His MAJESTY's Special Command.
Appointed to be read in Churches.

OXFORD,
Printed by T. Wright and W. Gill, Printers to the UNIVERSITY:
And sold by R. Baldwin, and S. Crowder, in Paternoster Row, London;
and by W. Jackson, in Oxford. 1769.
CUM PRIVILEGIO.
TO THE
Most High and Mighty Prince JAMES,
By the Grace of God, King of GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE, and IRELAND,
Defender of the Faith, &c.

The Translators of the Bible with Grace, Mercy, and Peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GREAT and manifold were the blessings, most dread Sovereign, which Almighty God, the Father of all mercies, bestowed upon us the people of England, when first he sent Your Majesty's Royal Person to rule and reign over us. For whereas it was the expectation of many, who wished not well unto our nation, that upon the setting of that bright Occidental Star, Queen Elizabeth of most happy memory, some thick and palpable clouds of darkness would fo have overshadowed this Land, that men should have been in doubt which way they were to walk; and that it should hardly be known, who was to direct the unsettled State; the appearance of Your Majesty, as of the Sun in his strength, instantly dispelled those supposit and surmised misgivings, and gave unto all that were well affected exceeding cause of comfort; especially when we beheld the Government established in Your Highness, and Your hopeful Seed, by an undoubted Title, and this also accompanied with peace and tranquility at home and abroad.

But among all our joys, there was no one that more filled our hearts, than the blest continuance of the preaching of God's sacred word among us; which is that inestimable treasure, which excels all the riches of the earth; because the fruit thereof extends itself, not only to the time spent in this transitory world, but directeth and disposeth men unto that eternal happiness which is above in Heavens.

Then not to suffer this to fall to the ground, but rather to take it up, and to continue it in that state, wherein the famous Protector of Your Highness did leave it: now, to go forward with the confidence and resolution of a Man in maintaining the truth of Christ, and propagating it far and near, is that which hath so bound and firmly knelt the hearts of all Your Majesty's loyal and religious people unto you, that your very name is precious among them: their love doth behold you with comfort, and they bless you in their hearts, as that sanctified Person, who, under God, is the immediate Author of their true happiness. And this their contentment doth not diminish or decay, but every day increaseth and taketh strength, when they observe, that the zeal of Your Majesty toward the holy house of God doth not slack or go backward, but is more and more kindled, manifesting itself abroad in the farthest parts of Christendom, by writing in defence of the Truth, (which hath given such a blow unto that man of sin, as will not be healed,) and every day at home, by religious and learned discourse, by frequenting the house of God, by hearing the Word preached, by cherishing the Teachers thereof, by caring for the Church, as a most tender and loving nursing Father.

There are infinite arguments of this right christian and religious affection in Your Majesty; but none is more forcible to declare it to others than the vehement and perpetuated desire of accomplishing and publishing of this work, which now with all humility we present unto Your Majesty. For when Your Highness had once out of deep judgment apprehended how convenient it was, that out of the Original Sacred Tongues, together with comparing of the labours, both in our own, and other foreign Languages, of many worthy men who went before us, there should be one more exact Translation of the Holy Scriptures into the English Tongue, Your Majesty did never shun to urge and to excite the same to whom it was commended, that the work might be begotten, and that the benefits might be expedited in due season, as a matter of such importance might justly require.

And now at last, by the mercy of God, and the continuance of our labours, it being brought unto such a conclusion, as those who have great hopes that the Church of England shall reap good fruitful thereby, we bold it our duty to offer it to Your Majesty, not only as to our King and Sovereign, but as to the principal Men of this Age and Author of the work: humbly craving of Your most Sacred Majesty, that since things of this quality have ever been subject to the jealousies of statesmen and discontented persons, it may receive approbation and patronage from learned and judicious Prince as Your Highness is, whose allowance and acceptance of our labours shall more honour and encourage us, than all the calamities and hard interpretations of other men shall dismay us. So that if, on the one side, we shall be traduced by Popish Persons at home or abroad, who therefore will malign us, because we are poor instruments to make God's holy Truth to be yet more and more known unto the people, whom they desire still to keep in ignorance and darkness; or if, on the other side, we shall be maligned by sly conceited Burebren, who run their own ways, and give liking unto nothing, but what is framed by themselves, and hammered on their anvil; we may rest secure, supported within by the truth and innocency of a good conscience, having walked by the ways of simplicity and integrity, as before the Lord; and justified without by the powerful protection of Your Majesty's grace and favour, which will ever give countenance to benefit and christian endeavours against bitter cenuries and unchristlike impositions.

The Lord of heaven and earth blest Your Majesty with many and happy days, that, as his heavenly hand hath enriched Your Highness with many singular and extraordinary graces, so you may be the wonder of the world in this latter age for happiness and true felicity, to the honour of that great God, and the good of his Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour.
THE TRANSLATORS TO THE READER.

ZEAL to promote the common good, whether it be by devising any thing ourselves or reviving what hath been laboured by others, deserves certainly much respect and esteem, but yet fainth but cold entertainment in the world. It is welcomed with satisfaction in a feast of love, and with emulation in a feast of thanks: and if there be any hole left for civility to enter, (and civility if it do not find an hole, will make one) it is sure to be misconstrued, and in danger to be condemned. This will easily be granted by as many as know the story, or have any experience. For was there ever any thing projected, that favoured any way of newness or renewal, but the fame endured many a form of gaining-laying or opposition? A man would think that civility, what does not have laws, learning and eloquence, synods, and Church-maintenance, (that we speak of no more things of this kind) should be as safe as a sanctuary, and set out of the way, as they say, that no man would step on his heel, no, nor dog move his tongue against the motioners of them. For by the first we are distinguished from brute beasts led with ferulity: by the second we are bridled and restrained from outrageous behaviour, and from doing of injuries, whether by fraud or by violence: by the third we are enabled to inform and reform others by the light and feeling that we have attained unto ourselves: briefly, by the fourth, being brought together in a face to face, we sooner compose our differences, than by writings, which are endless: and lastly, that the Church be sufficiently provided for is so agreeable to good reason and conscience, that thole mothers as holden to be cruel, that kill their children as soon as they are born, than those nurturing fathers and mothers, (wherefore they be) that withdraw from them who hang upon their breath, and upon whose breasts again themselves do hang to receive the spiritual and sincere milk of the word, the liveliness and support for their temple has been. Thus it is apparent, that these things which we feign in a necessity of duty, and without which nothing necessary use, and that none, either without observance can speak against them, or without note of perplexity can speak against the same.

Yet for all that, the learned know, that certain worthy men have been brought to untimely death for none other fault, but for seeking to reduce their countrymen to good order and discipline: And that in some Commonwealths, it was made a capital crime, once to motion the making of a new law for the abrogating of an old, though the fame were most pernicious: And that certain, which would be counted pillars of the State, and bulwarks of virtue and prudence, could not be brought for a long time to give way to good letters and refined speech; but bare their selves as averse from them, as from rocks or boxes of poison. And found that as a child is no babe, but a great Clerk, that gave forth, (and in writing to remain to posterity) in passion peradventure, but yet he gave forth. That he had not seen any profit to come by sinning or mortifying the Clergy, but rather the contrary: And lastly, against Church-maintenance and allowance, in such part as the ambassadors and messengers of the great King of Kings should be furnished, it is not unknown what a fiction or fable (so it is esteemed, and for no better by the reporter himself, though superstitious) was devised: namely, That such time as the professors and teachers of Christianity in the Church of Rome, then a true Church, were liberally endowed, a voice forsooth was heard from heaven, saying, Now is poison poured down into the Church, &c. Thus not only as oft as we speak, as one faith, but also as oft as we do any thing of note or consequence, we subject ourselves to every one’s censure, and happening is be that is least talked upon, as least forgotten to escape the snatch of them is impossible. If any man conceit, that this is the lot and portion of the meaner sort, and that Princes are privileged by their high estate, it is done: As then in the wars, where the mercenary soldiery is arrayed as one another, as it is in Samuel; I say, as the great commander charged his soldiers in a certain battle to strike at no part of the enemy, but at the face, and he took the and the chief of Syria commanded his chief captains to fight neither with small nor great, save only against the king of Israel: so it is too true, that envy striketh most piteously at the fairest, and the chiefest. David was a worthy prince, and no man to be compared to him for his first deeds; and yet for as worthy an act as ever he did, even for bringing back the ark of God in solemnity, he was crowned and scolled at by his own wife. Solomon was greater than David, though not in virtue, yet in power; and by his power and wisdom he built a temple to the Lord, such an one as was the glory of the land of Israel, and the wonder of the whole world. But was that his magnificence liked of by all? We doubt of it. Otherwise why do they lay it in his son’s dath, and call unto him for blessing of the burden? Make, say they, the generous providence of thy father, and his face shine, lighter. Belike he had charged them, with some levies, and troubled them with some carriages; hereupon they raised up a tragedy, and with in their heart the King, as he had never been built. So hard a thing it is to please all, even when we please God best, and do seek to approve ourselves to every one’s conscience. If we will defend to latter times, we shall find many like examples of such kind, or rather unkind, acceptance. The first Roman Emperor did never do a more pleasing deed to the learned, nor more profitable to posterity, for conserving the record of times in true fationation of the world, as he corrected the Calendar, and ordered the year according to the course of the sun: and yet this was imputed to him for novelty, and arrogancy, and procured to him the name of Poppillus, as to whom say, a wafteful Prince, that had need of a guardian or overseer. So the beft Chriftened Emperor, for the love that he bare for peace, thereunto both himself and his subject, and because he did not feek war, but find it, was judged to be no man at arms, (though indeed he excelled in feats of chivalry, and showed fo
The Translators to the Reader.

much when he was provoked,) and condemned for bringing himself to his sake, and to his pleasure. To be short, the most learned Emperor of former times, (at the least, the greatest politician,) what thanks had he for cutting off the superfluities of the laws, and digests, and books into little fragments, and methodically to cut up, that he hath been bloated by some to be an Epistola, that is, one that extinguished worthy whole volumes, to bring his abridgements into request. This is the measure that hath been rendered to excellent Princes in former times, cum bene facerent, male audire, for their good deeds to be evil spoken of. Neither is there any likelihood that envy and malignity died, and were buried with the ancient. No, no, the reproof of Moses taketh hold of most ages, To be seen up in your fathers head, an increase of just man. What is it that hath been done? There is no new thing under the sun, faith the wise man. And S. Stephen, as your fathers did, so do ye. This, and all to this purpose, his Majesty that now reigneth (and long, and long, may reign, and his offspring for ever, Himself, and children, and children's children always!) knew full well, according to the singular wisdom given unto him by God, and the rare learning and experience he had amassed after Tertullian. It is not that he attempteth anything for the publick, (especially if it pertain to religion, and to the opening and clearing of the word of God,) the same lettereth himself upon the sentence of the body, and shall not be cut off upon the first of the year, which eye see, and casteth himself headlong upon pikes, to be gored by every sharp tongue. For he that meddleth with men's religion in any part meddleth with their cuniforms, with their constitution, with their religion, and have no content in that which they have, yet they cannot abide to hear of altering. Notwithstanding his royal heart was not daunted discouraged for this or that colour, but flood refuseth, ut sine immutabilibus, and omni non eas to be beaten into plates, as one faith; he knew who had chosen him to be a folder, or rather a censer; and being assured that the course which he intended made much for the glory of God, and the building up of his Church, he would not suffer it to be broken off for whatsoever speeches or practices. It doth certainly belong unto kings, yea, it doth especially belong unto them, to have care of religion, yea, to know it aright, yea, to profess it zealously, yea, to promote it to the uttermost, and not to suffer it to be broken down. The Church of all nations which mean well, and this will bring upon them a far most excellent weight of glory in the day of the Lord Jesus. For the Scripture faith not in vain, That which he believeth, he shall also fulfill. But now what piety without truth? What truth, what faving truth, without the word of God? What word of God, whereof we may be sure, without the Scripture? The Scriptures we are commanded to search, Job. 5. 39. 1st. 9. 40. They are mended that searched and studied them, Acts 17. 11. and 8. 28. 29. They are reproved that were unskilful in them, or how to believe them, Matt. 24. 25. Luke 21. 24. They can make us wise unto salvation, 2 Tim. 3. 15. If we be ignorant, they will instruct us; if out of the way, they will bring us home; if out of order, they will reform it; if want of heat, they will comfort us; if dull, quicken us; if cold, inflame us. Take up and read, take up and read the Scriptures, (for unto the wise God hath given by a supernatural voice. Whatever is in the Scriptures, believe me, faith the same S. Aug. this is high and divine; there is vanity, and a
The Translators to the Reader.

...but not of the Greek, yes, of all them that were scattered abroad; then, i.e., it pleased the Lord to set fire up the spirit of a Greek prince, [Greek for desertion] and make use of... }

...the word of salvation, &c.; the effects, light of understanding, faithfulness of perfection, repentance from dead works, newness of life, holiness, peace, joy in the Holy Ghost,即是 the end and reward of the study thereof, fellowship with the saints, participation of the heavenly nature, fruition of an inheritance immortal, undehied, and that never shall fade away. Happy is the man that delighteth in the scripture, and thrice happy that meditateth in it day and night.

...but such men meditate in that which they cannot understand? How shall they understand that which is kept close in an unknown tongue, but it is written, Except I know the power of the voice, I shall be to him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian to me. The Apostle excepteth no tongue; not Hebrew the ancients, nor Greek the moxt copious, not Latin the finest. Nature taught a natural man to confess, that all of us in those tongues which we do not understand are plainly excepted: we may turn the ear unto them. The Syriac counted the Athenian, whom he did not understand, barbarous: so the Roman did the Syriac, and the Jews; (even St. Hierom himself calleth the Hebrew tongue barbarous; belike, because it is strange to many;) so the Emperor of Constantinople calleth the Latin tongue barbarous, though Pope Nicolas do form it: so the Jews long before Christ called all other nations pagans, which is yet no better than barbarous. Therefore as one complaineth that always in the Senate of Rome there was one or other that called for an interpreter; so left the Church to be driven and to be exposed to have translations in a readiness. Translation it is that openeth the window, to let in the light; that breaketh the shell, that we may eat the kernel; that we may look into the most holy place; that removeth the covert of the wall, that we may come by the water; even as Jacob rolled away the stone from the mouth of the well, by which means the flocks of Laban were watered. Indeed without translation into the vulgar tongue, the unlearned are but like children at Jacob's well (which was deep) without a bucket or something to draw with; or as that to whom a letter was wrote, and to whom when a sealed book was delivered with this motion, Read this, I pray thee, he was fain to make this answer, I cannot, for it is sealed. This is the translation of the Old Testament out of the Hebrew into Greek.

...his blood, not of the Jew only, but also of the Greek, yes, of all them that were scattered abroad; then, i.e., it pleased the Lord to set fire up the spirit of a Greek prince, [Greek for desertion] and make use of... }

...the tongue was well known and made familiar to most inhabitants in Asia by reason of the conquests that there the Greek word had made, the colonies which they thither had sent. For the fame causes also it was well understood in many places of Europe, yea, and of Africa too. Therefore the word of God, being set forth in Greek, became thereby like a candle set upon a candlestick, which giveth light to all that are in the house; or like a proclamation founded forth in the marketplace, which mult men pretend to take knowledge of; and therefore that language was fittest to contain the Scriptures, both for the first preachers of the Gospel to appeal unto for witnes, and for the learners also of those times to make search and trial by. It is certain, that that translation was not so found and so perfected, but that it needed in many places correction; and who had been sufficiently for this work as the Apololps or apostolick men? Yet it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to them to take which they found, (the fame being for the greatest part true and sufficient) rather than by making a new, in that new world and green age of the Church, to expose themselves to many exceptions and cavils unto them. The Syriac counted the Athenian, whom he did not understand, barbarous: so the Roman did the Syriac, and the Jews; (even St. Hierom himself calleth the Hebrew tongue barbarous; belike, because it is strange to many;) so the Emperor of Constantinople calleth the Latin tongue barbarous, though Pope Nicolas do form it: so the Jews long before Christ called all other nations pagans, which is yet no better than barbarous. Therefore as one complaineth that always in the Senate of Rome there was one or other that called for an interpreter; so left the Church to be driven and to be exposed to have translations in a readiness. Translation it is that openeth the window, to let in the light; that breaketh the shell, that we may eat the kernel; that we may look into the most holy place; that removeth the covert of the wall, that we may come by the water; even as Jacob rolled away the stone from the mouth of the well, by which means the flocks of Laban were watered. Indeed without translation into the vulgar tongue, the unlearned are but like children at Jacob's well (which was deep) without a bucket or something to draw with; or as that to whom a letter was wrote, and to whom when a sealed book was delivered with this motion, Read this, I pray thee, he was fain to make this answer, I cannot, for it is sealed. This is the translation of the Old Testament out of the Hebrew into Greek.
The Translators to the Reader.

The translating of the Scripture into the vulgar tongues.


King 7:9.

Now though the Church was thus furnished with Greek and Latin translations, even before the faith of Christ was generally embraced in the Empire; for the learned know, that even in St. Hieras's time the Consul of Rome and his wife were both Ethnics, and about the same time the greatest part of the Senate also; yet for all that the godly learned were not content to have the Scriptures in the language which themselves understood, Greek and Latin, (as the good lepers were not content to fare well themselves, but acquainted their neighbours with the flour that God had sent, that they also might provide for themselves;) but also for the behoof and edifying of the unlearned, which hungered and thirsted after righteousness, and had souls to be saved as well as they, they provided translations and interpretations for their common use, in some measure so much, that though not under heaven did shortly after their conversion hear Christ speaking unto them in their mother tongue, not by the voice of their mothers, but also by their ears; and the word translated. If any doubt hereof, it may be satisfied by examples enough, if enough will serve the turn. First, St. Hieras's faith, Medulamum genium linguas Scripturas ante translatas de caeleste aula quae est ad astra seu, &c. That is, The Scriptures being translated before in the languages of many nations dabo ut quae tales thins that were added (by Latin or Teutonic) ade sive. So St. Hieras's in that place. The name Hieras elsewhere affirms that he, the time was, he had set forth the translation of the Seventy, iun tue linguas dominatus; that is, for his countrymen of Dalmatia. Which words not only Ephraim doth understand to purport, that St. Hieras translatd the Scripture into the Dalmatian tongue; but also Sixtus Senego, and Alphonsus a Capras, (that we speak of no more men) not to be excepted against by them of Rome, do ingeniously confess as much. So St. Chrysostom, that lived in St. Hieras's time, giveth evidence with him. The doctrine of baptism is set forth in such a manner, that the philosophers do the vulgar away: but the Scripture, Egyptians, Indians, Persians, Ethiopians, and infinite other nations, being barbarous peoples, translated it into their (mother) tongues, that they might hear and learn the word. To this may be added, that next unto him both for antiquity, and for learning. His words be these, Every country that is under the sun, is full of these words, (of the Apostles and Prophets,) and the Hebrew tongue (the meaning of the Scriptures in the Hebrew tongue) it is not only into the language of the Greeks, but also of the Romans, and Egyptians, and Persians, and Indians, and Armenians, and Scythians, and Sos Matthienses, and many more, into all the languages that any nation useth. So he. In like manner Ulpian is reported by Paulus Diaconus, that in all the world, before they had translated the Scriptures into the Goetic tongue: John Bishop of Sevæ, in his baptismal, and Stilicho Bishop of the Septuagint, who had done the Hebrew about the year 800; King Alured by the said Gisberti, and Ethelstan, and Ethelbert, and Aesculapius (printed at Ingolstadt) to have translated the Scriptures into Slavonian: Ælfric Bishop of Eriug. by Beatus Rhenanus, to have caufed about that time the Gospels to be translated into Dutch rhyme, yet extant in the library of Caxam: Valdis by divers, to have turned them himself, or to have gotten them turned, into French; about the year 570; Charles the Second, to have caufed them to be turned into French about 500 years after Valdis' time; of which translation there be many copies yet extant, as winnoweth Beroldus. Much about that time, even in our King Richard the Second's days, John Trevisa translated them into English; and many English bibles in written hand are yet to be seen with divers; translated, as it is very possible, in that age. So the Syrian translation of the New Testament is in most learned men's libraries, of Sidonius abbas; the Psalter in Arabick is with many; of Augustinus Nishugas; setting forth. So Petel al-fermath, that in his travel he saw the Gospel in the Ethiopian tongue: And Ambrose Theobald alleged the Psalter of the Indians, which he telleth us has been set forth by Petal in Syrian characters. So that to have the Scriptures in the mother tongue is not a quittance lately taken up, either by the Lord Cromwell in England, or by the Lord Radclyffe in Poland, or by the Lord Ungrace in the Empire thought upon, and put in practice, even from the first times of the conversion of any nation; so doubt, because it was esteemed most profitable to cause faithful men to be made to be able to say with the words of the Psalms, As we have heard, so we have seen.

Now the church of Rome would seem at the length to bear a motherly affection toward her children, and to allow them the Scriptures in the mother tongue; but indeed it is a gift, not delaving to be called a gift, an unprofitable gift: they must not be gratuitously given, with the leave of their superiors, to be translated. For it doth seem too much to Clement the eighth, that there should be any licence granted to have them in the vulgar tongue, and therefore he overruled and frustrateth the grant of Pius the fourth. So much are they afraid of the light of the Scripture, (Lucy ads Tertullianum, as Tertullian speaketh,) that they will not truse the people with it, not as it is set forth by the ownborn, or have them to be translated into English against their wills. This seemeth to argue a bad cause, or a bad conscience, or both. Sure we are, that it is not he that hath good gold, that is afraid to bring it to the touchstone, but he that hath the counterfeit; neither is it the true man that shunneth the light, but the malefactor, left his deeds should be reproved; neither is it the plain-dealing merchant that is unwilling to have the weights, or the meteyard, brought in place, but he that dieth deceit. But we will let them alone for this fault, and return to translation.

Many men's mouths have been opened a good while (yet are not stopped) with speeches about the translation so long in hand, or rather perusals of translations made before; and ask what may be the reason, what the necessity of the employment. Hath the Church been deceived, say they, this while? Hath her sweet bread been mingled with leaven, her silver with dross, her wine with water, her oil with blood? If so, what? God in himself. We have seen that we were in the right way, that we had had the Oracles of God delivered

B. Rhenanus, German. lib. 2. B. Rhenanus, German. lib. 2. Beroldus. Tuth.
unto ps, and that though all the world had cause to be offended, and to complain, yet that we had none. Hath the nurse holden out the breast, and nothing but wind in it? Hath the bread been delivered by the Fathers of the Church, and the fame proved to be legalisme, as Jesus spakest? What is it to handle the word of God deceitfully, if this be not? Thus certain brethren. Also the adversaries of Judah and Jerusalem, like Samuell in Nembath, mock, we hear, both at the work and workmen, saying, What do these weak Jews, &c. will they make the stones whole again out of the heaps of dust which are burnt? Although they build, yet if a Jew go up, he shall even break down their holy wall. Was their translation good before? Why do they now mend it? Was it not good? Why then was it obstructed to the people? Yea, why did the Catholicks (meaning Popish Romancists) always grow in jealousy for refusing to go to hear it? Nay, if it must be translated into English, Catholicks are fitt to do it. They have learning, and they know when a thing is well, they can num de tabula. We will answer them both briefly: and the former, being brethren, thus with St. Hierose, Damnatum veteres! Minimus, sed justi propter eum qui familia in domino Domini quod profanum laboraret. Thus St. Hierose, Do not observe the toil or the fruit of other men, after the endeavours of them that were before us, and take the least pains we can in the house of God. As if he said, Being provoked by the example of the learned men lived before, I have thought it my duty to affray, whether my talent in the knowledge of the tongues may be profitable in any measure to God's Church, left I should seem to have laboured in them for naught, and what would be thought to go for nothing in men (although ancient) above which was in them. Thus St. Hierose may be thought to speak. And to the fame effect say we, that we are so far off from condemning any of their labours that translated before us in this kind, either in this land, or beyond sea, either in King Henry's time, or King Edward's, (if there were any translation, or correction of a translation, in his time) or Queen Elizabeth's of ever renowned memory, that we acknowledge them to have been raiied up of God for the building and furnishing of his Church, and that they deserve to be had of us and of posterity in everlasting remembrance. The judgment of Aristotle is worthy and well known: If Timotheus had not been, we had not had much sweet music: But if Pyrrhus (Timotheus's master) had not been Timotheus, Therefore blest be they, and most honoured be their name, that break the ice, and give the onft upon that which helpeth forward to the saving of souls. And therefore the more available the translation is that to deliver God's book unto God's people in a tongue which they understand? Since of an hidden treasure, and of a fountain that is sealed, there is no profit, as Ptolemy Philadeph wrote to the Rabbins or matters of the Jews, as witnesst Ephiphanes: and as St. Augustine faith, A man had rather be with his dog than with a stranger (whole tongue is strange unto him.) Yet for all that, as nothing is begun and fet at the same time, and the latter thoughts are thought to be the wiser: if, we building upon their foundation that went before, and being holpen by their labours, do endeavour to make that better which they left so good: no man, we are sure, hath cause to mislike us; they, we persuade ourselves, if they were alive, would thank us. The vintage of Abana, that brak the stroke: yet the gathering of grapes of Ephraim was not to be deploied. See Jerem. 5. 20. 20: the king of Israel did not satisfy himself till he had limitted the ground three times: and yet he offended the Prophet for giving over then. Aquila, of whom we spake before, translated the Bible as carefully and as skilfully as he could; and yet he thought good to go over it again, and then it got the credit with the Jews, to be called nafi' ayin, this is, accurately done, as St. Hierose witnesseth. How many books of profane learning have been gone over again and again, by the name translatours, by one and the same name? Of one and the same book of Aristotle's Ethicks there are extant not so few as fix or seven several translations. Now if this colt may be bestowed upon the gourd, which affordeth us a little phial, and which to day flourished, but to morrow is cut down; what may we be blow, nay, what ought we not to beflow, upon the vine, the fruit whereof maketh glad the confidence of man, and the item whereof abideth forever? And this is the word of God, as we translat. What is the chaff to the wheat? as the Lord, Tami vitrum, quasi vasa margaritam; (as Tertullian.) If a toy of glads be that reckoning with us, how ought we to value the true pearl? Therefore let no man's eye be evil, because his Majesty is good; neither let any be grieved, that we have a Prince that feeth the increase of the spiritual wealth of Israel; (let Samuell and Tobias do fo, which therefore do bear their just reproves;) but let us rather bles God from the ground of our heart for working in this his righteous, and which is one of the translations of the Bible maturely considered of and examined. For by this means it cometh to pass, that whatsoever is found already, (and all is found for substance in the original) that is, and that is the word of our far better than their authentick vulgar) the fame will shine as gold more brightly, being rubbed and polished; also, if any thing be halting, or fupposed to be so, it may be made more acceptable, the original, the fame may be corrected, and the truth set in place. And what can the King command to be done, that will bring him more true honour than this? And wherein could they that have been set to work approve their duty to the King, yes, their obedience to God, and love to his Saints, more than by yielding their service, and all that is within them, for the furnishing of the work? But besides all this, they were the principal motives of it, and therefore ought left to quarrel it. For the very historical truth is, that upon the important petitions of the Puritans at his Majesty's coming to this crown, the conference at Hampton-court having been appointed for hearing their complaints, when by force of reason they were put from all other grounds, they had recourse at the last to God: As the King's speech which he uttered in Parliament, being translated into French, Dutch, Italian, and Latin, is fill the King's speech, though it be not interpreted by every transla- tion with the like grace, nor presenture so fitly for phrasis, nor so expressly for force, nor so ree for matter. For it is confessed, that things are to take their denomination of the greater part; and a natural man could say, Verum aut minus minus aesterior carmine, non ego Heraea, pauci offenderi majus. A man may be count-
The Translators to the Reader.

Yet before we end, we must answer a third cavil and objection of theirs against us, and amending our translations so oft, wherein truly they deal hardly and strangely with us. For to whom ever it was imputed for a fault (by such as were wise;) to go over that which he had done, or be denied to be the word, or forbidden to be current, notwithstanding that some imperfections and blemishes may be noted in the setting forth of it. For what ever was perfect under the sun, where Apollo or apolotick men, that is, men endowed with an extraordinary measure of God's Spirit, and privileged with the privilege of inoffiability, had not their hand? The Romanists therefore in refusing to bear, and daring to burn the word translated, did not less than despise the Spirit of grace, from whom originally it proceeded, and whose forms and meaning, as words should enable it, did express.

Judge by an example or two.

Plutarch writeth, that after that Rome had been burnt by the Gauls, they fell soon to build it again: but this is not in haste; they did not call in streets, nor proportion the houses, in fashion nor fashion, but had been most lightly and conveniently. Was Catiline therefore an honest man, or a good patriot, that would so bring it to a confusion? Or Nero a good Prince, that did indeed fall in his fire? So the story of Ezra and the prophecy of Haggai it may be gathered, that the temple built by Zerubbabel after the war was from Babylon by no means to be compared to the former built by Solomon, and it is to be remembered the former went when they considered the latter. Notwithstanding might this latter either have been abhorred and forsoaken by the Jews, or preserved by the Greeks? The like we are to think of translations. The translation of the Seventy differed from the Original in many places, neither doth it come near it for perspicuity, gravity, majesty. Yet which of the Apostles did condemn it? Condemn it? Nay, they used it, (as it is apparent, and as St. Hierome and most learned men do confess,) which they would not have done, nor by their example of using it go grace and commend it to the Church, if it had been unworthy the appellation and name of the word of God. And whereas they urge for their second defence of their villifying and abusing of the English Bible, or some pieces thereof, which they meet with, for that heretics forbeth were the authors of the translations: (heretics they call us by the same right that they call themselves catholicks, both they and we;) we know not how to think them so. We are sure Tertullian was of another mind: Ex personas probatum sedem, an ex fide personas? Do we try men's faith by their persons? We should rather do it, if we would prove that St. Augustine was of another mind: for he, lighting upon certain rules made by Tychonus a Donatist for the better understanding of the word, was not ashamed to make use of them, yet to insert them into his own book, with giving commendation to them as far forth as they were worthy to be commended, as is to be seen in St. Augustine's third book De Deur. Capit.

To be short, we have said and the whole Church of England for certain hundred years, were of another mind: for they were far from treading under foot (much more from burning) the translation of Aquila a profane, that is, one that had turned Jews, of Symmachus, and Theodotion, both Ebionites, that is, most vile heretics, that they joined them together with the Hebrew original, and the translation of the Seventy, as he had before signified out of Ephesians and let them forth openly to be considered of and perused by all. But we were the unlearned, who need not know so much; and trouble the learned, who know it already.
The Translators

vulgar, by his apostolic letter and bull! That the same Leo exhorted Pagine to translate the whole Bible, and bare whatsoever charges was necessary for the work! Surely, as the apostle reasoneth to the Church, that if the former Law and Testament had been sufficient, there had been no need of the latter: so we may say, that if the old vulgar had been at all points allowable, to small purpose had labour and charges been undergone about framing of a new. If they say, it was one Pope's private opinion, and that he consulted only himself; then we are able to go further with them, and to say, that more of their chief men of all sorts, even their own Trent champions, Patavus and Vaga, and their own inquisitor Hieronymus ab Oletis, and their own Bishop Jaburis Clarus, and their own Cardinal Thomas a ves Cajetan, do either make new translations themselves, or follow new ones of other men's making, or note the vulgar interpreter for halting, none of them fear to dissent from him, nor yet to except against him. And call they this an uniform tenor of text and judgment about the text, so many of their worthies disclaiming the now received conceit? Nay, we will yet come nearer the quick. Do not their Apostles differ from the Latin, and Henricus from them both, and yet all of them allowed by authority? Nay, doth not Sixtus Quintus confess, that certain Catholics (he meaneth of his own side) are in such an humour of translating the Scriptures into Latin, that Satan taking occasion by them, though they thought of no furtier matter, did strive what he could, out of uncereness and manifold vanity of tranglations, to mingle all things, that nothing seem to be left certain and firm in them, &c? Nay further, did not the same Sixtus ordain by an inviolable decree, and that with the counsel and consent of his Cardinals, that the Latin edition of the Old and New Testament, which the council of Trent would have to be authenticate, is the same without controversy which he then set forth, being diligently corrected and printed in the printshouse of Venice? Thus Sixtus in his preface before his Bible. And yet Clement the eighth, his immediate succesor to account of, publisheth another edition of the Bible, containing in it infinite differences from that of Sixtus, and many of them weighty and material; and yet this must be authentick by all means. What is to have the force of our Law? Lope their sense, and nay, if this be not? Again, what is sweet harmony and content, if this be? Therefore, as De maratus of Caritis advised a great King, before he took of the divinitie of the Grecians, to compole his domestick broils; (for at this time his queen and his son and heir were at deadly feud with him) so all the while that our adversaries do make so many and so various editions themselves, and do jar so much about the worth and authority of them, they can with no shew of equity challenge us for changing and correcting.

But it is high time to leave them, and to thaw in brief what we proposed to ourselves, and what course we held, in this our perilus and surfe of the Bible. Truly, good Christian Reader, we never thought from the beginning that we should need to make a new translation, nor yet to make of a bad one a good one; (for then the imputation of Sixtus had been true in some fote, that our people had been fed with gall of dragons in flead of wine, with wheel instead of milk;) but to make a good one better, or out of many good ones one principal good one, not justly to be excepted against; that hath been our endeavour, that hath been our work. That is, to take those, that were chosen, that were greater in other men's eyes than in their own, and that fought the truth rather than to the Reader.

oct. 1. 1075.
The Translatours to the Reader.

which we had hammered: but having and using as great a variety of fancies in the margin, where there is great probability for each, we made as much ado as we could to bet fet in the margin, lest the authority of the scriptures for deciding of controversies by that shew of uncertainty should somewhat be broken. But we hold their judgement not to be to be found in this point.

For though whatsoever things are necessary are manifest, as St. Chrysostome faith: and, as St. Augustine, in these things that are plainly set down in the scriptures concerning the honor of places, and charity: Yet for all that it cannot be difembrised, that partly to exercise and what our wits, partly to wear out the curiosity from loathing of them for their very plainness, partly also to stir up our devotion to crave the assent of God's Spirit by prayer, and laffly, that we might be forward to seek aid of our brethren by conference, and never form thoe that be not in all respects so complete as they should be, being to seek in many places, it hath pleased God in his Divine Providence here and there to scatter words and sentences of that difficulty and doubtfulness, not in doctrinal points that concern salvation, (for in these things he hath borne his Ark, that the Scriptures are plain,) but in matters of lesser moment, that fearfulness would better befall us than confidence, and if we will resolve, to resolve in this matter, we will have some work to do.

Melius est dubiare de occultis, quam litigare de incertis: It is better to make doubt of those things which are secret, than to fight about those things that are uncertain. There be many words in the Scriptures, which be never found there but once, (having neither brother nor neighbour,) as the Hebrews speak) so that we cannot know them by conference of places, and there again, there be many rare names of certain birds, beasts, and precious stones, &c. concerning which the Hebrews themselves are divided amongst thenselves for judgment, that they may seem to have defined this or that, rather because they would fay something, than because they were sure of which they said, as St. Hierome somewhat faith of the Scriptorum. Now in such a case doth not a margin do well to admonish the Reader to seek further, and not to conclude or dogmatize upon this or that peremptorily? For as it is a sort of incredulity, so it is a sort of humility, not to be so absolute in our conclusions, as we are persuaded. We know that St. Isidore expressely forbidden that any variety of readings of their vulgar edition should be put in the margin: (which though it be not altogether the same thing that we have in hand, yet looketh that way) but we think he hath not all of his own side his favours for this conceit. That they are wise who had rather have their judgments at liberty in differences of readings, than that they be wholly fixed, that it may be other. If they were sure that their high priests had all laws flut up in their braest, as Paul the second bragged, and that be was free from error by special prayers, as the laws were made by law inviolable, it was another matter; then their word was an oracle, his opinion's decision. But the eyes of the world are now open, God be thanked, and have been a great while; they find that he is subject to the same affections and infirmities that others have, that his body is subject to wounds; and therefore so much as he prowe, not as much as he claimeth, they grant and embrace.

Another thing we think good to admonish thee of, gentle Reader, that we have hard tied ourselves to an uniformity of phrasing or to an identity of words, as some peradventure would wish that we had done, because they observe, that some learned men sometimes were as exact as they could that way. Truly, that we might not vary from the sense of that which we had translated before, if the word signified the same thing in both places, (for there be some words that be not of the same sense every where,) we were especially careful, and made a conference, according to our duty. But that we should express the same notion in the same particular word, as for example, if we translate the Hebrew or Greek word once by purpose, never to call it intent; if one where journeying, never travelling; if one where think, never suppose; if one where pain, never ache; if one where joy, never gladness; &c. thus to mince the matter, we thought to shew more of curiosity than wisdom, and that rather it would breed scorn in the atheistic, than bring profit to the godly reader. For is the kingdom of God become words or syllables? Now if this happen in better times, and upon to small occasions, we might justly fear hard censure, if generally we should make verbal and unnecessary changings. We might also be charged (by some) with some inequale dealing towards a great number of good English words. For as it is written of a certain great Philosopher, that he should say, that those logs were happy that were made images to be worshiped; for their fellows, as good as they, lay for blocks behind the fire: so if we should say, it was, unto certain words, Stand up higher, have a place in the Bible always; and to other humility. Get you hence: be banished for ever; we might be taxed peradventure with St. James's words, namely, To be partial in ourselves, and judges of evil thoughts. Add hereunto, that he that always counted the next step to tripping; and so was to be curious about names too: also that we cannot follow a better pattern for eloquence than God himself; therefore he using divers words differs holy and indifferently for one thing in nature: we, if we will not be superstitious, may use the same liberty in our English versions out of Hebrew and Greek for that copy or store that he hath given us. Lately we have on the one side avoided the scrupulosity of the Puritane, who leave the old Ecclesiastical words and betake them to other, as when they put washing for baptism, and congregation in stead of Church: as also on the other side we have shunned the obscurity of the Papists, in their asymes, tinies, rational, balanclies, prepare, pallet, and a number of such like, whereof their late translation is full, and that of purpole to darken the sense, that since they must needs translate the Bible, yet by the language thereof it may be kept from being understood. But we define that the Scripture may speak like itself, as in the language of Canna, that it may be understood even of the very vulgar.

Many other things we might give thee warning of, gentle Reader, if we had not regard to the sensibility of a prince already. It remaineth that we commend

\[\text{Abend.}\]

\[\text{Nic. Ca.}\]

\[\text{lib. 8.}\]

\[\text{cap. 45.}\]

\[\text{S. Hier.}\]

\[\text{in Jesus.}\]

\[\text{See S. Aug.}\]

\[\text{lib. 10.}\]

\[\text{Nephele}\]

\[\text{lib. 8.}\]

\[\text{cap. 29.}\]

\[\text{Cyril.}\]

\[\text{c. 1.}\]

\[\text{S. Aug.}\]

\[\text{Dr. Deod.}\]

\[\text{Cyril.}\]

\[\text{c. 1.}\]

\[\text{S. Hier.}\]

\[\text{Prof. Bibli.}\]

\[\text{Plat.}\]

\[\text{Plato.}\]

\[\text{Paul.}\]

\[\text{we.}\]
The Translators to the Reader.

The Names and Order of all the Books of the Old and New Testament, with the Number of their Chapters.

The Books of the Old Testament.

| Genesis | 50 | II. Chronicles | 36 | Daniel | 12 |
| Exodus | 40 | Ezra | 10 | Hosea | 14 |
| Leviticus | 27 | Nehemiah | 13 | Joel | 3 |
| Numbers | 36 | Nehemiah | 10 | Amos | 9 |
| Deuteronomy | 34 | Job | 14 | Obadiah | 1 |
| Joshua | 34 | Psalms | 150 | Jonah | 4 |
| Judges | 21 | Proverbs | 31 | Micah | 7 |
| Ruth | 4 | Ecclesiastes | 12 | Nahum | 6 |
| I. Samuel | 31 | The Song of Solomon | 8 | Habakkuk | 3 |
| II. Samuel | 24 | Isaiah | 66 | Zephaniah | 3 |
| I. Kings | 22 | Jeremiah | 52 | Haggai | 2 |
| II. Kings | 25 | Lamentations | 5 | Zechariah | 14 |
| I. Chronicles | 29 | Ezekiel | 48 | Malachi | 4 |

The Books called Apocrypha.

| I. Enoch | 9 | Wisdom | 19 | The Story of Susanna. |
| II. Enoch | 16 | Ecclesiasticus | 51 | The Idol Bel, and the Dragon. |
| Tobit | 14 | Baruch, with the Epistle of | | The Prayer of Manasseh. |
| Judith | 16 | Jeremiah | 6 | I. Maccabees | 16 |
| The rest of Esther | 6 | The Song of the 3 Children. | | II. Maccabees | 15 |


| Matthew | 28 | Ephesians | 6 | To the Hebrews | 13 |
| Mark | 15 | Philippians | 4 | The Epistle of James | 5 |
| Luke | 24 | Colossians | 4 | I. Peter | 5 |
| John | 21 | I. Thessalonians | 3 | II. Peter | 5 |
| The Acts | 28 | II. Thessalonians | 3 | I. John | 9 |
| The Epistle to the Romans | 16 | I. Timothy | 6 | II. John | 1 |
| I. Corinthians | 16 | II. Timothy | 4 | III. John | 1 |
| II. Corinthians | 13 | Titus | 3 | Jude | 1 |
| Galatians | 6 | Philemon | 1 | Revelation | 22 |

The Editors have endeavored to make a clear and distinct distinction between the Books of the Old and New Testament; but it is thought proper to add this remark, that the relation of the Old to the New Testament is so close, that it is difficult to draw a line between them, and to determine which are more sacredly inspired.

The Editors have been careful to avoid any thing that might appear to be more refined than necessary to the purposes of their work. The names of the books are given in alphabetical order, and the number of their chapters is also stated, in order that the reader may have a precise idea of the length of each book.

The Editors have also taken care to avoid any thing that might be thought to be more peculiar than necessary to the purposes of their work. The names of the books are given in alphabetical order, and the number of their chapters is also stated, in order that the reader may have a precise idea of the length of each book.
The FIRST BOOK of MOSES, CALLED

GENESIS.

CHAP. I.

1 The creation of heaven and earth, 3 of the light, 6 of the firmament, 9 the earth separated from the waters, and made fruitful. 14 The creation of the sun, moon, and stars, 20 of all flesh. 24 of beasts and cattle, 26 of man in the image of God, and his blessing. 29 The

The appointment of food.

IN the beginning created God the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 4 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 7 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 10 And God said, 16: Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters he called Sea: and God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grasse, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth forth grasse, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
every creeping thing that creepeth upon
the earth.
27 God created man in his own
image, * in the image of God created he
him; * male and female created he them.
28 And God blessed them, and God said
unto them, * Be fruitful, and multiply, and
replenish the earth, and subdue it: * and have
dominion over the fih of the sea, and over
the fowl of the air, and over every living
thing that moveth upon the earth.
29 ¶ And God said, Behold, I have given
you every herb * bearing seed, which is up
on the face of all the earth, and every tree,
in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding
seed: * to you it shall be for meat.
30 And to every beast of the earth, and
to every fowl of the air, and to every thing
that creepeth upon the earth, wherein
there is * life, I have given every green
herb for meat: * and it was so.
31 And * God saw everything that he
had made, and, behold, it was very good.
And the evening and the morning were the
sixth day.

CHAP. II.

1 The first sabbath. 4 The manner of the creation.
8 The planting of the garden of Eden. 10 The
river, and its four heads. 15 Man is placed in
Eden, and the tree of knowledge only forbidden.
18 The naming of the creatures. 21 The making
of woman, and institution of marriage.

Thy the heavens and the earth were
finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended
his work which he had made; and he
restituted on the seventh day from all his work
which he had made.
3 And God * blessed the seventh day,
and sanctified it: because that in it he had
restituted from all his work which God * cre-
ated and made.
4 ¶ These are the generations of the
heavens and of the earth when they were
created, in the day that the Lord God
made the earth and the heavens.
5 And every plant of the field before it
was in the earth, and every herb of the
field before it grew: for the Lord God
had not caufed it to rain upon the earth,
and there was not a man to till the ground.
6 But there went up a mist from the
earth, and watered the whole face of the
ground.
7 And the Lord God formed man * of
the * dust of the ground, and breathed into
his * nostrils the breath of life; and * man
became a living soul.
8 ¶ And the Lord God planted * a gar-

den eastward in Eden; and there he
put the man whom he had formed.
9 And out of the ground made the
Lord God to grow * every tree that is
pleasant to the sight and good for food;
the tree of life also in the midst of the
garden, * and the tree of knowledge of
good and evil.
10 ¶ And a river went out of Eden to
water the garden; and from thence it was
divided, and became into four heads.
11 The name of the first is * Pison: that is
it which compasseth * the whole land of
Havilah, where there is gold;
12 And the gold of that land is good;
there is * bdellium and the onyx stone.
13 And the name of the second river is
Gihon: the same is it that compasseth
the whole land of Ethiopia.
14 And the name of the third river is
Hiddekel: that is it which goeth * tow-
ward the eait of Affryia. And the fourth
river is Euphrates.
15 ¶ And the Lord God took the man,
and put him into the garden of Eden to
dress it and to keep it.
16 And the Lord God commanded the
man, saying, Of every tree of the garden
* thou mayest freely eat:
17 * But of the tree of the knowledge of
good and evil, * thou shalt not eat of it: for
in the day that thou eatest thereof * thou
shalt surely die.
18 ¶ And the Lord God said, It is not
good that the man should be alone; * he
will make him * an help meet for him.
19 ¶ And out of the ground the Lord
God formed every beast of the field, and
every fowl of the air; and brought them
unto Adam to see what he would call
them: and whatsoever Adam called every
livihg creature, that was the name thereof.
20 And Adam * gave names to all cattier,
every beast of the field, and to every
fowl of the air; but for Adam there
was not found an help meet for him.
21 ¶ And the Lord God caused a * deep
sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and
he took one of his ribs, and closed up the
flesh instead thereof.
22 And the rib, which the Lord God
had taken from man, * made he a woman,
and brought her unto the man.
23 And Adam said, This is now bone
of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: the shall
be called Woman, because out of man he
was taken.
24 Therefore shall a man leave his father
and his mother, and shall cleave unto his
wife: and they shall be one flesh.
CHAP. III. IV.

Man's fall.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

CHAP. III.

1 The serpent decoyed Eve. 6 Man's fall. 9 God arraigneth him. 14 The serpent is cursed, and his overthrow by the seed of the woman foretold. 16 The punishment of mankind. 21 Their first clothing. 22 Their expulsion out of paradise.

NOW the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of any tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, the tree of the knowledge thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden: and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid my self.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee, that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14 And the Lord said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy heel, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou bring forth children; and shalt be a bondslave to thy wife, and thou shalt serve thy husband.

18 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

19 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord make coats of skins, and clothed them.

20 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

21 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

22 So he drove out the man: and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

CHAP. IV.

1 The birth, occupation, and religious behaviour of Cain and Abel. 6 The murder of Abel, and the arrangement, and curse of Cain for it. 17 Enoch born; the first city built; the generations of Cain. 19 Lamech and his two wives. 25 The birth of Seth and Enoch.

AND Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord.

2 And she again bare his brother Abel.

A
GENESIS.

The patriarchs genealogy.

wifes: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.
20 And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.
21 And his brother’s name was Juba: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.
22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubal-cain, an instructer of every artificer in brass and iron: and the fitter of Tubal-cain was Naamah.
23 And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; ye wifes of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt:
24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.
25 ¶ And Adam knew his wife again; and bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said he, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.
26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos; and he begat sons and daughters.

THIS is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;
2 
And Male and female created he them; and blesséd them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years; and he begat sons and daughters:

And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

6 ¶ And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos:

7 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:

8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

9 ¶ And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan:

wifes: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.
20 And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.
21 And his brother’s name was Juba: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.
22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubal-cain, an instructer of every artificer in brass and iron: and the fitter of Tubal-cain was Naamah.
23 And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; ye wifes of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt:
24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.
25 ¶ And Adam knew his wife again; and bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said he, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.
26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos; and he begat sons and daughters.

THIS is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;
2 
And Male and female created he them; and blesséd them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years; and he begat sons and daughters:

And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

6 ¶ And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos:

7 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:

8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

9 ¶ And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan:
The translation of Enoch.

10 And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters: 
11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.
12 ¶ And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat Mahaleel: 
13 And Cainan lived after he begat Mahaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters: 
14 And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.
15 ¶ And Mahaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared: 
16 And Mahaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty and four years, and begat sons and daughters: 
17 And all the days of Mahaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.
18 ¶ And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch: 
19 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 
20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.
21 ¶ And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methufelah: 
22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methufelah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 
23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: 
24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.
25 ¶ And Methufelah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech: 
26 And Methufelah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred and eighty years, and begat sons and daughters: 
27 And all the days of Methufelah were nine hundred sixty and five years: and he died.
28 ¶ And Lamech lived an hundred eight and two years, and begat a son: 
29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This falleth now comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground, which the Lord hath cursed.
30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred and ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters: 
31 And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and five years: and he died.
32 ¶ And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
AND the L ORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for I have seen thy righteousness before me in this generation.

2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.

3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

5 And Noah did according unto all that the L ORD commanded him.

6 And Noah was five hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him,
The waters afflauge.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The waters afflauge. 4 The ark rests on Ararat. 5 Noah sends out a raven and a dove.
6 The earth is dried. 15 Noah, being commanded, goeth forth of the ark. 20 He buildeth an altar, and offereth sacrifice, which God accepteth, and promiseth to curse the earth no more.

AND God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters afflauge;

2 The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;

3 And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

4 ¶ And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

6 ¶ And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:

7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;

9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and the returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

10 And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;

11 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off: 10 Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

12 And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove: which returned not again unto him any more.

13 ¶ And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and beheld, the face of the ground was dry.

14 And in the second month, on the fiftieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

15 ¶ And God spake unto Noah, saying,

CHAP. IX.

16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.

17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:

19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

20 ¶ And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the Lord smelled aacceptable savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; neither will I again smite any more every living thing, as I have done.

22 ¶ While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and frost and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

CHAP. IX.

1 God blesseth Noah, and giveth him animal food, but forbidding the eating of blood, and murder. 2 God's covenant signified by the rainbow. 3 The earth is repeopled from Noah. 20 He planteth a vineyard, is drunken, and mocked by Canaan, whom he curseth, and blesseth his other sons.

28 His age and death.

AND God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

2 ¶ And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, ye shall not eat.

5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

6 Who so sheddeth man’s blood, by man
God's covenant signified by the rainbow. GENESIS.

shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

6 ¶ And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

9 ¶ And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

10 ¶ And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl of the air, of the beast of the earth, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

11 ¶ And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

12 ¶ And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

13 ¶ I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14 ¶ And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow that is in the cloud shall be for signs between me and the earth.

15 ¶ And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 ¶ And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

17 ¶ And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

18 ¶ And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan.

19 ¶ These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

20 ¶ And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard.

21 ¶ And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

22 ¶ And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

23 ¶ And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces

Chap. X.

The generations of Noah.

Now these are the generations of Noah. 2 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

3 And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

4 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarsish, and Kittim, and Dodanim.

5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

6 ¶ And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.

7 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabath, and Raamah, and Sheba.

8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord.

10 ¶ And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erek, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

11 Out of that land went forth Ashur, and builded Nineveh, and Accad, and Calneh, and Resen, the same is the head city.

12 And Rehob between Nineveh and Calah: the fame is a great city.

13 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtahim.

14 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (out of whom came Philistim,) and Caphtorim.
The building of Babel. 

**CHAP. XI.**

The confusion of tongues.

1 And Canaan begat Sidon his first-born, and Heth: 15
2 And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite, 16
3 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, 17
4 And Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.

19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.

20 These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries; and in their nations.

21 Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth, the elder, even to him were children born.

22 The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.

23 And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mah.

24 And Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah begat Eber.

25 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother’s name was Joktan.

26 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, 27 And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, 28 And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba, 29 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these were the sons of Joktan.

30 And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar, a mount of the east.

31 These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

1 One language in the world.

2 The building of Babel interrupted by the confusion of tongues.

10 The generations of Shem, 27 and of Terah the father of Abram. 31 Terah went from Ur to Haran, and died there.

A N D the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

6 And the Lord said, Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.

8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth; and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

10 These are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood:

11 And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

12 And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah:

13 And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

14 And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber:

15 And Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

16 And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg:

17 And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu:

19 And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

20 And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug:

21 And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

22 And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor:

B
And Abram was very old, when they came toward the end of his life. Then the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said unto him, I am God Almighty: walk before me, and be thou perfect. And Abram said, Behold, I am perfect: I will go before the Lord, and be grieved for my father and mother, and for my brother and sister, and for all the house of our father, who are dead. And the Lord said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a nation, and they shall be priests unto me, and shall keep my covenant, and execute the same unto many generations. And Abram fell upon his face, and said unto the Lord, If not by我自己, then by the name of Sarai. And he said, Unto Sarai, I will give thee a son out of thine own body, and thou shalt call his name Isaac. And I will make him a great nation; and I will bless him, and make him the father of many nations: and will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Then Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed, and went up toward the south. And there was a famine in the land; and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land. And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon: Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will spare thee. Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister, that it may be well with me for thy sake, and my soul shall live because of thee. And it came to pass, that when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair. The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. And he entertained Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he ass, and men-servants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels. And the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife. And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? Why didst thou not tell me that thou wast my wife? And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they fled him away, and his wife, and all that he had.
CHAP. XIII.

The battle of the four kings against five.

16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth; so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it, and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

18 ¶ Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

CHAP. XIV.

1 The battle of the four kings against five. 12 Lot is taken prisoner. 14 Abram rejoiceth Lot.

1 And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations:

2 That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birha king of Goimorrh, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zebibon, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar.

3 All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea.

4 Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, and smote * the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and * the Zuzims in Ham, and * the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim, and * the Horites in their mount Seir, unto El-paran, which is by the wilderness.

6 And they returned, and came to En-mishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote * all the country of the Amalekites, and all the Amorites, that dwelt * in Hazazon-tamar.

7 And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Goemorrh, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar; and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim; 8 With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings against five.

9 And the vale of Siddim was full of * palm trees; and the kings of Sodom and Goemorrh fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled * to the mountain.
AFTER these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram, saying, 'Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.'

And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed; and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, 'This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.'

And he brought forth all the goods, and gave them unto his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale.

And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand.

And he gave him tithes of all.

And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.

And Abram said to the king of Sodom, 'I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth,

That I will not take from a thread even to a shoe-latchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:

Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.'

CHAP. XV.

God encourageth Abram, who complaineth for want of an heir. 4 God promiseth him a son, and a numerous seed. 6 He is justified by his faith. 7 The promise of Canaan is renewed, and confirmed to him by a sign and a vision.
Hagar fled from Sarah.

CHAP. XVI, XVII.

God reneweth the covenant.

Before CHRIST

1911.

CHAP.

18 In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates.

19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaim,

21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

C H A P. XVI.

1 Sarai being barren gave Hagar to Abram. 4 Hagar having conceived despised her mistress, and being hardly treated runned away. 7 An angel foundeth her back to submit herself, and informeth her of her son's fortunes. 15 Ishmael is born.

AND Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.

2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold, now, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto thy maidservant; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarah.

3 And Sarah Abram's wife took Sarah her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

5 Sarah said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the Lord judge between me and thee.

6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarah saw that she dealt with her hardly, she smote her in her face.

7 And the angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.

8 And she said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou, and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

9 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.

10 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

11 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son; and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the Lord hath heard thy affliction.

12 And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

13 And she called the name of the Lord that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?

14 Wherefore the well was called Beersheba; behold, it is between Kadesh and Beer-sheba.

15 And Sarah Abram's son; and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.

16 And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

CHAP. XVII.

1 God reneweth his covenant with Abram.

2 Abram's name is changed in token of greater blessings. 9 Circumcision is instituted.

3 Sarah's name is changed, and Isaac, with the blessing of a numerous issue, promised her.

4 Abram, his son Ishmael, and all his servants are circumcised.

AND when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God: walk before me, and be thou perfect.

2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

GENESIS.

Abraham entertaineth three angels.

9 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.
10 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you, and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.
11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.
12 And it shall be the eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.
13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh an everlasting covenant.
14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.
15 ¶ And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.
16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.
17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and she that is ninety years old, bear?
18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!
19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac; and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.
20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and he shall multiply exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.
21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.
22 And he left off talking with him; and God went up from Abraham.
23 ¶ And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham’s house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.
24 And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
25 And if I, Abraham, his son, was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
26 In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.
27 And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 And the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door of the heat of the day;
2 And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,
3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:
4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash thy feet, and reft your-selves under the tree;
5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.
6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.
7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.
8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.
9 ¶ And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.
10 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son.
11 And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.
12 Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.
13 Therefore Sarah laughed within her...
Abram's intercession for Sodom.

CHAP. XIX.

Lot entertaineth two angels.

29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake.

30 And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall be thirty found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.

32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there.

33 And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

34 And the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Lot entertaineth two angels. 4 The vicious Sodomites beset the house, and are stricken with blindness.

12 Lot is directed to flee with his family to the mountain, but obtainteth leave to retire into Zoar. 24 Sodom and Gomorrah are destroyed. 23 Abraham feeth the dreadful overthrow. 30 Lot retireth from Zoar to a cave in the mountain. 31 The inauspicious origin of Moab and Ammon.

AND there came two angels to Sodom, at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.

3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, ev'n the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,
To the mountain, left some evil take me, and I die:

20 Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one; oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

21 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted + thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called || Zoor.

23 The sun was + rifen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and + that which grew upon the ground;

26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and he became a pillar of salt.

27 ¶ And Abraham sat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD:

28 And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrew, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot dwelt.

30 ¶ And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountains, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

31 ¶ And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and + there is not a man in the earth + to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:

32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when the lay down, nor when she arose.

34 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also, and go thou in, and + lie with him; that we may preserve seed of our father.
Abimelech restored Sarah.

CHAP.

XX, XXI.

XX.

1 Abraha

of God, and com

Abraham, who e

Sarah is solv

after a gentle rep

Abimelech and h

ords were at the

A ND Abraham journeied from thence toward the south country, and dwell ed between Kadesh and Shur, and so jour ned in Gerar.

2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar ent, and took Sarah.

3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou hast acted very wickedly, to sin against the Lord, and to sin against me, for I am thy brother: be fruitful and multiply, for I am with thee.

4 And God said unto him, Why hast thou done this? for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

5 And the Lord blessed Abimelech for he had not touched Sarah, his wife, for he was afraid of the Lord.

6 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What hast thou done unto me? and what hast thou done to me? that thou hast brought me and my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

7 And she said, It was a little error which I committed at the first, because I knew not that thou wert a prince of God. And Abraham said, Am I not a man of peace, who dwelleth among the inheritors of the earth?

8 And Abraham took camels from among his own flock of beasts, and sent them to Isaac his son, saying, Send unto me, and take unto me a wife from thy kindred.

9 And he took one of his own kinsmen, and sent him unto Isaac his son.

10 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, Before I give thee Sarah my wife, hear me:

11 And Abraham said, I am a stranger and a sojourner with you; give me my wife back again.

12 And Abimelech answered, I am he, who said, She is mine wife; and I will say, She is my sister, that ye may not deal with me falsely.

13 And Abraham said, Where is he that that I should give Sarah my wife unto thee? Is this a little thing? What hap passeth this thing?

14 And Abraham said, Because I thought, surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.

15 And Abimelech said, What hast thou done to me, that thou hast done this thing unto me? thou didst it not of mine hand, nor of the hand of my father.

16 And Abraham said, Because I thought, surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.

17 And Abimelech said, What hast thou done here? Before I knew thee, thou wast nothing in this place; and now the Lord hath put a commandment upon thee, saying, Go to thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal kindly with thee.

18 And Abimelech said, I am he, who said, She is mine wife; and I will say, She is my sister, that ye may not deal with me falsely. Now the children of the strange woman are dead, but mine are alive.

19 And Abimelech said, What hast thou done to me, that thou hast done this thing? Go to thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will send thee away. So Abraham went his way.

20 And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and servants, and maidservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.

21 And Abraham said unto Abimelech, Give me my wife back again, my right to her is evident.

22 And Abimelech said, I am he, who said, She is mine wife; and I will say, She is my sister, that ye may not deal with me falsely. Now the children of the strange woman are dead, but mine are alive. Go to thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will send thee away. So Abraham went his way.
Hagar and Ishmael cast forth.

GENESIS.

Abraham tempted to offer Isaac.

by God + that thou wilt not deal + fail + with me, nor with my son, nor with my son’s son: but according to the kindness + that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do + unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.

24 And Abraham said, I will swear.
25 And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech’s servants + had violently taken away. + See cli.
26 And Abimelech said, I wot not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but to day.
27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them + made a covenant.
28 And Abraham set seven eves lambs of the flock by themselves.
29 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What mean these seven eves lambs which + thou hast set by themselves?
30 And he said, For these seven eves lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that + they may be a witness unto me, that I + + have digged this well.
31 Wherefore he + called that place Beer-sheba; because there they sware both of them.
32 Thus they made a covenant at Beer-sheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.
33 And Abraham planted a + grove in Beer-sheba, and + called there on the name of the Lord, + the everlastint God.
34 And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines’ land many days.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Abram is tempted to offer Isaac. 3 He giveth proof of his faith and obedience: He + the angel + takest him from + slaying his son, in whose stead be offerest a ram. 15 Abraham is blessed again. 20 The generations of Nabor, from whom came Rebekah.

A ND it came to pass after these things that + God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, + Behold, here I am.
2 And he said, Take now thy son, + only son + of + Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee + into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.
3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took of his young men with him, and Isaac his + son, + and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.
Abraham giveth proof of his faith.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.
1 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.
6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.
7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, Father? And he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?
8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.
9 And they came to the place which God had told him of: and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.
10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.
11 And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.
12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withholden thy son, thine only son from me.
13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.
14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of Jehovah it shall be seen.
15 And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,
16 And said, By myself have I sworn, faith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withholden thy son, thine only son:
17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies:
18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.
19 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

The age and death of Sarah.

20 And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nahor;
21 Hus his firstborn, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram,
22 And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel.
23 And Bethuel begat Rebekah: these eight Milcah did bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother.
24 And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she bare also Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahath, and Maachah.

C H A P. XXIII.

1 The age and death of Sarah. 3 The purchase of Machpelah, 19 where Sarah was buried.

AND Sarah was an hundred and seven years, and twenty years old: these were the years of the life of Sarah.

2 And Sarah died in Kirjath-arba; the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan:

3 And Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

4 And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Heth, saying,

5 I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a polleion of a burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my fight.

6 And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him,

7 Hear us, my lord: thou art a prince among us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead, none of us shah withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.

8 And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, even to the children of Heth.

9 And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight; hear me, and intreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar,

10 That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which is in the end of his field; for as much money as it is worth he shall give it me for a polleion of a burying-place amongst you.

11 And Ephron dwelt among the children of Heth: and Ephron the Hitite answered Abraham in the audience of the children of Heth, even of all that were in the gate of his city, saying,

12 Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the
Machpelah purchased.

Before CHRIST

12 And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land.
13 And he spake unto Epher in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou wilt give it, I pray thee, hear me: I will give thee money for the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there.
14 And Epher answered Abraham, saying unto him,
15 My lord, hearken unto me: the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver; what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.

And Abraham hearkened unto Epher; and Abraham weighed to Epher the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchant.

17 And the field of Epher, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure

Upto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan.

And the field, and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a buryingplace by the sons of Heth.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 Abraham sweareth his servant to seek a wife for Isaac.
10 The servant's journey; 12 his prayer and sign. 15 Rebekah meeteth him and fulfilleth his sign. 22 She receiveth jewels, jewels, her kindred, and inviteth him home; be blest God. 29 Laban entertaineth him. 34 The servant setteth his errand, and asketh for Rebekah. 50 Laban and Bethuel approve of his proposal, and on his desiring to be gone, Rebekah conferreth to go with him. 62 Isaac meeteth her on her way, and bringing her home, marrieth her.

AND Abraham was old, and well stricken in age; and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things.

And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

GENESIS. Abraham's servant seeketh a wife for Isaac.

3 And I will make thee swear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

4 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

5 And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?

And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.

7 The Lord God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land: he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.

And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again.

9 And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter.

And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; 49 for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.

And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.

And he said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me to his brother, and sith he speedeth this day, and sheweth kindness unto my master Abraham.

And behold, I stand bare by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac;

And thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

And the damsel was very fair to look
Laban entertaineth him:

Before CHRIST 1857.

Upon a virgin, neither had any man known
her: and she went down to the well, and
filled her pitcher, and came up.

And the servant ran to meet her, and
said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little
water of thy pitcher.

And she said, Drink, my lord: and
she halted, and let down her pitcher upon
her hand, and gave him drink.

And when she had done giving him
drink, she said, I will draw water for
thy camels also, until they have done
drinking.

And she halted, and emptied her
pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto
the well to draw water, and drew for all
his camels.

And the man wondering at her held
his peace, to wit whether the Lord had
made his journey prosperous or not.

And it came to pass, as the camels
had drunk, that the man took a golden
earring of half a shekel weight, and two
bracelets for her hands of ten
shekels weight of gold;

tell me, I pray thee: is there room in my
father’s house for us to lodge in?

And she said unto him, I am the
daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah,
which the bare unto Nahor.

She said moreover unto him, We have
both straw and provender enough, and
room to lodge in.

And the man bowed down his head,
and worshipped the Lord.

And he said, Blessed be the Lord God
of my master Abraham, who hath not left
me destitute of my master of his mercy and
his truth: I being in the way, the Lord led
me to the house of my master’s brethren.

And the damsel ran, and told them of
her mother’s house these things.

And Rebekah had a brother, and
his name was Laban: and Laban ran out
unto the man, unto the well.

And it came to pass, when he saw the
earring and bracelets upon his fitter’s
hands, and when he heard the words of
Rebekah’s fitter, saying, Thus spake the man
unto me; that he came unto the man; and,
behold, he flood by the camels at the well.

And he said, Come in, thou sat at
of the Lord; wherefore tarryest thou
without? for I have prepared the house,
and room for the camels.

And the man came into the house:
and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw
and provender for the camels, and water
to wash his feet, and the men’s feet that
were with him.

CHAP. XXIV.

The servant telleth his errand.

And there was set meat before him to
eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have
told mine errand. And he said, Speak on.

And he said, I am Abraham’s servant.

And the Lord hath blessed my ma-
father greatly; and he is become great:
and he hath given him flocks, and herds,
and silver, and gold, and maidervants,
and camels, and asses.

And Sarah my mother’s wife bare a
son to my master when she was old: and
unto him hath he given all that he hath.

And my master made me swear, saying,
Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of
the daughters of the Canaanites, in
whose land I dwell:

But thou shalt go unto my father’s
house, and to my kindred, and take a wife
unto my son.

And I said unto my master, Perad-
venture the woman will not follow me.

And he said unto me, The Lord before
whom I walk, will send his angel with thee,
and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take
a wife for my son of my kindred,
and of my father’s house:

Then shalt thou be clear from this
my oath, when thou comest to my kind-
red; and if they give not thee one, thou
shalt be clear from my oath.

And I came this day unto the well,
and said, O Lord God of my master; for
if now thou do prosper my way
which I go:

Behold, I stand by the well of water; and
it shall come to pass, that when the
virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I
say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little
water of thy pitcher to drink; and
she shall draw for my camels also.

And she shall say, I know; but let
thy servant, whom my master hath sent
unto thee, come in, even unto
the house of my father, and wash his
feet.

And the servant said, If so be thou
wilt show kindness unto my master,
then show also kindness unto my
brethren, and unto the house of my
father.

And afterward I will know whether
there be kindness or not to be shewn unto
my master’s family.

And the damsel ran and told her
mother, and her mother’s sister, all these
words.

And Rebekah rose up straightway,
and let down her pitcher from her
shoulder, and said, Drink, and let me
drink also. Then she hurriedly placed the
pitcher upon her shoulder, and ran.

And the servant ran to meet her, and
said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little
water of thy pitcher.

And she said, Drink, my lord: and
she halted, and let down her pitcher upon
her hand, and gave him drink.

And when she had done giving him
drink, she said, I will draw water for
thy camels also, until they have done
drinking.

And she halted, and emptied her
pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto
the well to draw water, and drew for all
his camels.

And the man wondering at her held
his peace, to wit whether the Lord had
made his journey prosperous or not.

And it came to pass, as the camels
had drunk, that the man took a golden
earring of half a shekel weight, and two
bracelets for her hands of ten
shekels weight of gold;

tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy
father’s house for us to lodge in?

And she said unto him, I am the
daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah,
which the bare unto Nahor.

She said moreover unto him, We have
both straw and provender enough, and
room to lodge in.

And the man bowed down his head,
and worshipped the Lord.

And he said, Blessed be the Lord God
of my master Abraham, who hath not left
me destitute of my master of his mercy and
his truth: I being in the way, the Lord led
me to the house of my master’s brethren.

And the damsel ran, and told them of
her mother’s house these things.

And Rebekah had a brother, and
his name was Laban: and Laban ran out
unto the man, unto the well.

And it came to pass, when he saw the
earring and bracelets upon his fitter’s
hands, and when he heard the words of
Rebekah’s fitter, saying, Thus spake the man
unto me; that he came unto the man; and,
behold, he flood by the camels at the well.

And he said, Come in, thou sat at
of the Lord; wherefore tarryest thou
without? for I have prepared the house,
and room for the camels.

And the man came into the house:
and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw
and provender for the camels, and water
to wash his feet, and the men’s feet that
were with him.
Rebekah goeth with Abrahams servant. GENESIS. Abram's age, death, and burial.

65 For the was a yard unto the servant. 
What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant said, It is my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself. 
66 And the servant told Isaac all things that he had said. 
67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death. 

1 CHAP. XXV.
1 The sons of Abraham by Keturah. 2 The division of his goods. 3 His age, death, and burial. 11 God blessed Isaac. 12 The generations of Ishmael, his age, and death. 19 Isaac's descent and alliance by marriage. 21 Rebekah being barren, be prayest for her; for concerthe, the children strive in her womb, which is a token of the future fortunes of their posterity. 24 The birth of Esau and Jacob. 27 The difference of their life and manners. 

T H E N again Abraham took a wife, whs 2 And the bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbacs, and Shuah. 3 And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Ashurim, Letushim, and Leumim. 

4 And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. 
5 ¶ And Abraham gave unto Keturah. 
6 But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and of them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country. 

7 ¶ And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years. 
8 Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people. 
9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hitite, which is before Mamre. 
10 ¶ The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth, there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife. 
11 ¶ And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well of Lahai-roi. 
12 ¶ Now these are the generations of
Rebekah bareth Esau and Jacob.

CHAP. XXXVI.

Ifacc goeth to Gerar:

29 ¶ And Jacob said: And the field, and he was faint: And Esau said unto Jacob: Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

31 And Jacob said: Sell me this day thy birthright.

32 And Esau said: Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

33 And Jacob said: Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.

AND there was a famine in the land, before the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

2 ¶ And the Lord appeared unto him, and said: Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:

4 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed.

5 I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;

6 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

7 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

8 ¶ And Isaac dwelt in Gerar:

10 And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said: She is my sister; for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was fair to look upon.

11 And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife.
Genesis.

26 ¶ Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army.
27 And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore came ye to me, seeing ye hate me,
28 And they said, We knewest not that the Lord had smitten us.
29 ¶ That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now the blessed of the Lord.
30 ¶ And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink.
31 And they rose up betimes in the morning, and swore one to another: and Isaac sent them away.
32 And it came to pass on the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him of the vision that he dreamed.
33 And he said unto them, I have dreamed, and behold, the Lord was with me.
34 ¶ And Esau was forty years old when he took unto wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite,
35 Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

Chapter XXVII.

1 Isaac sent forth Jacob to obtain the blessing. 18 Jacob under the person of Esau obtained it. 30 Esau bringeth venison. Isaac is alarmed, but confirmiteth the blessing to Jacob. 34 Esau complaineth, and by importunity obtaineth a blessing. 41 He threateneth Jacob's life, 42 whom Rebekah fendoth away.

And it came to pass, when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, that he could not see, he called his eldest son, and said unto him, My son:
2 And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death:
3 Now therefore, take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison:
4 And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat, and that my soul may bless thee before I die.
Jacob deceiveth his father.

CHAP.

XXVII.

He obtains the blessing.

5 And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it.

6 ¶ And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying,

"Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the Lord before my death."

8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee.

9 Go now to the flock, and fetch me from hence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth:

10 And thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death.

11 And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man:

12 My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall be found of him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing.

13 And his mother said unto him, Up on me be thine curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them.

14 And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved.

15 And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son:

16 And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck:

17 And she gave him savoury meat and the bread that she had prepared, into the hand of his father Jacob.

18 ¶ And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I: who art thou, my son?

19 And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.

20 And Isaac said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the Lord thy God brought it to me.

21 And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not.

22 And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.

23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him.

24 And he said, Art thou my very son Esau? And he said, I am.

25 And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank.

26 And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son.

27 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed:

28 Therefore God giveth thee of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and of plenty of corn and wine:

29 And let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let mother's sons bow down unto thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

30 ¶ And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

31 And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.

32 And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau.

33 And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? Where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it to me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? and he shall be blessed.

34 And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father.

35 And he said, Thy brother came with subtlety, and hath taken away thy blessing.

36 And he said, Is it not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplantated me these two times; he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing.

37 And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?

38 And Esau said unto his father, Hast...
Esau threateneth Jacob's life.

thou but one blessing, my father? blest me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.

And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fountain of the spring of Vanity, and of the dew of heaven from above; and by thy sword shalt thou live; and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

41 ¶ And Esau hated Jacob because of the wrestling wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.

42 ¶ And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau comforteth himself, purposing to kill thee.

43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran; and tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then will I send thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?

46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, then of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Jacob receiveth from Isaac a charge and blessing, and goeth to Padan-aram. 2 Esau marrieth a daughter of Ishmael. 3 The vision of Jacob's ladder; he receiveth a promise from God in a dream. 4 He awaketh, and feteth up the stone at Beth-el. 5 His vow.

AND Isaac called Jacob, and blest him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

2 Arife, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.

3 And God Almighty blest thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people.

4 And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land whereto thou art a stranger, which God gave before unto Abraham.

5 And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padan-aram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

6 ¶ When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;

7 And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram;

8 And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father;

9 Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto his wives which he had Malahath, the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the father of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

10 ¶ And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 ¶ And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac; the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed,

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 ¶ And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

16 ¶ And Jacob awoke out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is with me, and I knew it not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place Labi: but the name of that city was Bethel: for there did he call the name of God at first.
**Chap. XXIX.** He marrieth Leah and Rachel.

11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

12 And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Reuben's son; and he ran and told her father.

13 And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things.

14 And Laban said to him, Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him a month of days.

15 ¶ And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou hast taken my daughter Rachel, and shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what shalt thy wages be?

16 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

17 Leah was tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured.

18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.

19 And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.

20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.

21 ¶ And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her.

22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.

24 And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an handmaid.

25 And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?

26 And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, that a man should serve for a woman until her days be fulfilled; before he bringeth forth her child.

27 ¶ Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.

28 ¶ And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.

29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid.

30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and she loved also Rachel more than Leah; and her servant Bilhah she hated.
Leah beareth four sons.

Before Gen. 29. 15.
1753.

1 And when the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren.

2 And Leah conceived, and bare a son; and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the Lord hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband shall love me.

3 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the Lord hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also; and he called his name Simeon.

4 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have borne him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi.

5 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she said, This time will I praise the Lord. And she called his name Judah; and left bearing.

ACTS

1 Rachel in grief for her barrenness gave her maid Bilhah unto Jacob. 5 Bilhah beareth Dan and Naphtali. 9 Leah giveth Zilpah her maid, who beareth Gad and Asher. 14 Reuben findeth mandrakes, for which Rachel yieldeth her husband to Leah. 17 Leah beareth Issachar, Zebulun, and Dinah. 22 Rachel beareth Joseph. 25 Jacob departeth to depart, but is returned by Laban on a new agreement. 37 Jacob's policy, whereby he becometh rich.

AND when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.

1 And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and she said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?

2 And he said, Behold, thy maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her.

And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her.

And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan.

And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son.

And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Joseph; for she said, The Lord hath heard my sorrowing.

When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and she bare Jacob a son.

And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a son.

And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gad.

And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a second son.

And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughter will call me blessed; and she called his name Asher.

And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me thy son's mandrakes. And she said, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldst thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee all that night for thy son's mandrakes. And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes.

And he lay with her that night.

And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son.

And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maid to my husband: and she called his name Issachar.

And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son.

And Leah said, God hath ended my days, having given me Jacob. And she called his name Asher.

And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah.

And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb.

And she conceived, and bare a son: and said, God hath taken away my reproach: and she called his name Joseph; and said, The Lord shall add to me another son.

And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country.

Give me my wives and my children, 1 for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.

I
Jacob's agreement with Laban.

CHAP. XXXI.

He becometh rich.

Before CHRIST 1745.

27 And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake.

21 And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it.

29 And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle was with me.

30 For it was not little which thou hadst before I came, and it is now increased, and the Lord hath blessed thee since my coming: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also?

31 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep thy flock.

32 And I will pass through all thy flock to day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and of thou shalt be my hire.

33 So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me.

34 And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.

35 And he removed that day the he goats that were ringstraked and spotted, and all the she goats that were speckled and spotted, and every one that had some white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his sons.

36 And he set three days journey betwixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

CHAP. XXXI.

And he heard the words of Laban's fons, saying, Jacob hath taken all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory.

2 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before.

3 And the Lord said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.

4 And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock,

5 And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before: but the God of my father hath been with me.

6 And ye know that with all my power I have served your father.

7 And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God hath suffered him not to hurt me.

8 If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy hire; then all the cattle bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstraked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ringstraked.

9 Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me.

10 And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle were ringstraked, speckled, and grizzled.

11 And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I.
Jacob departs secretly from Laban.

CH 1795 7
Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Jacob concealed the stolen images.

CH 1795 29
Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.

Gen. 29:18, 19, 20.

Exod. 5:7.
CHAP. XXXII.

Jacob's message to Esau.

AND Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. 3 And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim. 4 And Jacob sent messengers before him unto his brother Esau, saying, Thus saith Jacob thy servant: I have done wrong in taking away thy bed, and thy seat, and thy staff. 5 And I am ready to die, but return unto me, and I will eat bread and drink water, and then go on. 6 And he went unto him, and kneeled down seven times, saying, O my lord, let me not find grace in thy sight. 7 And Esau said, What dost thou mean, my brother? 8 And Jacob answered, I am Esau's brother Jacob: and I have done this because I was afraid, saying, I have sinned against the Lord. 9 And Esau said, I have sinned before the Lord, and before thee, in that thou camest to me with deceit. 10 And Jacob said, I have sinned against the Lord, but observed the Lord's commandments. 11 And Esau said, I have sinned against the Lord. 12 And Jacob said, I also have sinned against the Lord, and I have sinned against thee. 13 And they took their food, and Jacob returned unto his land in peace.
Jacob wrestleth with an angel.

Before CHRIST

faying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose art thou? and whither goest thou? and whose are these before thee?

18 Then shalt thou say, They be thy servants Jacob's; it is a present sent unto my lord Esau, and behold, also he is behind us.

19 And so he commanded the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him.

20 And ye shall say moreover, Behold, thy servants are behind us. For so said we, lest we should find favour in the sight of our master.

21 So went the present before before him: and himself lodged that night in the company.

22 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two women-servants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok.

23 And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh: And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: For as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name: And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

31 And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

32 Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

C H A P. XXXIII.

The kindmess of Jacob and Esau at their meeting.

17 Jacob cometh to Succoth. 18 At Shalem he

AND Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and beheld, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids.

2 And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost.

3 And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4 And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him; and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.

5 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are these with thee? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant.

6 Then the handmaids came near, and their children, and they bowed themselves.

7 And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves.

8 And he said, What meanest thou by all this draught which I met? And he said, These are to find grace in the sight of my lord.

9 And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; and keep that thou hast unto thyself.

10 And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore have I seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wert pleased with me.

11 Take, I pray thee, my blessing which is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have seen enough. And he urged him, and he took it.

12 And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee.

13 And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children are tender, and the flock and herds and all that go before my lord are fat and well provided: and when they be driven with me one day, all the flock will die.

14 Let my lord, I pray thee, go over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle goeth before me and the children be able to endure until I come unto my lord unto Seir.

15 And Esau said, Let me now leave with thee some of the folk that are with me: And he said, What needeth it?  

217
Dinah is ravished by Shechem.

16 So Efra returned that day on his way unto Sheir.

17 And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

18 And Jacob came to Shalem a city of Hamor, which is in the land of Caanaan, when he came from Padan-aram; and pitched his tent before the city.

19 And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for an hundred pieces of money.

20 And he erected there an altar, and called it El-elohe-Israel.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 Dinah is ravished by Shechem.

4 He fetcheth to marry her. 13 The sons of Jacob offer the condition of circumcision to the Shechemites. 20 Hamor and Shechem persuade them to accept it. 25 The sons of Jacob taking advantage thereof fray them, and spoil their city.

30 Jacob reproves Simeon and Levi.

AND Dinah the daughter of Leah, which bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.

2 And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.

3 And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.

4 And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.

5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come.

6 And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.

7 And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.

8 And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife.

9 And make ye marriages with us, and give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.

10 And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get ye possessions therein.

XXXIV.

The Shechemites slain.

11 And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give.

12 Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife.

13 ¶ And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister:

14 And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were reproach unto us:

15 But in this will we consent unto you: if ye will be as we be, that every male of you be circumcised.

16 Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters unto us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.

17 But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised, then will we take your daughter, and we will be gone.

18 And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son.

19 And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he was more honourable than all the house of his father.

20 ¶ And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying,

21 These men are peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold, it is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give their daughters to our sons.

22 Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised.

23 Shall not their cattle and their substance and every beast of their be our's? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.

24 And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.

25 ¶ And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.

26 And they flew Hamor and Shechem
of the place he named Bethel. Rachel died in childbirth at Bethel, and she named the place Bethel because she thought, ‘The Lord had heard my cry and has granted me a son.’ Later she also named the city Bethel, meaning, ‘The Lord has heard my request.’

Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem. And Jacob set up a pillar at the place where she was buried, which is Ephrath, on the road to Bethel. Jacob took a large stone and set it up as a monument. He also poured out incense, and that is why it is named the Pillar ofRachel’s Gravestone to this day.

And Israel journeyed and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar. He then came to Mount Hor, where he moved his camp on the side of the ascent to Mount Seir. Jacob set up a pillar at the place where he camped, as the Lord’s command had told him to do. He then went on to Edom, and his son Joseph died before him in Egypt, as Jacob’s hometown. But before he died, Joseph made the Israelites promise to take his body back to Machpelah, the grave of his father Jacob in Canaan. The Israelites carried Jacob’s body to Egypt, and they vowed to carry his body back to Canaan when they returned.

And now, as we come to the end of the story of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, we must remember that these were the seeds of the great nation that would come to be known as the Israelites. They were a people who were chosen by God to be his witnesses to all nations, and they were to be a light to the world. As we read the story of their journey, we see the power of God working through them, guiding them, and protecting them. And as we read about the challenges they faced, we see the faith and trust they had in God, even in the darkest moments.

Now, as we look back on this story, we can see that the Israelites were a people who were not without flaws. They had their share of sins and mistakes. But they were guided by God’s hand, and they were able to overcome their struggles and become the people they were meant to be. And as we read about their journey, we can see that God was with them every step of the way, even when they were not aware of it. He was their guide, their protector, and their strength.

And so, as we come to the end of this story, we can see that the Israelites were a people who were chosen by God, and they were a people who were guided by God. They were a people who were meant to be a light to the world, and they were a people who were meant to be a witness to all nations. And as we read about their journey, we can see that God was with them every step of the way, even when they were not aware of it. He was their guide, their protector, and their strength.

And so, as we come to the end of this story, we can see that the Israelites were a people who were chosen by God, and they were a people who were guided by God. They were a people who were meant to be a light to the world, and they were a people who were meant to be a witness to all nations. And as we read about their journey, we can see that God was with them every step of the way, even when they were not aware of it. He was their guide, their protector, and their strength.
Isaac died.

Before CHRIST cir. 1749.

mai'd; Gad, and Ather: these are the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in Padan-aram.

27 ¶ And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto Mamre, unto the city of Ar-bah, which is Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned.

28 ¶ And the days of Isaac were an hundred and four-score years.

1716.

29 And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

C H A P. XXXVI.

1 Esau's family in Canaan. 6 His removal to Mount Seir. 9 His generations in Mount Seir.

15 The dukes which descended of his sons. 20 The sons and dukes of Seir. 31 The kings of Edom. 40 The dukes that came of Esau, according to their generations.

NOW these are the generations of Esau, * who is Edom.

2 ¶ Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and * Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite;

3 And * Bathshua the Heth's daughter, sister of Nebajoth.

4 And * Adith bare to Esau Eliphaz, and Eliphaz bare Reuel;

5 And Aholibamah bare Jeath and Jaalam, and Korah: these are the sons of Esau, which were born unto him in the land of Canaan.

6 ¶ And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan;

7 ¶ For their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and * the land wherein they were strangers could not bear them because of their cattle.

8 Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: the father of the Edomites in mount Seir.

9 ¶ And these are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in mount Seir.

10 These are the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bathshua the wife of Esau.

11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz.

12 And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and the bare to Eliphaz Amalek: these were the sons of Adah Esau's wife.

13 And these are the sons of Reuel; Na-

hath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah; these were the sons of Baalhamesh Esau's wife.

14 And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: and the bare to Esau Jeath and Jaalam, and Korah.

15 ¶ These were the sons of the sons of Edom: the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn son of Esau; duke Teman, duke Omar, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz.

16 Duke Korah, duke Gatam, and duke Amelek: these are the dukes that came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these were the sons of Adah.

17 And these are the sons of Reuel Esau's son; duke Naddath, duke Zerah, duke Shammah, duke Mizzah: these are the dukes that came of Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Baalhamesh Esau's wife.

18 And these are the sons of Aholibamah Esau's wife; duke Jeath, duke Jaalam, duke Korah: these were the dukes that came of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife.

19 These are the sons of Esau, who is Edom, and these are their dukes.

20 ¶ These are the sons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah.

21 And Dihon, and Ezer, and Dihan: these are the dukes of the Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom.

22 And the children of Lotan were Hor and * Heman; and Lotan's sister was Timna.

23 And the children of Shobal were * Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, * Shepho, and Onam.

24 And these are the children of Zibeon; both Ajah, and Anah: this was that Anah that found * the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father.

25 And the children of Anah were Dihan, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah.

26 And these are the children of Dihon; * Hemdan, and Ephibam, and Ish-ran, and Cheran.

27 The children of Ezer are these: Bil-han, and Zaanan, and Akan.

28 The children of Dihan are these: Uz, and Aran.

29 These are the dukes that came of the Horites; duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah.

30 Duke Dihon, duke Ezer, duke Dihan: these are the dukes that came of Hor, among their dukes in the land of Seir.

31 ¶ And these are the kings that reigned over Edom...
The history of Joseph; G E N E S I S.

who is hated of his brethren.

Before CHRIST.

d in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel.

32 And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom: and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

33 And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.

34 And Jobab died, and Husam the son of Temani reigned in his stead.

35 And Husam died, and Hadar the son of Bedad, who fomented Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Avith.

36 And Hadar died, and Samlah of Mibshekah reigned in his stead.

37 And Samlah died, and Saul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead.

38 And Saul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.

39 And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

40 And these are the names of the dukes that came of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke of Timnah, duke of Almah, duke of Jetheth,

41 Duke of Ahohabamah, duke of Elah, duke of Pinon,

42 Duke of Kenaz, duke of Teman, duke of Mizber,

43 Duke of Magdiel, duke of Iram: these be the dukes of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession: he is Esau the father of the Edomites.

C H A P. XXXVII.

1 The history of Joseph, who is hated of his brethren. 5 His first dream. 9 His second dream. 12 Jacob sends him to visit his brethren. 18 They conspire his death, but Reuben favoureth him. 23 He is cast into a pit, and afterwards taken out, and sold to the Ishmaelites. 29 Reuben, not finding him in the pit, is sorely grieved. 31 Jacob deceived by the bloody coat mourneth for him. 36 He is sold to Potiphar in Egypt.

And Jacob dwelt in the land where his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

5 ¶ And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it to his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

7 For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

8 And his brethren hated him, and said, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? and they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

9 ¶ And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

10 And he said it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

11 And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

12 ¶ And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.

13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I.

14 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, and see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me again word.

15 And he said, I come. And he said, Tarry, I pray thee, till I come again unto thee. And he said, Tarry, I pray thee, till I come again unto thee.

16 And he said, I come. And he said, Tell me, where they feed their flocks.

17 And they said, They are departed hence; for we heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.

18 ¶ And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.

19 And they said one to another, Behold, this is a dreamer.

20 ¶ Come now therefore, and let us slay him.
Joseph is sold to the Midianites.  

CHAP. XXXVIII. Judah begetteth Er, Onan, and Shelah.

he, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him; and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

12 And Reuben heard it; and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.

13 And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

14 And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they skipped Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him;

15 And they took him, and cast him into a pit; and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

16 And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing merchandise, and balsam and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt.

17 And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?

18 And they lifted up their voices, and wept, and said: We have sinned; we will go down, we will see the man."n

19 And Joseph said, TheFearer is not: for he said, I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

20 And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potipher, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

21 And he sold him not only for a reckoning, but also chambers, and corn, and wine, and oil, Exod. 11. 20. Heb. chief of the chambersmen, or excipients.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 And Judah begetteth Er, Onan, and Shelah.


AND it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah.

2 And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name was Shua; and he took her, and went in unto her.

3 And she conceived, and bare a son; and she called his name Zeb.

4 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she called his name Onan. 5 And the yet again conceived, and bare a son; and called his name Shal: and he was at Chezib, when she bare him.

6 ¶ And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name was Tamar.

7 And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord slew him.

8 And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother.

9 And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother.

10 And the thing which he did displeased the Lord: wherefore he slew him also.

11 Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter-in-law, remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown: for he said, Let peradventure he die also, as his brethren died. And Tamar went, and dwelt in her father's house.

12 ¶ And in process of time the daughter of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his shepherds to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

13 And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold thy father in law goeth up to Timnath to shear his flock.

14 And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat at a door of Enaim.
place, which is by the way to Timnath; for she was the daughter of Shem in the tents of their journey, and his wife was there. 

16 And Judah turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his daughter in law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come unto me? 

17 And he said, I will send thee a kid of the goats. And she said, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it? 

18 And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and conceived by him. 

19 And she arose, and went away, and laid her vail upon her head, and put on the garments of her widowhood. 

20 And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not. 

21 Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was openly by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot in this place. 

22 And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, That there was no harlot in this place. 

23 And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her. 

24 And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter-in-law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt. 

25 When she was brought forth, she went to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Dost thou not know, my lord, that this man is my master's son-in-law? And she said, Behold, my lord, I gave my virginity to my master, and he knoweth it not, if I be not taken with child by some other than my master. 

26 And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more. 

27 And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were in her womb. 

28 And it came to pass, when she travailed, that the one put out his hand; and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first.

29 And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and he said, How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: therefore his name was called Pharez. 

30 And afterward came out his brother, and his name was called Zarah. 

C H A P. XXXIX. 

1 Joseph is advanced in Potiphar's house. 7 He refuseth his mistress's temptation, is falsely accused by her, and cast in prison. 21 God is with him there.

AND Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmaelites, which had brought him down thither. 

2 And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man: and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. 

3 And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand. 

4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. 

5 And it came to pass, that when Joseph had made himself overseer in his house, and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the Lord was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured. 

7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, I Lie with me. 

8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; 

9 There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? 

10 And it came to pass, as the scribe kept Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her. 

11 And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within.

12 And she caught him by his garment, =Prov. 7. 13, 66.
Joseph falsely accused.

CHAP. XL. The dreams of Pharaoh's butler and baker.

4. And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward.

4. ¶ And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which were bound in the prison.

6. And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they were sad.

7. And he asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore is this your speech? do ye not see that your dreams are against you?

8. And they told him, and said, We dreamt each man a dream in one night: and, behold, every man's dream was against himself.

9. And the butler told his dream to Joseph, and he said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me;

10. And in the vine were three branches, and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes:

11. And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them in to Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.

12. And Joseph said to him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days:

13. Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner; when thou wast his butler.

14. But I think on my state when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness to thee, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house:

15. For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

16. When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also was in my dream; and, behold, I had three white baskets on my head; and in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of baked bread, and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head.

17. And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets are three days:

18. Yet within three days shall Pharaoh a ver. 15.
Pharaoh's two dreams.

Joseph interpreteth them.

12 And there was there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret.

13 And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

14 ¶ Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

15 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.

16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, *It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace."

17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, *In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river:

18 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fatted and well favoured; and they fed in a meadow:

19 And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed; and stood by the brim of the river:

20 And the lean and the ill favoured kine did eat up the fat kine:

21 And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So I arose.

22 And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears of corn came up on one stalk, full and good:

23 And, behold, seven ears, 

24 And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told this unto the magicians; but there was none that could declare it to me.

25 ¶ And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do.

26 The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one.

27 And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years: and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.

28 This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh.
Joseph made governor over Egypt.  

The seven years of famine begin.

Before CHRIST

1715

29 Behold, there came seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:
30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;
31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous.
32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.
33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and 1 take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.
35 And let them gather all the food of those good years which come, and lay up corn under the land of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.
36 And that food shall be for thee to be a storehouse unto the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land 1 perish not through the famine.
37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.
38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?
39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none man so discreet and wise as thou art: 20 Thou shalt be over all my house, and all that thou shalt say shall be for me, and all my people shall obey the voice of thy words.
40 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all that is in Egyp, and all my people shall obey the voice of thy words.
41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all that is in Egypt: 42 And Pharaoh took off his signet from his hand, and put it upon Joseph’s hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck:
43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; 44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.
45 And Pharaoh called Joseph’s name Zaphnath-paneah; and he gave him to wife Anenath the daughter of Poti-pherah prefect of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.
46 And Joseph was thirty years old when he f10od before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.
47 And in the seven plenteous years the land brought forth by handfuls.
48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same.
49 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number.
50 ¶ And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, and they called the name of the first Manasseh: For God said, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.
51 And the name of the second he called Ephraim: For God hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father’s house.

52 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: And Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith, do ye.
53 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

54 And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was over all the land.

1 Jacob sent ten of his sons to buy corn in Egypt. 6 They are imprisoned by Joseph for spies, but set at liberty on condition to bring Benjamin. 21 Their removal for Joseph, who commanded the tenderest, and detained Simeon for a pledge. 25 They return with corn and their money. 29 Their relation to Jacob. 35 He is afraid, and refusest to send Benjamin.

NOW when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another? 2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.
Joseph's brethren come into Egypt.

Before CHRIST 1797.

And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt;

But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said,

And the sons of Israel came to buy corn among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land; and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth.

And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.

And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them; and said unto them, Ye are spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come.

We are all one man's sons; we are true men, thy servants are no spies.

And he said unto them, That is it that I spake unto you, saying, Ye are spies:

Hereby ye shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither.

Send one of you, and let him fetch thy brother, and ye shall be freed, and ye shall be bound in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye are spies.

And he put them all together into ward three days.

And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live: for I fear God:

If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses:

But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

And they said one to another, We are verily guilty concerning our brother; in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.

And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required.

And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for he spake unto them by an interpreter.

And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them.

And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence.

And as one of them opened his sack, he espied his money; for, behold, it was in his sack's mouth.

And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack: and their heart failed them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What is this that God hath done unto us?

And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them; saying, The man, whose mouth is the lord of the land, spake roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country.

And we said unto thee, We are true men; we are no spies:

We be twelve brethren, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are true men; leave one of your brethren here with me, and take food for the famine of your households, and be gone:

And bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye are no spies, but that ye are true men: so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffick in the land.

And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack: and when both they and their father faw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children:

Simeon is not, and Joseph is not,
And ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me.

37 And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.

38 And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for if his brother be dead, and he be left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

And the famine was sore in the land.

2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father fainted unto them. Go now, buy us a little food.

3 And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.

4 If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food:

5 But if thou wilt not send him, we will not go down: for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.

6 And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother?

7 And they said, The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: and could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?

8 And Judah said unto his father Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and also our little ones.

9 I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever:

10 For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned || this second time.

11 And their father Israel said unto them, If it must be so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land which ye sell, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds:

12 And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight:

13 Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man:

14 And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. || || If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

15 And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

16 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the INFO of his house, Bring these men home, and slay, and make ready; for these men shall | dine with me at a killing.

17 And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

18 And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses.

19 ¶ And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house.

20 And said, O sir, || we came indeed down at the first time to buy food:

21 And it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and there was || every man's money in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand.

22 And other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks.

23 And he said, Peace be to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: || I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.

24 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet, and he gave their asses provender.

25 And they made ready the present against Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there.

26 ¶ And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth.

27 And he asked them of their welfare, and the welfare of my father.
Joseph feasteth his brethren.

And he said, If your father will be well pleased with me, 5 and if you will show kindness unto your servant, and tell my father that I am good for the work, then you shall say, Your servant made ready provision for the journey of my lord to lodge him; and, behold, you found favor in the sight of my lord; and, behold, he said, I have found favor in your sight. 6 And he went up, and told his father, 7 saying, I have found favor for you in the sight of the king, and he has given me such and such and such. 8 And he brought him all the choice of the fruit of the earth and the topmost of the wheat; and Joseph brought them to his father; 9 and my father's eyes were opened, and my father knew me; and he kissed me, and wept on me. 10 And my father asked him, saying, Where are your brothers? 11 Now I shall know, I pray you, that you are well; and besides all, if the boy is not with you, you shall not see my face again. 12 And Joseph answered his father, and said, If now I have found favor in thy sight, then speak, I pray you, in the ears of my father, 13 What is your age, my father? for suppose that I should take away your son's life, and I shall not live; for I am the cause of my brother's life. 14 And Joseph bowed himself before his father, weeping. 15 And his father, and the men, and his brothers, saw that he spoke not with them. 16 And Israel said, Why did you do me this evil in bringing all my sons to grief? 17 And Reuben answered his father, and said, Do not punish me for the death of my brother; for I was not present, so that I should see the evil that has befallen him. 18 And Israel said, I know that your wickedness is your heart, for I have already spoken to you, and you have heard me: 19 but now, I shall not see your face again, unless your brother comes with you. 20 And they went up to Jacob, who was the father of the brothers, and said, 21 If our father shall say, The boy is not with us, and your brother's life is taken away, and this is the reason why you have taken away our face, 22 for we shall say, The boy is not with us; and we must bear the blame. 23 And we will say, Perhaps there is a reason why the boy is not come; we brought not good tidings to our father, 24 but the lad is not with us; see now, your servants, the men of the journey of our life, and we will go as our father sent us. 25 And he said to his brothers, I know that my evil is in your hearts, 26 and not in God; 27 and the God of my father has been with you, and has delivered you of all your calamities. 28 And now, my son, the Lord has brought you back into my arms; 29 and he went near to him, and kissed him; and he wept on him. 30 And Jacob embraced Joseph; and he kissed him, and wept on him. 31 And Joseph said to his brothers, Do not be afraid of me, if you have done this, 32 for God has shown me all your wickedness. 33 And now, do this; and go down, and see me, 34 and that your father may rejoice, and all his sons, and that your father may live, and be well.
Joseph maketh himself known.

**CHAP. XLV.** and embracesthis brethen.

* Before CHRIST 1707.

1 And he said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near; and he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

2 And now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither; for God did send me before you to preserve life.

3 For these two years hath the famine been in the land; and yet there are five years, in which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

4 And God sent me before you to preserve you a poorter in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

5 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God; and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler over all the land of Egypt.

6 Haile ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt:

7 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast;

8 And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy house, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

9 And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you.

10 And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haile and bring down my father hither.

11 ¶ And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

12 Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: after that his brethren talked with him.

13 ¶ And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren are come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants.

14 ¶ And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan; and take your father, and your households, and come unto me; and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land.

† Heb. sheath forth his voice oueryang Num. 14:14.
Joseph sendeth for his father.

GENESIS. Jacob with his family goeth into Egypt.

19 Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.

† Heb. let not your eyes.

20 Also regard not your stuff; for the 4	good of all the land of Egypt is yours.

† Heb. bringing.

21 ¶ And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the 5	commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way.

22 To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment.

23 And to his father he sent after this manner; ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten the asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way.

24 So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way.

25 ¶ And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father,

26 And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And 6	Jacob's heart was lightened, for he believed them not.

27 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived:

28 And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

CHAP. XLVI.

1 Jacob is comforted by God at Beer-sheba.

5 He goeth thence with his family into Egypt.

8 The number of those that went with him.

28 Joseph meteth Jacob. 31 He instructeth his brethren how to answer Pharaoh.

AND Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac.

2 And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob.

And he said, Here am I.

3 And he said, 8	I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there 9	make of thee a great nation.

4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and 10	Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

5 ¶ And 11	Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

6 And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his kindred with him:

7 His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

8 ¶ And these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt; Jacob and his sons: 2 Reuben, Jacob's eldest born;

9 And the sons of Reuben; Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hesron, and Carmi.

10 And 3	the sons of Simeon; 4	Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and 5	Jachin, and

6 Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman.

11 And the sons of Levi; 7	Geron, Kohath, and Merari.

12 And the sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zara: but 8

9	Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And 10	the sons of Pharez were Hezron and Hamul.

13 And the sons of Issachar; Tola, and Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron.

14 And the sons of Zebulun; Sered, and Elon, and Jahiel.

15 These are the sons of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob in Padan-aram, with his daughter Dinah: all the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty and three.

16 And the sons of Gad; 12	Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, and Ariel, and 13

14	Arodi, and Areli.

17 And the sons of Asher; Jisrael, and Ibshi, and Hushai, and 15	Ibshi, and Beriah, and Serah their father: and the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel.

18 These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these are the bare unto Jacob, even sixteen souls.

19 The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife; 24	Joseph, and Benjamin.

20 And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, which Aenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him.

21 And the sons of Benjamin were Bela, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman; 4	Ehi, and Roph, 5	Muppim, and 6	Huppim, and 7	Ard.

22 These are the sons of Rachel, which were born to Jacob; all the souls were forty-three.

23 And the sons of Dan; 8

9	Huthim.

24 And the sons of Naphtali; Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem.

25 Or, Shechem, Num. 26. 43. 2 Chron. 7. 15.
Jacob presented before Pharaoh.

What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers.

They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to till the land are we come; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks.

For the famine is sore in the land of Canaan; now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen.

And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee:

The land of Egypt is before thee; in the beft of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and let him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blesseed Pharaoh.

And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old art thou?

And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the beft of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread: according to their families.

And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan faigned by reason of the famine.

And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.

And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die, both we and our little ones?

And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail.

And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks.
and for the cattle of the herds, and for the ass; and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.
18 When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and paid unto him, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands:
19 Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give us feed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate.
20 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's.
21 And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end thereof.
22 Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion assigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands.
23 ¶ Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land.
24 And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.
25 And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: *let us find grace in the sight of our lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants.
26 And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part; *except the land of the priests only, which became not Pharaoh's.
27 ¶ And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.
28 ¶ And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so that the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years.
29 And the time drew nigh that Israel must die; and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, under my thigh, and *deal kindly and truly with me; *bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt:
And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.

And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him.

And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn.

And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,

The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the children whom Lord hath made me; and let them grow up in the number of the children of Israel, and in the midst of Israel.

And as Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head.

And Joseph said unto his father, I know, my father: for this is the firstborn; put your right hand upon his head.

And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he shall become greater than I, and his brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.

And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel be blessed, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.

Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow.

HIS LEFT BLESSING UPON ALL HIS SONS.

Jacob called his sons to bless them. The blessing of Reuben, Simeon and Levi; Judah; Zebulun; Issachar; Dan; Gad; Asher; Naphtali; Joseph; and Benjamin.

AND Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, and hear ye sons of Jacob, and hearken unto Israel your father.

If Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellence of power:

Justice is wanting, thou shalt not excel; because thou hast risen up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: for he went up to my couch.

If Simeon and Levi are brethren, instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.

If my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, ministration, be not thou united: for in their anger they flee a man, and in their spirit they slay.
Jacob dieth.

Before CHRIST 1089.

19 Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last.
20 Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.
21 Naphath is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.
22 Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whereof branches run over the wall:
23 The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him.
24 But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)
25 Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:
26 The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of thy progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.
27 Benjamin shall ravin as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.
28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.
29 And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,
30 In the cave that is in the field of Machpehah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a buryingplace,
31 There buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.
32 The purchase of the field of and of the cave that is therein was from the children of Heth.
33 And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

CHAP. 51.

The mourning for Jacob.

Joseph getteth leave of Pharaoh to go to bury him. The funeral. Joseph returneth to Egypt with his brethren. They sue to him for pardon of the wrong they had done him; he comforteth them. His age: he feeth the third generation of his sons. He prophesiateth unto his brethren of their return, and taketh an oath an oath of them concerning his bones. He dieth, and is put into a coffin.

And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him.

And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel.

And forty days were fulfilled for him; so were fulfilled the days of those which were embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten days.

And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spake unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in thy eyes, speake, I pray thee, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying,

My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged me for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again.

And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear.

And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt.

And all the house of Joseph, his brethren, and his father's house, only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds they left in the land of Goshen.

And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company.

And they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days.

And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abel-mizraim, which is beyond Jordan.

And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them:

For his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of Machpehah, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite, a buryingplace of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.
The Second Book of MOSES, called EXODUS.

CHAP. I. The children of Israel after Joseph's death

1. The children of Israel after Joseph's death multiply greatly. 8. They are oppressed by a new king, but multiply so much the more. 15. The piety of the midwives in saving the men children alive is rewarded by God. 22. Pharaoh commandeth the male children to be cast into the river.

NOW there are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob.

2. Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,
3. Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin.
4. Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt already.

6. And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.

7. And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

8. Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

9. And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we:

10. Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.

11. Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamases.

12. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grievously afflicted because of the children of Israel.

13. And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour:

14. And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

15. And the king of Egypt spake to his chief eunuch, which the name of the one was Bithri, and the name of the other Puah:

16. And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then they shall live.

17. But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt said unto them.
Moses is saved by Pharaoh's daughter. E X O D U S.

He fleeth into Midian.

10 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well. And the priest of Midian heard of all that Pharaoh had done; and the king of Midian, and went to him, and said, And as he was sitting by the well of the fountain, the daughters of Jethro, the priest of Midian, came out to draw water: and they saw Moses, and said unto him, Come, sit down to eat bread. And he said unto them, I pray you, draw water for me to drink. And they said, We will draw for you, and we will give you three measures of wheaten flour for your meat.
God appeareth to him in a burning bush, C H A P. III.

and sendeth him to deliver Israel.

Before CHRIST

1351. ch. 6. 5.
44, & 106.
Gen. 15. 14. & 15. 4.
Heb. 11. 13.
ch. 4. 31.
1 Sam. 16. 13.
Luke 1. 32.
ch. 5. 7.

C H A P. III.

1 Moses keepeth Jethro's flock: God appeareth to him in a burning bush: 7 He sendeth him to deliver Israel.
2 And Moses enquired, and is told the name of God. 15 God's message to Israel, and to the king of Egypt.

1491. ch. 5. 16.
15 ch. 18. 5.
5 Kings 9. 18.
26 Deut. 33.
12 Iai. 6. 9.
11 Adu 7. 30.
10 Ps. 112.
7 Adu 7. 31.
9 Deut. 53.
4 ch. 19. 12.
John 5. 15.
14 Adu 7. 31.
8 Gen. 28.
1 Thess. 2. 15.
ch. 4. 5.
Mark. 13. 18.
Mat. 13. 30.
Lu. 20. 37.
Adu 7. 32.

5 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.
6 And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;
7 And I come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.
8 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me; and I have also seen their oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.
9 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11 ¶ And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?
12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.
13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?
14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.
15 ¶ And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.
16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:
17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey;
18 And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The Lord God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.
19 And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, neither by a mighty hand.
20 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite all the gods of Egypt, and I will smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst of Egypt: and they shall know that I am the Lord.
21 And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty:
22 But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that is sojourner in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold.
Moses' rod turned into a serpent.

1 Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

2 And he said, O my Lord, send me, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send.

3 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, It not I who can speak well. And also, behold, I have cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

4 And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with him, and will teach you what ye shall do.

5 And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God.

6 And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, whereby thou shalt do signs.

7 And Jethro his father in law, and his sons, and his brethren, and all the Midianites, went down unto Moses into the land of Egypt, to Midian; and they came unto Pharaoh, and spake unto Pharaoh, saying, 'Israel is my son, even my firstborn.' And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve mee: and if thou refuse, I will smite thy sons, even thy firstborn.

8 And it came to pass, when he spoke hard unto him, that the Lord set a thorn in his sight, and the angel of the Lord smote him. And he said unto him, The Lord hath spoken, saying, 'I have seen thy misery, how thou hast been lightly treated, and I have come to help thee; and 'I will make thee a father of nations.'

9 And Moses said unto Aaron, Go, and speak unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, The Lord God of the Egyptians, let let not my people go, that they may serve mee: for as for the Egyptians, 'I will smite thee with all plague in the land of Egypt.'

10 And Aaron said unto Pharaoh, 'I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am a slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.'

11 And the Lord said unto him, 'Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the Lord?'
Moses and Aaron go in unto Pharaoh.

CHAP. V. The Israelites have no straw allowed them.

Before Christ 4491.

28 And Moses told Aaron the all the words of the Lord who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.

29 And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel:

30 And Aaron spake all the words which the Lord had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.

31 And the people believed: and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

CHAP. V.

1 Pharaoh did not let Israel go.

2 And Pharaoh said, Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go.

3 And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the Lord our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

4 And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people go from their works? get you unto your burdens.

5 And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and ye make them rest from their burdens.

6 And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying,

7 Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves.

8 And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish ought thereof: for they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God.

9 And there were more work laid upon the men, that they might labour therein; and let them not regard vain words.

10 And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you straw.

11 Go ye, get you straw where ye can find it: yet not ought of your work shall be diminished.

12 So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather straw instead of straw.

13 And the taskmasters hated them, saying, Fulfil your works, your daily tasks, as when there was straw.

14 And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your talk in making brick both yesterday and to day, as heretofore?

15 ¶ Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealst thou thus with thy servants?

16 There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants are beaten; but the fault is in thine own people.

17 But he said, Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, Let us go and do sacrifice to the Lord.

18 Go therefore now, and work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks.

19 And the officers of the children of Israel did see that they were in evil case, after it was said, Ye shall not minish ought from your bricks of your daily task.

20 ¶ And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh:

21 And they said unto them, The Lord look upon you, and judge: because ye have made our favour to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us.

22 ¶ And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou dealt evil unto this people? why is it that thou hast dealt evil unto this people?

23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou delivered them from the hand of the people at all.

CHAP. VI.

1 God renewed his promise by his name JEHOVAH: 10 He sendeth Moses to Pharaoh.

14 The genealogy of Reuben, 15 of Simeon,

16 and of Levi, of whom came Moses and Aaron. 28 Moses in answer to God's charge pleaded his defects of speech.
Then the Lord said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.

And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the Lord: and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

And I will take you to me for a people, and will be unto you a God: and ye shall know that I am the Lord your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I spake to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an inheritance: I am the Lord.

And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for an ungodly spirit, and for cruel bondage.

Go in, speake unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land.

And Moses spake before the Lord, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am I of uncircumcised lips?

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

And it came to pass on the day when the Lord spake unto Moses in the land of Egypt,

That the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, I am the Lord: speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say unto thee.

And Moses said before the Lord, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?
Aaron's rod changed before Pharaoh. 

CHAP. VII, VIII.

The river is turned into blood.

Before CHRIST 1491.

1. And the Lord said unto Moses, See, I have made thee 

a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall 

be thy prophet.

2. Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land.

3. And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt.

4. But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.

5. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

6. And Moses and Aaron did as the Lord commanded them, so did they.

7. And Moses was a fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh.

8. ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

9. When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent.

10. And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the Lord had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

11. Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the forcers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.

12. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

13. And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had said.

14. And the Lord said unto Moses, 

15. Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God of the Hebrews, that sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.

16. And thou shalt say unto him, The Lord God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.

17. And I will smite all that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.

18. And the fish that was in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink of the water of the river.

19. ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their fountains of water, that they may become blood: and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vats and in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.

20. And Moses and Aaron did so, as the Lord commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.

21. And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

22. ¶ And the magicians of Egypt did so, with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them, as the Lord had said.

23. ¶ And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also.

24. ¶ And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river.

25. ¶ And seven days were fulfilled, after that the Lord had smitten the river.

C H A P. VIII.

1. The plague of frogs is threatened: ¶ They are fent. 8 Pharaoh faish to Moses, who by prayer removeth them. 16 The dust is turned into lice, which the magicians could not do. 20 The plague of flies. 27 Pharaoh inclined to let the people go, but is hardened.

AND the Lord spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

2. And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs:

3. And the river shall bring forth frogs.
EXODUS.

The plague of frogs; and of lice.
18 And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast.

19 Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had said.

20 And the Lord said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus faith the Lord, 21 Let my people go, that they may serve me.

22 Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are.

23 And I will put a division between my people and thy people: so shall I make known my sign.

24 And the Lord did so; and the land became full of swarms of flies; and the Egyptians said, This is a grievous swarming of flies; the whole land of Egypt is full thereof.

25 And Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the Lord, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the Lord.

26 And Moses said unto Pharaoh, I will go out of the city; and I will pray unto the Lord, and it shall happen according to my word; and the Lord shall bring a swarm of flies upon thee, upon thy servants, upon thy people, and into thy house; and he will take away thy hand which thou hast from my sight; to know whether it is for truth that the Lord hath spoken with thee.

27 And the Lord did according to the word of Moses; and the swarms of flies came into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt; and the Lord corrupted by reason of the swarms of flies.

28 And Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Go ye unto the Lord, and serve the Lord, and serve ye the Lord's God; and Pharaoh said unto them, Go, serve the Lord your God; let me see your faces again no more; depart.

29 And Moses said unto Pharaoh, For this reason I said, I will not go out of your sight, lest I make thee to hear by the word of the Lord, and it shall happen according to my word; and the Lord shall bring a swarming of flies upon thee, upon thy servants, upon thy people, and into all thy house; and he will take away thy hand which thou hast from my sight; to know whether it is for truth that the Lord hath spoken with thee.

30 And Moses went out of Pharaoh, and intreated the Lord.
The murain of beasts. The plague of boils. CHAP. IX.

Before Christ 1491

31 And the Lord did according to the word of Moyses: and he delivered the fowls from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one.

32 And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

CHAP. IX.

1 The murain of beasts. 8 The plague of boils and blains. 13 The plague of hail is threatened, and shall be, 22 and 27 Pharaoh faileth to Moyses, but is still harden'd.

*ch. 8. 1.

1 Then the Lord said unto Moyses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the Lord God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

*ch. 8. 2.

2 For if thou refuse to let them go, and wilt hold them still,

*ch. 7. 4.

3 Behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: 

*ch. 8. 22.

4 And the Lord shall smite the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all that is in the land of Egypt.

5 And the Lord appointed a set time, saying, To morrow the Lord shall do this thing in the land.

6 And the Lord did as that thing on the morrow, and the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one.

7 And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moyses and Aaron, and said unto them, Why do ye not fear the Lord, and say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord: the cattle shall die; why do ye yet stay? send at once.

8 And the Lord said unto Moyses and Aaron, Take you a burning firebrand, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

9 For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth.

10 For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

11 And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.

12 As yet exalteth thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them go?

13 Behold, to morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now.

14 Send therefore now, and gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; for upon every man and beast that shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.

15 He that feared the word of the Lord among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the housetops.

16 And he that preferred not the word of the Lord left his servants and his cattle in the field.

17 Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be a hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.

18 And Moyses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the Lord sent thunders and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the Lord rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

19 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

20 And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.

21 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, there was no hail.

22 And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moyses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the Lord is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.
Moses prayeth; the hail and thunders cease. **EXODUS.**

28 **Intreat the Lord (for it is enough)** that there be no more mighty thunders and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.

29 And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the Lord; and the thunders shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the earth is the Lord's.

30 But as for thee and thy servants, **I know not that ye will not yet fear the Lord God.**

31 And the flax and the barley was smitten: for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was bolled.

32 But the wheat and the rie were not smitten: for they were not grown up.

33 And Moses went out of the city from the Lord, and spread abroad his hands unto the Lord: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail were ceased, he smote his heart, and hardened his heart, and his servants.

35 And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened; neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the Lord had spoken by Moses.

CHAP. X.

1 God threatened to send locusts. **7 Pharaoh at the infancy of his servants is inclined to let the Israelites go, but at length resifteth.**

12 The plague of locusts. 16 Pharaoh again faeth unto Moses, get them removed, and is hardened. 21 The plague of darkness. 24 Pharaoh faeth again unto Moses, but still is hardened.

AND the Lord said unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh: **for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him:**

2 And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them, that ye may know how that I am the Lord.

3 And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus faith the Lord God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me.

4 Elle, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring the locusts unto thy coasts.

5 And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which growtheth for you out of the field:

6 And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, from the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh.

7 And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the Lord their God: knowest thou yet that Egypt is destroyed?

8 And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the Lord your God: but who are they that shall go?

9 And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our fons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the Lord.

10 And he said unto them, Let the Lord be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look to it; for evil is before you.

11 Not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the Lord; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

12 And the Lord said unto Moses,

13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought an eait wind upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, the eait wind brought the locusts.

14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt; very grievous were they: before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such.

15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the Lord your God, and against you.

17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the Lord your God, that he may take away this death only.
The plague of darkness.

CHAP. XI, XII.

The passover instituted.

18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the Lord.

10 And the Lord turned a mighty strong wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.

But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt. And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:

22 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days:

23 But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

24 And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the Lord; only let your flocks and your herds be spared: let your little ones also go with you.

25 And Moses said, Thou must givé us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the Lord our God.

26 Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not be an hoof left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the Lord our God; and we know not what we must serve the Lord, until we come thither.

27 But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

28 And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in that day thou seest my face thou shalt die.

29 And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well; I will see thy face again no more.

CHAP. XI.

1 God's message to the Israelites to borrow jewels of their neighbours.

4 Moses threatened Pharaoh with the death of the firstborn. Pharaoh is still hardened.

AND the Lord said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let you go, he shall fully thrust you out hence altogether.

2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold.

3 And the Lord gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people.

4 ¶ And Moses said, Thus saith the Lord, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt:

5 And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidervant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.

6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.

7 But against any of the children of Israel I shall not a dog move his tongue: I, saith the Lord, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.

8 And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out. And he went out of Pharaoh's presence in a great anger.

9 ¶ And the Lord said unto Moses, Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.

10 And Moses and Aaron did all these miracles before Pharaoh: and the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

CHAP. XII.

1 The beginning of the year is changed. II The rite of the passover.

15 The days of unleavened bread. 21 Moses gives directions to keep the passover.

29 The firstborn are slain. 31 The Israelites are driven out of the land. 32 They come to Succoth. 40 The time of the Israelites' sojourn in Egypt. 43 The ordinance of the passover.

AND the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:

4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls: every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.
The rite of the passover.

Exodus.

1. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:
2. And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the first month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.
3. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.
4. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.
5. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.
6. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morrow ye shall burn with fire.
7. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's passover.
8. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord.
9. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you, to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.
10. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.
11. Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day shall ye put away leaven out of your houses: for whatsoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.
12. And in the first day there shall be a holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.
13. And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.
14. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.
15. Seven days there shall be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.
16. Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.
17. Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out every man the lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.
18. And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.
19. For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.
20. And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.
21. And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the Lord will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.
22. And it shall come to pass, when your children shall ask you, saying, What mean ye by this service?
23. That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.
24. And the children of Israel went away, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.
25. And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.
26. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.
27. And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and...
Before CHRIST 1491.

and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.
32 Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also.
33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might fend them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men.

And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.
35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment:
36 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they leant unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.
37 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children.
38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.
39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrice out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.
40 Now the fowring of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.
41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hofs of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

The days of unleavened bread.

47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.
48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.
49 One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.
50 Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

The days of unleavened bread.

1 The firstborn are sanctified unto God. 2 The memorial of the deliverance from Egyptian bondage commanded to be observed yearly. 3 The firstlings of man and beast are set apart to God. 4 The Israelites carry Joseph's bones with them out of Egypt. 5 They come to Etbam, God guideth them by a pillar of a cloud, and of a fire.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.

3 And Moses said unto the people,

b Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten.

4 This day came ye out in the month Abib.
5 And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, b that thou shalt keep this service in this month.
6 Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to the LORD.
7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall be no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters.
8 And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt.
The Israelites go by the way of the wilderness. EXODUS.

9 And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the Lord’s law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the Lord brought thee out of Egypt.

10 *Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his feast from year to year.

11 ¶And it shall be when the Lord shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he sware unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee,

12 *That thou shalt set apart unto the Lord all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling of a beast which thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the firstborn of man among thy children *thou shalt redeem.

13 And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the Lord brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage:

14 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the Lord *slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all that openeth the matrix, being males; but all the firstborn of my children I redeem.

16 And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt.

17 ¶And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he purposed after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with a high hand.

18 But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon.

19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, *God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you.

20 ¶And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.

21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night.
The Israelsites pass the Red Sea.

CHAP. XV. The Egyptians follow, and are drowned.

26 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, 
Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD + overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the hoist of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

29 But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.

31 And Israel saw + that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians; and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

CHAP. XV.

1 Mozes' song. 20 Miriam and the women join in it. 22 The people want water. 23 The waters at Marah are bitter; a tree sweeteneth them. 27 They remove to Elim.

THEN sang Mozes and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and they spake, saying, I will + sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

2 The LORD is my strength + and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

4 Pharaoh's chariots and his hoist hath he cast into the sea: + his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.

5 The depths have covered them: they sink into the bottom as a stone.

6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

7 And in the greatness of thine excellence thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which confounded them as stubble.

8 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, + the floods stood up.

9 The Lord is my strength + and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.
E X O D U S.

The people murmur for want of bread.

23 ¶ And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah.

24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

25 And he cried unto the Lord; and the Lord shewed him a tree, which when he cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them.

26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.

27 ¶ And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

C H A P. XVI.

1 The Israelites come to Sin, and murmur for want of bread. 4 God provideth them bread and flesh from heaven.

1 The Israelites came to Sin, and murmured for want of bread. 4 God provideth them bread and flesh from heaven.

3 The children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:

3 The children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:

4 ¶ Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather therewith a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

5 ¶ And it shall come to pass, on the sixth day, that they shall prepare much; and on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, there shall be nothing ready; and the people shall not go out.

6 ¶ And it came to pass, as Moses spake unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice and wept.

7 ¶ And Moses said unto them, Fear not: stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he sheweth unto you to day. For the Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

8 ¶ And it came to pass, when Aaron spake all these words unto all the people, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept, and returned into the tabernacle of meeting: and, behold, Miriam was turned into leprosy, and her skin was as white as leaven.

9 ¶ And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I have sinned in speaking against the Lord, and against thee: pray, let me die; for why should both of us perish in this mighty fire?

10 ¶ And Moses said unto Aaron, Get thee quickly into the tabernacle of meeting, and lay thine hands upon Miriam, that she may be healed; and she shall be healed.

11 ¶ And Aaron went into the tabernacle of meeting, and laid his hands upon Miriam, according to the word of the Lord.

12 ¶ And the Lord said unto Moses, If her father had but smitten her with a rod, she should have been destitute with leprosy. How much more then shall ye do?
Quails and manna are sent.

CHAP. XVI.

No manna found on the sabbath.

6 And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel. 1 At even, then ye shall know that the Lord hath brought you out from the land of Egypt:

7 And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the Lord; for that he heareth your murmurings against the Lord: and what are we, that ye murmur against us?

8 And Moses said, This shall be, when the Lord shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the Lord heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? Your murmurings are not against us, but against the Lord.

9 And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the Lord: for he hath heard your murmurings.

10 And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

11 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

12 ¶ I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am the Lord your God.

13 ¶ And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the hoard.

14 And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground.

15 And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat.

16 ¶ This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for them which are in his tents.

17 And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less.

18 And when they mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating.

19 And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.

20 Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and it stank: and Moses was wroth with them.

21 And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

22 ¶ And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

23 And he spake unto them, This is that which the Lord hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

24 And they laid it up all the morning, as Moses bad: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein.

25 And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day is a sabbath unto the Lord: to day ye shall not find it in the field.

26 ¶ Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

27 ¶ And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none.

28 And the Lord said unto Moses, How long shall I be refracted to keep my commandments and my laws?

29 See, for that the Lord hath given you the sabbath, therefore he gave you on the sixth day the bread of two days: abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

31 And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

32 ¶ And Moses said, This is the thing which the Lord commanded, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.

33 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the Lord, to be kept for your generations.

34 As the Lord commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the testimony, to be kept.

35 And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until
EXODUS

Before CHRIST

they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan.

18 Now an aomer is the tenth part of an ephah.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The people murmured for water at Rephidim, and were sent for by God to the rock in Horeb.

8 Amalek is overcome by the building up of Moses' hands. 14 God's vengeance against Amalek, in token of which Moses built the altar 'JEHOVAH-nissi.'

And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the Lord, and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink.

14 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

15 And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they are almost ready to stone me.

5 And the Lord said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, where-with thou smitest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the fight of the elders of Israel.

7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us, or not?

8 Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.

10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stood up on his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

13 And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 ¶ And the Lord said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it JEHOVAH-nissi: for he said, Because the Lord hath sworn that the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Jethro bringeth to Moses his wife and two sons. 7 Moses entreateth bim. 9 Jethro blesseth God for his goodness to Israel. 13 He counselleth Moses to provide fit persons, who may assist him in judging the people; his counsel is accepted. 27 Jethro departeth.

WHEN Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, and that the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt; 2 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back,

3 And her two sons; of which the name of the one was Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land:

4 And the name of the other was Eliezer; for the God of my father, said be, was mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh:

5 And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God;

6 And he said unto Moses, I thy father in law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her.

7 ¶ And Moses went out to meet his father in law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of their welfare; and they came into the tent.

8 And Moses told his father in law all that the Lord had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, and all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and how the Lord delivered them.

9 ¶ And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the Lord had done to Israel,
CHAP. XIX.

The people come to Sinai.

23 If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

24 So Moses hearkened to the voice of his

father in law, and did all that he had said.

25 And Moses chose able men out of all

Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

26 And they judged the people at all feasts: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

27 ¶ And Moses let his father in law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

CHAP. XIX.

1 The people come to Sinai. 3 God's message unto the people out of the mount. 7 Moses delivered it, and returned the people's answer.

10 The people are ordered to be prepared against the third day; the mountain is not to be touched. 14 The people are sanctified. 16 A fearful presence of God upon the mount.

In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.

For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.

3 And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine.

6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

7 ¶ And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him.

And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken will we do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord.

9 And the Lord said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe in thee for ever. And let my glory appear unto the people, that they may believe in me, that I am the Lord. And Moses said unto the Lord, Go down, I beseech thee, in the midst of this people; for thou art an holy God, and the whole earth ivitheneth thee.

11 And the Lord said unto Moses, I will be all in all unto thee; and thou shalt know the Lord.

12 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

And let them judge the people at all feasts: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thee, and they shall bear the burden with thee.

13 ¶ And Jethro said, Blessed be the Lord, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

14 Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them.

15 And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God: and God and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father in law before God.

16 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood round about Moses from morning unto the evening.

17 And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest? A thing is not so done.

18 Thou wilt surely weary away both thou, and this people, which is come unto thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.

19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to Godward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:

20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt show them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

22 And let them judge the people at all the

ver. 17. 2 Kings 2:10. 


16. Deut. 1. 15. & ver. 15. 


19. Gen. 41. 3. & Sama.3.3. & Chro.19. 


The fearful presence of God upon the mount. E X O D U S.

Before CHRIST
1491.

1. Before the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Mose told the words of the people unto the LORD.

2. And the LORD said unto Mose, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes,

3. And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

4. And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go nor up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whatsoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:

5. There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether he be beast or man, it shall not live: when the voice of the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up unto the mount.

6. And Mose went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

7. And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at your wives.

8. ¶ And it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud, so that all the people that were in the camp trembled.

9. And Mose brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

10. And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

11. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Mose spake, and God answered him by a voice.

12. And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Mose up to the top of the mount; and Mose went up.

13. And the LORD said unto Mose, Go down, charge the people, let them break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish.

14. And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.

15. And Mose spake unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai:

The ten commandments.

Before CHRIST
1491.

1. The ten commandments. 2. The first table. 12. The second table. 18. The people are afraid; Mose comforteth them. 23. Idolatry is forbidden. 24. Directions concerning building an altar of earth, and altars of stone.

1. And God spake all these words, saying,° Deut. 5.

2. ¶ I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3. ¶ Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4. ¶ Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5. ¶ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

6. And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7. ¶ Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8. ¶ Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man servant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

16. 17, 18, 19. = Gen. 5. 2. 

Digitized by Google
XXI.

Divers laws and ordinances.

without lose of life; 20 smiting of servants to death; 22 a hurt by chance to a woman with child; 26 the loss of a servant's eye or tooth; 28 an ox that goret a man or woman; 33 barm occasioned by leaving a pit uncovered, 35 or by one man's ox hurting the ox of another man.

NOW these are the judgments which thou shalt set before them.

2 If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.

3 If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he was married, then his wife shall go out with him.

4 If his master have given him a wife, and she be born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be his mistress, and he shall go out by himself.

5 And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free:

6 Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, and unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him forever.

7 And if a man sell his servant to be a maid servant, she shall not go out as the bondmaid do.

8 If the master have given her master not to her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed; to fell her unto a strange nation she shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.

9 And if he have betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters.

10 If he take him another wife; her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage shall he not diminish.

11 And if he do not these three unto her, then shall the go out free without money.

12 ¶ He that smitest a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.

13 And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver him into his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.

14 But if a man come preumpouffly upon his neighbour, to lay him with guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.

15 ¶ And he that smitest his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

16 ¶ And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

17 ¶ And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

18 ¶ And if men strive together, and one
Divine laws

Before CHRIST

1491.

|| Or, his neighbour.
† 2 Sam. 1.
† Heb. his revenge.

† Heb. avenged.
Gen. 4:1-5.
Lev. 24.

† Gen. 9:5.
Num. 35:31.

‡ See Zech. 11.
Matt. 6:15.
Phil. 4:7.

‡ ver. 23.
Deut. 22.
19.
14.
20.
19.
Mat. 5:38.

46: 46.

f Rsei: another with a stone, or with his:

and divide the money of it; and the dead ox also they shall divide.

36 Or if it be known that the ox hath used to push in time past, and his owner hath not kept him in; he shall freely pay ox for ox; and the dead shall be his own.

C H A P. XXII.

1 Laws concerning theft; 5 damage; 7 truths, and trepasfes in cases of truth; 14 borrowing; 16 fornication; 18 witchcraft; 19 begality;

20 idolatry; 21 oppressing of strangers, the widow, or fatherless; 25 fury and pledges;

28 reverence to magistrates; 29 fishfruits; 31 eating torn flees.

If a man shall steal an ox, or a little sheep, or a great.

and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep.

2 If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, there shall no blood be shed for him.

3 If the sun be risen upon him, there shall be blood shed for him; for he should make full restitution, if he have nothing, then he shall give for his theft.

4 If the thief be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall restore double.

5 If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his beast, and shall feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution.

6 If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the stacks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field, be consumed therewith; he that kindled the fire shall make restitution.

7 If a man shall deliver unto his neighbour money or stuff to keep, and it be stolen out of the man's house; if the thief be found, let him pay double.

8 If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall be brought unto the judges, to see whether he have put his hand unto his neighbour's goods.

9 For all manner of trespass, whether it be for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, or for any manner of lost thing, which another challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; and whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbour.

10 If a man deliver unto his neighbour an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man feiting it:

11 Then shall an oath of the Lord be between them both, that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbour's goods; and
CHAP. XXIII.

and ordinances.

Before CHRIST

the owner of it shall accept thereof; and he shall not make it good.

12 And if it be stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto the owner thereof.

13 If it be torn in pieces, then let him bring it for witness, and he shall not make it good that was torn.

14 ¶ And if a man borrow ought of his neighbour, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof being not with it, he shall surely make it good.

15 But if the owner thereof be with it, he shall not make it good: if it be an hired

16 And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely endow her to his hire.

17 If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

18 ¶ Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.

19 ¶ Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death.

20 ¶ He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the Lord only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

21 Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child.

23 If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry;

24 And my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

25 ¶ If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an ufeher, neither thou shalt lay upon him usury.

26 ¶ If thou at all take thy neighbour's raiment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it unto him again by the day of the rainstorm:

27 For that is his covering only, it is his raiment for his skin: wherein shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear; for I am

28 ¶ Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people.

29 ¶ Thou shalt not delay to offer the firstfruits of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the firstfruits of thy fowls shalt thou give unto me.

30 ¶ Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen, and with thy sheep: seven days it shall be with his dam; on the eighth day thou shalt give it me.

31 ¶ And ye shall be holy men unto me: ye neither shall eat any flesh that is torn of beasts in the field, ye shall cast it to the dogs.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Laws concerning slander, false witness, and partial favouring of the poor; 2 charitable deeds; 3 justice in judgment; 4 oppressions and slaughter; 5 the year of reft; 6 the sabbath. 3 A caution against idolatry. 12 Laws concerning the three fest feasts; 18 the blood and fat of the sacrifice, and the firstfruits. 20 An angel is promised for a guide, with a blessing, in case they obey him.

TEN (halt not) raise a fable report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

2 Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a caufe to decline after many to wrest judgment:

3 Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his caufe.

4 ¶ If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again.

5 ¶ If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldst forbear to help him, thou shalt surely help with him.

6 ¶ Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of thy poor in his caufe.

7 Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.

8 ¶ And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the eyes, and perverteth the words of the righteous.

9 Also* thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

10 ¶ And fix years thou shalt fow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof:

11 But the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie still; that the poor of thy people may eat, and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, and with thy oliveyard.

* ver. 7.
Lev. 19:16.
Ps. 51.13.
Prov. 26.

er. ver. 7.
Lev. 19:16.
Ps. 51.13.
Prov. 26.
An angel promised a guide.

EXODUS.

Moses called up into the mountain.

12 ¶ Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt reiat: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.

13 ¶ And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

14 ¶ Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.

15 ¶ Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib;) for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty.

16 ¶ And the feast of harvest, and the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in thy field; and the feast of ingathering, which I commanded thee, shalt thou keep.

17 ¶ Three times in the year all the males shall appear before the Lord God.

18 ¶ Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shalt thou the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning.

19 ¶ The firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not eat the kid in his mother’s milk.

20 ¶ Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, and provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.

22 But if thou obeyest indeed his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.

23 ¶ For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and unto the Hittites, and unto the Perizzites, and unto the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.

24 ¶ Thou shalt bow down to their gods, and serve them, and do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images.

25 ¶ And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

26 ¶ There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfill.

27 ¶ I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee.

28 ¶ And I will send horns before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee.

29 ¶ I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee.

30 ¶ By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.

31 ¶ And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the river of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into thy hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.

32 ¶ Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.

33 ¶ They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 Moses is called up into the mountain. 2 The people promise obedience. 4 Moses builds an altar and twelve pillars; and sprinkles the blood of the covenant. 9 The glory of God appeared to Moses, Aaron, and the elders of Israel. 12 Moses being called up into the mount leaveth Aaron and Hur in charge of the people. 15 Moses goeth into the mount, and continued there forty days and forty nights.

AND he said unto Moses, Come up unto the Lord, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off.

2 And Moses alone shall come near the Lord: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him.

3 ¶ And Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the Lord hath said will we do.

4 ¶ And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and built an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

5 And he sent young men of the children
The glory of God appeareth. CHAP. XXV.

The offering for the tabernacle.

And the Lord spake unto Moses before saying,

1 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they shall give me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.

2 And this is the offering which ye shall take of them, gold, silver, and brass,

3 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

4 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood,

5 Oil for the light, and spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense,

6 Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate,

7 And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

8 According to all that I shewed thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the invenmement thereof, even so shall ye make it.

9 And they shall make an altar of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

10 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.

11 And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it.

12 And thou shalt make flares of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.

13 And thou shalt put the flares into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them.

14 The flares shall hang over the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.

15 And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.

16 And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

17 And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.

18 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

19 And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall be toward the mercy seat.
The table of shewbread, and candlestick.  EXODUS.

The curtains of the tabernacle.

The table of shewbread, and candlestick.  EXODUS.

The curtains of the tabernacle.

look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

21 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.

22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

23 ¶ Thou shalt also make a table of shittim wood; two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

24 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about.

25 And thou shalt make unto it a border of an hand breadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about.

26 And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that are on the four feet thereof.

27 Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the staves to bear the table.

28 And thou shalt make the staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be borne with them.

29 And thou shalt make the dishes thereof, and spoons thereof, and covers thereof, and bowls thereof, to cover withal: of pure gold shalt thou make them.

30 And thou shalt set upon the shewbread before me always.

31 ¶ And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same.

32 And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side:

33 Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, with a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick.

34 And in the candlestick shall be four bowls made like unto almonds, with their knops and their flowers.

35 And there shall be a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick.

36 Their knobs and their branches shall be of pure gold: of beaten work shall all the work be.

37 And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it.

38 And the tongs thereof, and the snuff dishes thereof, shall be of pure gold.

39 Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels.

40 And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.

MOREOVER thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.

2 The length of one curtain shall be eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure.

3 The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and other five curtains shall be coupled one to another.

4 And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of another curtain, in the coupling of the second.

5 Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another.

6 And thou shalt make fifty taches of gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches: and it shall be one tabernacle.

7 ¶ And thou shalt make curtains of goats' hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make.

8 The length of one curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and the eleven curtains shall be all of one measure.

9 And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and fix curtains by themselves, and shalt double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle.

10 And thou shalt make fifty loops on the
The boards and sockets of the tabernacle.  

CHAP. XXVII. The altar of burnt offering.

Before CHRIST 1491.

edge of the one curtain that is outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second.

11 And thou shalt make fifty taches of brafs, and put the taches into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one.

12 And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the backside of the tabernacle.

13 And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, it shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it.

14 ¶ And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above of badgers' skins.

15 ¶ And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood standing up.

16 Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the breadth of one board.

17 Two tenons shall be in one board, set in order one against another; thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

18 And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side southward.

19 And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

20 And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north side shall be twenty boards:

21 And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

22 And for the sides of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards.

23 And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

24 And they shall be coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together above the head of it unto one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners.

25 And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

26 And thou shalt make bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

27 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward.

28 And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end.

29 And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold.

30 And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was hewed thee in the mount.

31 ¶ And make a vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made:

32 And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim wood overlaid with gold: their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver.

33 And thou shalt hang up the vail under the taches, that thou mayest bring in the ark thereunto, and the vail shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy place.

34 And thou shalt put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the holy place.

35 And thou shalt set the table without the vail, and the candlestick over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south: and thou shalt put the table on the north side.

36 ¶ And thou shalt make an hanging for the door of the tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework.

37 And thou shalt make for the hanging five pillars of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, and their hooks shall be of gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brafs for them.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 THE altar of burnt offering with the vessels thereof. 9 The court of the tabernacle inclosed with hangings and pillars. 18 The measure of the court, and the furniture of brafs. 20 The oil for the lamp.

AND thou shalt make an altar of shittim wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and the height thereof shall be three cubits.

2 And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns shall be of the fame: and thou shalt overlay it with brafs.

3 And thou shalt make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basons, and his fleshhooks, and his firepans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make of brafs.

4 And thou shalt make for it a grate of
The court of the tabernacle.

Before CHRIST 1491.

network of brafs: and upon the net shalt thou make four brazen rings in the four corners thereof.

5 And thou shalt put it under the compafs of the altar beneath, that the net may be even to the midst of the altar.

6 And thou shalt make staves for the altar, staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with brafs.

7 And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, to bear it.

8 Hollow with boards shalt thou make it: + as it was hewed thee in the mount, so shall they make it.

9 ¶ And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long for one side:

10 And the twenty pillars thereof and their twenty sockets shall be of brafs: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall be of silver.

11 And likewise for the north side in length there shall be hangings of an hundred cubits long, and his twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of brafs: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver.

12 And for the breadth of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten.

13 And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward shall be fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15 And on the other side shall be hangings fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 And for the gate of the court shall be an hanging of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework: and their pillars shall be four, and their sockets four.

17 All the pillars round about the court shall be filleted with silver; their hooks shall be of silver, and their sockets of brafs.

18 ¶ The length of the court shall be an hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty everywhere, and the height five cubits of fine twined linen, and their sockets of brafs.

19 All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, shall be of brafs.

20 ¶ And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp + to burn always.

Before CHRIST 1491.

21 In the tabernacle of the congregation without the vail, which is before the testimony, + Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the Lord: it shall be a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.

C H A P. XXVIII.

1 Aaron and his sons are set apart for priests.

2 Holy garments are appointed. 6 The epohd. 15 The breastplate with twelve precious stones. 30 The Urim and Thummim. 31 The rod of the epohd, with pomegranates and bells. 36 The plate of the miter. 39 The embroidered coat. 40 The garments for Aaron's sons.

A N D take thou unto thee * Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

2 ¶ And + thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty.

3 And + thou shalt speak unto all that are + wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to confecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

4 And these are the garments which they shall make; + a breastplate, and + an ephod, and a robe, and + a broidered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

5 And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

6 ¶ And they shall make the ephod of + a gold, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work.

7 It shall have the two shoulderpieces thereof joined at the two edges thereof; and so it shall be joined together.

8 And the curious girdle of the ephod, which is upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; even of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 And thou shalt take two onyx stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel:

10 Six of their names on one stone, and the other six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth.

11 ¶ With the work of an engraver in stones, like the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be set in ouches of gold.

10 ¶ 2. 5. 7. 14. 18. 33. 34. 43. 44.
The breastplate of judgment.

CHAP.

XXVIII.

The Urim and Thummim.

12 And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod for stones of memorial unto the children of Israel:
and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders, 24 for a memorial.

13 And thou shalt make ouches of gold;
14 And two chains of pure gold at the ends; of wreathen work shalt thou make them, and fasten the wreathen chains to the ouches.

15 ¶ And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work; after the work of the ephod shalt thou make it; of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linen, shalt thou make it.

16 Four square it shall be being doubled; a span shall be the length thereof, and a span shall be the breadth thereof.

17 ¶ And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, even four rows of stones: the first row shall be a turkis, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this shall be the first row.

18 And the second row shall be an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

19 And the third row a figure, an agate, and an amethyst.

20 And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings.

21 And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.

22 And thou shalt make upon the breastplate chains at the ends of wreathen work of pure gold.

23 And thou shalt make upon the breastplate two rings of gold, and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate.

24 And thou shalt put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings which are on the ends of the breastplate.

25 And the other two ends of the two wreathen chains thou shalt fasten in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod before it.

26 And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and shalt put them upon the two ends of the breastplate in the border thereof, which is in the side of the ephod inward.

27 And two other rings of gold thou shalt make, and shalt put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the forepart thereof, over against the other coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.

28 And they shall bind the breastplate by the rings thereof unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it may be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate be not loosed from the ephod.

29 And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place for a memorial before the LORD continually.

30 ¶ And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aarons heart, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually.

31 ¶ And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod all of blue.

32 And there shall be an hole in the top of it, in the midst thereof: it shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of an habergeon, that it be not rent.

33 And beneath upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about:

34 A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about.

35 ¶ And it shall be upon Aaron to mind the minister: and his found shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the LORD, and when he cometh out, that he die not.

36 ¶ And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

37 And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be.

38 And it shall be upon Aarons forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

39 ¶ And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make the mitre of fine linen, and thou shalt make the girdle of needlework.

40 ¶ And for Aarons sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets thou shalt make for them, for glory and for beauty.

41 And thou shalt put them upon Aaron
The sacrifice and ceremonies

Before CHRIST.

1 And this is the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the tabernacle of the congregation:

2 Take one young bullock, and two rams without blemish,

3 And unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened tempered with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil: of wheaten flour shalt thou make them.

4 And thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bullock and the two rams.

5 And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them with water.

6 And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the curious girdle of the ephod:

7 Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him.

8 And shalt bring his sons, and put coats upon them: and shalt anoint the office of the priests for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons.

9 And thou shalt gird them with girdles, and Aaron and his sons, and put bonnets on them: and the priests' office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons.

10 And thou shalt cause a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bullock.

11 And thou shalt kill the bullock before the LORD, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

Before CHRIST.

12 And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar.

13 And thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul that is above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and burn them upon the altar.

14 But the flesh of the bullock, and his skin, and his dung, shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: it is a sin offering.

15 And thou shalt take one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

16 And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood, and sprinkled it round about upon the altar.

17 And thou shalt cut the ram in pieces, and wash the inwards of him, and his legs, and put them unto his pieces, and unto his head.

18 And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: it is a burnt offering unto the LORD: it is a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

19 And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

20 Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of his blood, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.

21 And thou shalt take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons' garments with him.

22 Also thou shalt take of the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and the right shoulder; for it is a ram of consecration:

23 And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oil bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that is before the LORD:

24 And thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons; and shalt wave them for a wave offering before the LORD.
The ceremonies of consecration.

CHAP. XXX.

And thou shalt receive them of their hands, and burn them upon the altar for a burnt offering, for a sweet savour before the Lord: it is an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

And thou shalt take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration, and wave it for a wave offering before the Lord: and it shall be thy part.

And thou shalt sanctify the breast of the wave offering, and the shoulder of the heave offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of the consecration, even of that which is for Aaron, and of that which is for his sons:

And it shall be Aaron's and his sons' by a statute for ever from the children of Israel: for it is an heave offering: and it shall be an heave offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifice of their peace offerings, even their heave offering unto the Lord.

And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons after him, to be anointed therein, and to be consecrated in them.

And that son that is priest in his stead shall put them on seven days, when he cometh into the tabernacle of the congregation to minister in the holy place.

And thou shalt take the ram of the consecration, and seethe his flesh in the holy place.

And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

And they shall eat those things where-with the atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat thereof, because they are holy.

And if ought of the flesh of the consecrations, or of the bread, remain unto the morning, then thou shalt burn the remainder with fire: it shall not be eaten, because it is holy.

And thus shalt thou do unto Aaron, and to his sons, according to all things which I have commanded thee: seven days shalt thou consecrate them.

And thou shalt offer every day a bullock for a sin offering for atonement: and thou shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it.

Seven days shalt thou make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar most holy: whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.

Now this is that which thou shalt offer upon the altar: two lambs of the first year day by day continually.

The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even:

And with the one lamb a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of an hin of wine for a drink offering.

And the other lamb thou shalt offer at even, and shalt do thereto according to the meat offering of the morning, and according to the drink offering thereof, for a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the Lord: where I will meet you to speak there unto thee.

And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory.

And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office.

And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.

And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I am the Lord their God.

CHAP. XXX.

CHAP. XXX.

The daily burnt offering.

The altar of incense. 11 The ransom of souls.

The brazen laver. 22 The holy anointing oil. 34 The composition of the perfume.

And thou shalt make an altar of shittim wood thou shalt make it.

A cubit shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; four square shall it be: and two cubits shall be the height thereof: the horns thereof shall be of the same.

And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof round about: and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about.

And thou shalt make to it under the crown of it, by the two corners thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make it: and they shall be for places for the flaves to bear it withal.

And thou shalt make the flaves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.

And thou shalt put it before the vail.
The ransom of souls.

Exodus

that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee.

7 And Aaron shall burn thereon * sweet incense every morning: when he dresteth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it.

8 And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, then shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations.

9 Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither shall ye pour drink offering thereon.

10 And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make an atonement upon it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the Lord.

11 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying:

12 When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the Lord, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when thou numberest them.

13 This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel is twenty gerahs): * an half shekel shall be the offering of the Lord.

14 Every one that passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the Lord.

15 The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when they give an offering unto the Lord, to make an atonement for your souls.

16 And thou shalt take the atonement money of the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before the Lord, to make an atonement for your souls.

17 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying:

18 Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and his foot also of brass, to wash withal: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein.

19 For Aaron and his sons * shall wash their hands and their feet thereat:

20 When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not: or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offerings made by fire unto the Lord:

21 So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and * it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

22 Moreover the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Take thou also unto thee * principal spices, of pure* myrrh five hundred shekel of spices, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekel of spices, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty shekel, and of sweet saffron a talent.

24 And of * a hin of oil of pure olive an * hin:

25 And thou shalt make it an oil of holy anointing, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil.

26 And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation with it, and the ark of the testimony:

27 And the table and all his vessels, and the candlestick and his vessels, and the altar of incense,

28 And the altar of burnt offering with all his vessels, and the laver and his foot.

29 And thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be holy: * whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy.

30 And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

31 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations.

32 Upon man's flesh shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make any other like it, after the composition of it: * it is holy, and it shall be holy unto you.

33 Whosoever compoundeth any like it, or whosoever putteth any of it upon a flesh, shall even be cut off from his people.

34 And the Lord said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, of which the Lord hath spoken unto thee.

35 And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy:

36 And thou shalt beat some of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: * it shall be unto you most holy.

37 And as for the perfume which thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves according to the composition thereof: it shall be unto the Lord holy for the Lord.
The observance of the sabbath.

16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.

17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communi fying with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

CHAP. XXXI.

The people cause Aaron to make a calf.

17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever, that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

CHAP. XXXII.

And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.

3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.

4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, This be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

5 And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the Lord.

6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

7 And the Lord said unto Aaron, Go, get thee down, for thy people, which thou hast brought out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves.

8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereto, and said, This be thy gods, O Israel.
Moses breaketh the two tables; *E X O D U S.* and causeth the idolaters to be slain.

which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

9 And the Lord said unto Moses, *I* have seen this people, and, behold, it is a *rebellious people.*

10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and *I will make thee a great nation.*

11 And Moses besought the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, whom thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?

12 Wherefore should the Egyptians say, Speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to flay them in the mountains, and to confound them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and *repent of this evil against thy people.*

13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou hast sworn by thine own self, and said, I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto thy seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.

14 And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.

16 And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he came out unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he called the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

18 And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcomen: but the noise of them that sing do I hear.

19 And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that the calf of the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he called the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strayed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.

21 And Moses said unto Aaron, *What* did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought to great a sin upon them?

22 And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my Lord wax hot: *thou knowest the people,* that they are set on mischief.

23 For they sinned against me, *Make us gods,* which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what he is become.

24 And I said unto them, Whocoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

25 And when Moses saw that the people were *naked*; (for Aaron had made them naked unto *their shame among* their enemies:)

26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

27 And he said unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.

28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.

29 || For Moses had said, *Consecrate yourselves to day to the Lord, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.*

30 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, *Ye have finned a great sin:* and now I will go up unto the Lord; *peradventure* I shall make an atonement for your sin.

31 And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have finned a great sin, and have *made* them gods of gold.

32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, *blot me, I pray thee,* out of the book which thou hast written.

33 And the Lord said unto Moses, *Whocoever hath finned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: *behold, mine Angel shall go before thee; nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.*

35 And the Lord plagued the people, because *they made the calf,* which Aaron made.

C H A P. XXXIII.

1 The Lord refuseth to go with the people. 4 The people mourn thereat. 7 The tabernacle is removed out of the camp. 9 The Lord talketh familiarly with Moses out of the cloudy
Ohio refuseth to go with the people.

**CHAP. XXXIV.** Moses designeth to see the glory of God.

A ND the Lord said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I sware unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it:

2 And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Amalekite:

3 Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people: left I confound thee in the way.

4 And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on his ornaments.

5 And for the Lord had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiffnecked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and confound thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee.

6 And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb.

7 And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the Lord went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp.

8 And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, that all the people rose up, and stood every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle.

9 And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses.

10 And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door.

11 And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

12 ¶ And Moses said unto the Lord, See, thou hast sent me among this people, and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.

14 And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee reft.

15 And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.

16 For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

17 And the Lord said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

18 ¶ And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee: and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.

21 And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:

22 And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cliff of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:

23 And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

**CHAP. XXXIV.**

1 Moses is commanded to prepare new tables, and to go up again to the top of the mount: The name of the Lord is there proclaimed before him. 8 Moses is instructed to go with the people. 10 God maketh a covenant with them, in which he restrains idolatry; and 18, 24, 22, 23, 25 repeat certain duties before prescribed. 27 Moses continued in the mount forty days, and by God's command wrote upon the tables the ten commandments. 39 On his return his face shone, and he covered it with a vail.

A ND the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest.
unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice;
16 And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go as whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.
17 Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.
18 The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt.
19 All that openeth the matrix is mine; and every firstling among thy cattle, whether ox or sheep, that is male.
20 But the firstling of an ass shalt thou redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem not the ass, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou redeem.
21 And none shall appear before me empty.
22 Six days shalt thou work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest.
23 Thrice in the year shalt all your menchildren appear before the Lord God, the God of Israel.
24 For I will cast out the nations before thee, and will enlarge thy borders; neither shalt any man defile thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the Lord thy God thrice in the year.
25 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning.
26 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.
27 And the Lord said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.
28 And he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.
Moses' face shineth.

Before CHRIST

Before CHRIST

Moses will not that the skin of his face shine while he talked with him.

And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.

And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him; and Moses talked with them.

And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh; and he gavethem in commandment all that the Lord had spokenthemin him in mount Sinai.

And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face.

But when Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded.

And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

CHAP. XXXV.

2 The sabbath. 4 The free gifts for the tabernacle. 20 The readiness of the people to offer. 30 Bezaleel and Aholibab called to the work.

And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and laid unto them. These are the words which the Lord hath commanded, that ye should do them.

Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the Lord: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.

Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day.

And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying,

Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord; gold, and silver, and brass,

And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' bair, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought them.

Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass brought the Lord's offering: and every man, with whom was found shittim wood for any work of the service, brought it.

And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen.

And all the women whose heart fitted them up in wisdom spun goats' bair.

And the rulers brought onyx stones.
The offerings delivered to the workmen.

The liberalitly of the people refrained.

THEN wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded.

And Mozes called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart (the Lord had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it:

And they received of Mozes all the offering, which the children of Israel brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withal. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning.

And all the wise men that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made:

And they spake unto Mozes, saying, ‘The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make.

And Mozes gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing.

For the stub they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

And every wise hearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work made he them.

The length of one curtain was twenty and eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: the curtains were all of one size.

And he coupled the five curtains one unto another: and the other five curtains he coupled one unto another.

And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling: likewise he made in the uttermost side of another curtain, in the coupling of the second.

Fifty loops made he in one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain which was in the coupling of the second: the loops held one curtain to another.

And he made fifty taches of gold, and coupled the curtains one unto another with the taches: so it became one tabernacle.

And he made curtains of goats’ hair for the tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains he made them.

The length of one curtain was thirty cubits, and four cubits was the breadth of one curtain: the eleven curtains were of one size.

And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and fix curtains by themselves.

And he made fifty loops upon the uttermost edge of the curtain in the coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain which coupleteth the second.

And he made fifty taches of brass to couple the tent together, that it might be one.

And he made a covering for the tent of rams’ skins dyed red, and a covering of badgers’ skins above that.
The boards, and bars of the tabernacle.  

*C H A P. XXXVII.*  

The ark, mercy seat, and table.

20 ¶ And he made boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood, standing up.
21 The length of a board was ten cubits, and the breadth of a board one cubit and a half.
22 One board had tenons, equally distant one from another; thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle.
23 And he made boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards for the south side southward:
24 And forty sockets of silver he made under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.
25 And for the other side of the tabernacle, which is toward the north corner, he made twenty boards,
26 And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.
27 And for the sides of the tabernacle westward he made six boards.
28 And two boards made he for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.
29 And they were coupled beneath, and coupled together at the head thereof, to one ring: thus he did to both of them in both the corners.
30 And there were eight boards; and their sockets were sixteen sockets of silver, under every board two sockets.
31 ¶ And he made bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,
32 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the sides westward.
33 And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other.
34 And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold to be places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.
35 ¶ And he made a vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubims he made he it of cunning work.
36 And he made thereunto four pillars of shittim wood; and overlaid them with gold: their hooks were of gold; and he cast for them four sockets of silver.
37 ¶ And he made an hanging for the tabernacle door of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, of needlework:
38 And the five pillars of it with their hooks: and he overlaid their chapiters and their fillets with gold: but their five sockets were of bras.

A N D Bezaleel made the ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it:
2 And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a crown of gold to it round about.
3 And he cast for it four rings of gold, to be set by the four corners of it; even two rings upon the one side of it, and two rings upon the other side of it.
4 And he made staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold.
5 And he put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, to bear the ark.
6 ¶ And he made the mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half was the length thereof, and one cubit and a half the breadth thereof.
7 And he made two cherubims of gold, beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy seat;
8 One cherub on the end on this side, and another cherub on the other end on that side: out of the mercy seat made he the cherubims on the two ends thereof.
9 And the cherubims spread out their wings on high, and covered with their wings over the mercy seat, with their faces one to another; even to the mercy seatward were the faces of the cherubims.
10 ¶ And he made the table of shittim wood: two cubits was the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof:
11 And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereunto a crown of gold round about.
12 Also he made thereunto a border of an hand breadth round about; and made a crown of gold for the border thereof round about.
13 And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings upon the four corners that were in the four feet thereof.
14 Over against the border were the rings, the places for the staves to bear the table.
15 And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the table.
16 And he made the vessels which were
The candlestick, incense altar, &c.

EXODUS.

The altar of burnt offering.

Upon the table, his dishes, and his spoons, and his bowls, and his covers, to cover withal, of pure gold.

And he made the candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work made he the candlestick; his shaft, and his branch, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, were of the same:

And six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side thereof, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side thereof.

Three bowls made after the fashion of almonds in one branch, a knop and a flower; and three bowls made like almonds in another branch, a knop and a flower: so throughout the six branches going out of the candlestick.

And in the candlestick were four bowls made like almonds, his knops, and his flowers: and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same.

Their knops and their branches were of the same: all of it was one beaten work of pure gold.

And he made his seven lamps, and his snuffers, and his snuffdishes, of pure gold.

Of a talent of pure gold made he it, and all the vessels thereof.

And he made the incense altar of shittim wood: the length of it was a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit; it was four square, and two cubits was the height of it; the horns thereof were of the same.

And he overlaid it with pure gold, both the top of it, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns of it: also he made unto it a crown of gold round about.

And he made two rings of gold for it under the crown thereof, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides thereof, to be places for the staves to bear it withal.

And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold.

And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the apothecary.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 The altar of burnt offering. 8 The laver of bras. 9 The court. 21 The sum of that which the people offered.

AND he made the altar of burnt offering of shittim wood: five cubits was the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth thereof; it was four square; and three cubits the height thereof.

And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it; the horns thereof were of the same: and he overlaid it with bras.

And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basons, and the fleshhooks, and the firepans: all the vessels thereof made he of bras.

And he made for the altar a brazen grate of network under the compass thereof beneath unto the midst of it.

And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grate of bras, to be places for the staves.

6 And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with bras.

7 And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it withal; he made the altar hollow with boards.

8 And he made the laver of bras, and the foot of it of bras, of the looking glasses of the women assembling, which assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

9 And he made the court: on the south side southward the hangings of the court were of fine twined linen, an hundred cubits:

10 Their pillars were twenty, and their brasen sockets twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of silver.

11 And for the north side the hangings were an hundred cubits, their pillars were twenty, and their sockets of bras twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver.

12 And for the west side were hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver.

13 And for the east side eastward fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of the one side of the gate were fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15 And for the other side of the court gate, on this hand and that hand, were hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 All the hangings of the court round about were of fine twined linen.

17 And the sockets for the pillars were of bras; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver; and the overlaying of their chapiters of silver; and all the pillars of the court were filleted with silver.

18 And the hanging for the gate of the court was needlework, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: and
The sum of that which the people offered. CHAP.

Before CHRIST

20 And all the pins of the tabernacle, and of the court round about, were of brass.

21 ¶ This is the sum of the tabernacle, even of the tabernacle of testimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son to Aaron the priest.

22 And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses.

23 And with him was Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen.

24 All the gold that was occupied for the work in all the work of the holy place, even the gold of the offering, was twenty and nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

25 And the silver of them that were numbered of the congregation was an hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and three hundred and fifteen shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary:

26 A bekah for every man, that is, half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for every one that went to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred men.

27 And of the hundred talents of silver were cast the sockets of the tabernacle, and the sockets of the court, an hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket.

28 And of the thousand seven hundred and forty and five shekels he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their chapiters, and filleted them.

29 And the bras of the offering was seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels.

30 And therewith he made the sockets to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the brazen altar, and the brazen grate for it, and all the vessels of the altar.

31 And the sockets of the court round about, and the sockets of the court gate, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

XXXIX. The cloths of service, ephod, &c.

The ephod. 8 The breastplate. 22 The robe

of the ephod. 27 The coats, mitre, and girdle of fine linen. 30 The plate of the holy crown.

32 All is viewed and approved by Moses.

14 And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the LORD commanded Moses.

¶ And he made the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

3 And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, with cunning work.

4 They made shoulderpieces for it, to couple it together: by the two edges was it coupled together.

5 And the curious girdle of his ephod, that was upon it, was of the same, according to the work thereof; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as the LORD commanded Moses.

6 ¶ And they wrought upon the stones in cloison ofouches of gold, graven, as signets are graven, with the names of the children of Israel.

7 And he put them on the shoulder of the ephod, that they should be stones for a memorial to the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses.

8 ¶ And he made the breastplate of cunning work, like the work of the ephod; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 It was foursquare; they made the breastplate double: a span was the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof, being doubled.

10 ¶ And they set in it four rows of stones: the first row was a lapis, a topaz, and a carbuncle; this was the first row.

11 And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

12 And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.

13 And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a Jasper: they were inclosed in ouches of gold in their inclosings.

14 And the stones were according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, every one with his name, according to the twelve tribes.

15 And they made upon the breastplate chains at the ends, of wreathed work of pure gold.

16 And they made two ouches of gold,
The robe, linen coat, mitre, and plate.  EXOD.  1491.

and two gold rings, and put the two rings in the two ends of the breastplate.

17 And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate.

18 And the two ends of the two wreathen chains they fastened in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulderpieces of the ephod, before it.

19 And they made two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, upon the border of it, which was on the side of the ephod inward.

20 And they made two other golden rings, and put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the forefront of it, over against the other coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.

21 And they did bind the breastplate by his rings unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate might not be loosed from the ephod; as the Lord commanded Moses.

22 ¶ And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue.

23 And there was an hole in the midst of the robe, as the hole of an habergeon, with a band round about the hole, that it should not rend.

24 And they made upon the hem of the robe pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twisted linen.

25 And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates;

26 A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, round about the hem of the robe to minister in; as the Lord commanded Moses.

27 ¶ And he made coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron, and for his sons.

28 ¶ And a mitre of fine linen, and goody bonnets of fine linen, and linen breeches of fine twined linen,

29 ¶ And a girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of needlework; as the Lord commanded Moses.

30 ¶ And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like to the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

31 And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fall in high upon the mitre; as the Lord commanded Moses.

32 ¶ Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Israel did all the work according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so did they.

33 And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses, the tent, and all his furniture, his taches, his boards, his bars, and his pillars, and his sockets,

34 And the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of badgers' skins, and the vail of the covering,

35 The ark of the testimony, and the staves thereof, and the mercy seat,

36 The table, and all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread,

37 The pure candlestick, with the lamps thereof, even with the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels thereof, and the oil for light,

38 And the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door,

39 The brazen altar, and his grate of brazen, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot,

40 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and his sockets, and the hanging for the court gate, his cords, and his pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle,

41 The cloths of service to do service in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister in the priest's office.

42 According to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work.

43 And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the Lord had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.

The tabernacle is commanded to be reared with all its furniture, and anointed.  16. 17. 20. 22. 24. 26. 28. 30. 33. Moses performeth all things accordingly.  34. A cloud covereth the tabernacle.

AND the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

2 On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.

3 And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the ark with the vail.

4 And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof.

5 And thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the testi-
Aaron and his sons to be sanctified.

CHAP. XL. A cloud covereth the tabernacle.

6 And thou shalt set the altar of the burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.

7 And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein.

8 And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court gate.

9 And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy.

10 And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt offering, and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar: and it shall be an altar of molten holy.

11 And thou shalt anoint the laver and his foot, and sanctify it.

12 ¶ And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water.

13 And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

14 And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats:

15 And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.

16 ¶ Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he.

17 ¶ And it came to pass in the first month, in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up.

18 And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and fastened his sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars.

19 And he spread abroad the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as the LORD commanded Moses.

20 ¶ And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and let the staves on the ark, and put the mercy seat above upon the ark:

21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the vail of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony, as the LORD commanded Moses.

22 ¶ And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the vail.

23 ¶ And he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD; as the LORD had commanded Moses.

24 ¶ And he put the candlestick in the tent of the congregation, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward.

25 And he lighted the lamps before the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

26 ¶ And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation before the vail:

27 ¶ And he burnt sweet incense thereon; as the LORD commanded Moses.

28 ¶ And he set up the hanging at the door of the tabernacle.

29 ¶ And he put the altar of burnt offering by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the meat offering; as the LORD commanded Moses.

30 ¶ And he set the laver between the tabernacle and the altar, and put water there, to wash withal.

31 And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat:

32 When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the LORD commanded Moses.

33 ¶ And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.

34 ¶ Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

36 ¶ And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys:

37 But when the cloud was not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up.

38 For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.
The Third Book of MOSES, called LEVITICUS.

CHAP. I.

1 The burnt offerings, 3 of the herd, 10 of the flocks, 14 of the fowls.

AND the LORD called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, *If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, even of the herd, and of the flock.

3 ¶ If his offering be a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male four without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD.

4 § And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.

5 And he shall kill the bullock before the LORD: *and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood, *and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

6 And he shall lay the burnt offering, and cut it into his pieces.

7 And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire upon the altar, and lay the wood in order upon the fire.

8 And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that is upon the fire which is upon the altar.

9 But his inwards and his legs shall he wash in water: and the priest shall burn all on the altar, *to be a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

10 ¶ And if his offering be of the flocks, namely, of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt sacrifice: he shall bring it a male without blemish.

11 And he shall kill it on the side of the altar northward before the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle his blood round about upon the altar.

12 And he shall cut it into his pieces, with his head and his fat: and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is upon the fire which is upon the altar.

13 But he shall wash the inwards and the legs with water: and the priest shall bring it all, and burn it upon the altar: it is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

---

14 ¶ And if the burnt sacrifice for his offering to the LORD be of fowls, then he shall bring his offering of 7 turtle doves, or of young pigeons.

15 And the priest shall bring it unto the altar, and shall offer his head, and burn it on the altar; and the blood thereof shall be wrung out at the side of the altar.

16 And he shall pluck away his crop with his feathers, and cast it be side the altar on the east part, by the place of the ash.

17 And he shall cleave it with the wings thereof, but he shall not divide it afi dender: and the priest shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that is upon the fire: *it is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

CHAP. II.

1 The meat offering with flour and incense, 4 either baken in the oven, 5 or on a plate, 7 or in a frying pan. 12 The oblation of firstfruits not to be burnt. 13 The fat of the meat offering. 14 The meat offering of the firstfruits in the ear.

AND when any will offer a meat offering unto the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense thereon.

2 And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests: and he shall take thereof his handful of the flour thereof, and of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof; and the priest shall burn the memorial of it upon the altar, to be an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

3 And the remnant of the meat offering shall be Aaron's and his sons': *it is a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

4 ¶ And if thou bring an oblation of a meat offering baken in the oven, it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

5 And if thy oblation be a meat offering baken in a pan, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mingled with oil.

6 Thou shalt part it in pieces, and pour oil thereon: it is a meat offering.

7 ¶ And if thy oblation be a meat offering baken in the frying pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil.

8 And thou shalt bring the meat offering that is made of these things unto the LORD: and when it is presented unto the priest, he shall bring it unto the altar.

9 And the priest shall take from the meat offering a memorial thereof, and
The meat offering of the firstfruits.

Chap. III, IV. The peace offering of the flock.

1 And if his oblation be a sacrifice of peace offering, if he offer it of the herd; whether it be a male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the Lord.

2 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.

3 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire unto the Lord; *the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, and over the kidneys, it shall he take away.

4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

5 And Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt sacrifice, which is upon the wood that is on the fire: it is an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord.

6 And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offering unto the Lord be of the flock; male or female, he shall offer it without blemish.

7 If he offer a lamb for his offering, then he shall offer it before the Lord.

8 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and the fat thereof round about upon the altar.

9 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire unto the Lord; the fat thereof, and the whole rump, it shall he take off hard by the backbone; and the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards,

10 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

11 And the priest shall burn it upon the altar: it is *the food of the offering made by fire unto the Lord.

12 And if his offering be a goat, then he shall offer it before the Lord.

13 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of it, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and the fons of Aaron shall sprinkle the blood thereof upon the altar round about.

14 And he shall offer thereof of his offering, even an offering made by fire unto the Lord; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards.

15 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

16 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar: it is *the food of the offering made by fire for a sweet savour:* all the fat is the Lord's.

17 It shall be a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood.

Chap. IV. The sin offering of the priest.

1 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, *If a soul shall sin through ignorance,* against any of the commandments of the Lord, concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them:

3 If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned,
The sin offering of ignorance.

LEVITICUS.

Before CHRIST 1490.

Before CHRIST 1490.

a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin offering.

And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD; and shall lay his hand upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the LORD.

And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation.

And the priest shall dip his finger in some of the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the vail of the sanctuary.

And the priest shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar which is before the LORD, that is in the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

And he shall take all his fat from him, and burn it upon the altar.

And he shall do with the bullock as he did with the bullock for a sin offering: so shall he do with this; and the priest shall make an atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them.

And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn him as he burned the first bullock: it is a sin offering for the congregation.

When a ruler hath sinned, and done some thing through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD his God, concerning things which should not be done, and is guilty;

If his sin, wherein he hath sinned, come to his knowledge; he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish:

And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the LORD: it is a sin offering.

And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out his blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering.

And he shall burn all his fat upon the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall make an atonement for him as concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

And if any one of the common people sin through ignorance, while he doeth some thing against any of the commandments of the LORD, concerning things which ought not to be done, and be guilty;

If his sin, which he hath sinned, come to his knowledge: then shall he bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned.

And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering, and slay the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering.

And the priest shall take of the blood
The trespass offering in divers cases

CHAP. V. according to the abilities of the trespasser.

5 And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that he hath sinned in that thing:

6 And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin.

7 ¶ And if he be not able to bring a lamb, then he shall bring for his trespass, which he hath committed, two turtle doves, or two young pigeons, unto the LORD; one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering.

8 And he shall bring them unto the priest, who shall offer that which is for the sin offering first, and wring off his head from his neck, but shall not divide it af under:

9 And he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin offering upon the head of the altar; and the rest of the blood shall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar: it is a sin offering.

10 And he shall offer the second for a burnt offering, according to the manner: and the priest shall make an atonement for him for his sin which he hath sinned, and it shall be forgiven him.

11 ¶ But if he be not able to bring two turtle doves, or two young pigeons, then he that sinneth shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall put no oil upon it, neither shall he put any frankincense thereon: for it is a sin offering.

12 Then shall he bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it, even a memorial thereof, and burn it on the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: it is a sin offering.

13 ¶ And the priest shall make an atonement for him as touching his sin that he hath sinned in one of these, and it shall be forgiven him: and the remnant shall be the priest's, as a meat offering.

14 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

15 ¶ If a soul commit a trespass, and sin through ignorance, in the holy things of the LORD; then he shall bring for his trespass unto the LORD a ram without blemish out of the flocks, with thy estimation by shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass offering:

16 And he shall make amends for the harm that he hath done in the holy thing, and shall add the fifth part thereto, and give it unto the priest; and the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram

* * *

Notes:

- Kings 2. 31.
- Mat. 56. 63.
- ver. 17.
- ch. 7. 18.
- & 16. 17.
- & 19. 8.
- & 20. 17.
- Numb. 9.
- ch. 11. 14.
- 18. 15.
- & 15.
- ver. 17.
- ch. 13.
- & 15.
of the trespass offering; and it shall be forgiven him.

17 ¶ And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the Lord;

18 And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy atonement for a trespass offering unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance wherein he erred and did not know, and it shall be forgiven him.

19 It is a trespass offering; he hath certainly trespassed against the Lord.

CHAP. VI.

The law of the burnt offering. 14. and of the meat offering. 19. The offering at the consecration of a priest. 24. The law of the sin offering.

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

2 If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the Lord, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in any fellowship, or in a thing which hath been taken by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour;

3 Or have found that which was lost, and lie concerning it, and swear falsely; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning therein:

4 Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the loft thing which he found,

5 Or all that about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in the principal, and add the fifth part more thereto, and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, || in the day of his trespass offering.

6 And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the Lord, a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy atonement, for a trespass offering unto the priest:

7 ¶ And the priest shall make an atonement for him before the Lord: and it shall be forgiven him for any thing of all that he hath done in trespassing therein.

8 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

9 Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: It is the burnt offering, || because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it.

10 ¶ And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashe which the fire hath consumed with the burnt offering upon the altar, and he shall put them before the altar.

11 And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a clean place.

12 And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace offerings.

13 The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out.

14 ¶ And this is the law of the meat offering: the sons of Aaron shall offer it before the Lord, before the altar.

15 And he shall take of it his hand, of the flour of the meat offering, and of the oil thereof, and all the frankincense which is upon the meat offering, and shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savour, even the memorial of it, unto the Lord.

16 And the remainder thereof shall Aaron and his sons eat: with unleavened bread shall it be eaten in the holy place; in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation they shall eat it.

17 ¶ It shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it unto them for their portion of my offerings made by fire; it is most holy, as the sin offering, and as the trespass offering.

18 All the males among the children of Aaron shall eat of it. ¶ It shall be a statute for ever in your generations concerning the offerings of the Lord made by fire: every one that toucheth them shall be holy.

19 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

20 This is the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer unto the Lord in the day when he is anointed; the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meat offering perpetual, half of it in the morning, and half thereof at night.

21 In a pan it shall be made with oil; and when it is baked, thou shalt bring it in: and the baken pieces of the meat offering shalt thou offer for a sweet savour unto the Lord.

22 And the priest of his sons that is anointed in his stead shall offer it: it is a statute for ever unto the Lord; ¶ it shall be wholly burnt.

23 For every meat offering for the priest
The law of the burnt offering, &c.

24 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 25 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: 26 In the place where the burnt offering is killed shall the burnt offering be killed before the Lord: 27 The priest that offereth it for sin shall eat it: in the holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation. 28 But the earthen vessel wherein it is fitten shall be broken: and if it be fitten in a brazen pot, it shall be both scoured, and rinfed in water. 29 All the males among the priests shall eat thereof: it is most holy. 30 And no sin offering, nor any of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation to reconcile within the holy place, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire.

CHAP. VII.

The law of the peace offerings.

1 The law of the trespass offering. 2 In the place where they kill the burnt offering they shall kill the trespass offering: and the blood thereof shall he sprinkle round about upon the altar. 3 And he shall offer of it the fat thereof, the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, 4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, and the caul that is above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away: 5 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar for an offering made by fire unto the Lord: it is a trespass offering. 6 Every male among the priests shall eat thereof: it shall be eaten in the holy place: it is most holy. 7 As the fin offering is, so is the trespass offering: there is one law for them: the priest that maketh atonement therewith shall have it. 8 And the priest that offereth any man's burnt offering, even the priest shall have upon himself the skin of the burnt offering which he hath offered.

9 And all the meat offering that is in the frying pan, and in the pan, shall be the priest's that offereth it. 10 And every meat offering, mingled with oil, and dry, shall all the sons of Aaron have, one as much as another. 11 ¶ And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he shall offer unto the Lord.

12 If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried. 13 Besides the cakes, he shall offer for his offering leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offerings. 14 And of it he shall offer one out of the whole oblation for an heave offering unto the Lord: and it shall be the priest's that sprinkleth the blood of the peace offerings. 15 And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until the morning. 16 But if the sacrifice of his offering be a vow, or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offereth his sacrifice: and on the morrow also the remainder of it shall be eaten: 17 But the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burnt with fire.

18 And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings be eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall he impute unto him that offereth it: it shall be an abomination, and the soul that eateth of it shall bear his iniquity. 19 And the flesh that toucheth any unclean thing shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire: and as for the flesh, all that be clean shall eat thereof.

20 But the soul that eateth of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, that pertain unto the Lord, having his uncleanness upon him, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

21 Moreover the soul that shall touch any unclean thing, as the uncleaness of man, or any unclean beast, or any abominable unclean thing, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which pertain unto the Lord, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

Recapitulation.

In the place where they kill the burnt offering, they shall kill the trespass offering: and the blood thereof shall he sprinkle round about upon the altar. And he shall offer of it all the fat thereof, the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, and the caul that is above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away. And the priest shall burn them upon the altar for an offering made by fire unto the Lord: it is a trespass offering. Every male among the priests shall eat thereof: it shall be eaten in the holy place: it is most holy. As the fin offering is, so is the trespass offering: there is one law for them: the priest that maketh atonement therewith shall have it. And the priest that offereth any man's burnt offering, even the priest shall have upon himself the skin of the burnt offering which he hath offered. And all the meat offering that is in the frying pan, and in the pan, shall be the priest's that offereth it. And every meat offering, mingled with oil, and dry, shall all the sons of Aaron have, one as much as another. And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he shall offer unto the Lord. If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried. Besides the cakes, he shall offer for his offering leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offerings. And of it he shall offer one out of the whole oblation for an heave offering unto the Lord: and it shall be the priest's that sprinkleth the blood of the peace offerings. And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until the morning. But if the sacrifice of his offering be a vow, or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offereth his sacrifice: and on the morrow also the remainder of it shall be eaten: But the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burnt with fire. And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings be eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall he impute unto him that offereth it: it shall be an abomination, and the soul that eateth of it shall bear his iniquity. And the flesh that toucheth any unclean thing shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire: and as for the flesh, all that be clean shall eat thereof. But the soul that eateth of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, that pertain unto the Lord, having his uncleanness upon him, even that soul shall be cut off from his people. Moreover the soul that shall touch any unclean thing, as the uncleaness of man, or any unclean beast, or any abominable unclean thing, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which pertain unto the Lord, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.
The eating of fat and blood forbidden. Leviticus.

22 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of ox, or of sheep, or of goat.

24 And the fat of the beast that dieth of itself, and the fat of that which is torn with beasts, may be used in any other use: but ye shall in no wise eat of it.

25 For whatsoever eateth the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord, even the soul that eateth it shall be cut off from his people.

26 Moreover ye shall eat no manner of blood, whether it be of fowl or of beast, in any of your dwellings.

27 Whatsoever soul it be that eateth any manner of blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

28 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

29 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, He that offereth the sacrifice of his peace offerings unto the Lord shall bring his oblation unto the Lord of the sacrifice of his peace offerings.

30 His own hands shall bring the offerings of the Lord made by fire, the fat with the breash, and he shall bring, that the breath may be waved for a wave offering before the Lord.

31 And the priest shall burn the fat upon the altar: but the breath shall be Aaron's and his sons'.

32 And the right shouder shall ye give unto the priest for an heave offering of the sacrifices of your peace offerings.

33 He among the sons of Aaron, that offereth the blood of the peace offerings, and the fat, shall have the right shoulder for his part.

34 For the wave breath and the heave shouder have I taken of the children of Israel from off the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them unto Aaron the priest and unto his sons by a statute for ever among the children of Israel.

35 ¶ This is the portion of the anointing of Aaron, and of the anointing of his sons, out of the offerings of the Lord made by fire, in the day when he pretented them to minister unto the Lord in the priest's office.

36 Which the Lord commanded to be given them of the children of Israel, in the day that he anointed them, by a statute for ever throughout their generations.

37 This is the law of the burnt offering, and of the meat offering, and of the sin offering, and of the trespass offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of the peace offerings.

38 Which the Lord commanded Moses in mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer their oblations unto the Lord, in the wilderness of Sinai.

Chapter VIII.

1 Moses consecrated Aaron and his sons. 14 Their sin offering. 18 Their burnt offering. 22 The ram of consecration. 31 The place and time of their consecration.

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and a bullock for the sin offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread;

3 And gather thou all the congregation together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And Moses did as the Lord commanded him; and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

5 And Moses said unto the congregation,

6 And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water.

7 And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound it unto him therewith.

8 And he put the breastplate upon him: also he put in the breastplate the Urim and the Thummim.

9 And he put the mitre upon his head: also upon the mitre, even upon his forehead, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the Lord commanded Moses.

10 And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them.

11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessel, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them.

12 And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him to sanctify him.

13 And Moses brought Aaron's sons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them, as the Lord commanded Moses.

14 ¶ And he brought the bullock for the sin offering: and Aaron and his sons
Their consecration offerings.

15 And he flew it; and Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about, with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make reconciliation upon it.

16 And he took all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and Moses burned it upon the altar.

17 But the bullock, and his hide, his flesh, and his dung, he burnt with fire without the camp; as the Lord commanded Moses.

18 ¶ And he brought the ram for the burnt offering; and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

19 And he killed it; and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

20 And he cut the ram into pieces; and Moses burnt the head, and the pieces, and the fat.

21 And he washed the inwards and the legs in water; and Moses burnt the whole ram upon the altar: it was a burnt sacrifice for a sweet savour, and an offering made by fire unto the Lord; as the Lord commanded Moses.

22 ¶ And he brought the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

23 And he flew it; and Moses took of the blood of it, and put it upon the tip of Aaron’s right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

24 And he brought Aaron’s sons, and Moses put of the blood upon the tips of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet: and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

25 ¶ And he took the fat, and the rump, and all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right shoulder.

26 ¶ And out of the basket of unleavened bread, that was before the Lord, he took one unleavened cake, and a cake of oil bread, and one wafer, and put them on the fat, and upon the right shoulder.

27 And he put all upon Aaron’s hands, and upon his sons’ hands, and waved them for a wave offering before the Lord.

28 ¶ And Moses took them from off their hands, and burnt them on the altar upon the burnt offering: they were consecrations for a sweet savour: it is an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

29 And Moses took the breast, and waved it for a wave offering before the Lord: for of the ram of consecration it was Moses’ part; as the Lord commanded Moses.

30 ¶ Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which was upon the altar, and sprinkled it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons’ garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons’ garments with him.

31 ¶ And Moses said unto Aaron and to his sons, Boil the flesh at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and there eat it with the bread that is in the basket of consecrations, as it is commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it.

32 And that which remaineth of the flesh he shall burn with fire.

33 And ye shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation in seven days, until the days of your consecration be at an end: for seven days shall he consecrate you.

34 As he hath done this day, so the Lord hath commanded to do, to make an atonement for you.

35 Therefore shall ye abide at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day by day, and night seven days, and keep the charge of the Lord, that ye die not: for so I am commanded.

36 So Aaron and his sons did all things which the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. IX. The place and time of their consecration.

1 The first offerings of Aaron for himself, and for the people. 8 Aaron offereth them, first for himself, and afterwards for the people. 23 Mozes and Aaron bless the people, and fire cometh from the Lord upon the altar.

AND it came to pass on the eighth day, that Moses called Aaron, and his sons, and the elders of Israel;

2 And he said unto Aaron, Take thee a young calf for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering, without blemish, and offer them before the Lord.

3 And unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, 4 Take ye a kid of the goats for a sin offering; and a calf and a lamb, both of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt offering;

5 Also a bullock and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the Lord; and a meat offering mingled with oil: for this day the Lord will appear unto you.
And they brought that which Moses commanded before the tabernacle of the congregation: and all the congregation drew near and stood before the Lord.

And Moses said, This is the thing which the Lord commanded that ye should do: and the glory of the Lord shall appear unto you.

And Moses said unto Aaron, Go unto the altar, and offer thy sin offering, and thy burnt offering, and make an atonement for thyself, and for the people: and offer the offering of the people, and make an atonement for them; as the Lord commanded Moses.

Aaron therefore went unto the altar, and slew the calf of the sin offering, which was for himself.

And the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him: and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar:

But the fat, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver of the sin offering, he burnt upon the altar: as the Lord commanded Moses.

And the flesh and the hide he burnt with fire without the camp.

And he took the burnt offering, and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled round about upon the altar.

And they presented the burnt offering unto him, with the pieces thereof, and the head: and he burnt them upon the altar.

And he did wash the inwards and the legs, and burnt them upon the burnt offering on the altar.

And he brought the people's offering, and took the goat, which was the sin offering for the people, and flew it, and offered it for sin, as the first.

And he brought the burnt offering, and offered it according to the manner.

And he brought the meat offering, and took an handful thereof, and burnt it upon the altar: beside the burnt sacrifice of the morning.

He flew also the bullock and the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings, which was for the people: and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled upon the altar round about.

And the fat of the bullock and of the ram, the rump, and that which covereth the inwards, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver:

And they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burnt the fat upon the altar:
The law of eating the holy things.

CHAP. XI.

8 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Aaron, saying,
9 ¶ Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations:
10 ¶ And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;
11 ¶ And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. XI.

12 ¶ And Moses spake unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons that were left, Take the meat offering that remaineth of the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and eat it without leaven beside the altar: for it is most holy:
13 ¶ And ye shall eat it in the holy place, because it is thy due, and thy sons' due, of the sacrifices of the Lord made by fire: for I am commanded.
14 ¶ And the wave breast and heave shoulder shall ye eat in a clean place; thou, and thy sons, and thy daughters with thee: for they be thy due, and thy sons' due, which are given out of the sacrifices of peace offerings of the children of Israel.
15 ¶ The heave shoulder and the wave breast shall they bring with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave it for a wave offering before the Lord; and it shall be thine, and thy sons' with thee, by a statute for ever; as the Lord hath commanded.

16 ¶ And Moses diligently sought the goat of the sin offering, and, behold, it was broken, and he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron which were left alive, saying,
17 ¶ Wherefore have ye not eaten the sin offering in the holy place, seeing it is most holy, and the Lord hath given it you to bear the iniquity of the congregation for them before the Lord?
18 ¶ Behold, the blood of it was not brought in within the holy place: ye should indeed have eaten it in the holy place, as I commanded.
19 ¶ And Aaron said unto Moses, Behold,
20 ¶ This day have they offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the Lord; and such things have befallen me: and if I had eaten the sin offering to day, should it have been accepted in the sight of the Lord?
21 ¶ And when Moses heard that, he was content.

The distinction of meats.

CHAP. XI.

1 ¶ What beasts may, and what may not be eaten:
2 ¶ What fowls: 13 ¶ What fouls: 29 ¶ The creeping things which are unclean.

AND the Lord spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth.
3 ¶ Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat.
4 Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: as the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.
5 And the coney, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.
6 And the hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.
7 And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean unto you.
8 ¶ Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcasse shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you.
9 ¶ These shall ye eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat.
10 And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall be an abomination unto you:
11 ¶ They shall be even an abomination unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcasses in abomination.
12 Whatever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that shall be an abomination unto you.
13 ¶ And these are they which ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, and the vulture, and the kite after his kind;
14 ¶ And the vulture, and the kite after his kind;
15 ¶ Every raven after his kind;
16 ¶ And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind,
17 ¶ And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl,
18 ¶ And the swan, and the pelican, and the gier eagle,
The creeping things that are unclean. LEVITICUS.

19 And the stork, the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.
20 All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you.
21 Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth;
22 Even these of them ye may eat; the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the gopher after his kind.
23 But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomination unto you.
24 And for these ye shall be unclean: whatsoever toucheth the carcase of them shall be unclean until the even.
25 And whatsoever beareth young, or brings forth, and feedeth on milk, of any kind of animals that goeth upon all four, and of any thing that creepeth on the earth:
26 The carcases of every beast which divideth the hoof, and is clean-footed, and cheweth the cud, are clean unto you; every one that toucheth them shall be clean.
27 And whatsoever goeth upon his paws, among all manner of beasts that go on all four, those are clean unto you; who so toucheth their carcase shall be unclean until the even.
28 And he that beareth the carcase of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even; they are unclean unto you.
29 And he that toucheth their carcase shall be unclean unto you among the creeping things that creep upon the earth; the weasel, and the mouse, and the tortoise after his kind,
30 And the ferret, and the chameleon, and the lizard, and the wall lizard, and the mole.
31 These are unclean to you among all that creep: whatsoever doth touch them, when they be dead, shall be unclean until the even.
32 And upon whatsoever any of them, when they are dead, doth fall, it shall be unclean; whether it be any vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or fitch, whatsoever vessel it be, wherein any work is done, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the even; so it shall be cleansed.
33 And every earthen vessel, whereinto any of them falleth, whatsoever is in it shall be unclean; and ye shall break it.
34 Of all meat which may be eaten, that on which water cometh shall be unclean; and all drink that may be drunk in every vessel shall be unclean.
35 And every thing wherupon any part of their carcase falleth shall be unclean; whether it be oven, or ranges for pots, they shall be broken down: for they are unclean, and shall be unclean unto you.
36 Nevertheless a fountain or pit, wherein is plenty of water, shall be clean: but that which toucheth their carcase shall be unclean.
37 And if any part of their carcase fall upon any fowling seed which is to be sown, it shall be clean.
38 But if any water be put upon the seed, and any part of their carcase fall thereon, it shall be unclean unto you.
39 And if any beast of which ye may eat die; he that toucheth the carcase thereof shall be unclean until the even.
40 And he that eateth of the carcase of any unclean beast, and toucheth any thing that is clean, shall be unclean until the even: he also that beareth the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.
41 And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth shall be an abomination; it shall not be eaten.
42 Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all four, or whatsoever hath more feet among all creeping things that creepeth upon the earth, ye shall not eat; for they are an abomination.
43 Ye shall not make any of those abominable things that creepeth, neither shall ye make yourselves unclean with them, that ye should be defiled thereby.
44 For I am the Lord your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
45 For I am the Lord that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am your God.
46 This is the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth:
47 To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten.

CHAPTER XII.

1 The purification of a woman after childbirth:
2 Her offerings for her purifying.

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then the shall be...
The purification of women.

CHAP. XIII. Laws and tokens whereby to discern leprosy.

Before CHRIST 499.

Before 1499.

unclean seven days; according to the days
of the separation for her infirmity shall the
be unclean.

3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his
forehead shall be circumcised.

4 And the flesh then continue in the blood
of her purifying three and thirty days; she
shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come
into the sanctuary, until the days of her
purifying be fulfilled.

5 But if she bear a maid child, then she
shall be unclean two weeks, as in her sepa-
ration: and the flesh shall continue in the blood
of her purifying three core and six days.

6 And when the days of her purifying
are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter,
the flesh shall bring a lamb of the first year
for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon, or a
turtledove, for a sin offering, unto the door
of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto
the priest:

7 Who shall offer it before the Lord,
and make an atonement for her; and the
flesh shall be cleansed from the issue of her
blood. This is the law for her that hath
born a male or a female.

8 And if he not able to bring a
lamb, then the flesh shall bring two turtles,
or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt
offering, and the other for a sin offering:
and the priest shall make an atonement
for her, and the flesh shall be clean.

C H A P. XIII.

1, 9, 18, 24, 29, 38 The laws and tokens
whereby the priest is to be guided in discerning
the leprosy in man or woman; 47 and in a
garment.

AND the Lord spake unto Moses and
Aaron, saying,

2 When a man shall have in the skin of
his flesh a [flesh, a scab, or bright spot,
and it be in the skin of his flesh like the
plague of leprosy; then he shall be
brought unto Aaron the priest, or unto one
of his sons the priests:

3 And the priest shall look on the plague
in the skin of his flesh: and when the hair
in the skin is turned white, and the
plague in light be deeper than the skin of
his flesh, it is a plague of leprosy: and the
priest shall look on him, and pronounce
him unclean.

4 If the bright spot be white in the skin
of his flesh, and in light be not deeper than
the skin, and the hair thereof be not turned
white; then the priest shall shut up him
that hath the plague seven days:

5 And the priest shall look on him the sev-
enth day: and, behold, if the plague in his
fight be at a flay, and the plague spread
not in the skin; then the priest shall shut
him up seven days more:

6 And the priest shall look on him again
the seventh day: and, behold, if the plague
be somewhat dark, and the plague spread
not in the skin, the priest shall pronounce
him clean: it is but a scab: and he shall
wash his clothes, and be clean.

7 But if the scab spread much abroad in
the skin, after that he hath been seen of
the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen
of the priest again:

8 And if the priest see that, behold, the
scab spreadeth in the skin, then the priest
shall pronounce him unclean: it is a lep-
roty.

9 ¶ When the plague of leprosy is in a
man, then he shall be brought unto the
priest:

10 And the priest shall see him: and, be-
hold, if the rising be white in the skin, and
it have turned the hair white, and there be
quick raw flesh in the rising:

11 It is an old leprosy in the skin of his
flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him
unclean, and shall not shut him up: for
he is unclean.

12 And if a leprosy break out abroad in
the skin, and the leprosy cover all the skin
of him that hath the plague: then he shall
looketh:

13 Then the priest shall consider: and,
behold, if the leprosy have covered all his
flesh, he shall pronounce him clean that
hath the plague: it is all turned white: he
is clean.

14 But when raw flesh appeareth in him,
he shall be unclean.

15 And the priest shall see the raw flesh;
and pronounce him to be unclean: for the
raw flesh is unclean: it is a leprosy.

16 Or if the raw flesh turn again, and be
changed unto white, he shall come unto
the priest;

17 And the priest shall see him: and, be-
hold, if the plague be turned into white;
then the priest shall pronounce him clean
that hath the plague: he is clean.

18 ¶ The flesh also, in which, even in
the skin thereof, was a boil, and is healed.

19 And in the place of the boil there be
a white rising, or a bright spot, white,
and somewhat reddish, and it be shewed
to the priest;

20 And if, when the priest seeth it, be-
hold, it be in skin lighter than the skin,
and the hair thereof be turned white: the
priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a
plague of leprosy broken out of the boil.
21 But if the priest look on it, and behold, there be no white hairs therein, and if it be not lower than the skin, but be somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days:

22 And if it spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a plague.

23 But if the bright spot stay in his place, and spread not, it is a burning boil; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

24 Or if there be any flesh in the skin whereof there is a hot burning, and the quick flesh that burneth have a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white;

25 Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, if the hair in the bright spot be turned white, and it be in sight deeper than the skin; it is a leprosy broken out of the burning: wherefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy.

26 But if the priest look on it, and behold, there be no white hair in the bright spot, and it be lower than the other skin, but be somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days:

27 And the priest shall look upon him the seventh day: and if it be spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy.

28 And if the bright spot stay in his place, and spread not in the skin, but it be somewhat dark; it is a rising of the burning, and the priest shall pronounce him clean: for it is an inflammation of the burning.

29 If a man or woman have a plague upon his head or his beard;

30 Then the priest shall see the plague: and, behold, if it be in sight deeper than the skin; and there be in it a yellow thin hair; then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a dry scall, even a leprosy upon the head or beard.

31 And if the priest look on the plague of the scall, and behold, it be not in sight deeper than the skin, and that there is no black hair in it; then the priest shall shut up him that hath the plague of the scall seven days:

32 And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague: and, behold, if the scall spread not, and there be in it no yellow hair, and the scall be not in sight deeper than the skin;

33 He shall be shaven, but the scall shall not have; and the priest shall shut up him that hath the scall seven days more:

34 And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the scall: and, behold, if the scall be not spread in the skin, nor be in sight deeper than the skin; then the priest shall pronounce him clean: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.

35 But if the scall spread much in the skin after his cleansing;

36 Then the priest shall look on him: and, behold, if the scall be spread in the skin, the priest shall not seek for yellow hair; he is unclean.

37 But if the scall be in his sight at a stay, and that there is black hair grown up there in; the scall is healed, he is clean: and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

38 If a man also or a woman have in the skin of their flesh bright spots, even white bright spots;

39 Then the priest shall look: and, behold, if the bright spots in the skin of their flesh be darkish white; it is a freckled spot that groweth in the skin; he is clean.

40 And the man whose hair is fallen off his head, he is bald; yet he is clean.

41 And he that hath his hair fallen off from the part of his head toward his face, he is forehead bald: yet he is clean.

42 And if there be in the bald head, or bald forehead, a white reddish fore; it is a leprosy sprung up in his bald head, or his bald forehead.

43 Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, if the rising of the fore be white reddish in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the leprosy appeareth in the skin of the flesh;

44 He is a leprous man, he is unclean: the priest shall pronounce him utterly unclean; his plague is in his head.

45 And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry: Unclean, unclean.

46 All the days wherein the plague is upon him he shall be defiled; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his habitation be.

47 The garment also that the plague of leprosy is in, whether it be a woollen garment, or a linen garment;

48 Whether it be in the warp, or woof; of linen, or of woolen; whether in a skin, or in any thing made of skin;

49 And if the plague be greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing made of skin; it is a plague of leprosy, and shall be chewed unto the priest.

Heb. brad is filled.
The signs of leprosy in a garment.

50 And the priest shall look upon the plague, and shut it up that hath the plague seven days:

51 And he shall look on the plague on the seventh day: if the plague be spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in a skin, or in any work that is made of skin; the plague is a fretting leprosy: it is unclean.

52 He shall therefore burn that garment, whether warp or woof, in woollen or in linen, or any thing of skin, wherein the plague is: for it is a fretting leprosy: it shall be burnt in the fire.

53 And if the priest shall look, and behold, the plague be not spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin:

54 Then the priest shall command that they wash the thing wherein the plague is, and he shall shut it up seven days more:

55 And the priest shall look on the plague, after that it is washed: and, behold, if the plague have not changed his colour, and the plague be not spread, it is unclean; thou shalt burn it in the fire: it is fret inward, whether it be bare within or without.

56 And if the priest look, and behold, the plague be somewhat dark after the washing of it, then he shall rend it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof:

57 And if it appear still in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it is a spreading plague: thou shalt burn that wherein the plague is with fire.

58 And the garment, whether warp, or woof, or whatsoever thing of skin it be, which thou shalt wash, if the plague be departed from them, then it shall be washed the second time, and shall be clean.

59 This is the law of the plague of leprosy in a garment of woollen or linen, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

CHAP. XIV.

Rites and sacrifices in cleansing the leper.

3 And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and behold, if the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper:

4 Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two living birds, or alive and clean, and a cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop:

5 And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water:

6 As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water:

7 And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field.

8 And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven days.

9 But it shall be on the seventh day, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off: and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean.

10 And on the eighth day he shall take two he lambs without blemish, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish, and three tenth deals of fine flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, and one log of oil.

11 And the priest that maketh him clean shall present the man that is to be made clean, and those things, before the Lord, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

12 And the priest shall take one he lamb, and offer him for a trespass offering, and the log of oil, and wave them for a wave offering before the Lord:

13 And he shall slay the lamb in the place where he shall kill the sin offering and the burnt offering, in the holy place: for as the sin offering is the priest's, so is the trespass offering: it is most holy:

14 And the priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot:

15 And the priest shall take some of the
Rites and sacrifices in cleansing the leper. LEVITICUS.

The signs of leprosy in a house.

16 And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the Lord:

17 And of the rest of the oil that is in his hand shall the priest put upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass offering:

18 And the remnant of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall pour upon the head of him that is to be cleansed: and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the Lord.

19 And the priest shall offer the sin offering, and make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed from his uncleanliness; and afterward shall kill the burnt offering:

20 And the priest shall offer the burnt offering and the meat offering upon the altar: and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

21 And if he be poor, and cannot get so much; then shall he take one lamb for a trespass offering to be waved, to make an atonement for him, and one tenth deal of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering, and a log of oil;

22 And two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to get; and the one shall be a sin offering, and the other a burnt offering.

23 And he shall bring them on the eighth day for his cleansing unto the priest, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the Lord.

24 And the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the Lord:

25 And he shall kill the lamb of the trespass offering, and the priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass offering, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot:

26 And the priest shall pour of the oil into the palm of his own left hand:

27 And the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before the Lord:

28 And the priest shall put of the oil that is in his hand upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass offering:

29 And the rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put upon the head of him that is to be cleansed, to make an atonement for him before the Lord.

30 And he shall offer the one of the turtle doves, or of the young pigeons, such as he can get:

31 Even such as he is able to get, the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, with the meat offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed before the Lord.

32 This is the law of him in whom is the plague of leprosy, whole hand is not able to get that which pertaineth to his cleaning.

33 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

34 When ye be come into the land of Canaan, which I give unto you for a possession, and I put the plague of leprosy in a house of the land of your possession;

35 And he that owneth the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, It seemeth to me there is as it were a plague in the house:

36 Then the priest shall command that they empty the house, before the priest go into it to see the plague, that all that is in the house be not made unclean: and afterward the priest shall go in to see the house:

37 And he shall look on the plague, and behold, if the plague be in the walls of the house with hollow strakes, greenish or reddish, which in fight are lower than the wall;

38 Then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days:

39 And the priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look: and behold, if the plague be spread in the walls of the house;

40 Then the priest shall command that they take away the stones in which the plague is, and they shall cast them into an unclean place without the city:

41 And he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the dust that they scrape off without the city into an unclean place:

42 And they shall take other stones, and put them in the place of those stones; and he shall take other mortar, and shall plaintiff the house.

43 And if the plague come again,
The rite of cleansing the house.

Before CHRIST

break out in the house, after that he hath taken away the stones, and after he hath scraped the house, and after it is cleansed,

44 Then the priest shall come and look, and behold, if the plague be spread in the house, it is a fretting leprosy in the house: it is unclean.

45 And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the morter of the house; and he shall carry them forth out of the city into an unclean place.

46 Moreover he that goeth into the house all the while that it is shut up shall be unclean until the even.

47 And he that lieth in the house shall wash his clothes; and he that eateth in the house shall wash his clothes.

48 ¶ And if the priest come in, and look upon it, and behold, the plague hath not spread in the house, after the house was cleansed; then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed.

49 And he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop:

50 And he shall kill the one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water:

51 And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times:

52 And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet,

53 But he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open fields, and make an atonement for the house: and it shall be clean.

54 This is the law for all manner of plague of leprosy, and scall.

55 And for the leprosy of a garment, and of a house,

56 And for a raising, and for a scab, and for a bright spot:

57 To teach when it is unclean, and when it is clean: this is the law of leprosy.

CHAP. XV.

The uncleanness of men in their issues.

1 The uncleanness of men in their issues, and their cleansing.

19 The uncleanness of women in their issues, and their cleansing.

AND the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When any man hath a running issue out of his flesh, because of his issue he is unclean.

3 And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether his issue run with his issue, or his flesh be stopped from his issue, it is his uncleanness.

4 Every bed, whereon he lieth that hath the issue, is unclean: and every thing that he fitteth shall be unclean.

5 And whatsoever toucheth his bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

6 And he that fitteth on any thing whereon he sat that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

7 And he that toucheth the flesh of him that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

8 And if he that hath the issue spit upon him that is clean; then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

9 And what saddle likewise he rideth upon that hath the issue shall be unclean.

10 And whatsoever toucheth any thing that was under him shall be unclean until the even: and he that beareth any of those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

11 And whomsoever he toucheth that hath the issue, and hath not rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

12 And the vessel of earth, that he toucheth which hath the issue, shall be broken: and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.

13 And when he that hath an issue is cleansed of his issue; then shall number to him seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean.

14 And on the eighth day he shall take to him two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, and come before the Lord unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and give them unto the priest:

15 And the priest shall offer them, the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the Lord for his issue.

16 And if any man's seed of copulation go out from him, then he shall wash all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the even.
The uncleanness of women in their issues. Leviticus. The high priest's entering the holy place.

17 And every garment, and every skin, wherein is the seed of copulation, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the seventh day.

18 The woman also with whom man shall lie with seed of copulation, they shall bathe themselves in water, and be unclean until the even.

19 And if a woman have an issue, and her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall put apart seven days: and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even.

20 And every thing that the lieth upon her separation shall be unclean: every thing also that the fitteth upon shall be unclean.

21 And whosoever toucheth her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

22 And whosoever toucheth any thing that the fat upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

23 And if it be on her bed, or on any thing whereon the fitteth, when he toucheth it, he shall be unclean until the even.

24 And if any man lie with her at all, and her issues be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and all the bed whereon he lieth shall be unclean.

25 And if a woman have an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of her separation: all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation: she shall be unclean.

26 Every bed wherein she lieth all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her separation: and whatsoever she fitteth upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation.

27 And whosoever toucheth those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

28 But if she be cleansed of her issue, then the shall number to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean.

29 And on the eighth day she shall take unto her two turtles, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

30 And the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for her before the Lord for the issue of her uncleanness.

31 Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness; that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that is among them.

32 This is the law of him that hath an issue, and of him whose seed goeth forth from him, and is defiled therewith;

33 And of her that is sick of her flowers, and of him that hath an issue, of the man, and of the woman, and of him that lieth with her that is unclean.

CHAP. XVI.

1 And the Lord spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the Lord, and died;

2 And the Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark: for that die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.

3 Thus shall Aaron come into the holy place: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.

4 He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle; and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these are holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on.

5 And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.

6 And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house.

7 And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats: one lot for the Lord, and the other lot for the scapegoat.

9 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the Lord's lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering.

10 But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.

11 And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill...
The sin offering for himself, and for the people. CHAP. XVI.

Before CHRIST 

1490.

12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the Lord, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the vail:

13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not:

14 And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 ¶ Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:

16 And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins; and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleannesses.

17 ¶ And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.

18 And he shall go out unto the altar that is before the Lord, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about.

19 And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and shall hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

20 ¶ And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy place, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat:

21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness:

22 And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited; and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

23 And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there:

24 And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people.

25 And the fat of the sin offering shall he burn upon the altar.

26 And he that let go the goat for the scapegoat shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

27 ¶ And the bullock for the sin offering, and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall one carry forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung.

28 And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

29 ¶ And this shall be a statute for ever unto you: that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you:

30 For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the Lord.

31 It shall be a Sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute for ever.

32 ¶ And the priest, whom he shall appoint, and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen clothes, even the holy garments:

33 And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation.

34 And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins. 

Before CHRIST 

1490.
The blood of beasts must be offered to the Lord. LEVITICUS.

12 Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.

13 And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.

14 For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof; whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

15 ¶ And every soul that eateth that which died of itself, or which was torn with beasts, whether it be one of thy own country, or a stranger, he shall both wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even: then shall he be clean.

16 But if he wash them not, nor bathe his flesh; then he shall bear his iniquity.
Unlawful lusts.

CHAP. XIX.

A repetition of sundry laws.

Before CHRI S

10 The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for their is thine own nakedness.

11 The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, the is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

12 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she is thy father's near kinswoman.

13 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter's sister: for she is thy mother's near kinswoman.

14 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt.

15 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's daughter by law: she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

16 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it is thy brother's nakedness.

17 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; for they are her near kinswomen: it is wickedness.

18 Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex her, to uncover her nakedness.

19 Alfo thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanliness.

20 Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her.

21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord.

22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

23 Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion.

24 Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you:

25 And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself shall vomit out her inhabitants.

26 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of these abominations.

27 For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled:

28 That it may not be houneh among you, when ye defile it, as it spewed out the nations that were before you.

29 For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people.

30 Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinances, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am the Lord your God.

AND the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy.

3 Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God.

4 Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the Lord your God.

5 And if ye offer a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the Lord, ye shall offer it at your own will.

6 It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire.

7 And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it is abominable; it shall not be accepted.

8 Therefore every one that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the Lord: and that foul shall be cut off from among his people.

9 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.

10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the Lord your God.

11 Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

12 And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither bear false witness against thy neighbour, to profane thy name.

13 Thou shalt not hate thy neighbour in thine heart: thou shalt strive to shew thyself kind, and to take no revenge:

14 I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

15 And shewing kindness to thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

16 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister, for she is a corner of thy flesh; she is thy father's near kin.

17 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's daughter by law, she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

18 Alfo thou shalt not approach to a woman in the time of her uncleanness.

19 Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her.

20 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord.

21 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

22 Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion.

23 Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you:

24 And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself shall vomit out her inhabitants.

25 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of these abominations.

26 For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled:

27 That it may not be houneh among you, when ye defile it, as it spewed out the nations that were before you.

28 For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people.

29 Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinances, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am the Lord your God.

30 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

31 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy.

32 Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God.

33 Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the Lord your God.

34 And if ye offer a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the Lord, ye shall offer it at your own will.

35 It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire.

36 And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it is abominable; it shall not be accepted.

37 Therefore every one that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the Lord: and that foul shall be cut off from among his people.

38 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.

39 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the Lord your God.

40 Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

41 And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither bear false witness against thy neighbour, to profane thy name.

42 Thou shalt not hate thy neighbour in thine heart: thou shalt strive to shew thyself kind, and to take no revenge:

43 I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

44 And shewing kindness to thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

45 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister, for she is a corner of thy flesh; she is thy father's near kin.

46 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's daughter by law, she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

47 Alfo thou shalt not approach to a woman in the time of her uncleanness.

48 Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her.

49 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord.

50 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

51 Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion.

52 Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you:

53 And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself shall vomit out her inhabitants.

54 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of these abominations.

55 For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled:

56 That it may not be houneh among you, when ye defile it, as it spewed out the nations that were before you.

57 For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people.

58 Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinances, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am the Lord your God.
A repetition

LEVITICUS.

25 And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: I am the LORD your God.

26 Ye shall not eat any thing with the blood: neither shall ye use enchantment, nor observe times.

27 Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shall thou mar the corners of thy beard.

28 Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD.

29 Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.

30 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD.

31 Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.

32 Thou shalt rife up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and "fear thy God: I am the LORD.

33 And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him.

34 But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

35 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure.

36 Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.

37 Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: I am the LORD.

CHAP. XX.

2 Of him that giveth of his seed to Molech.

4 Of him that favoureth fowls on one. 6 Of going to wizards. 7 Of sanitation. 9 Of him that curseth his parents. 10 Of adultery. 11, 14, 17, 19 Of incest. 13 Of for- domy. 15 Of beastliness. 18 Of uncleanness.

22 Obedience is required with holiness. 27 Wizards must be put to death.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

1 Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever be he of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that

CHAP. XXI.

and ordinances.

fojourn in Israel, that giveth any of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones.

3 And I will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name.

4 And if the people of the land do any ways hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth of his seed unto Molech, and kill him not:

5 Then will I set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that go a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people.

6 And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.

7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God.

8 And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the Lord which sanctify you.

9 For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall surely be put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him.

10 And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

11 And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

12 And if a man lie with his daughter in law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood shall be upon them.

13 If a man lie with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

14 And if a man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you.

15 And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast.

16 And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Of the priest's mourning. 6 Of their belonings.

7 Of their marriages. 9 Of a priest's daughter convicted of playing the harlot. 10 Of
The priests' mourning, and holiness.

LEVITICUS. Priests that have blemishes must not minister.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto the priests the sons of Aaron, and say unto them, There shall none be defiled for the dead among his people:

2 But for his kin, that is near unto him, that is, for his mother, and for his father, and for his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother,

3 And for his sister a virgin, that is nigh unto him, which hath had no husband; for she may he defiled.

4 But if he shall not defile himself, being a chief man among his people, to proflane himself,

5 They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh.

6 They shall be holy unto their God, and shall profane the name of their God: for the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and the bread of their God, they do offer: therefore they shall be holy.

7 They shall not take a wife that is a whore, or profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband:

8 Thou shalt sanctify him therefore; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee: for I the Lord, which sanctify you, am holy.

9 And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, the profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire.

10 And he that is the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes:

11 Neither shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother:

12 Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the Lord.

13 And he shall take a wife in her virginity.

14 A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife.

15 Neither shall he profane his seed among his people: for I the Lord do sanctify him.

16 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

17 Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever be of thy seed in their generations that hath any blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God.

18 For whatsoever man be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach; a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or any thing superfluous,

19 Or a man that is brokenfooted, or brokenhand.

20 Or crookback, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or f cabbed, or hath his stones broken;

21 No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God.

22 He shall eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy, and of the holy.

23 Only he shall not go in unto the vail, nor come nigh unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries: for I the Lord do sanctify them.

24 And Moses told it unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel.
Who may eat of the holy things.

The sacrifices must be without blemish.

Before CHRIST

1. ch. 15: 5. Heb. 3.

CHAP. XXIII. The sacrifices must be without blemish.

Before CHRIST

2. 6. ch. 15: 5. Heb. 3.

CHAP. XXIII. The sacrifices must be without blemish.

Before CHRIST

3. 22. * Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer the like unto the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto the LORD.

23. Either a bullock or a lamb that hath any thing superfluous or lacking in his parts, that mayest thou offer for a freewill offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted.

24. Ye shall not offer unto the LORD that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut; neither shall ye make any offering thereof in your land.

25. Neither ♄ from a stranger's hand shall ye offer "the bread of your God of any there; because their corruption is in them; and blemishes be in them: they shall not be accepted for you.

26. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

27. When a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat, is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under the dam; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

28. And whether it be cow or ewe, ye shall not kill it ♄, and her young both in one day.

29. ¶ And when ye will "offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer it at your own will.

30. On the same day it shall be eaten up; ye shall leave none of it until the morrow: I am the LORD.

31. Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am the LORD.

32. ¶ Neither shall ye profane your holy name; but " I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I am the LORD which hallow you.

23. That brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD. 44.

CHAP. XXIII.

1. The feasts of the Lord. 3. The sabbath. 4. The passover. 9. The feast of firstfruits. 15. The feast of Pentecost. 22. Gleanings to be left for the poor. 23. The feast of trumpets. 26. The day of atonement. 33. The feast of tabernacles.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2. Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the Lord, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts.

3. ¶ Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an
The feasts of the Lord.

LEVITICUS.

Gleanings to be left for the poor.

Before CHRIST 1490.

4 ver. 37.
Ex. 13:14.

*Exod. 23.
6:14, 12.
† ch. 3, 10. & 23, 15. & 34, 18.
Numb. 9.
Num. 15:4.
Deut. 16.
Joth. 5:15.
† f. Jer. 15.
Rom. 11.
1 Cor. 13.
1 Tim. 1:10.
† Ex. 15, 16, 15.
Num. 25, 26.
Deut. 16.9.

Before CHRIST 1490.

Ex. 23.
6:14, 12.
Numb. 9.
Deut. 16.
Mose.
Rom. 11.
1 Cor. 15.
1 Tim. 1:10.
† Ex. 15, 16, 15.
Num. 25, 26.
Deut. 16.9.

The feasts of the Lord.

holy convocation: ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.

4, 5 These are the feasts of the Lord, holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their feasts.

6 In the fourteenth day of the first month is the Lord's passover.

6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the Lord: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

7 In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

8 But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

9 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

12 And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the Lord.

13 And the meat offering thereof shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the Lord for a sweet favour: and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of an hin.

14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the sabbath day that ye bring an offering unto your God: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven sabbaths shall be complete.

16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the Lord.

17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits of the Lord.

18 And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering unto the Lord, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet favour unto the Lord.

19 Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings.

20 And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before the Lord, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the Lord for the priest.

21 And ye shall proclaim on the sabbath day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations.

22 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the Lord your God.

23 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.

25 Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

26 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you: and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the Lord your God.

29 For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.

30 And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the soul of that man will I destroy from among his people.

31 Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

32 It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest,
The feast of tabernacles.

CHAP. XXIV.

The law of blasphemy.

And ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye + celebrate your sabbath.

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, "The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the Lord.

On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord: it is a + solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.

These are the feasts of the Lord, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, everything upon his day:

Beside the sabbaths of the Lord, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the Lord.

Alfo in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.

And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days.

And ye shall keep it a feast unto the Lord seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:

That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the Lord.

1 The oil for the lamps. 5 The shewbread. 10 Shelomith's son blasphemeth; his sentence, and the law of murder. 17 The law of blasphemy. 23 The blasphemer is homeless.

A ND the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure oil olive-beaten for the light, + to cause the lamps to burn continually.

Without the veil of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the Lord continually:

He shall order the lamps upon the pure candlestick before the Lord continually.

And thou shalt take fine flour, and make twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake.

And thou shalt set them in two rows, fix on a row, upon the pure table before the Lord.

And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon each row, that it may be on the bread, for a memorial, even an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

Every sabbath ye shall set it in order before the Lord continually, being taken from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant.

And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'; and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of the Lord made by fire for a perpetual statute.

And the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel: and this son of the Israelitish woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp;

And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name of the Lord, and cursed. And they brought him unto Moses: (and his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan:)

And they put him in ward, that the mind of the Lord might be tried upon them.

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him.

And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin.

And he that blasphemeth the name of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the Lord, shall be put to death.
The sabbath of the seventh year.

And the Lord spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying,

Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land rest a sabbath unto the Lord: six years shall ye sowe your ground, and gather in your harvest; and six years shall ye let the land rest; and gather not in its fruits: and the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land: for the sabbath of the land; that the land may rest, and that it may be freed of yours.

And in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land; for the Lord shall bless the land: the increase thereof shall be meat for you: for the third year ye shall sow, and ye shall reap; and the second year ye shall sow, and ye shall reap; but the third year ye shall let it rest, and give no harvest; but the land shall rest, and a sabbath unto the land.

And in the seventh year, when ye let the land rest, and give no harvest thereof; then shall ye observe an ordinance unto the Lord, that ye eat no bread thereof.

But in the seventh year, in the sabbath year, ye shall offer for no corn any thing that groweth of itself in the land. Ye shall eat of the fruit of the year preceding and the fruit of the year following; but the land shall rest.

And when ye shall reap, or when ye shall gather, ye shall not reap the corners of your furrow, neither shall ye gather the stubble out of your vineyards.

The Lord shall be husbandman of the land; ye shall not work much, but ye shall rest, and let it alone; and it shall bring in the increase of the land, and ye shall eat and be satisfied.

The sabbath of the seventh year.

And the Lord spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying,

Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land rest a sabbath unto the Lord: six years shall ye sowe your ground, and gather in your harvest; and six years shall ye let the land rest; and gather not in its fruits: and the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land:

That which groweth of its own accord of the harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine unpress'd: for it is a year of rest unto the land.

And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee,

And for thy cattle, and for the beast that are in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat.

And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years.

The year of jubilee.

And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

A jubile that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine unpress'd.

For it is the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field.

In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession.

And if thou shalt have bought a house of any of thy brethren, or of the stranger that is with thee, which is in the land of Israel, and sold it again; thou shalt not oppress thy brethren.

According to the number of years after the jubile thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, and according unto the number of the years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee.

According to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt diminish the price of it: for according to the number of the years of the fruits doth he sell unto thee.

Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the Lord your God.

Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.

And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety.

And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not eat, neither have meat to come in.

Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.

And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year; until all your fruits come in ye eat of the old store.

The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; ye are strangers and sojourners with me.

And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land.

If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then
CHAP. XXV.

The redemption of servants.

40 But as an hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, and shall serve thee unto the year of jubilee:

41 And then shall he depart from thee, both he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return.

42 For they are my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold, as bondmen.

43 Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour; but he shall fear thy God.

44 Both thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, which thou shalt have, shall be of the heathen that are round about you; of them shalt ye buy bondmen and bondmaids.

45 Moreover of the children of the strangers that sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that are with you, which they begat in your land: and they shall be your possession.

46 And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them for a possession; they shall be your bondmen for ever: but over your brethren the children of Israel, ye shall not rule one over another with rigour.

47 And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him: yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee.

36 Take thou no usury of him, or increase: but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee.

37 Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase.

38 I am the Lord your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

39 And if thy brother dwelleth by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bondservant:
A blessing promised to obedience.

LEVITICUS. A curse denounced against disobedience.

15 And if ye shall *despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant:

16 I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint *over you terror, consolations, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and caufe sorrow of heart: and ye shall bow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

17 And *I will let my face be against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies; they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none purfeth you.

18 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

19 And I will *break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:

20 And your *strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

21 And if ye walk *contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.

22 *I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate.

23 And ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me;

24 Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.

25 And *I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

26 *And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

27 And *if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;

28 Then I will walk contrary unto you also *in fury; and I, even I, will chaitfe you seven times for your sins.

29 *And ye shall eat the flesh of your fons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.
Mercy to the penitent.

C H A P. XXVII.

The estimation of persons vowed.

Before CHRIST:

30 And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcases upon the carcases of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you. 31 And I will make your cities waste, and I will bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the favour of your sweet odours. 32 And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonied at it. 33 And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste. 34 Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths. 35 As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it. 36 And upon them that are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the midst of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chace them, and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth. 37 And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies. 38 And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. 39 And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them. 40 That if they shall confound their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespasses which they trespassed against me, and that also that they have walked contrary unto me; 41 And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: 42 Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land. 43 The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while the lieth desolate. 44 And ye shall bring your sanctuary unto the people of the land, and shall say unto them: for I am the LORD your God.

Before CHRIST:

45 But I will remember for their sakes the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the LORD.

46 These are the statutes and judgments, which the LORD made between him and the Children of Israel in mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

C H A P. XXVII.

1 He that maketh a singular vow must be the Lord's. 2 The estimation of the person; 9 of a beast given by vow; 14 of a bow; 16 of a field, and the redemption thereof. 26 No man may sanctify the Lord's firstlings. 28 No devoted thing may be redeemed. 30 The tithe is holy, and may not be changed.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them: When a man shall make a singular vow, the persons shall be for the Lord by thy estimation.

3 And thy estimation shall be of the male from twenty years old even unto fifty years old, even thy estimation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

4 And if it be a female, then thy estimation shall be thirty shekels.

5 And if it be from five years old even unto twenty years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

6 And if it be from a month old even unto five years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male five shekels of silver, and for the female thy estimation shall be three shekels of silver.

7 And if it be from sixty years old and above; if it be male, then thy estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

8 But if he be poorer than thy estimation, then shall he present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to his ability that vowed shall the priest value him.
The estimation of dedicated things.

LEVITICUS. Things devoted may not be redeemed.

9 And if it be a beast, whereinof men bring an offering unto the LORD, all that any man giveth of such unto the LORD shall be holy.

10 He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good: and if he shall at all change beast for beast, then it and the exchange thereof shall be holy.

11 And if it be any unclean beast, of which they do not offer a sacrifice unto the LORD, then he shall present the beast before the priest:

12 And the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad: as thou valuest it, so shall it be.

13 But if he will at all redeem it, then he shall add a fifth part thereof unto thy estimation.

14 And when a man shall sanctify his house to be holy unto the LORD, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it be good or bad: as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand.

15 And if he that sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be his.

16 And if a man shall sanctify unto the LORD some part of a field of his possession, then thy estimation shall be according to the seed thereof: as an homer of barley seed shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver.

17 If he sanctify his field from the year of jubilee, according to thy estimation it shall stand.

18 But if he sanctify his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall reckon unto him the money according to the years that remain, even unto the year of the jubilee; and it shall be abated from thy estimation.

19 And if he that sanctified the field will in any wise redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be abated to him.

20 And if he will not redeem the field, or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more.

21 But the field, when it goeth out in the jubilee, shall be holy unto the LORD, as a field devoted; the possession thereof shall be the priest's.

22 And if a man sanctify unto the LORD a field which he hath bought, which is not of the fields of * his possession;

23 Then the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation, even unto the year of the jubilee: and he shall give thee thine estimation in that day, as a holy thing unto the LORD.

24 In the year of the jubilee the field shall return unto him of whom it was bought, even to him to whom the possession of the land did belong.

25 And all thy estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

26 Only the firstling of the beasts, which should be the LORD's firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether it be ox, or sheepe: it is the LORD's.

27 And if it be of an unclean beast, then shall he redeem it according to thine estimation, and shall add a fifth part of it thereto: or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy estimation.

28 Notwithstanding no devoted thing, that a man shall devote unto the LORD of all that he hath; both of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed: every devoted thing is most holy unto the LORD.

29 None devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed; but shall surely be put to death.

30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's: it is holy unto the LORD.

31 And if a man will at all redeem * ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof.

32 And concerning the tithes of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever pasheth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.

33 He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

34 These are the commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel in mount Sinai.
The Fourth Book of Moses, called Numbers.

CHAP. I.

1 God commanded Moses to number the people.

5 The princes of the tribes. 17 The numbering of the people. 20, 22, 25, The number of each tribe. 44 The sum total. 47 The Levites are excepted for the service of the tabernacle.

And the Lord spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying:

2 'Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male by their polls;

3 From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by your armies.

4 And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one head of the house of his fathers.

5 'And these are the names of the men that stand before you: of the tribe of Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur.

6 Of Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurifaddai.

7 Of Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

8 Of Issachar, Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

9 Of Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon.

10 Of the children of Joseph: of Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

11 Of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni.

12 Of Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammihaddai.

13 Of Asher, Pagiel the son of Ocran.

14 Of Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

15 Of Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan.

16 These were the heads of the tribes of their fathers, heads of thousands in Israel.

17 And Moses and Aaron took these men which are expressed by their names:

18 And they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month, and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls.

19 As the Lord commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

20 And the children of Reuben, Israel's eldest son, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

21 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Reuben, were forty and six thousand and five hundred.

22 Of the children of Simeon, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, those that were numbered of them, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

23 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Simeon, were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

24 Of the children of Gad, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

25 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Gad, were forty and five thousand six hundred and fifty.

26 Of the children ofJudah, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

27 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Judah, were three thousand and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

28 Of the children of Issachar, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

29 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Issachar, were fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

30 Of the children of Zebulun, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

31 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Zebulun, were fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.
The number of men of war in each tribe. **Numbers**. The Levites not numbered with the rest.

32. Of the children of Joseph, namely, of the children of Ephraim, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

33. Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Ephraim, were forty thousand and five hundred.

34. Of the children of Manasseh, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

35. Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Manasseh, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

36. Of the children of Benjamin, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

37. Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Benjamin, were thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

38. Of the children of Dan, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

39. Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Dan, were three thousand and two hundred and seventy.

40. Of the children of Asher, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

41. Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Asher, were forty and one thousand and five hundred.

42. Of the children of Naphtali, throughout their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

43. Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Naphtali, were fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

... the number of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel.

46. Even all they that were numbered were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

47. But the Levites after the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them.

48. For the Lord had spoken unto Moses, saying,

49. *Only thou shalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the children of Israel:

50. *But thou shalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that belong to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle,

51. And when the tabernacle is set forward, the Levites shall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

52. And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their huts.

53. But the Levites shall pitch round about the tabernacle of testimony, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel: and the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of testimony.

54. And the children of Israel did according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so did they.

Chap. II.

1. The order of the tribes in their tents and in their marches.

2. Every man of the children of Israel, shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house:

3. And on the east side toward the rising of the sun they shall be the standard of the camp of Judah, pitched throughout their armies: and Nahum the son of Hezron, according to the number of the Levites of the house of Asher, were thirty and seven thousand and five hundred and thirty.
The order of the tribes

CHAP. II. in their tents and in their marches.

numbered of them, were forty thousand and five hundred.

20 And by him shall be the tribe of Manasseh: and the captain of the children of Manasseh shall be Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

21 And his hoft, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

22 Then the tribe of Benjamin: and the captain of the sons of Benjamin shall be Abidan the son of Gideoni.

23 And his hoft, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

24 All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim were an hundred thousand and eight thousand and an hundred, throughout their armies. And they shall go forward in the third rank.

25 The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son of Ammihud.

26 And his hoft, and those that were numbered of them, were threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.

27 And those that encamp by him shall be the tribe of Asher: and the captain of the children of Asher shall be Pagiel the son of Ocran.

28 And his hoft, and those that were numbered of them, were forty and one thousand and five hundred.

29 Then the tribe of Naphtali: and the captain of the children of Naphtali shall be Ahira the son of Enan.

30 And his hoft, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

31 All they that were numbered in the camp of Dan were an hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred. They shall go hindmost with their standards.

32 These are those which were numbered of the children of Israel by the house of their fathers: all those that were numbered of them, were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty, throughout their armies.

17 Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall forward with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their standards.

18 On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of Ephraim shall be Elihu the son of Ammihud.

19 And his hoft, and those that were numbered of them, were forty thousand and five hundred.
The Levites taken instead of the firstborn. NUMBERS. The Levites numbered by their families.

Before CHRIST

CHAP. III.

1 The sons of Aaron. 5 The Levites are given to the priests for the service of the tabernacle, instead of the firstborn. 14 The Levites are numbered by their families. 21 The families, number, and charge of the Gershonites. 27, of the Kohathites, 33 of the Merarites. 38 The place and charge of Moses and Aaron. 40 The firstborn are freed by the Levites. 44 The overplus are redeemed.

These also are the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that the Lord spake with Moses in the wilderness of Sinai.

2 And these are the names of the sons of Aaron; Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests which were anointed, whose name was consecrated to minister in the priest’s office.

4 And Nadab and Abihu died before the Lord, when they offered strange fire before the Lord, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest’s office in the place of Aaron their father.

5 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him.

7 And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle.

8 And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle.

9 And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons: they are wholly given unto him out of the children of Israel.

10 And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall wait on their priest’s office: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

11 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

12 And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel; therefore the Levites shall be mine;

13 Because all the firstborn are mine;

14 And the Lord spake unto Moses before CHRIST

15 Number the children of Levi after the house of their fathers, by their families: every male from a month old and upward shalt thou number them.

16 And Moses numbered them according to the word of the Lord, as he was commanded.

17 And these were the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari.

18 And these are the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni, and Shimei.

19 And the sons of Kohath by their families: Amram, and Izehar, Hebron, and Uzza.

20 And the sons of Merari by their families: Mahli, and Mushli. These are the families of the Levites according to the house of their fathers.

21 Of Gershon was the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimei: these are the families of the Gershonites.

22 These that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, even those that were numbered of them were seven thousand and five hundred.

23 The families of the Gershonites shall pitch behind the tabernacle westward.

24 And the chief of the house of the father of the Gershonites shall be Eliasaph the son of Lael.

25 And the charge of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation shall be the tabernacle, and the tent which covereth thereof, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

26 And the hangings of the court, and the curtain for the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle, and by the altar round about, and the cords of it for all the service thereof.

27 Of Kohath was the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izeharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites: these are the families of the Kohathites.

28 In the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary.

29 The families of the sons of Kohath shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle southward.

30 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of the Kohathites shall be Elizaphan the son of Uzza.
And their charge shall be the ark, and the table, and the candlestick, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary wherewith they minister, and the hanging, and all the service thereof.

And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest shall be chief over the chief of the Levites, and have the oversight of them that keep the charge of the sanctuary.

Of Merari was the family of the Mablites, and the family of the Mumhites: these are the families of Merari.

And those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were six thousand and two hundred.

And the chief of the house of the father of the families of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail: these shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward.

But those that encamp before the tabernacle toward the east, even before the tabernacle of the congregation eastward, shall be Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the children of Israel; and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

All that were numbered of the Levites, which Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the Lord, throughout their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were twenty and two thousand.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Number all the firstborn of the males of the children of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names.

And thou shalt take the Levites for me (I am the Lord) instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the children of Israel.

And Moses numbered, as the Lord commanded him, all the firstborn among the children of Israel.

And all the firstborn males by the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty and two thousand two hundred and threescore and thirteen.

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle; and the Levites shall be mine: I am the Lord.

And for those that are to be redeemed of the two hundred and three score and thirteen of the firstborn of the children of Israel, which are more than the Levites;

Thou shalt even take five shekels apiece by the poll, after the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take them: (the shekel is twenty gerahs.)

And thou shalt give the money, wherein with the odd number of them is to be redeemed, unto Aaron and to his sons.

And Moses took the redemption money of them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levites:

Of the firstborn of the children of Israel took he the money; a thousand three hundred and thirteen, and five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary:

And Moses gave the money of them that were redeemed unto Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moses.

CHAP. IV.

The age and time of service of the Kohathites.

They are appointed to bear the sanctuary and its vessels, after that the priests have taken down and covered them. The care of the priests required in covering the holy things. The age, time of service, and burden, of the Gershonites, and of the Merarites. The number of the Kohathites, the Gershonites, and the Merarites.

And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, after their families, by the house of their fathers,

From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter into the hof, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

This shall be the service of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation, about the most holy things:

And when the camp setteth forward, Aaron shall come, and his sons, and they shall take down the covering vail, and cover the ark of testimony with it:

And shall put thereon the covering of...
The charge of Eleazar.

**NUMBERS. The service of the Gershonites and Merarites.**

10 But thus do unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden: 20 But they shall not go in to see when the holy things are covered, lest they die. 21 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 22 Take also the sum of the sons of Gershon, throughout the houses of their fathers, by their families; 23 "From thirty years old and upward until fifty years old shalt thou number them; all that enter in to perform the service, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation. 24 This is the service of the families of the Gershonites, to serve, and for their burdens: Or, carriage. 25 And "they shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, his covering, and the covering of the badgers' skins that is above upon it, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 26 And the hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of the gate of the court, which is by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and all that is made for them: so shall they serve. 27 At the appointment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their burdens, and in all their service: and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all their burdens. 28 This is the service of the families of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation: and their charge shall be under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. 29 ¶ As for the sons of Merari, thou shalt number them after their families, by the house of their fathers; 30 "From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation. 31 And "this is the charge of their burden, according to all their service 37 in the tabernacle of the congregation; * the boards of the tabernacle, and the sockets thereof, and the pillars thereof, 32 And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and by name ye
The number of the Levites.

Before Christ 1490.
1. Exodus 38.

CHAP. V.

The unclean removed out of the camp.

Before Christ 1490.
47 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that came to do the service of the ministry, and the service of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation,
48 Even those that were numbered of them, were eight thousand and five hundred and four score.
49 According to the commandment of the Lord they were numbered by the hand of Moses, every one according to his service, and according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, as the Lord commanded Moses.

CHAP. V.

The unclean to be removed out of the camp.

1 The unclean to be removed out of the camp.
2 Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whatsoever is defiled by the dead:
3 Both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp (shall ye put them) that they defile not their camps, in the midst whereof I dwell.
4 And the children of Israel did so, and put them out without the camp: as the Lord spake unto Moses, so did the children of Israel.

The trial of jealousy.

5 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,
6 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying: When a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the Lord, and that person be guilty;
7 Then they shall confess their sin which they have done: and he shall recompense his trespass unto the principal thereof, and add unto it the fifth part thereof, and give it unto him against whom he hath trespassed.
8 But if the man have no kinsman to recompense the trespass unto, let the trespass be recompensed unto the Lord, even to the priest; beside the ram of the atonement, whereby an atonement shall be made for him.
9 And every offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring unto the priest, shall be his.
10 And every man's hallowed things shall be his: whatsoever any man giveth the priest, it shall be his.
11 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,
12 Speak unto the children of Israel, and
The trial of jealousy.

Before CHRIST
1490.
1 Lev. 18.
20.

say unto them, If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him,
15 And a man's lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and there be no witness against her, neither she be taken with the manner;
14 And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled:
15 Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth part of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon: for it is an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.
16 And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD:
17 And the priest shall take hallowed water in a earthen vessel; and of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put it into the water:
18 And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and uncover the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which is the jealousy offering: and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curfe:
19 And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness; 
20 But if thou hast gone aside to another instead of thy husband, be thou free from this bitter water that causeth the curfe:
21 Then the priest shall charge the woman with oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee a curfe and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy thigh to wither, and thy belly to swell;
22 And this water that causeth the curfe shall go into thy bowels, to make thy belly to swell, and thy thigh to rot: 
And the woman shall say, Amen, amen.
23 And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot them out with the bitter water: 
24 And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causeth the curfe: and the water that causeth the curfe shall enter into her, and become bitter.
25 Then shall the priest take the jealousy offering out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the offering before the LORD, and offer it upon the altar:
26 And the priest shall take an handful of the offering, even the memorial thereof, and burn it upon the altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the water.
27 And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, that, if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curfe shall enter into her, and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curfe among her people.
28 And if the woman be not defiled, but clean, then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed.
29 This is the law of jealousies, when a woman goeth aside to another instead of her husband, and is defiled;
30 Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law.
31 Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.

The law of the Nazarite in the days of his separation.

1 The law of the Nazarite in the days of his separation, 13 and after the completion of that days. 22 The form of blessing the people.

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall separate themselves to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate themselves unto the LORD:
3 He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried.
4 All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine tree from the kernels even to the husk.
5 All the days of the vow of his separation shall he be holy, and shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.
6 All the days that he separateth himself unto the LORD he shall come at no dead body.
7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: because the consecration of his God is upon his head.
The law of the Nazarite.

8 All the days of his separation he is holy unto the LORD.
9 And if any man die very suddenly by his confession; then shall he shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it.
10 And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:
11 And the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, and make an atonement for him, for that he sinneth by the dead, and shall hallow his head that same day.
12 And he shall confecone unto the LORD the days of his separation, and shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt offering:
13 And this is the law of the Nazarite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:
14 And he shall offer his offering unto the LORD, one lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for a peace offering,
15 And a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, and their meat offerings, and their drink offerings,
16 And the priest shall bring them before the LORD, and shall offer his sin offering, and his burnt offering:
17 And he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also his meat offering, and his drink offering.
18 And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put it in the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace offerings.
19 And the priest shall take the fatted shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them upon the hands of the Nazarite, after the hair of his separation is shaven:
20 And the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD: this is holy for the priest, with the wave bread and heave shoulder: and after that the Nazarite may drink wine.
21 This is the law of the Nazarite who hath vowed, and of his offering unto the LORD for his separation, beside that which he vowed, after he hath vowed.
22 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses,
23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons,
24 The LORD blest thee, and keep thee:
25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee,
26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.
27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

The form of blessing the people.

1 The offering of the princes at the dedication of the tabernacle, which is disposed of among the Levites. 10, 12, &c. The offerings of the prince suverently at the dedication of the altar. 9 And Moses made a feast to the LORD from the mercy seat.

And it came to pass on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them;

2 That the princes of Israel, heads of the house of their fathers, who were the princes of the tribes, and were over them that were numbered, offered:

3 And they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered waggons, and twelve oxen; a waggon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they brought them before the tabernacle.

4 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses,
5 Take it of them, that they may be to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man according to his service.
6 And Moses took the waggons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites.
7 Two waggons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of Gershon, according to their service:
8 And four waggons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Merari, according unto their service, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.
9 But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none: because the service of the sanctuary...
The offering of the princes

Belonging unto them was that they should bear upon their shoulders.

10 ¶ And the princes offered for dedicating of the altar in the day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their offering before the altar.

11 And the Lord said unto Moses, They shall offer their offering, each prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar.

12 ¶ And he that offered his offering the first day was Nahash the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah:

13 And his offering was one silver charger, the weight thereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, all of them were full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

14 One spoon of ten shekels of gold, full of incense:

15 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

16 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

17 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Nahash the son of Amminadab.

18 ¶ On the second day Nethaneel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, did offer:

19 He offered for his offering one silver charger, the weight thereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: both of them were full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

20 One spoon of gold of ten shekels, full of incense:

21 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

22 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

23 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

24 ¶ On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, prince of the children of Zebulun, did offer:

25 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: both of them were full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

26 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense:

27 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

28 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

29 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

30 ¶ On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, prince of the children of Reuben, did offer:

31 His offering was one silver charger of the weight of an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: both of them were full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

32 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense:

33 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

34 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

35 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

36 ¶ On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, prince of the children of Simeon, did offer:

37 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: both of them were full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

38 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense:

39 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

40 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

41 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

42 ¶ On the sixth day Eliaphaph the son of Deuel, prince of the children of Gad, offered:

43 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: both of them were full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

44 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense:

45 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

46 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

47 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Eliaphaph the son of Deuel.

48 ¶ On the seventh day Eliahu the son of Ammudai, prince of the children of Ephraim, offered:
The offering of the princes

CHAP. VII. at the dedication of the tabernacle.

Before CHRIST 1490.

49 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the hekkel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

50 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense:

51 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

52 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

53 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Elifhama the son of Ammiuhud.

54 ¶ On the eighth day offered Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, prince of the children of Manasseh:

55 His offering was one silver charger of the weight of an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the hekkel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

56 One golden spoon of ten shekels full of incense:

57 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

58 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

59 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

60 ¶ On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideon, prince of the children of Benjamin, offered:

61 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the hekkel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

62 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense:

63 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

64 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

65 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideon.

66 ¶ On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammiuhaddai, prince of the children of Dan, offered:

67 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the hekkel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

68 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense:

69 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

70 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

71 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammiuhaddai.

72 ¶ On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ocran, prince of the children of Asher, offered:

73 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the hekkel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

74 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense:

75 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

76 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

77 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.

78 ¶ On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali, offered:

79 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the hekkel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

80 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense:

81 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

82 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

83 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

84 This was the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, by the princes of Israel: twelve chargers of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve spoons of gold:

85 Each charger of silver weighing an hundred and thirty shekels, each bowl seventy: all the silver vessels weighed two thousand and four hundred shekels, after the hekkel of the sanctuary:

86 The golden spoons were twelve, full of incense, weighing ten shekels apiece, after the hekkel of the sanctuary: all the:
NUMBERS.

The lighting of the lamps.

Before CHRIST 1490.

87 All the oxen for the burnt offering were twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first-year twelve, with their meat offering: and the kids of the goats for sin offering twelve.

88 And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace offerings were twenty and four bullocks, the rams sixty, the he goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This was the dedication of the altar, after that it was anointed.

89 ¶ And when Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation, he spake with him, then he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the mercy seat that was upon the ark of testimony, from between the cherubims: and he spake unto him.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The lighting of the lamps. 5 The consecration of the Levites. 23 Their age and time of service.

AND the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him, When thou lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light over against the candlestick.

3 And Aaron did so; he lighted the lamps thereof over against the candlestick, as the Lord commanded Moses.

4 ¶ And this work of the candlestick was of beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, was beaten work: according unto the pattern which the Lord had shewed Moses, so he made the candlestick.

5 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them.

7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of purifying upon them, and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean.

8 Then let them take a young bullock with his meat offering, even fine flour mingled with oil, and another young bullock shalt thou take for a sin offering.

9 Again shalt thou bring the Levites before the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt gather the whole assembly of the children of Israel together:

10 And thou shalt bring the Levites before the Lord: and the children of Israel shall put their hands upon the Levites:

11 And Aaron shall offer the Levites before the Lord for an offering of the children of Israel, that they may execute the service of the Lord.

12 And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: and thou shalt offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, unto the Lord, to make an atonement for the Levites.

13 And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them for an offering unto the Lord.

14 Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel: and the Levites shall be mine.

15 And after that shall the Levites go in to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them for an offering.

16 For they are wholly given unto me from among the children of Israel; in stead of such as open every womb, even instead of the firstborn of all the children of Israel, have I taken them unto me.

17 ¶ For all the firstborn of the children of Israel are mine, both man and beast: on the day that I smote every firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for myself.

18 And I have taken the Levites for all the firstborn of the children of Israel.

19 And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron, and to his sons among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel: that there be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come nigh unto the sanctuary.

20 And Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel, did to the Levites according unto all that the Lord commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did the children of Israel unto them.

21 ¶ And the Levites were purified, and washed their clothes: and Aaron and his sons offered them as an offering before the Lord; and Aaron made an atonement for them to cleanse them.

22 ¶ And after that went the Levites in to do their service in the tabernacle of the congregation before Aaron, and before his sons: as the Lord had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.

23 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

24 This is it that belongeth unto the Levites: From twenty and five years old and before.
The Passover is commanded again.

CHAP. IX. The cloud guideth the Israelites' removals, &c.

Before CHRIST 1490.

Before CHRIST 1490.

The case of some that were unclean.

A second passover is allowed for such, and for the absent at the first.

The cloud guideth the removals and encampments of the Israelites.

A and the Lord spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

And the children of Israel abode in the wilderness of Sinai, according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel.

And there were certain men, who were defiled by the dead body of a man, that they could not keep the passover on that day.

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,
The use of the silver trumpets.

CHAP. X.

1 The use of the silver trumpets. 11 The Israelites remove from Sinai to Paran. 14, 18, 22, 25 The order of their march. 29 Hobab is interdicted by Moses not to leave them. 33 The blessing of Moses at the removing and veiling of the ark.

AND the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the Calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.

3 And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And if they blow but with one trumpet, then the princes, which are heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee.

5 When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east sides shall go forward.

6 When ye blow an alarm in the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys.

7 But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not found an alarm.

8 And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations.

9 And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the Lord your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

10 Alfo in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings, that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I am the Lord your God.

11 ¶ And it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony.

12 And the children of Israel took their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran.

13 And they first took their journey according to the commandment of the Lord, by the hand of Moses.

14 ¶ In the first place went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies: and over his hopt was Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

15 And over the hopt of the tribe of the children of Issacar was Nethanel the son of Zuar.

16 And over the hopt of the tribe of the children of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon.

17 And the tabernacle was taken down; and the gers of Gershon and the gers of Merari set forward, bearing the tabernacle.

18 ¶ And the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their armies: and over his hopt was Elizur the son of Shedeur.

19 And over the hopt of the tribe of the children of Simeon was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

20 And over the hopt of the tribe of the children of Gad was Eliaphib the son of Deuel.

21 And the Kohathites set forward, bearing the tabernacle: and the other did set up the tabernacle against they came.

22 ¶ And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their armies: and over his hopt was Elifam the son of Ammihud.

23 And over the hopt of the tribe of the children of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

24 And over the hopt of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideoni.

25 ¶ And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan set forward, which was Joab.

26 And over the hopt of the tribe of the children of Asher was Pagiel the son of Ocran.

27 And over the hopt of the tribe of the children of Naftali was Ahira the son of Enan.

28 Thus were the journeyings of the children of Israel according to their armies, when they set forward.
The people lust for flesh.

And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord, and the Lord heard it; and the anger of the Lord was kindled: and the fire of the Lord burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp.

And they called the name of the place Taberah: because the fire of the Lord burnt among them.

And the multitude that was with them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?

We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic: But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes.

And the manna was as coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium.

And the people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it: and the tale of it was as the tale of new oil.

9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

10 Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent; and the anger of the Lord was kindled greatly; and Moses also was displeased.

11 And Moses said unto the Lord, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant, and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?

12 Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldst say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?

13 Whence should I find flesh to give unto this great people for their weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat?

14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me.

15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

16 And the Lord said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.

17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.

18 And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves again unto morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the end of the Lord, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore the Lord will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.

19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days;

20 But even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it loatheth thee.

21 And Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month.
Quails given in wrath at Kibroth-hattaavah. NUMBERS. The sedition of Miriam and Aaron rebuked.

Before CHRIST 1490.

1 See.

2 Kings 3: 2.

3 Matt. 5: 13.

Mar. 8: 4.

John 6: 7.

6: 9.

8: 10.

& 59: 1.

1 Chr. 3: 19.

Ex. 13: 2.


a ver. 16.

b ver. 17.

ch. 12: 5.

The Lord spake unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, by the way of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

25 And the Lord came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied: and it was not done of old time.

26 But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they prophesied unto the people.

27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp.

28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbide them.

29 And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou my face? would God that all the people's mouths were opened, that they spake every man his mind.

30 And Moses gat him into the tent; and all the people went out from the ark of the congregation.

31 And there was a wind from the Lord, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits broad upon the face of the earth.

And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp.

And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord smote the people with a very great plague.

And he called the name of that place Kibroth-hattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted.

35 And the people journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah unto Hazeroth; and the Lord was angry with the people.

Chap. XII.

AND Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Egyptian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Egyptian woman.

2 And they said, Hath not the Lord indeed spoken by the hand of Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? and the Lord doth know it.

3 (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all men which were upon the face of the earth.)

4 And the Lord spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation, and they three came out.

5 And the Lord came down in a cloud upon the mount of Sinai, and abode there with Moses: and the Lord said, I have seen this people, and, behold, they are a stiff-necked people.

6 And the Lord said, I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee above all people, and will make thy name great: and thou shalt be a blessing.

7 I will be to thee a God, and will multiply thy seed to thee, that thou mayest be a numerous multitude.

8 And he said, What shall I speak to this people, if they tell me, What hath God spoken?

9 With whom will I speak, if I send thee not? and what shall I say, when I speak unto them, saying, He is holy, and his name is the Lord.

10 If they will hear the voice of my speech to them, then will I speak unto them: but if they will not hear, then will I be angry with that nation, and I will scatter them from before thy face.

11 And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I am not able to speak in the face of all this people; for I am slow of speech.

12 And the Lord came upon mount Sinai, and called Moses unto the top of the mount, and the Lord said, Thou art slow of speech.

13 And Moses said, O Lord, send, I pray thee, the angel, and I will go.

14 And the Lord said unto Moses, There is an angel of the Lord, that goeth before thee, even the angel of the Lord shall be unto thee, and he shall sit upon thy throne.

15 And the Lord said unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Moses, that he may do astonishment in the sight of Pharaoh.

16 And Aaron took his rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and behold, it was a serpent: and Pharaoh called for a magician: and he took his rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and, behold, it was turned into a serpent.

17 And Pharaoh called for the sorcerers, and they did the like before Pharaoh; for the sorcerers of Egypt did with their wands, as the sorcerer of Moses.

18 And Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, to do this miracle with his sorcerers.

19 And Pharaoh's sorcerers did the like in their evildoing: for they had been houseto of Egypt a thousand years.

20 And Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did Pharaoh do according to the multitude of his sorcerers; for their wands were turned into serpents.

21 And the sorcerers of Egypt did with their wands, and they turned them into serpents; but Moses' rod swallowed up their rods.

22 And Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he do according to all that the Lord had done in Egypt unto Pharaoh: for the Lord had hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he should deal proudly in his heart, and he might show himself mighty in his own eyes, in order to make himself exalted in Pharaoh's eyes.

23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his chamber; but his servants spake yet unto him at the door.

24 And Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he do according to all that the Lord had done in Egypt: for the Lord had hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he might deal proudly in his heart, against Israel.

25 And Pharaoh said unto Moses and Aaron, Go unto the land of Egypt, round about: but worship the gods of Pharaoh; and offer sacrifices after your manner.

26 And Moses and Aaron did as the Lord commanded; and they turned, and went out of Pharaoh's sight; and they performed the thing with which the Lord had charged them.
The names of the spies.

AND THE LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

1 And send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.

1 And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men were heads of the children of Israel.

4 And these were their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur.

5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori.

6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

7 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph.

8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea the son of Nun.

9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu.

10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi.

11 Of the tribe of Joseph, namely, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Sufi.

12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli.

13 Of the tribe of Aser, Sethur the son of Michael.

14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophni.

15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

16 These are the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun Jehoshua.

17 ¶ And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this way southward, and go up into the mountain:

18 And see the land, what it is; and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong or weak, few or many;

19 And what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds;

20 And what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the firstripe grapes.

21 ¶ So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath.

22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Abimael, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak, were. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

23 ¶ And they came unto the brook of Elchol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs.

24 The place was called the brook of Elchol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence.

25 ¶ And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.

26 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and sure it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.

28 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

29 ¶ The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

30 ¶ Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31 ¶ But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which were of the giants; and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Digitized by Google
The people murmur at the spies' report.

NUMBERS. Moses by intercession obtaineth their pardon.

CHAP. XIV.

1 The people murmur at the news. 6 Joshua and Caleb labour to pacify them. 11 God threatens them. 13 Moses intercedeth with God, and obtaineth pardon; 26 but the murmurers are excluded from entering the promised land. 36 The men who raised the evil report concerning the land die by a plague. 40 The people, that against the will of God would invade the land, are smitten by the inhabitants of it.

AND all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that day.

2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron:

as one man, they that had heard the voice of the Lord, and all that had spoken, saying,

4 And they said one to another, Let us make us a captain, and let us return into Egypt.

5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the children of Israel.

6 ¶ And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes:

7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, 8 The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land.

8 If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.

9 Only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their accursedness is departed from them, and the Lord is with us: fear them not.

10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the Lord appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.

11 ¶ And the Lord said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere ye believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them?

12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.

13 ¶ And Moses said unto the Lord, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in my sight from among them.)

14 And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou, Lord art among this people, and that thou art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

15 Now if thou shalt kill all this people, as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee shall speak, saying,

16 Because the Lord was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.

17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,

18 The Lord is a long-suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

19 ¶ Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

20 And the Lord said, I have pardoned

as thou hast spoken, saying,

21 But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.

22 ¶ Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

23 ¶ Surely they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:

24 But My servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

25 (Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley.) To morrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea.

26 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

27 How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of.
The murmurers excluded the promised land. CHAP. XV.

Before CHRIST
1490.
28 Say unto them, "As truly as I live, faith the LORd, as ye have spoken in mine ears, even so will I do unto you.
32 Your carcases shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,
30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I spake to you, dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.
31 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised.
32 But as for you, your carcases, they shall fall in this wilderness.
33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcases be wasted in the wilderness.
34 And after the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.
35 I the LORd have said, I will surely do unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.
36 ¶ And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land,
37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORd.
38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, whom were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.
39 And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly.
40 ¶ And they rose up early in the morning, and got them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we be here, and will go up unto the place which the LORd hath promised: for we have sinned.
41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORd but it shall not prosper.
42 Go not up, for the LORd is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies.
43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORd, therefore the LORd will not be with you.
44 But they presumed to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORd, and Mose, departed not out of the camp.
45 Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto Hormah.

The law of the meat offering, &c.

Before CHRIST
1490.
1 The law of the meat offering and the drink offering with the sacrifices, 14 in which the stranger is included. 17 The law of the first of the dough for an heave offering. 22 The sacrifice of the congregation for sins of ignorance. 27 The sacrifice of a private person for the same. 30 The punishment of presumption. 32 The sabbathbreaker is stoned. 37 The law of fringes.

AND the LORd spake unto Mose, saying,
1 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you,
3 And will make an offering by fire unto the LORd, a burnt offering, or a sacrifice in + performing a vow, or in a freewill offering, or in your solemn feasts, to make a sweet savour unto the LORd, of the herd, or of the flock:
4 Then shall he that offereth his offering unto the LORd bring a meat offering of a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of oil.
5 And the fourth part of an hin of wine for a drink offering shalt thou prepare with the burnt offering or sacrifice, for one lamb.
6 Or for a ram, thou shalt prepare for a meat offering two tenth deals of flour mingled with the third part of an hin of oil.
7 And for a drink offering shalt thou offer the third part of an hin of wine, for a sweet savour unto the LORd.
8 And when thou preparest a bullock, for a burnt offering, or for a sacrifice in performing a vow, or peace offerings unto the LORd:
9 Then shall he bring with a bullock a meat offering of three tenth deals of flour mingled with half an hin of oil.
10 And thou shalt bring for a drink offering half an hin of wine, for an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORd.
11 Thus shall it be done for one bullock, or for one ram, or for a lamb, or a kid.
12 According to the number that ye
The heave offering of the first of the dough. NUMBERS.

Before CHRIST

shall prepare, so shall ye do to every one according to their number.

13 All that are born of the country shall do these things after this manner, in offering an offering made by fire, of a sweet favour unto the Lord. 14 ¶ And if any stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever be among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a sweet favour unto the Lord; as ye do, so shall he do.

15 ¶ One ordinance shall be both for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth with you, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye are, so shall the stranger be before the Lord.

16 One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

17 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

18 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land whither I bring you,

19 Then it shall be, that, when ye eat of the bread of the land, ye shall offer up an heave offering unto the Lord.

20 Ye shall offer up a cake of the first of your dough for an heave offering: as ye do the heave offering of the threshing floor, so shall ye heave it.

21 Of the first of your dough ye shall give unto the Lord an heave offering in your generations.

22 ¶ And if ye have erred, and not observed all these commandments, which the Lord hath spoken unto Moses,

23 Even all that the Lord hath commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that the Lord commanded Moses, and henceforward among your generations;

24 Then it shall be, if ye be committed by ignorance: and without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bullock for a burnt offering, for a sweet favour unto the Lord, with his meat offering, and his drink offering, according to the manner, and one kid of the goats for a sin offering.

25 ¶ And the priest shall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them; for it is ignorance: and they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire unto the Lord, and their sin offering before the Lord, for their ignorance.

26 And it shall be forgiven all the congregation of the children of Israel, and the stranger that sojourneth among them; seeing all the people were in ignorance.

27 ¶ And if any soul sin through ignorance, then he shall bring a fiftieth of a goat of the first year for a sin offering.

28 ¶ And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul that sinneth ignorantly, when he sinneth by ignorance before the Lord, to make an atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him.

29 ¶ Ye shall have one law for him that sinneth through ignorance, both for him that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them.

30 ¶ But the soul that doeth ought presumptuously, whether be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

31 Because he hath despised the word of the Lord, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off, and his iniquity shall be upon him.

32 ¶ And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day.

33 And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

34 And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him.

35 And the Lord said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.

36 And all the congregation shall stone him without the camp, and stone him with stones, and he died; as the Lord commanded Moses.

37 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue:

39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:

40 That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

41 I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the Lord your God.
CHAP. XVI. The people separated from the rebels' tents.

And Moæs sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab: which said, We will not come up;

Is it a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey; to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thyself altogether a prince over us?

Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.

And Moæs was very wroth, and said unto the Lord, 'Repeæ not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them.

And Moæs said unto Korah, Be thou thou and all thy company before the Lord, thou, and they, and Aaron, to morrow: and take every man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring ye before the Lord every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also, and Aaron, each of you his censer.

And they took every man his censer, and put fire therein, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moæs and Aaron.

And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto all the congregation.

And the Lord spake unto Moæs and unto Aaron, saying,

Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.

And they fell upon their faces, and said, O Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?

And the Lord spake unto Moæs, saying,

Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

And Moæs rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him.

And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.

So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children.
28 And Moses said, "Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind.

29 If these men die, the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the LORD hath not sent me.

30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

31 ¶ And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder thereunder them:

32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertain unto Korah, and all their goods.

33 And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed.

34 And all Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Left the earth swallow us up also.

35 And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

36 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

37 Speak unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for they are hallowed; as they are hallowed.

38 The censers of these sinners against their own souls; let them make them broad plates for a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the LORD; therefore they are hallowed: and they shall be a sign unto the children of Israel.

39 And Eleazar the priest took the brazen censers, wherewith they were burnt up had offered; and they were made broad plates for a covering of the altar.

40 To be a memorial unto the children of Israel, that no stranger, which is not of the seed of Aaron, come near to offer incense before the LORD; that he be not as Korah, and as his company: as the LORD said to him by the hand of Moses.

41 ¶ But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD.

42 And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and a-gainst Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.

43 And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation.

44 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

45 Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces.

46 ¶ And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them; for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; and the plague is begun.

47 And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people.

48 And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed.

49 Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah.

50 And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed.


Chap. XVIII.

The portion of the priests.

7 And Moses laid up the rods before the Lord in the tabernacle of witness: and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.

9 And Moses brought out all the rods from before the Lord unto all the children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his rod.

10 ¶ And the Lord said unto Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt take away their murmurings from me, that they die not.

11 And Moses did so: as the Lord commanded him, so did he.

12 And the children of Israel spake unto Moses, saying, Behold, we die, we perish, we all perish.

13 ¶ Whosoever cometh any thing near unto the tabernacle of the Lord shall die: shall we be consumed with dying?

Chap. XIX.

And the Lord said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy father's house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary: and thou and thy sons with thee bear the iniquity of your priesthood.

2 And thy brethren also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou with thee, that they may be joined unto thee, and minister unto thee: but thou and thy sons with thee shall minister before the tabernacle of witness.

3 And they shall keep thy charge, and the charge of all the tabernacle: only they shall not come nigh the vessels of the sanctuary and the altar, that neither they, nor ye also, die.

4 And they shall be joined unto thee, and keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, for all the service of the tabernacle: and a stranger shall not come nigh unto you.

5 And ye shall keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the altar: that there be no wrath any more upon the children of Israel.

6 And I, behold, I have taken your brethren

Then the Levites from among the children of Israel: 'to you they are given, as a gift for the Lord, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.' 

7 Therefore thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priest's office for every thing of the altar, and within the vail; and ye shall serve: I have given you your priest's office unto you as a service of gift: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

8 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Aaron, Behold, I also have given thee the charge of mine heave offerings of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel, unto thee have I given them by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons, by an ordinance for ever.

9 This shall be thine of the most holy things, referred from the fire: every oblation of their's, every meat offering of their's, and every sin offering of their's, and every trespass offering of their's, which they shall render unto me, shall be most holy for thee and for thy sons.

10 In the most holy place shalt thou eat it; every male shall eat it: it shall be holy unto thee.

11 And this is thine: the heave offering of their gift, with all the wave offerings of the children of Israel: I have given them unto thee, and to thy sons and to thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: every one that is clean in the house shall eat of it.

12 All the firstborn of the oil, and all the firstfruits of the wine, and of the wheat, the firstfruits of them which they shall offer unto the Lord, them have I given thee.

13 And whatsoever is first ripe in the land, which they shall bring unto the Lord, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thine house shall eat of it.

14 Everything devoted in Israel shall be thine.

15 Everything that openeth the matrix in all flesh, which bringeth out the young, whether it be of men or beasts, shall be thine: nevertheless the firstborn of man shalt thou fully redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem.

16 And those that are to be redeemed from a month old shalt thou redeem, according to thine estimation, for the money of five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs.

17 But the firstling of a cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, thou shalt not redeem; they are thine.
The portion of the Levites.

upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a sweet favour unto the LORD.

18 And the flesh of them shall be thine, as the wave bread and as the right shoulder are thine. 19 All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the LORD, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever before the LORD unto thee and to thy seed with thee.

20 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.

21 ¶ And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 Neither must the children of Israel henceforth come nigh the tabernacle of the congregation, lest they bear sin, and die. 23 But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance.

24 But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have paid unto them, among the children of Israel, they have no inheritance.

25 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

26 Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the LORD, even a tenth part of the tithe.

27 And this your heave offering shall be reckoned unto you, as though it were the corn of the threshingfloor, and as the fulness of the winepress.

28 Thus ye also shall offer an heave offering of the LORD of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and ye shall give thereof the LORD's heave offering to Aaron the priest.

29 Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave offering of the LORD, of all the tenth thereof, even the hallowed part thereof out of it.

30 Therefore thou shalt say unto them,
XX. Moses bringeth water out of the rock at Meribah.

THEN came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the defect of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh, and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.

And the people chide with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD!

And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?

And wherewith have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of IT, or of hogs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink.

And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Take the rod, and assemble ye the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his waters, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?

And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice; and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

This is the water of Meribah; because the children of Israel smote the rock there, and it proceeded abundantly, and the rock was sanctified.

And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh unto the king of Edom, Thus saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the travel that hath befallen us:

How our fathers went down into Egypt; and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians vexed us, and our fathers:
Aaron's death: Eleazar succeedeth him.  Numbers. The people are plagued with fiery serpents.

16 And when we cried unto the Lord, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border:

17 Let us pass, I pray thee, through thy country: we will not pass through the fields, or through the vineyards, neither will we drink of the water of the wells: we will go by the king's high way, we will not turn to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed thy borders.

18 And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come against thee with the sword.

19 And the children of Israel said unto him, We will go by the high way: and if I and my cattle drink of thy water, then I will pay for it: I will only, without doing any thing else, go through on my feet.

20 And he said, Thou shalt not go through. And Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand.

21 Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel turned away from him.

22 ¶ And the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, journeyed from Kadesh, and came unto mount Hor.

23 And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the coast of the land of Edom, saying,

24 Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my word at the water of Meribah.

25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor:

26 And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered unto his people, and shall die there.

27 And Moses did as the Lord commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

28 ¶ And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, even all the house of Israel.

Chapter XXI.

1 Israel with some lefs destroy the Canaanites at Hormah. 4 The people murmuring are plagued with fiery serpents. 7 Repenting they are healed by a brazen serpent. 10 Sunday journeys of the Israelites, with their song on finding water.

21 Sihon is overcome, 33 and Og.

AND when king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the fourth, heard tell that Israel came by the way of the spies; then he fought against Israel, and took some of them prisoners.

2 And Israel vowed a vow unto the Lord, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.

3 And the Lord hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and he called the name of the place Hormah.

4 ¶ And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much troubled because of the way.

5 And the people spake against God, and against Moses, saying, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul logeth this light bread.

6 And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, and much people of Israel died.

7 ¶ Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

8 And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

10 ¶ And the children of Israel perverted, and pitched in Oboth.

11 And they journeyed from Oboth, and pitched at Ije-abarim, in the wilderness which is before Moab, toward the south.

12 ¶ From thence they removed, and pitched in the valley of Zared.

13 From thence they removed, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, which is in the wilderness that cometh out of the coasts of the Amorites: for Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

14 Wherefore it is said in the book of
CHAP. XXII. Balak sendeth for Balaam to curse Israel.

31 Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.

32 And Moses sent to spy out " Jazer, and they took the villages thereof, and drove out the Amorites that were there.

33 ¶ And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he, and all his people, to the battle at Edrei.

34 And the Lord said unto Moses, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

35 So they smote him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left alive: and they poached his land.

AND the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab on this side Jordan by Jericho.

2 ¶ And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

3 And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel.

4 And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.

5 So he sent messengers therefore unto Balaam to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me:

6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of their land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessecd, and he whom thou curseest is cursed.

7 And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and
an angel opposeth balaam:  

 NUMBERS.  

before christ 1452.

1 ver. 14.

they came unto balaam, and spake unto him the words of balam.  

8 and he said unto them, lodge here this night, and i will bring you word again, as the lord shall speak unto me: and the princes of moab abode with balaam.  

9 and god came unto balaam, and said, what men are these with thee?  

10 and balaam said unto god, balak the son of zippor, king of moab, hath sent unto me, saying,  

11 behold, there is a people come out of egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure i shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.  

12 and god said unto balaam, thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blest.  

13 and balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of balak, get you into your land: for the lord refuseth to give me leave to go with you.  

14 and the princes of moab rose up, and they went unto balaam, and said, balaam refuseth to come with us.  

15 ¶ and balaam sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they.  

16 and they came to balaam, and said unto him, thus saith balak the son of zippor, king of moab, who sent thee the last time, that thou shouldest come unto me: now therefore, i pray thee, curse me not.  

17 for i will promote thee unto very great honour, and i will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, i pray thee, curse me this people.  

18 and balaam answered and said unto the servants of balak, if balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, yea, i cannot go beyond the word of the lord my god, to do lest or more.  

19 now therefore, i pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that i may know what the lord will say unto me more.  

20 and god came unto balaam at night, and said unto him, if the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which i shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.  

21 and balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his asf, and went with the princes of moab.  

22 and god's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the lord stood in the way for an adversary against him. now he was riding upon his asf, and his two servants were with him.  

23 and the asf saw the angel of the lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the asf turned a-
Balaam's first parable.

Before CHRIST

37 And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour?

38 And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee; have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.

39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kirjath-huzoth.

40 And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that were with him.

41 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Balaam's sacrifice. 7 Balaam's first parable. 14 Balaam sacrificed again. 18 Balaam's second parable. 25 Balaam is displeased with Balaam; but bringeth him to the top of Peor, and sacrificeth there.

AND Balaam said unto Balak, * Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.

2 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam * offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram.

3 And Balaam said unto Balak, * Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go: peradventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee. And he went up to an high place.

4 And God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram.

5 And the LORD * put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thou shalt falsh speak.

6 And he returned unto him, and lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab.

7 ¶ And he * took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me out of Aram, out of the mountains of the east, saying, * Come, curse me Jacob, and come, * defy Israel.

8 * How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defiled?

9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall be reckoned among the nations,
26 But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, All that the LOR shows, that I must do? 27 And Balak said unto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, let me bring thee unto another place; peradventure it shall please God that thou mayest curse me from thence.

28 And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh toward Jeshimon.

29 And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams.

30 And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 Balaam, leaving divinations, prophesied the happiness of Israel. 10 Balak in anger diversified him. 15 He prophesied of the Star of Jacob, and the downfall of some nations.

And when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.

2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes, and the spirit of God came upon him.

3 And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:

5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel!

6 As the valleys are spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the Lord hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters.

7 He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.

8 God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.

9 As he couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: whom shall stir him up? 10 Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and curseth is he that curseth thee.

10 And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I must return to my place: and Balak said unto Balaam, I will return to my place: and Balak also went his way.
Phinehas killed Zimri and Cozbi. C H A P. XXV, XXVI. The sum of Israel in the plains of Moab.

Before CHRIST 1453.

1 Israel at Shittim commit whoredom and idolatry. 6 Phinehas killed Zimri and Cozbi. 10 God therefore gave birth to an everlasting priesthood. 16 God commanded Moses to vex the Midianites.

AND Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.

2 And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods.

3 And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel.

4 And the Lord said unto Moses, Take all the heads of Israel, and slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baal-peor.

5 And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baal-peor.

6 And behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the fight of Moes, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he arose from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; and he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrut both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.

8 And thereof that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

9 And it came to pass after the plague, that the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,

2 Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, throughout their fathers' house, all that are able to go to war in Israel.

3 And Moses and Eleazar the priest spake with them in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying,

4 Take the sum of the people, from twenty years old and upward; as the Lord commanded Moses and the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt.

5 And Reuben, the eldest son of Israel, the children of Reuben; Hanoch, of whom cometh the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites:

6 Of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

7 These are the families of the Reubenites: and they that were numbered of them were forty and three thousand and seven hundred and thirty.

8 And the sons of Pallu; Eliab.

9 And the sons of Eleab; Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. This is that Dathan and Abiram, which were famous in the congregation, who sowed against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they sowed against the Lord.

10 And the earth opened her mouth, E U 2
The sum of the several families, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men: * and they became a sign.

11 Notwithstanding the children of Korah did not.

12 ¶ The sons of Simeon after their families: of * Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites: of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites: of * Jachin, the family of the Jachinites: of * Zerah, the family of the Zarhites: of * Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

14 These are the families of the Simeonites, twenty and two thousand and two hundred.

15 ¶ The children of Gad according to their families: of * Zophon, the family of the Zophonites: of Haggi, the family of the Haggites: of Shuni, the family of the Shunites: of Eri, the family of the Ezrites: of Arod, the family of the Arodites: of * Areli, the family of the Arelites.

18 These are the families of the children of Gad according to those that were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred.

19 ¶ The sons of Judah were Er and Onan: and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

20 And the sons of Judah after their families were: of * Shelah, the family of the Shelanites: of Pharez, the family of the Pharzites: of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites.

21 And the sons of Pharez were: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites: of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

22 These are the families of Judah according to those that were numbered of them, three-score and sixteen thousand and five hundred.

23 ¶ Of the sons of Issachar after their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites: of Pua, the family of the Punites.

24 Of Jaffub, the family of the Jashubites: of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

25 These are the families of Issachar according to those that were numbered of them, three-score and four thousand and three hundred.

26 ¶ Of the sons of Zebulun after their families: of Sered, the family of the Sarmites: of Elon, the family of the Elonites: of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

27 These are the families of the Zebulunites according to those that were numbered of them, three-score thousand and five hundred.

28 ¶ The sons of Joseph after their families were Manasseh and Ephraim.

29 Of the sons of Manasseh: of * Machir, the family of the Machirites: and Machir begat Gilead: of Gilead came the family of the Gileadites.

30 These are the sons of Gilead: of * Jezer, the family of the Jezerites: of * Helek, the family of the Helekites.

31 And of Asriel, the family of the Arilites: and of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites.

32 And of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites: and of Hepher, the family of the Hepherites.

33 And Zelophehad the son of Hepher had no sons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

34 These are the families of Manasseh, and those that were numbered of them, fifty and two thousand and seven hundred.

35 ¶ These are the sons of Ephraim according to their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuhalhites: of * Becher, the family of the Bachrites: of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

36 And these are the sons of Shuthelah: of * Eran, the family of the Eranites.

37 These are the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those that were numbered of them, thirty and two thousand and five hundred. These are the sons of Joseph after their families.

38 ¶ The sons of Benjamin after their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites: of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites: of Abih, the family of the Shuhamites: of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

39 Of * Naaman, the family of the Ardites: and of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

41 These are the sons of Benjamin after their families: and they that were numbered of them were forty and five thousand and six hundred.

42 ¶ These are the sons of Dan after their families: of * Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the families of Dan after their families.

43 All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those that were numbered of them, were three-score and four thousand and four hundred.

44 ¶ Of the children of Asher after their families: of * Jimna, the family of the Jim-
The land to be divided by lot.  

CHAP. XXVII.  The law of inheritances.  

1 And the daughters of Zelophehad sue for an inheritance.  

2 What the law of inheritances.  

1 Then came the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph: and there are the names of his daughters; Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah.  

2 And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying, 

3 Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them that gathered themselves together against the Lord in the company of Korah; but he died in his own sin, and had no sons.  

4 Why should the name of our father be cut off from his family, because he hath no son? Give unto us therefore a possession among the brethren of our father.  

5 And Moses brought their cause before the Lord.  

6 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 

7 The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: 'thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them.'  

8 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his brother.  

9 And if he have no daughter, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his brethren.  

10 And if he have no brethren, then ye
The Lord's offerings are commanded to be offered in their due season.

The continual burnt offering.

1. The offering on the sabbath, 11 on the new moons, 16 at the passover, 26 in the day of firstfruits.

2. Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, My offering, and *the sweet favour unto me, shall ye oblerve to offer unto me in their due season.

3. And thou shalt say unto them, *This is the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto the Lord; two lambs of the first year without spot day by day, for a continual burnt offering.

4. The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the other lamb thou offer at even;

5. And a tenth part of an ephah of flour for a meat offering, mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil.

6. It is a continual burnt offering, which was ordained in mount Sinai for a sweet favour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the Lord.

7. And the drink offering thereof shall be the fourth part of an hin for the one lamb:

8. And the other lamb shalt thou offer at even: as the meat offering of the morning, and as the drink offering thereof, thou shalt offer it, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet favour unto the Lord.

9. And on the sabbath day two lambs of the first year without spot, and two tenth deals of flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, and the drink offering thereof:

10. This is the burnt offering of every sabbath, beside the continual burnt offering ing, and his drink offering.

11. And in the beginning of your months ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the Lord; two young bullocks, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without spot;

12. And three tenth deals of flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, for one bullock; and two tenth deals of flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, for one ram;

13. And a several tenth deal of flour mingled with oil for a meat offering unto one lamb; for a burnt offering of a sweet favour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the Lord.

14. And their drink offerings shall be half an hin of wine unto a bullock, and the third part of an hin unto a ram, and a fourth part of an hin unto a lamb: this
The offerings at the several feasts;  

CHAP. XXIX.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 The offering at the feast of trumpets, 7 on the day of humiliation, and 12, 17, 20, 23, 26, 29, 32, 35 on the eight days of the feast of tabernacles.

And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work; it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you.

2 And ye shall offer a burnt offering for a sweet savour unto the Lord; one young bullock, one ram, and seven lambs of the first year without blemish;

3 And their meat offering shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals for a bullock, and two tenth deals for a ram,

4 And one tenth deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs:

5 And one kid of the goats for a sin offering, to make an atonement for you;

6 Beside the burnt offering of the month, and his meat offering, and the daily burnt offering, and his meat offering, and their drink offerings, according unto their manner, for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the Lord.

7 And ye shall have on the tenth day of this seventh month an holy convocation; and ye shall afflict your souls: ye shall not do any work therein:

8 But ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the Lord for a sweet savour; one young bullock, one ram, and seven lambs of the first year; they shall be unto you without blemish:

9 And their meat offering shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals to a bullock, and two tenth deals to one ram,

10 A several tenth deal unto one lamb, throughout the seven lambs:

11 One kid of the goats for a sin offering, beside the sin offering of atonement, and the continual burnt offering, and the meat offering of it, and their drink offerings.

12 And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord seven days;

13 And ye shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord; thirteen young bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year; they shall be without blemish:

14 And their meat offering shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals unto every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth deals to each ram of the two rams,

15 And a several tenth deal to each lamb of the fourteen lambs:
The offerings at the feast of tabernacles. NUMBERS.

Vows are to be religiously performed.

16 And one kid of the goats for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.

17 ¶ And on the second day ye shall offer twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

18 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

19 And one kid of the goats for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and the meat thereof, and their drink offerings.

20 ¶ And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

21 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

22 And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.

23 ¶ And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

24 Their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

25 And one kid of the goats for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.

26 ¶ And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

27 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

28 And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.

29 ¶ And on the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

30 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

31 And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.

32 ¶ And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

33 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

34 And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.

35 ¶ On the eighth day ye shall have a solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work therein:

36 But ye shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: one bullock, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish:

37 Their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

38 And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.

39 These things ye shall do unto the LORD in your set feasts, beside your vows, and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings, and for your meat offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings.

40 And Moses told the children of Israel according to all that the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAP. XXX.

1 Vows are not to be broken. 3 The exceptions of a maid’s vow, 6 of a wife’s, 9 of her that is divorced.

And Moses spake unto the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded.

2 ¶ If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, he shall not break his word; for the LORD will requite him.

3 ¶ If a woman also vow a vow unto the LORD, and bind herself by a bond, being in her father’s house in her youth;

4 And her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul; and her father shall hold his peace at her: then shall all her vows and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul be void.

5 But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth; not any of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and the LORD shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

6 And if she had at all an husband, when she vowed, or uttered out of her lips, wherewith she bound her soul;

7 And her husband heard it, and held his peace in the day that he heard it;
Of vows which are not obligatory.

CHAP. XXXI. The Midianites spoiled, and Balaam slain.

Before CHRIST

**Gen. 24.51.**

**24.51.**

8 But if her husband s disallowed her on the day that he heard it; then he shall make her vow which she vowed; and which she uttered with her lips, whereby she bound her soul, of none effect: and the Lord shall forgive her.

9 But every vow of a widow, and of her that is divorced, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.

10 And if the vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath,

11 And her husband heard it, and held his peace at her, and disallowed her not: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.

12 But if her husband hath utterly made them void on the day he heard them: then whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void; and the Lord shall forgive her.

13 Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void.

14 But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day: then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds, which are upon her: he confirment them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard them.

15 But if he shall any ways make them void after that he hath heard them: then he shall bear her iniquity.

16 These are the statutes, which the Lord commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter, being yet in her youth in her father's house.

CHAP. XXXXI.

1 The Midianites are spoiled, and Balaam slain.

13 Moses is wroth with the officers for slaying the women alive, and orderrth the soldiers with their captives and spoil to be purified.

21 Eleazar bestoweth the law of purification.

25 The proportion whereby the prey is to be divided. 48 The voluntary oblation of the officers unto the treasury of the Lord.

AND the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people.

3 And Moses spake unto the people, saying, Arm some of yourselves unto the war, and let them go against the Midianites, and avenge the Lord of Midian.

4 Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall ye send to the war.

5 So there were delivered out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.

6 And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of every tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and the trumpets to blow in his hand.

7 And they warred against the Midianites, as the Lord commanded Moses; and they slew all the *m*ales.

8 And they slew the kings of Midian, beside the rest of them that were slain; namely, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword.

9 And the children of Israel took all the women of Midian captives, and their little ones, and took the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods.

10 And they burnt all their cities where in they dwelt, and all their goodly castles, with fire.

11 And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, *both* of men and of beasts.

12 And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, unto Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which are by Jordan near Jericho.

13 ¶ And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp.

14 And Moses was wroth with the officers of the hoot, with the captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, which came from the battle.

15 And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive?

16 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the Lord in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the Lord.

17 Now therefore *kill* every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him. *See Deut. 20.*

18 But all the women children, that have not known a man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves.

19 And *do ye abide without the camp* seven days: whosoever hath killed any person, and whatsoever hath touched any slain, purify both yourselves and your
The voluntary oblation of the officers.

Before CHRIST

37 And the Lord's tribute of the sheep was six hundred and threescore and fifteen.
38 And the beeves were thirty and six thousand; of which the Lord's tribute was threescore and twelve.
39 And the asses were thirty thousand and five hundred; of which the Lord's tribute was threescore and one.
40 And the persons were sixteen thousand; of which the Lord's tribute was thirty and two persons.
41 And Moses gave the tribute, which was the Lord's heave offering, unto Eleazar the priest, as the Lord commanded.
42 And of the children of Israel's half, which Moses divided from the men that warred,
43 (Now the half that pertained unto the congregation was three hundred thousand and thirty thousand and seven thousand and five hundred sheep,
44 And thirty and six thousand beeves,
45 And thirty thousand asses and five hundred,
46 And sixteen thousand persons.)
47 Even of the children of Israel's half, Moses took one portion of fifty, both of man and of beast, and gave them unto the Levites, which kept the charge of the tabernacle of the Lord; as the Lord commanded Moses.
48 And the officers which were over thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, and the captains of hundreds, came near unto Moses:
49 And they said unto Moses, Thy servants have taken the sum of the men of war which are under our charge, and there lacketh not one man of us.
50 We have therefore brought an oblation for the Lord, what every man hath got; ten of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and tablets, to make an atonement for our souls before the Lord.
51 And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the Lord commanded Moses.
52 And all the gold of the offering that they offered up to the Lord, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels.
53 (For the men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself.)
54 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation, for a memorial for the children of Israel before the Lord.
The Reubenites and Gadites sue for

The Reubenites and Gadites sue for their inheritance on the east side of Jordan. 6 Moses reproves them. 16 "They offer conditions; 20 be it content; and afflict the land to them, and to half the tribe of Manasseh. 34 They build cities, and conquer what remained.

Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place was a place for cattle;

2 The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying, Aaraoth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimheth, and Heshbon, and Eleach, and Shobal, and Nebo, and Beon.

Even the country which the Lord sware before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle:

5 Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, and bring us not over Jordan.

6 "And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?

7 And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the Lord hath given them?

8 "Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land.

9 For when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which the Lord had given them.

10 "And the Lord's anger was kindled the same time, and he sware, saying,

11 Surely none of the men that came out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not followed me:

12 Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun:

for they have wholly followed the Lord.

13 And the Lord's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the Lord, was consumed.

14 And, behold, ye are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of the Lord toward Israel.

15 "For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and ye shall destroy all this people.

16 "And they came near unto him, and said, We will build sheepholds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones:

17 But we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land.

18 "We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance.

19 For we will not inherit with them on yonder side Jordan, or forward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jordan eastward.

20 "And Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed before the Lord to war,

21 And will go all of you armed over Jordan before the Lord, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him,

22 And the land be subdued before the Lord: then afterward ye shall return, and be guilty before the Lord, and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the Lord.

23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord; and be sure your sin will find you out.

24 "Build you cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth.

25 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spake unto Moses, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth.

26 "Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead:

27 "But thy servants will pass over, every man armed for war, before the Lord to battle, as my lord hath commanded Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel:

28 "And Moses said unto them, If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben will pass with you over Jordan, every man armed to battle, before the Lord, and the land shall be subdued before you; then ye shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession:

30 "But if they will not pass over with X 2
The land assigned to the Reubenites, &c. NUMBERS.

You armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan.

21 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered, saying, As the Lord hath said unto thy servants, so will we do.

22 We will pass over armed before the Lord into the land of Canaan, that the possession of our inheritance on this side Jordan may be our's.

23 And Moses gave unto them, even to the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, and unto half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, with the cities thereof in the coasts, even the cities of the country round about.

24 ¶ And the children of Gad built Dibon, and Aroer, and Ataroth, and Dibon, and to the cities thereof, and Jabbok, and Hazeroth, and Ramon.

25 And Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran, fenced cities, and folds for sheep.

26 And the children of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kishin, and Dibon, and to the cities thereof, and to the villages thereof.

27 And the children of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorites which were in it.

28 And Moses gave Gilead unto Machir the son of Manasseh; and he dwelt therein.

29 And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took small towns thereof, and called them Havoth-jair.

30 And Nobah went and took Kenath, and the villages thereof, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 Two and forty journeys of the Israelites. 50 The Canaanites are to be destroyed.

These are the journeys of the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron.

2 And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of the Lord: and these are their journeys according to their goings out.

3 And they departed from Ramesses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the fight of all the Egyptians.

4 For the Egyptians buried all their firstborn, which the Lord had smitten among them: upon their gods also the Lord executed judgments.

5 And the children of Israel removed from Ramesses, and pitched in Succoth.

6 And they departed from Succoth, and pitched in Etham, which is in the edge of the wilderness.

7 And they removed from Etham, and turned again unto Pi-hahiroth, which is before Baal-zephon: and they pitched before Migdol.

8 And they departed from before Pi-hahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wildernesses, and went three days' journey in the wildernesses of Etham, and pitched in Marah.

9 And they removed from Marah, and came unto Elim: and in Elim were twelve fountains of water, and three-score and ten palm trees; and they pitched there.

10 And they removed from Elim, and encamped by the Red sea.

11 And they removed from the Red sea, and encamped in the wildernesses of Sin.

12 And they took their journey out of the wildernesses of Sin, and encamped in Dophkah.

13 And they departed from Dophkah, and encamped in Aluph.

14 And they removed from Aluph, and encamped at Rephidim, where was no water for the people to drink.

15 And they departed from Rephidim, and pitched in the wildernesses of Sinai.

16 And they removed from the desert of Sinai, and pitched at Kibroth-hattaavah.

17 And they departed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and encamped at Hazeroth.

18 And they departed from Hazeroth, and pitched in Rithmah.

19 And they departed from Rithmah, and pitched at Rimmon-parez, and pitched in Libnah.

20 And they departed from Rimmon-parez, and pitched in Libnah.

21 And they removed from Libnah, and pitched at Rissah.

22 And they journeyed from Rissah, and pitched in Keelahath.

23 And they went from Keelahath, and pitched in mount Shapher.

24 And they removed from mount Shapher, and encamped in Haradah.

25 And they removed from Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth.

26 And they removed from Makheloth, and encamped at Tahath.

27 And they departed from Tahath, and pitched at Tarah.
The journeys of the Israelites.

Before CHRIST

28 And they removed from Tarah, and pitched in Mithcah.
29 And they went from Mithcah, and pitched in Hahmonah.
30 And they departed from Hahmonah, and encamped at Moereth.
31 And they departed from Moereth, and pitched in Bene-jaakan.
32 And they removed from Bene-jaakan, and encamped at Hor-hagidgad.
33 And they went from Hor-hagidgad, and pitched in Jobathah.
34 And they removed from Jobathah, and encamped at Ebronah.
35 And they departed from Ebronah, and encamped at Ezion-gaber.
36 And they removed from Ezion-gaber, and pitched in the wilderness of Zin, which is Kadesh.
37 And they removed from Kadesh, and pitched in mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.
38 And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first day of the fifth month.
39 And Aaron was an hundred and twenty and three years old when he died in mount Hor.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 The borders of the land. 16 The names of the men which shall divide the land.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land of Canaan; (this is the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance, even the land of Canaan with the coasts thereof:)
3 Then ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance among your families: and to the more ye shall give the inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall give the inheritance of every man's inheritance; and to the Levite ye shall give the inheritance in all their cities.
4 Moreover it shall come to pass, that the land shall be divided by lot, as I thought to do unto you, as I thought to do unto them.

5 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan;
6 Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places;
7 And ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it.
8 And ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families: and to the more ye shall give the inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall give the inheritance of every man's inheritance; and to the Levite ye shall give the inheritance in all their cities.
9 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.
10 Moreover it shall come to pass, that if ye shall not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then shall it come to pass, when ye are fallen from among your Brethren, that ye fall by the sword in the land, wherein ye will dwell.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

11 Command the children of Israel, saying, When ye come into the land of Canaan, and divide it among your families; (this is the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance, even the land of Canaan with the coasts thereof:)
12 Then ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance among your families: and to the more ye shall give the inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall give the inheritance of every man's inheritance; and to the Levite ye shall give the inheritance in all their cities.
13 And ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance among your families: and to the more ye shall give the inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall give the inheritance of every man's inheritance; and to the Levite ye shall give the inheritance in all their cities.
14 Moreover it shall come to pass, that if ye shall not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then shall it come to pass, when ye are fallen from among your Brethren, that ye fall by the sword in the land, wherein ye will dwell.
15 And the borders of the land shall be forty and two miles long, and twenty and eight miles broad, and the rest of the land shall be your border.
16 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
The men appointed to divide the land.

NUMBERS.

The cities and suburbs of the Levites.

27 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Apher, Aishhur, the son of Shelomith.

28 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, Pedael, the son of Ammihud.

29 These are they whom the Lord commanded to divide the inheritance unto the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 The Levites are to have eight and forty cities (six of them to be cities of refuge) with their suburbs of a certain measure. 9 The laws of murder and manslaughter. 31 No satisfaction to be taken for either of them.

C H A P. XXXV.

1 The Levites are to have eight and forty cities (six of them to be cities of refuge) with their suburbs of a certain measure. 9 The laws of murder and manslaughter. 31 No satisfaction to be taken for either of them.

And the Lord spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and ye shall give aso unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them.

3 And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and the suburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their beasts.

4 And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, shall reach from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about.

5 And ye shall measure without the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits; and the city shall be in the midst: this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities.

6 And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites there shall be six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the man slayer, that he may flee thither; and unto them ye shall add forty and two cities.

7 So all the cities which ye shall give to the Levites shall be forty and eight cities: them shall ye give with their suburbs.

8 And the cities which ye shall give shall be of the possession of the children of Israel: from them that have many ye shall give many; but from them that have few ye shall give few: every one shall give of his cities unto the Levites according to his inheritance which he inheriteth.

9 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come over Jordan into the land of Canaan;

11 Then ye shall appoint you cities to
The cities of refuge.

Before CHRIST.

1. The cities of refuge were places of safety for those who had unintentionally killed another person. They had to be inside these cities until they could be brought before a court of judges.

2. And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer flee thither, and die not, until the氖 in the land.

3. These six cities shall be a refuge, both for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them: that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee thither.

4. And if he smite him with a stone, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

5. But if he hurt him with a stone, wherewith he may not die, and he die, he is a slayer: the slayer shall surely be put to death.

6. But if he hurt him suddenly, without enmity, and cast him not upon him, that he die, and was not his enemy, neither sought his harm:

7. Then shall the congregation judge between the slayer and the avenger according to these judgments:

8. And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the avenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oil.

9. But if the slayer shall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled,
The marriage of betrothes

DEUTERONOMY. 

4 And when the jubile of the children of Israel shall be, then shall their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: so shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

5 ¶ And Moses commanded the children of Israel according to the word of the Lord, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph hath fad well.

6 This is the thing which the Lord doth command concerning the daughters of Zelophahad, saying, Let them marry to whom they think best; only to the family of the tribe of their father shall they marry.

7 So shall not the inheritance of the children of Israel remain from tribe to tribe: for every one of the children of Israel shall keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 And every daughter, that poffeth an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel, shall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel may enjoy every man the inheritance of his fathers.

9 Neither shall the inheritance remove from one tribe to another tribe; but every one of the tribes of the children of Israel shall keep himself to his own inheritance.

10 ¶ Even as the Lord commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophahad, and the sons of Zelophahad, were married unto their father's brethren's sons:

12 And they were married into the families of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.

13 These are the commandments and the judgments, which the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses unto the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho.

The Fifth Book of MOSES, called DEUTERONOMY.

CHAP. I.

1 Moses' speech at the end of the forty years, 6 in which he rehearsed the story of God's sending Israel from Horeb to go and possess the promised land, 9 of giving them officers, 19 of passing through the wilderness to Kades, 22 of sending spies to search the land, 34 of God's anger for their incredulity and disobedience.

These be the words which Moses spake unto all Israel on this side Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the Red sea, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

2 (There are eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kades-barnea.)

3 And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spake unto the children of Israel, according unto all that the Lord had given him in commandment unto them.

4 ¶ After he had slain Sihon the king of the Amorites, which dwelt in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, which dwelt at Aftaroth in Edrei:

5 On this side Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moses to declare this law, saying,
Moses rehearst, the story of

CHAP. I. Israel's passage through the wilderness.

Before
CHRIST
1451.

Before
CHRIST
1451.

Exodus.
12, 17.

Exodus.
12, 17.

Numbers.
13, 21.

Numbers.
13, 21.

Lev. 19.
15.

Lev. 19.
15.

Prov. 24.
13.

Prov. 24.
13.

Jebam.
1, 1.

Jebam.
1, 1.

Deuteronomy.
27, 19.

Deuteronomy.
27, 19.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.

Josh. 5, 1.
The Edomites, Moabites, and Ammonites, not to be molested.

12 "The Horims also dwelt in Seir before their time; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; and Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the Lord gave unto them.

13 Now arise up, said I, and get you over the brook Zered. And we went over the brook Zered.

14 And in the space in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, was thirty and eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were waxed out of among the holt, as the Lord spake unto them.

15 For indeed the hand of the Lord was against them, to destroy them from among the holt, until they were consumed.

16 ¶ So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people,

17 That the Lord spake unto me, saying,

18 Thou shalt pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab, this day:

19 And when thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession.

20 (That also was accounted a land of giants: giants dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonites call them Zambuzims;)

21 A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; but the Lord destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead:

22 As he did to the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day:

23 And the Avims which dwelt in Hazerim, even unto Azzah, the Caphtorims, which came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.

24 ¶ Riffe ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle.

25 This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations that are under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee.

26 And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth unto Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying,

THE BIBLE.
The conquest of Sibon, and his land; C H A P. III. and of Og, and his land.

27 'Let me pass through thy land: I will go along by the high way, I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left. 28 Thou shalt fill me meat for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink: only I will pass through on my feet; 29 (As the children of Esau which dwell in Seir, and the Moabites which dwell in Ar, did unto me;) until I shall pass over Jordan into the land which the LORD our God giveth us.

But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him: for the LORD thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as appeared this day.

And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess it, that thou mayest inherit his land.

Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.

And the LORD our God delivered him before us; and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people.

And we took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed 1† the men, and the women, and the little ones, of every city, we left none to remain: 35 Only the cattle we took for a prey unto ourselves, and the spoil of the cities which we took.

36 From Aroer, which is by the brink of the river of Arnon, and from the city that is by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us: 37 Only the land of the children of Ammon that is beyond Jordan to the eastward, the cities of Gilead, and 2 the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, being the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manassësh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.

11 For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of 1† giants; behold, his bedstead was a bed of iron; is it not in 2 Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

12 And this land, 1† which we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and 2 the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

14 Jair the son of Manassësh took all the country of Argob 1† unto the coasts of Geshuri and Maachathi; and called them after his own name, Bashan-havoth-jair unto this day.

15 And I gave Gilead unto Machir.

16 And unto the Reubenites 1† and unto the Gadites I gave from Gilead even unto the river Arnon half the valley, and the border even unto the river Jabbok, 1† which is the border of the children of Ammon;

17 The plain also, and Jordan, and the coast thereof, from Chinnereth even unto the sea of the plain, 2 even the salt sea under Aboth-Piagath eastward.

18 ¶ And I commanded you at that time, and of Og, and his land.
Moses' prayer rejected.

DEUTERONOMY: An exhortation to obedience.

that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers gave you.

2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish it:

3 But be ye very careful to hear the voice of the Lord your God; for unto you it shall be

until the Lord shall have given rest unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and until

ye shall have returned every man unto his possession, which I have given you;

5 Unto the Lord hath four kings have reft unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and until

they also possess the land which the Lord your God hath given them beyond Jordan:

and then shall ye return every man unto his possession, which I have given you.

21 ¶ And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that

the Lord your God hath done unto these two kings: so shall the Lord do unto all the

kings whither ye passe.

22 Ye shall not fear them: for the Lord your God he shall fight for you.

23 ¶ And I besought the Lord at that time, saying,

24 O Lord God, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty

hand: for what God is there in heaven or on earth, that can do according to thy

works, and according to thy might?

25 I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that is beyond Jordan, that

goodly mountain, and Lebanon.

26 But the Lord was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the Lord said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter.

27 Get thee up into the top of Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold it with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

28 But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.

29 So we abode in the valley over against Beth-peor.

CHAP. IV.

1 An exhortation to obedience from God's past dealings: 15 and a particular dissuasion against idolatry, 25 and solemn admonition of the ill consequences of disobedience, and of the happy consequences of returning to God. 32 The especial regard shown to the Israelites in God's wonderful dealings with them. 41 Moses appointed the three cities of refuge on the east side of Jordan. 44 Recapitulation.

NOW therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, that ye do them.

* Lev. 19, 27, 30, 34, & 31, 31.
  ch. 5, 1 & 8. 1, Ezek. 20, 11, Rom. 10, 5.
A dissuasive against idolatry.

CHAP. IV.

But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

When thou art in tribulation, and all thy thee things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice:

(For the Lord thy God is a merciful God;) he will not for sake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

Did ever people hear the voice of God spakeing out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?

Or hath God affayed to go and take a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord thy God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the Lord he is God; there is none else beside him.

Out of heaven he made thee hear his voice, that he might instrucc thee: and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire; and thou heardst his words out of the midst of the fire.

And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt;

To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day.

Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for ever.

Then Moses severed three cities on this side Jordan toward the sun rising;
Deuteronomy - The Ten Commandments

42 *That the slayer might flee thither, which should kill his neighbour unawares, and hated him not in times past; and that fleeing unto one of these cities he might live:*

43 *Namely, Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country, of the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, of the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, of the Manassites.

44 ¶ And this is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel:

45 These are the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which Moses spake unto the children of Israel, after they were come forth out of Egypt:

46 On this side Jordan, in the valley over against Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, and all Moises and the children of Israel in war, after they were come forth out of Egypt:

47 And they possessed his land, and the land of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, which were on this side Jordan toward the uttermost border:

48 *From Aror, which is by the bank of the river Arnon, even unto mount Sion, which is * Hermon,*

49 And all the plain on this side Jordan eastward, even unto the sea of the plain, under the *springs of Pisgah.*

C H A P. V.

1 A commemoration of the covenant in Horeb.

6 The ten commandments. The first table.

16 The second table. 22 As the people's request Moses received the law from God.

And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day; that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.

2 *The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.*

3 The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day.

4 *The Lord talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,*

5 *I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to shew you the thing that ye were afraid of the fire, and went not up into the mount;* saying,

6 *I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;* Thou shalt have none other gods before me.

8 *Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth:

9 Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me,

10 *And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.*

11 *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*

12 *Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee.*

13 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

14 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor any stranger that is within thy gates; that thy man servant and thy maid servant may rest as well as thou.

15 *And remember that thou wast in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.*

16 *Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

17 *Thou shalt not kill.*

18 *Neither shalt thou commit adultery.*

19 *Neither shalt thou steal.*

20 *Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour.*

21 *Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his man servant, or his maid servant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.*

22 *These words the Lord spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.*

23 *And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darknes, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that
Moses deputed to receive the law from God. CHAP. VI.

An exhortation to obedience.

1 The end of the law is obedience: 2 An exhortation thereunto. 20 What they are required to teach their children concerning it.

Before CHRIST. 1451.

24 And ye said, Behold, the Lord our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and have we heard the voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth.

25 Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the Lord our God any more, then we shall die.

26 For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?

27 Go thou near, and hear all that the Lord our God shall say: and I will speak thou unto all that the Lord our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it.

28 And the Lord heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me, and the Lord said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken.

29 O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, and that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

30 Go thy way to them, Get you into your tents again.

31 But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it.

32 Ye shall observe to do therefore as the Lord your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

33 Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you, ye shall make, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

C HAP. VI.

1 The end of the law is obedience: 3 An exhortation thereunto. 20 What they are required to teach their children concerning it.

NOW these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it:

2 That thou mightest fear the Lord thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; that and thy days may be prolonged.

3 ¶ Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

4 ¶ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:

5 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

10 And it shall be, when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abra- ham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildest not,

11 And houses full of all good things, which thou fillest not, and wells digged, which thou diggest not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantest not;

12 Then beware lest thou forget the Lord which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

13 Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and that he may bless thee in the good city which he shall give thee about thee;

14 Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you;

15 For the Lord thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the Lord thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

16 Ye shall not tempt the Lord your God, as ye tempted him in Mannaah.

17 Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.

18 And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord: that it may be well with thee, and that thou
Deuteronomy. Seven nations of Canaan forbidden.

1 Then thou shalt go in unto the land, which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord spake.

20 And when thou shalt come into the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to give it them, and shalt possess it, and dwellest therein, and shalt say, I will surely keep the commandments of the Lord my God, which I charge you this day, 

21 Then shalt thou say in your heart, These nations are greater and mightier than I; I am not able to dwell alone among them: 

22 And the Lord shewed signs and wonders, great and grievous, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes:

23 And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers.

24 And the Lord commanded us to do all these commandments, to fear the Lord our God, 

25 That he might be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us.

Chapter VII.

All communication with the seven nations of Canaan is forbidden for fear of idolatry, and in consideration of the benefits of the people. The justice and mercy of God's nature a motive to obedience. Blessings and victory are afforded to them from God in return. Images must be wholly destroyed.

When the Lord thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgasites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; 

2 And when the Lord thy God shall deliver them before thee, thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:

3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods; and will vex the anger of the Lord, and destroy thee suddenly.

5 But thou shalt deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

6 For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

7 The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

8 But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations:

10 And repay them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slow to flack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the Lord thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers:

13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee, he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers.

14 Thou shalt be blest above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.

15 And the Lord will take away from thee all sicknesses, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.

16 And thou shalt consume all the people which the Lord thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee.

17 If thou shalt follow in thine heart, these nations are more than I; how can I I' disposest them?
Images must be wholly destroyed.

**CHAP. VIII.** God's goodness a motive to obedience.

18 * Thou shalt not be afraid of them: but* shalt well remember what the Lord thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt;

19 *The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the Lord thy God brought thee out: so shall the Lord thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.*

20 Moreover the Lord thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed.

21 *Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the Lord thy God is among you, a mighty God and terrible.*

22 *And the Lord thy God will put out thine nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not make thee number with them, lest thou be consumed among them.*

23 *But the Lord thy God shall deliver them up unto thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be destroyed.*

24 *And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven: they shall have no man able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them.*

25 ¶ The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not defile the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the Lord thy God.

26 *Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be cursed thereby, and it rushes upon thee, and destroy thee.*

27 *And thou shalt utterly abhor it: for it is a cursed thing.*

**CHAP. VIII.**

**An exhortation to obedience in regard of God's mercy and goodness in his dealings with Israel.**

**A** ll the commandments which I command thee this day *shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers.

2 *And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, and to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.*

3 *And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.*

4 *Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee; neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.*

5 *Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man changeth his son, so the Lord thy God changeth thee.*

6 *Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.*

7 *For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;* a land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey;

8 *A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land of which the stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass;* an olive tree of oil; a tree of honey;

9 *When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.*

10 *Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:* left when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;

11 *And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;* then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

12 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water: who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

13 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, *to do thee good at thy latter end;* went forth water out of the rock of flint;

14 *And thou fay in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.*

15 But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: *for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.*

16 *And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after Z
A rehearsal of the several DEUTERONOMY. rebellions of the Israelites.

Before CHRIST.

CHRIST.

1 And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God, and on them was written according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire, in the day of the assembly.

2 And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, that the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant.

3 And the LORD said unto me, "Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted themselves; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image.

4 Furthermore the LORD spake unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people:

5 Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven, and will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.

6 So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with the fire: and the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands.

7 And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God, and had made ye a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you.

8 And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes.

9 And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because all thy sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

10 For I was afraid of the anger and heat of displeasure, wherewith the LORD was wroth against you to destroy you. But the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also.

11 And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.

12 And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and ground it, and made dust of it, and returned the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.

13 And at Taberah, and at Massah, ye provoked the LORD to wrath.

other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

20 As the nations which the LORD destroyed before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

21 And I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water.

22 And at Taberah, and at Massah, ye provoked the LORD to wrath.
God's mercy in restoring the two tables. CHAP. X.

An exhortation to obedience.

1 And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth, of the children of Jaakan to Moab: and there Aaron died; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead.

2 From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters.

3 At that time the Lord separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day.

4 Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; the Lord is his inheritance, according as the Lord thy God promised him.

5 And I stayed in the mount, according to the first time, forty and five days; and the Lord hearkened unto me at that time also, and the Lord would not destroy thee.

6 And the Lord said unto me, Arise, take thy journey to the land of Canaan, unto the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed.

7 Now this land floweth with milk and honey. Dwell therefore in it, and take possession of the good of the land.

8 And the Lord said, There are four kings round about thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, king of Chypre, king of Ascalon, and king of Edom.

9 Then I raised up mine angel in the midst of thee, to protect thee in the way, that thou shouldest not sin before the Lord, and that he might shew thee the manner wherein thou oughtest to go, and what thou oughtest to do.

10 And I went down through a very broad valley, the wilderness of Sin, and I came to Cumah, and I went down to the wilderness of Zin, and I pitched my tent on the mount of Paran.

11 And I only, and the Angel of the Lord, went before thee, that he might shew thee the manner whereunto thou oughtest to go, and what manner of people thou shouldest do war against.

12 And the Lord said unto me, Arise, take thy journey to the land of Canaan, unto the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed.

13 And I will make thy seed multiply as the stars of heaven, and I will give unto thy seed all these lands; and in them shall thy seed be a servant to thy seed; and I will break no bones of thy seed.

14 And I will give unto thy seed all these lands, and will perform the covenant which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob.

15 And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee the land of the Canaanites, and the land of the Hittites, and the land of the Jebusites, and the land of the Amorites, and the land of the Girgashites, and the land of the Hivites, and the land of the Perizzites.

16 And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee the land of the Amalekites, and the land of the Edomites, and the land of the Moabites, and the land of the Nephilim.

17 And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee the land of the Canaanites, and the land of the Hittites, and the land of the Jebusites, and the land of the Amorites, and the land of the Girgashites.

18 And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee the land of the Amalekites, and the land of the Edomites, and the land of the Moabites, and the land of the Nephilim.

19 And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee the land of the Canaanites, and the land of the Hittites, and the land of the Jebusites, and the land of the Amorites, and the land of the Girgashites.

20 And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee the land of the Amalekites, and the land of the Edomites, and the land of the Moabites, and the land of the Nephilim.

21 And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee the land of the Canaanites, and the land of the Hittites, and the land of the Jebusites, and the land of the Amorites, and the land of the Girgashites.

22 And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee the land of the Amalekites, and the land of the Edomites, and the land of the Moabites, and the land of the Nephilim.

23 And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee the land of the Canaanites, and the land of the Hittites, and the land of the Jebusites, and the land of the Amorites, and the land of the Girgashites.

24 And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee the land of the Amalekites, and the land of the Edomites, and the land of the Moabites, and the land of the Nephilim.

25 And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee the land of the Canaanites, and the land of the Hittites, and the land of the Jebusites, and the land of the Amorites, and the land of the Girgashites.

26 And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee the land of the Amalekites, and the land of the Edomites, and the land of the Moabites, and the land of the Nephilim.

27 And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee the land of the Canaanites, and the land of the Hittites, and the land of the Jebusites, and the land of the Amorites, and the land of the Girgashites.

28 And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee the land of the Amalekites, and the land of the Edomites, and the land of the Moabites, and the land of the Nephilim.
An exhortation to obedience

DEUTERONOMY. enforced by promises and threats.

Before CHRIST

1 "He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.

22 Thy fathers went down into Egypt, with threecore and ten persons; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

CHAP. XI.

1 Moses continued his exhortation to obedience, from the people's personal experience of God's great works, and their future expectations in the land of promise. 10 The character of the land; 13 which God will render fruitful or barren according as they behave. 18 A careful study in these words is required of them, and instruction of their children therein. 22 Victory and an extensive territory will reward their obedience. 25 The blinding and curse set before them.

Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his commandments, alway.

16 And know ye this day: for I speak not with your children which have not known, nor with them which have not known the chastisement of the LORD your God, 4 his greatness, 3 his mighty hand, and his stretched out arm, 8 his miracles, and his acts, which he did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his land; 27 And what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; 4 how he made the water of the Red sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and how the LORD hath destroyed them unto this day; 25 And what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came into this place; 26 And what he did unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the sons of Reuben: how the earth opened and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance that was in their possession, in the midst of all Israel:

7 But your eyes have seen all these great acts of the LORD which he did.

8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it,

9 And that ye may prolong your days in the land, whither the LORD sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey:

10 For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou wast fooded thy seed, and watered it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs:

11 But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven:

12 A land which the LORD thy God careth for: 4 the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, 4 to serve the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

14 That I will give you the rain of your land in due season, the former and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

15 And I will give the of thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.

16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; 17 And then the sword of the LORD shall be kindled against you, and he shall shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD gave you.

18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, and for a frontlet between your eyes.

19 And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

20 And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thy house, and upon thy gates:

21 That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

22 For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you this day, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and cleave unto him;

23 Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves.

24 Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the re-
A blessing and a curse proposed.

CHAP. XII. A place to be set apart for the service of God.

5 But unto the place which the Lord shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:

6 And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstfruits of your herds and of your flocks:

7 And there ye shall eat before the Lord your God, and ye shall rejoice in all the good of your land, and the inheritance which the Lord thy God giveth you.

8 Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes:

9 For ye are not as yet come to the rest, and to the inheritance, which the Lord thy God giveth you.

10 But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the Lord your God giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety:

11 Then shall be a place which the Lord your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all that ye shall vows which ye vow unto the Lord:

12 And ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your maidservants, and your menservants, and the Levite that is within your gates; forasmuch as he hath no part nor inheritance with you.

13 Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou feelest:

14 But in the place which the Lord shall choose one of your tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.

15 ¶ Notwithstanding thou mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thou soul lusteth after, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee: "the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the roebuck, and as of the hart.

16 Only ye shall not eat the blood; ye shall pour it upon the earth as water.

17 ¶ Thou mayest not eat within thy gates thy tithe of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oil, or the firstfruits of thy herds.
The Levite not to be forsoaken.  

DEUTEROMONY. Enticers to idolatry must be stoned.

Before CHRIST 1411.

| ver. 11. 12. & ch. 14-23.  |
|---|---|

18 But thou must eat them before the Lord thy God in the place which the Lord thy God shall choose, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates: and thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God in all that thou putteth thine hands unto.

19 Take heed to thyself that thou forsoaken not the Levite as long as thou livest upon thy earth.

20 When the Lord thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt eat flesh; I will eat flesh, because I am weak and because of thy flock: thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

21 If the place which the Lord thy God hath chosen to put his name there be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which the Lord God hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy gates whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

22 Even as the roebuck and the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat them: the unclean and the clean shalt eat of them alike.

23 Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh.

24 Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it upon the earth as water.

25 Thou shalt not eat it; that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of the Lord.

26 Only thy holy things which thou hast, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which the Lord shall choose:

27 And thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the Lord thy God: and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the Lord thy God, and thou shalt eat the flesh.

28 Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of the Lord thy God.

29 When the Lord thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, wether thou goest to possess them, and thou shalt succeed them, and dwellest in their land:

30 Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.

31 Thou shalt not make unto the Lord thy God abomination of the heathen, which the Lord thy God hath driven out from before thee; for the Lord thy God, he is a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate him, but showing mercy unto thousands of them that love him, and keep his commandments.

32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

C H A P. XIII.

1 Enticers to idolatry must be stoned, 6 without regard to nearness of relation. 12 Idolatrous cities must be utterly destroyed.

If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, 2 And if the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereby he calleth thee unto him, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;

3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death: because he hath spoken to turn you away from the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrive thee out of the way which the Lord thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

6 If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers;

7 Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth;

8 Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shalt thou thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him.

9 But thou shalt surelie kill him; thine eye shall not pity him, and thine hand shall not be tender for him, and thine heart shall not have compassion on him:

10 But thou shalt surely kill him; thine eye shall not pity him, and thine hand shall not be tender for him, and thine heart shall not have compassion on him:
Hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

10 And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

11 And 7 all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

12 7 If thou shalt hear say in one of thy cities, which the LORD thy God hath given thee to dwell there, saying,

13 Certain men, 1 the children of Belial, 2 are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, 2 Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known; 3 then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought among you;

15 Thou shalt surely hate the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, 3 destroying it utterly, and all that is therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword.

16 And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt 4 burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof every whit, for the LORD thy God: and it shall be an heap for ever; it shall not be built again.

17 And 8 there shall cleave nought of the cursed thing to thine hand: that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and do thee good and tender mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers;

18 When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

CHAP. XIV.

1 God's children must not disfigure themselves in mourning. 3 What may, and what may not be eaten, of beasts, 9 of fowls, 11 of fowls.

21 That wibich dieth of itself must not be eaten. 22 Tilling to be truly performed. 23 Tines and firstlings of cattle to be eaten before the LORD. 24 What is to be done in case of every dastard abode. 28 The third year's tithe of olives and charity.

Ye are the children of the LORD your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead.

2 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

3 ¶ Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing.

4 These are the beasts which ye shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat,

5 The hart, and the roe buck, and the fallow deer, and the wild goat, and the pygarg, and the wild ox, and the chamois,

6 And every beast that parteth the hoof, and cleaveth the cleft into two claws, and cheweth the cud among the beasts, that ye shall eat.

7 Nevertheless these ye shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the cloven hoof: as the camel, and the hare, and the coney: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; therefore they are unclean unto you.

8 And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, 9 nor touch their dead carcase.

9 ¶ These ye shall eat of all that are in the waters: all that have fins and scales ye shall eat:

10 And whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye may not eat; it is unclean unto you.

11 ¶ Of all clean birds ye shall eat.

12 ¶ But these are tby of which ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the offirge, and the stoprat,

13 And the gull, and the kite, and the vulture after his kind,

14 And every raven after his kind,

15 And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind,

16 The little owl, and the great owl, and the swan,

17 And the pelican, and the gier eagle, and the cormorant,

18 And the stork, and the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.

19 And 1 every creeping thing that lieth is unclean unto you: they shall not be eaten.

20 But of all clean fowls ye may eat.

21 ¶ Ye shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself: thou shalt give it unto the stranger that is in thy gates, that he may eat it: or thou mayest sell it unto an alien: for thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

22 ¶ Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.

23 ¶ And thou shalt eat before the firstfruits of thine increase.
Of the year of release; Deuteronomy, and the Hebrew servant’s discharge.

LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always.

And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it; or if the place be too far from thee, which the LORD thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:

Then shalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose:

And thou shalt beget that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul delighteth: and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household.

And the Levite that is within thy gates; thou shalt not forswear him; for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.

At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase in the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates:

And the Levite, because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shalt eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

The seventh year a year of release for the poor.

It must be no hinderance to the bondman or bondwoman.

An Hebrew servant, unless he be unwilling to depart, must in the seventh year go forth free and well furnished. All firstlings of male cattle are to be sanctified unto the LORD.

At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release.

And this is the manner of the release:

Every creditor that lendeth ought unto his neighbour shall release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbour, or of his brother, because it is called the LORD’s release.

Of a stranger thou mayest exact it again: but that which is thine with thy brother thine hand shalt release;

Save when there shall be no poor among you; for the LORD shall greatly bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it:

Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day.

For the LORD thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee; and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee.

If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:

But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth.

Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry against thee unto the LORD, and it be sin unto thee.

Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be hardened when thou givest unto him: because that this is for the LORD thy God: thou shalt to the poor, in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.

For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

And if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee.

And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty:

Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy winepress; of that wherewith the LORD thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.

And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing to day.

And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; because he loveth thee and thy house, because he is well with thee;

Then thou shalt take an aul, and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever. And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise.
The feasts of the passover, C H A P. XVI.

18 It shall not seem hard unto thee, when thou fendest him away free from thee; for he hath been worth a double hired servant to thee, in serving thee six years: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all that thou doest.

19 ¶ All the firstlings that come of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt sanctify unto the Lord thy God: thou shalt no work with the firstling of thy bullock, nor shear the firstling of thy sheep.

20 ¶ Thou shalt eat it before the Lord thy God year by year in the place where the Lord shall choose, thou and thy household.

21 ¶ And if there be any blemish therein, as if it be lame, or blind, or have any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the Lord thy God.

22 Thou shalt eat it within thy gates: the unclean and the person shall eat it alike, as the roebuck, and as the hart, and as the hart.

23 Only thou shalt not eat the blood thereof; thou shalt pour it upon the ground as water.

C H A P. XVI.

1 The feast of the passover, 9 of weeks, 13 of tabernacles. 16 Every male must offer according to his ability at these three feasts. 18 Of judges, and of justice. 21 Grooves and images are forbidden.

Observe the * month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the Lord thy God: for in the month of Abib the Lord thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.

2 Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the Lord thy God, of the flock and of the herd, in the * place which the Lord shall choose to place his name there.

3 Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life.

4 And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy coast seven days: neither shall there be * any thing of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the first day at even, remain all night until the morning.

5 Thou mayest not * sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which the Lord thy God giveth thee:

6 But at the place which the Lord thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover even at the going down of the sun, at the feaston that thou camest forth out of Egypt.

7 And thou shalt roast and eat it in the place which the Lord thy God shall choose: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents.

8 Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day shall be a holy convocation unto the Lord thy God: thou shalt do no work therein.

9 ¶ Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginneth to put the sickle to the corn.

10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the Lord thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the Lord thy God, according as the Lord thy God hath blessed thee:

11 And * thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and thy Levite, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place where the Lord thy God hath chosen to place his name there.

12 ¶ And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

13 ¶ Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy + corn and thy wine.

14 And * thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and thy Levite, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates.

15 ¶ Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the Lord thy God in the place which the Lord shall choose: because the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all things increaseth, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.

16 ¶ Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall choose;

in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and * they shall not appear before the Lord empty:

17 Every man shall + give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee.

18 ¶ Judges and officers shall thou make thee in all thy gates, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, throughout all thy tribes: and they shall judge the people with just judgment.

19 ¶ Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a
Idolaters to be put to death.

Before the Christ

I Or.

+ Hcb.

Exod. 18.

Ezek. 18.

Ex. 20.

Exod. 34.

Kings.

Kings.

Num. 16.

Kings.

Lev. 26.

Psa.

Isa.

Psa.

Job 3.

Jer. 32.

Isa. 14.

Jer. 34.

1 Sam. 20.

Psa.

Jude.

And thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the Lord thy God, which thou shalt make thee.

18 Neither shalt thou set thee up any image, which the Lord thy God hateth.

THOU shalt not sacrifice unto the Lord thy God any bullock, or sheep, wherein is blemish, or any evil-savouredness: for that is an abomination unto the Lord thy God.

If there be found among you, in any of thy gates which the Lord thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the Lord thy God, in transgressing his covenant, and hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded; and it be told thee, and thou shalt hear of it, and thou shalt hearken, and enquired diligently, and behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel:

Then thou shalt bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt flay them with stones, till they die.

At the mouth of two witnessees, or three witnessees, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witnesse he shall not be put to death.

The hands of the witnessees shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.

If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the place which the Lord thy God shall choose;

And thou shalt come unto the priests of the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and enquire; and they shall shew thee the sentence of judgment:

And thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of that place which the Lord shall choose shall shew thee; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee:

According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall shew thee, to the right hand, nor to the left.

And the man that will do presumptuously, and will not hearken unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the Lord thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die; and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel.

And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

When thou art come unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt p 3 , and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me:

Thou shalt set in any wise him king over thee, whom the Lord thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.

But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the Lord hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.

Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply himself silver and gold.

And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites:

And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life:

That he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: that the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.
The abominations of Canaan not to be learned. CHAP. XVIII, XIX. A prophet to arise, like unto Moses.

The priests the Levites, and all the tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel: they shall eat the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and his inheritance.

Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren: the Lord is their inheritance, as he hath said unto them.

And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep; and they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw.

The firstfruits of the meal of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him.

For the Lord thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand in the name of the Lord, him and his sons for ever.

And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourned, and come with all the desire of his mind unto the place which the Lord shall choose;

Then shall the Levite minster in the name of the Lord his God, as all his brethren the Levites do, which stand there before the Lord.

They shall have like portions to eat, beside that which cometh of the fole of his patrimony.

When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that ueth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch.

Or a charmer, or a confuter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God.

For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times and unto diviners: but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.

The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

According to all that thou desirdest of the Lord thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not again hear the voice of the Lord my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

And the Lord said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken.

I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

And it shall come to pass, that whatsoever will not hearken unto my words in that which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken?

When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously; thou shalt not be afraid of him.

The cities of refuge.

The privilege thereof allowed to the man-slayer; 11 but not to him that is guilty of wilful murder. The landmark not to be removed. Two witnesses at the hag are required to prove a criminal fact.

The punishment of false witnesses.

When the Lord thy God hath cut off the nations, whose land the Lord thy God giveth thee, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses; 9 Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it.

Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coasts of thy land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee thither.

And this is the case of the flayer, A a
Two witnesses required in criminal cases. Deuteronomy.

The exhortation before a battle.

18 And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witnesses be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother;

19 Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shall thou put the evil away from among you.

20 And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you:

21 And thine eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Chap. XX.

1 The priest’s exhortation before the battle. 5 The officers’ proclamation signifying who are to be dismissed. 10 How the cities that accept or refuse the proclamation of peace are to be treated. 16 The cities of the seven nations are devoted to utter destruction. 19 Trees good for food must not be cut down in the field.

When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and feest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the Lord thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people.

And shall lay them down, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them.

For the Lord your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man is there that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, and he shall die in the battle, and another man dedicate it.

And what man is he that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not yet eaten of it? let him also go and return unto his house, that he die in the battle, and another man eat of it.

And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, that he die in the battle, and another man take her.

And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man is there that is fearful and fainthearted? let him go and return unto his house, that his brethren’s heart be not faint as well as his heart.

And it shall be, when the officers have
CHAP. XXI. Of murder committed by persons unknown.

If one be found slain in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, and it be not known who hath slain him:

2 Then thy elders and thy judges shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which are round about him that is slain:

3 And it shall be, that the city which is next unto the slain man, even the elders of that city shall take an heifer, which hath not been wrought with, and which hath not drawn in the yoke:

4 And the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer unto a rough valley, which is neither eared nor sown, and shall strike off the heifer's neck there in the valley:

5 And the priests shall take the beasts of Levvi shall come near; for them the Lord thy God hath chosen to minister unto him, and to bless in the name of the Lord; and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be tried:

6 And all the elders of that city, that are next unto the slain man, shall wash their hands over the heifer that is beheaded in the valley:

7 And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it.

8 Be merciful, O Lord, unto thy people Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, and lay not innocent blood unto thy people of Israel's charge. And the blood shall be forgiven them.

9 So shalt thou put away the guilt of innocent blood from among you, when thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of the Lord.

10 When thou goest forth to war against thine enemies, and the Lord thy God hath delivered them into thine hands, and thou hast taken them captive:

11 And seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and hast a desire unto her, that thou wouldst have her to thy wife;

12 Then thou shalt bring her home to thine house; and she shall have her head, and pare her nails;

13 And the mother of her captivity from off her, and she shall remain in thine house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month: and after that thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife;

14 And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will; but thou shalt not sell her at all for money, thou shalt not make
A rebellious son to be slain to death. DEUTERONOMY.

15 ¶ If a man have two wives, one beloved, and another hated, and they have born him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the firstborn son be the son that was hated:
16 Then it shall be, when he maketh his sons to inherit that which he hath, that he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn before the son of the hated, which is indeed the firstborn:
17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath; for he is the beginning of his strength; and the right of the firstborn is his.
18 ¶ If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them:
19 Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place:
20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, his will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard.
21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.
22 ¶ And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hast hung him on a tree:
23 His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the Lord God-giveth thee for an inheritance.

CHAP. XXII.
1 Of humanity toward brethren. 5 The sex to be distinguished by apparel. 6 The dam not to be taken with her young ones. 8 Every house must have battlements. 9 Three sorts of confusion to be avoided. 12 Fringes to be worn upon the vestiture. 13 The punishment of him that fashioneth his wife, and of the wife, if convicted of unchastity before marriage. 22 Adultery to be punished with death. 23 Of a rape committed in the city, 25 or in the field. 28 Of fornication. 30 Immis is forbidden.

THOU shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother.
2 And if thy brother be not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again.
3 In like manner shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and with all lost thing of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not hide thyself.
4 ¶ Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass, or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift them up again.
5 ¶ The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God.
6 ¶ If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, whether he be young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young:
7 But thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days.
8 ¶ When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from hence.
9 ¶ Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers sorts, nor till a field with divers feed, neither shalt thou sow thy vineyard with divers feed, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled.
10 Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together.
11 Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woolen and linen together.
12 ¶ Thou shalt make thee fringes upon the four quarters of thy vesture, wherewith thou coverest thyself:
13 ¶ If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her,
14 And give occasions of speech against her, and bring upon an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid:
15 Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth the tokens of the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate:
16 And the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hath her;
Who are excluded from the congregation.

1. What persons may not enter into the congregation.
   3. An Ammonite or Moabite is excluded to the tenth generation; 7. but an Edomite or Egyptian may be admitted in the third.
   9. Every wicked thing to be avoided in the booth.
   10. An unclean person must remove out of the camp.
   12. Cleansing is to be attended to therein because of God's presence.
   15. Of the fugitive servant.
   17. Whoredom and sodomy not to be committed in Israel.
   18. Of abominable sacrifices.
   19. Of injuries.
   24. Of trespassers.

He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord for ever:

4. Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of the children of Moab, to curse thee.

5. Nevertheless the Lord thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the Lord thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the Lord thy God loved thee.

6. Thou shalt not seek their peace nor their prosperity all thy days for ever.

7. Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite; for he is thy brother: thou shalt not abhor an Egyptian; because thou wast a stranger in his land.

8. The children that are begotten of them shall enter into the congregation of the Lord in their third generation.

9. When the host goeth forth against thine enemies, then keep thee from every wicked thing.

10. If there be among you any man, that is not clean by reason of uncleanness that chanceth him by night, then shall he go abroad out of the camp, he shall not come within the camp:

11. But it shall be, when evening cometh on, he shall wash himself with water:

12. Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad:

13. And thou shalt have a paddle upon
Deuteronomy.

The law of divorce.

8 Of leprosy. 14 The birth of a servant must not be detained. 16 Every man must be answerable for his own sin. 17 Of doing justice to the friendless. 19 Of charity.

When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it came to pass that the woman found no favour in his eyes, because he had found some uncleanliness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

2 And when she is departed out of his house, the man may take another man's wife.

3 And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife;

4 Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the Lord: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

5 When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, nor shall he be charged with any business: but he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.

6 No man shall take the nether or the upper miflton to pledge: for he taketh a man's life to pledge.

7 If a man be found stealing any articles of his brethren the children of Israel, and maketh merchandise of him, or selleth him; then that thief shall die: and thou shalt put evil away from among you.

8 Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, so ye shall offend to do.

9 Remember what the Lord thy God did unto Miriam by the way, after that ye were come forth out of Egypt.

10 When thou doest lend thy brother anything, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge.

11 Thou shalt stand abroad, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring out the pledge abroad unto thee.

12 And if the man be poor, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge.

13 In any case thou shalt deliver him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and blest thee: and it shall be righteouness unto thee before the Lord thy God.

Numbers.

15 When thou comest into the vineyard of thy neighbour, then thou mayest eat grapes thy fill at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put any in thy vessel.

16 When thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbour, then thou shalt not pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move aickle unto thy neighbour's standing corn.

C H A P. XXIV.

1 The law of divorce. 5 A new married man is exempt from war and civil offices for the space of a year. 6, 10 Of pledges. 7 Of man-
CHAP. XXV. The law of raising up seed unto a brother.

5 ¶ If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child; the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her.

6 And it shall be, that the firstborn which is the firstfruits of his brother, in the name of his brother which died, that is his name shall not be put out of Israel.

7 And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel; he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.

8 Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and if he stand to it, and say, I like not to take her;

9 Then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and put it in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man which will not build up his brother's house.

10 And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that hath his shoe loosed.

11 ¶ When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets:

12 Then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall not pity her.

13 ¶ Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small.

14 Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small.

15 But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

16 For all that do such things, and all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto the Lord thy God.

17 ¶ Remember what Amalek did unto thee in the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt;

18 How he met thee in the way, and smote thee with the hammer; and smote all the fat males.

19 Therefore it shall be, when the Lord thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for
The offering of the basket of firstfruits. DEUTERONOMY. The covenant between God and the people.

AND it shall be, when thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein: 2 That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there.

3 And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I came into the land unto which the LORD swore unto our fathers for to give us.

4 And the priest shall take out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God.

5 And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, 'A Syrian ready to perish was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous: 6 And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage:

7 And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression:

8 And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders:

9 And he brought us hither into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey.

10 And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, haft given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God:

11 And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you.

12 ¶ When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase in the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled; 13 Then thou shalt say before the LORD thy God, I have brought away the holy things out of mine house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and unto the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them:

14 ¶ I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken away ought thereof for any unclean use, nor given ought thereof for the dead: but I have hearkened to the voice of the LORD my God, and have done according to all that thou hast commanded me.

15 ¶ Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou didst unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

16 ¶ This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

17 Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice:

18 ¶ And the LORD hath avouched this day this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shalt keep all his commandments:

19 And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spokèn.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 The people are commanded to write the law upon stones, which are to be set up, and an altar of whole stones to be built, in mount Ebal.

2 Moses and the priests recommend attention and obedience to the law.

3 Six tribes to be stationed on Gerizim, and six on Ebal.

4 The curses to be pronounced by the Levites.

AND Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day.

2 And it shall be on the day when ye shall pass over Jordan unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, that thou shalt set up this stone in the midst of the river, the Jordan, save ye shall pass over Jordan.
The curses to be pronounced by the Levites. CHAP. XXVIII.

The blessings for obedience.

Before CHRIST

1 And thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art passed over, that thou mayest go in unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey; as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee.

2 Therefore it shall be when ye be gone over Jordan, that ye shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in mount Ebal, and thou shalt pile them with plaister.

3 And there shall thou build an altar unto the Lord thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt not lift up any iron tool upon them.

4 Thou shalt build the altar of the Lord thy God of whole stones: and thou shalt offer burnt offerings thereon unto the Lord thy God.

5 And thou shalt offer peace offerings, and shalt eat there, and rejoice before the Lord thy God.

6 And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.

7 ¶ And Moses and the priests the Levites spake unto all Israel, saying, Take heed, and hearken, O Israel; this day thou art become the people of the Lord thy God.

8 Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the Lord thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day.

9 ¶ And Moses charged the people the same day, saying,

10 These shall stand upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are come over Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin:

11 And these shall stand upon mount Ebal to curse; Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

12 ¶ And the Levites shall speak, and say unto all the men of Israel with a loud voice,

13 Curfed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the Lord, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. ¶ And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

14 Curfed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

15 Curfed be he that removeth his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen.

16 Curfed be he that saith to his father or his mother, It is in secret. ¶ And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

17 Curfed be the man that riseth up against his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen.

18 Curfed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen.

19 Curfed be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. ¶ And all the people shall say, Amen.

20 Curfed be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen.

21 Curfed be he that lieth with any manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Amen.

22 Curfed be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. ¶ And all the people shall say, Amen.

23 Curfed be he that lieth with his mother in law. ¶ And all the people shall say, Amen.

24 Curfed be he that smiteth his neighbour secretly. ¶ And all the people shall say, Amen.

25 Curfed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. ¶ And all the people shall say, Amen.

26 Curfed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. ¶ And all the people shall say, Amen.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 The blessings for obedience. 15 The curses for disobedience.

And it shall come to pass, if thou hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

4 Blessed shalt be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy trough.

6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

7 The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

8 The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, in the fruit of thy land, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy body:

9 The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure in the heaven, the storehouse of all good, which he promised to thy fathers.

10 The Lord will make thee the head, and not the tail, and thou shalt be above them that come out against thee; thou shalt not bow down unto them.

11 ¶ If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe his statutes and his commandments which I command thee this day, and shalt do them, then shall the Lord thy God do unto thee the good that he hath spoken.

12 ¶ If thou shalt forsake the Lord, and serve other gods, then will he turn and smite thee with consumption, and with plagues, and with pestilence, until he destroy thee.

13 ¶ For the Lord will not leave himself without a witness, to do thee good and to multiply thee, but he will surely do thee good, and multiply thee, if thou observe the commandments of the Lord thy God. Amen. 16

14 ¶ And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee and upon thy children, and thou shalt say, My soul perished for my sin, which I have sinned.

15 Then shalt thou hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, shalt perform his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee this day, and shalt do them.

16 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with consumption, and with plagues, and with pestilence, and with boils, and with the erysipelas, and with the scab, and with the itch, and with the cannon that goeth up into the eye, and with the swelling thereof.

17 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with madness, and with blindness, and with trembling of heart.

18 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with feebleness of spirit, and with longing heart, in all the good of thy desire, and in all thy labours, of which thou labourest.

19 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with the itch, and with boils, that cannot be healed, in thy flesh, from the sole of thy foot unto the crown of thy head.

20 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with madness, and with blindness, and with astonishment of heart.

21 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with consumption, and with the cancers, and with scab.

22 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with madness, and with blindness, and with astonishment of heart.

23 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with feebleness of spirit, and with longing heart, in all the good of thy desire, and in all thy labours, of which thou labourest.

24 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with the itch, and with boils, that cannot be healed, in thy flesh, from the sole of thy foot unto the crown of thy head.

25 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with madness, and with blindness, and with astonishment of heart.

26 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with consumption, and with the cancers, and with scab.

27 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with madness, and with blindness, and with astonishment of heart.

28 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with feebleness of spirit, and with longing heart, in all the good of thy desire, and in all thy labours, of which thou labourest.

29 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with the itch, and with boils, that cannot be healed, in thy flesh, from the sole of thy foot unto the crown of thy head.

30 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with madness, and with blindness, and with astonishment of heart.

31 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with consumption, and with the cancers, and with scab.

32 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with madness, and with blindness, and with astonishment of heart.

33 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with feebleness of spirit, and with longing heart, in all the good of thy desire, and in all thy labours, of which thou labourest.

34 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with the itch, and with boils, that cannot be healed, in thy flesh, from the sole of thy foot unto the crown of thy head.

35 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with madness, and with blindness, and with astonishment of heart.

36 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with consumption, and with the cancers, and with scab.

37 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with madness, and with blindness, and with astonishment of heart.

38 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with feebleness of spirit, and with longing heart, in all the good of thy desire, and in all thy labours, of which thou labourest.

39 ¶ And the Lord shall smite thee with the itch, and with boils, that cannot be healed, in thy flesh, from the sole of thy foot unto the crown of thy head.
The curses for disobedience. DEUTERONOMY. The curses for disobedience.

Before CHRIST Before CHRIST
19:5. 17. 37.
6. 7. 35.
& 19. 19.
& 59. 19.

shall becwe thee in the land which the L ORD thy God giveth thee. 9 'The L ORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the L ORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

10 'And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the L ORD; and they shall be afraid of thee. 11 'And the L ORD shall make thee plentiful in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the L ORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

12 'The L ORD shall open unto thee his good treaure, the heaven, to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hands: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow; 13 'And the L ORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the L ORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

14 'And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, after other gods to serve them. 15 'But if it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the L ORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

16 Curfed shalt thou be in the city, and curfed shalt thou be in the field. 17 Curfed shall be thy basket and thy store. 18 Curfed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. 19 Curfed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and curfed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

20 The L ORD shall send upon thee crawling, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou setttest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forfaken me. 21 The L ORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.

22 'The L ORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew, and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. 23 'And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. 24 'The L ORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

25 'The L ORD shall cause thee to be smitten with thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and the L ORD shall be thy remover from all the kingdoms of the earth. 26 'And thy carcase shall be meat unto all foul souls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away. 27 'The L ORD will smite thee with the pestilence of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.

28 'The L ORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:

29 'And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in the darknes, and thou shalt not be led in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.

30 'Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: 31 'Thine ox shall be taken away from thee, and thy ass, and the ships of thy seamen, in the land of thy enemies: they shall fell thee to the ground with the edge of the sword. 32 'Thy sons also shall be taken away from thee, and thine eyes shall see the land that thou hast given unto thy fathers; and thou shalt not see it again. 33 'Thine ox shall be taken from thee, and thine ass, and the ships of thy seamen, in the land of thy enemies: they shall fell thee to the ground with the edge of the sword. 34 'So shall thou be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. 35 'The L ORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.

36 'The L ORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fa-
The curses for disobedience.

Before CHRIST

CHAP.

XXVIII.

The curses for disobedience.

Before CHRIST

CHAP.

37 And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee.

38 Thou shalt carry much feed out into the field, and gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it.

39 Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them.

40 Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall fall into the vineyards.

41 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but they shall not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.

42 All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.

43 The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low.

44 He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.

45 Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hast not hearkened unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee.

46 And they shall befall thee a sign and a wonder, and upon thy seed forever.

47 Because thou hast served not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;

48 Therefore shall the Lord send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

49 The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;

50 A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor the favour to the young; he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee.

52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the Lord thy God hath given thee.

53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the Lord thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the famine, and in thestra, and in every thing wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:

54 So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the spouse of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave;

55 So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children which he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the famine, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates.

56 The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter,

57 And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear:

58 Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.

60 And every fickleness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of that law, them will the Lord bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

62 And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldst not obey the voice of the Lord thy God.

63 And it shall come to pass, that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the Lord will rejoice over thee to do thee evil.
By the memory of the works they had seen. DEUTERONOMY. The people are exhorted to obedience.

Before CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

1 And when ye came unto this place, 7 And when ye came unto this place, Sihon the king of Hebron, and Og the 7 And when ye came unto this place, king of Bashan, came out against us unto 7 And when ye came unto this place, battle, and we smote them:

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.

Before
CHRIST 1431.
Great mercies promised unto the penitent.  

CHAP. XXX.

And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath driven thee,

2 And shalt return unto the Lord thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;

3 That then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee.

4 If any of thine be driven out unto the utmost parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:

5 And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

6 And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

7 And the Lord thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and upon them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.

8 And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the Lord, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.

9 And the Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hands, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of the land, for good:

10 If thou hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

11 ¶ For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hid from thee, neither is it far off.

12 It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

14 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

15 ¶ See, I have set before thee this day life and death, and that which is good and evil;

16 In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

18 ¶ I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not
Moses encourageth the people.

And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and unto all the elders of Israel.

And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles,

When all Israel is come to appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing.

Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:

And that their children, which have not known any thing, may hear, and learn to fear the Lord your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation.

And the Lord appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.

Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them; and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befal them, so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us?

And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.

Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel.

For when I shall have brought them into the land which I sware unto their fa-
Joshua received a charge.

CHAP.

XXXII. The song which Moses received from God.

my speech shall distil as the dew, * as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

3 Because I will publish the name of the LORD; * acrificeybe greatness unto our God.

4 He is the Rock, * his work is perfect; * for all his ways are judgment: * a God of truth * and without iniquity, just and right is he.

5 * They have corrupted themselves, * their spot is not the spot of his children: * they are a perverse and crooked generation.

6 Do ye thus * require the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? * is not he thy father that hath bought thee? * hath he not made thee, and established thee?

7 * Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: * ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.

8 When the Moit High * divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he fet the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

9 For the LORD's portion is his people; * Jacob is the * lot of his inheritance.

10 He found him * in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he * led him about, * as instructed him, he * kept him as the apple of his eye.

11 As an eagle strest up her nest, * fluttereth over her young, * spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:

12 So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

13 * He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increas of the fields; and he made him to suck * honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;

14 Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, * with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didn't drink the pure * blood of the grape.

15 * But Jeshurun waxed fat, and * kicked: * thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art over首饰ed with fatness; then he * forsook God whom he * made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

16 * They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger.

17 * They sacrificed unto devils, * not to God; to gods whom they knew not to.

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

My doctrine shall drop as the rain,
The Song of Moses.

Deuteronomy.

which be received from God.

Before CHRIST.

1451.

18 Of the Rock that begat thee thou

art unhindful, and haft forgotten God

that formed thee.

19 And when the LORD saw him, he

abhorred them, because of the pro-

fane of his sons, and of his daughters.

20 And he said, I will hide my face

from them, I will see what their end shall

be: for they are a very froward generation,

children in whom is no faith.

21 They have moved me to jealousy

with that which is not God; they have

provoked me to anger; with their vanities:

and I will move them to jealousy with

those which are not a people; I will provoke

them to anger with a foolish nation.

22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger,

and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and

shall consume the earth with her increas,

and set on fire the foundations of the

mountains.

23 I will heap mischiefs upon them;

I will spend mine arrows upon them.

24 They shall burn with hunger, and

devour with burning heat; and with

bitter destruction: I will also send the

teeth of beasts upon them, with the

poison of serpents of the dust.

25 The sword without, and terror

within, that destroy both the young

man and the virgin; the suckling also with

the man of gray hairs.

26 I said, I would scatter them into

corners, I would make the remembrance

of them to cease from among men:

27 Were it not that I feared the wrath

of the enemy, left his adversaries should

have behaved themselves strangely, and

left they should say, Our hand is high, and the

LORD hath not done all this.

28 For they are a nation void of counsel,

neither is there any understanding in them.

29 O that they were wise, that they

understood this, that they would consider

their latter end!

30 How should one chasse a thousand,

and two put ten thousand to flight, except

their Rock had sold them, and the LORD

had thrust them up?

31 For their rock is not as our Rock,

even our enemies themselves being judges.

32 For their vine is of the vine of So-

dom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their

grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are

bitter.

33 Their wine is the poison of dragons,

and the cruel venom of asps.

Before CHRIST.

1457.

34 Is not this laid up in store with me,

and sealed up among my treasures?

35 To me belongeth vengeance, and re-

compence; their foot shall slide in due

time: for the day of their calamity is at

hand, and the things that shall come up

on them make haste.

36 For the LORD shall judge his people,

and repent himself for his servants, when

he seeth that their + power is gone, and

there is none shut up, or left.

37 And he shall say, Where are their

gods, their rock in whom they trusted;

which did eat the fat of their sacrificies,

and drank the wine of their drink

offerings? let them rise up and help you,

and be + your protection.

38 See now that I, even I, am he, and

there is no god with me: I kill, and I

make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither

is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

39 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and

swear by the LORD of heaven.

40 I live for ever.

41 If I whet my glittering sword, and

mine hand take hold on judgment; I will

render vengeance to mine enemies, and

will reward them that hate me.

42 I will make mine arrows drunk with

blood, and my sword shall devour flesh;

and that with the blood of the flain and

of the captives, from the beginning of

revenge up to the end of time.

43 Rejoice, O ye nations, with his

people: for he will avenge the blood of

his servants, and will render vengeance

to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto

his land, and to his people.

44 And Moses came and spake all the

words of this song in the ears of the

people, he, and + Hothey the son of Nun.

45 And Moses made an end of speaking

all these words to all Israel:

46 And he said unto them, Set your

hearts unto all the words which I testify

among you this day, which ye shall com-

mand your children to observe to do, all

the words of this law.

47 For it is not a vain thing for you;

because it is your life: and through this

thing ye shall prolong your days in the

land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

48 And the Lord spake unto Moses

that selfsame day, saying,

49 Get thee up into this mountain A-

barim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the

land of Moab, that is over against Jeri-

cho; and behold the land of Canaan which

I give unto the children of Israel for a

possession:

50 And die in the mount whither thou

Moses' prophecy before his death  

C H A P.

Before CHRIST

1451. 5. Num. 01. 02. 03. 04.


Or. See Lev. 26. Num. 01. 02. 03. 04. 05. 06. 07. 08. 09. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26.

XXXIII. concerning the twelve tribes of Israel.

11 Bless, LORD, his substance, and accept the work of his hands; infinite through the loins of them that rise against him, and of them that hate him, that they rise not again.

12 And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; and the LORD shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.

13 And of Joseph he said, Blessed be the LORD be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath.

14 And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon,

15 And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the latter hills,

16 And for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelleth in the bush: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the head of him that is separated from his brethren.

17 His glory is like the bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth; and they are the thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh.

18 And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out; and, Issachar, in thy tents.

19 They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they shall suck of the abundance of the flocks, and of treausres hid in the fand.

20 And of Gad he said, Blessed be he that enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the arm with the crown of the head.

21 And he provided the first part for that which was to be his portion, because there, in a portion of the lawgiver, was be seated; and he came with the heads of the people, he executed the justice of the LORD, and his judgments with Israel.

22 And of Dan he said, Dan is a lion's whelp: he shall leap from Bashan.

23 And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favour, and full with the blessing of the LORD: possess thou the west and the south.

24 And of Asher he said, Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him dip his foot in oil.
Moses vieweth the land of promise, Deuteronomy, and dieteth in mount Nebo.

25 ¶ Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be. 26 ¶ There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heavens in thy help, and in his excellency upon the sky. 27 The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them. 28 ¶ Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down wheat. 29 ¶ Happy art thou, O Israel: 1 who art like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, 2 the shield of thy help, and who 3 is the ford of thy excellency! and thine enemies, 4 shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places. 5 ¶ And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of 6 Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. 7 And the Lord shewed him all the land of Gilead, 8 unto Dan, 9 And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, 10 The utmost sea, 11 And the fourth, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, 12 unto Zoar. 13 And Moses viewed the land of promise, and died in mount Nebo.

4 ¶ And the Lord said unto him, This is the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: 2 I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither. 3 ¶ So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. 4 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. 5 ¶ And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: 6 his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. 7 ¶ And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: 8 for the days of mourning for Moses were ended. 9 ¶ And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the Lord commanded Moses. 10 ¶ And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, 11 In all the signs and the wonders, which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt against Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, 12 And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

The Book of Joshua.

The Lord appointeth Joshua to succeed Moses. The extent of the promised land. God promiseth to assist Joshua, and instructeth him. Joshua prepareth the people to pass over Jordan. He putteth the two tribes and half in mind of their engagement to Moses. They promise him obedience. Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying. 2 ¶ Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. 3 ¶ Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. 4 From the wilderness, and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the uttermost sea, toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 But this book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

10 ¶ Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Pass through the holt, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the Lord your God giveth you to possess it.

12 ¶ And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying,

13 Remember the word which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, The Lord your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land.

14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valor, and help them;

15 Until the Lord have given your brethren rest, as he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the Lord your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the Lord's servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising.

16 ¶ And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go.

17 According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the Lord thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.

18 Whosoever be not with us be that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

CHAP. II.

Rabbah concealeth the spies.

AND Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, Go view the land, even Jericho.

And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rabbah, and lodged there.

And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country.

And the king of Jericho sent unto Rabbah, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into this house: for they be come to search out all the country.

And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were:

And it came to pass about the time of flushing of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went, I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them.

But the had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which the had laid in order upon the roof.

And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

And Before they were laid down, the came up unto them upon the roof;

And she said unto the men, I know that the Lord hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the Lord your God he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the Lord, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token:

And that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my fitter, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.

And the men answered her, Our life
The covenant between Rabab and the spies. JOSUA. Joshua directed the passage over Jordan.

And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host.

And it was so, when they went through the host, that the officers said to the people, Say, 'When ye see the ark of the Lord your God, and the priests of the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it.

Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore.

Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the Lord will do wonders among you.

Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

And the Lord said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.

And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.

And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites.

Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan.

Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man.

And it shall come to pass, as soon as the foles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.

And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;
The people pass over on dry ground.

CHAP. IV.

12 stones set up in Gilgal.

12 stones set up in the midst of Jordan, and every thing was finished that the Lord commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hasted and passed over.

And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the Lord spake unto Joshua, saying, 2 Take ye twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man: 3 And command ye them, saying, Take ye hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night.

And Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man:

And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of Jordan, and take up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel:

That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers, saying, What mean ye by these stones?

Then ye shall answer them, That there waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the Lord; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the Lord spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.

For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until every thing was finished that the Lord commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua; and the people hasted and passed over.

And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of the Lord passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people.

And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them:

About forty thousand armed men passed over before the Lord unto battle, to the plains of Jericho.

On that day the Lord magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

And the Lord spake unto Joshua, saying,

Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan.

Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of Jordan.

And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord were come up out of the midst of Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet flowed over dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as before they did before.

And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first month; and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho.

And then they spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones?

Then ye shall say unto them, That these stones which we have gathered out of Jordan, as the Lord spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of Israel, shall be a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

For the Lord your God dried up the
Joshua renewed circumcision.

Before
CHRIST.
1451.
Exodus
14: 31.
1 Kings
14: 43.
Pf. 106: 8.
Exodus
14: 5.
Chron.
2: 9.
Jcr. 10: 7.

JOSHUA.

waters of Jordan from before you, until ye
were passed over, as the Lord your God
did to the Red sea; which he dried up
from before us, until we were gone over:
24. That all the people of the earth
might know the hand of the Lord, that
it is a mighty thing that ye might fear
the Lord your God for ever.
Jcr. 10: 7.

CHAP. V.

1 The Canaanites are afraid. 2 Joshua renewed circumcision. 10 The passover is kept at Gilgal.
12 The manna ceasteth. 13 An angel appeareth to Joshua.

And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were on the sea, heard that the Lord had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

2 At that time the Lord said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.

3 And Joshua made them sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

4 And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.

5 Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way, as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised.

6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people, that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the Lord: unto whom the Lord spake that he would not shew them the land, which the Lord spake unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

7 And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.

8 And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole.

9 And the Lord said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

10 ¶ And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.

11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the feslmaid day.

12 ¶ And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

13 ¶ And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?

14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?

15 And the captain of the Lord's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

CHAP. VI.

1 Jericho is shut up. 2 God smiteth Josua how to carry on the siege. 6 Joshua girdeth the priests with the ark followed by the people to compass the city. 8 It is compassed five days; and on the seventh day it is compassed seven times. 17 The city is accursed. 20 At the people's shout the walls fall down, and the city is utterly destroyed. 22 Rabshakeh is smitten. 26 The man that buildeth Jericho again is laid under a curse.

Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

2 ¶ And the Lord said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.

3 And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days.

4 And seven priests shall stand before the ark seven times; and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.

5 And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn,
Chap. VII.

And when ye hear the sound of the trumpets, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend every man straight before him.

And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the Lord.

And he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of the Lord.

And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bore seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the Lord, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the Lord followed them.

And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rearward came after the ark, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout.

So the ark of the Lord compassed the city, going about it once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord.

And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the Lord went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rearward came after the ark of the Lord, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did fix days.

And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city.

And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the Lord: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers which we sent.

And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the Lord; they shall come into the treasury of the Lord.

So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

But Joshua had laid up to the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot’s house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath as an e swear unto her.

And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.

And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein; only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the Lord.

And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father’s house, and all that she had; and the dwellers in Jericho even unto this day: because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

And Joshua adjured them at that time, saying, Curse ye the man before the Lord, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest son he shall set up the gates of it.

So the Lord was with Joshua; and his fame was noise all throughout all the country.

Chap. VII.

1. Achan’s trepass. 2. The Israelites are smitten by the men of Ai. 6. Joshua’s complaint. 10. God instrueth him what to do. 16. Achan is taken by lot. 19. His confession. 24. He and all that belonged to him are destroyed in the valley of Achor.

But the children of Israel committed a trepass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of D渡


of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.

2 ¶ And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth-aven, on the east side of Beth-el, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai.

3 And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up, and smite Ai; and make not all the people to labour thither, for they are but few.

4 So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fied before the men of Ai.

5 And the men of Ai smote them of them about thirty and six men: for they smote them from before the gate even unto Shebarim, and smote them in the going down: wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

6 ¶ And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads.

7 And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord God, wherefore hast thou brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan!

8 O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies!

9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou have done unto thy great name?

10 ¶ And the Lord said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?

11 Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have alfo stolen, and defiled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff.

12 Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.

13 Up, sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the Lord God of Israel, There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.

14 In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be, that the tribe which the Lord taketh shall come according to the families thereof; and the family which the Lord taketh shall take him by housethould, and the housethould which the Lord shall take shall come by man.

15 ¶ And it shall be, that he is that taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the Lord, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel.

16 ¶ So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken:

17 And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zarthites; and he brought the family of the Zarthites man by man; and Zabdi was taken:

18 And he brought his housethould man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19 ¶ And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the Lord God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me.

20 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:

21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it.

23 And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the Lord.

24 ¶ And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his ass, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor.

25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the Lord shall trouble thee this day.

26 And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones,


And the Lord said unto Joshua, * Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land: * 2 And thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst unto * Jericho and her king: only * the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves: lay thee an ambush for the city behind it. * 3 ¶ So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them by night. * * 4 And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, even behind the city: go not far from the city, but be ye all ready: * 5 And I, and all the people that are with me, will approach unto the city: and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will fly before them. * 6 (For they will come out after us:) till we have drawn them from the city; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first: therefore we will flee before them. * 7 Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city: for the Lord your God will deliver it into your hand. * 8 And it shall be, when ye have taken the city, that ye shall set the city on fire: according to the commandment of the Lord shall ye do. * 9 ¶ Joshua therefore sent them forth: and they went to lie in ambush, and abode between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the people. * 10 And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai. * * 11 * And all the people, even the people of war that were with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north side of Ai: now there was a valley between them and Ai. * 12 And he took about five thousand men, and let them lie in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of the city. * 13 And when they had let the people, even all the host that was on the north of the city, and their liers in wait on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley. * 14 ¶ And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hasted and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but he would not that there were liers in ambush against him behind the city. * 15 And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness. * 16 And all the people that were in Ai were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city. * 17 And there was not a man left in Ai or Bethel, that went not out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel. * 18 And the Lord said unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that is in thy hand against Ai; for I will give it into thine hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that he had in his hand toward the city. * 19 And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as fast as he had stretched out his hand: and they entered into the city, and took it, and halted and set the city on fire. * 20 And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers. * 21 And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai. * 22 And the other is laid out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they let none of them remain or escape. * 23 And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua. * 24 And it came to pass, when Israel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness wherein they chased them, and when they were all

D d 2
The altar built in mount Ebal.

JOSHUA. The Gibeonites by craft obtain a league.

Before CHRIST

441.

fallen on the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all the Israelites returned unto Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword.

And it was, that all that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of Ai.

26 For Joshua drew not his hand back, wherewith he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

27 Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the Lord which he commanded Joshua.

28 And Joshua burnt Ai, and made it an heap forever, even a defoliation unto this day.

29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until eventide: and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcase down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raise thereon a great heap of stones, that remaineth unto this day.

30 Then Joshua built an altar unto the Lord God of Israel in mount Ebal,

31 As Moses the servant of the Lord commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up any iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the Lord, and sacrificed peace offerings.

32 And wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

33 And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark of the covenant of the Lord, as well the elders of Israel, as well the strangers, as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal;

34 As Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

And afterward he read all the words of the law, that is written in the book of the law,

35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, both the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.

CHAP. IX.

1 The kings of Canaan combine against Israel.

2 The Gibeonites by craft obtain a league: but they are feared on account of the oath of the princes. 22 Joshua adjudgeth them to perpetual bondage.

AND it came to pass, when all the kings which were on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the sea round about Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard thereof.

2 That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

3 And when the inhabitants of Gibeon had done unto Jericho and to Ai,

4 They did work willily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old raiment upon their androids, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;

5 And old shoes, and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and mouldy;

6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.

7 And the men of Israel said unto the kings of the Hivites, P eradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a league with you?

8 And they said unto Joshua, We are thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and from whence come ye?

9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the fame of the name of the Lord thy God:

10 And we have heard that God is toward thee, and that thy name is the Lord; and that thou didst stretch forth thine hand over this sea, and parted it toward me, and broughtest me over, and gavest it unto my army, as a people unto possess.

11 Wherefore we are a people as thy hand.

12 This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy.

13 And these bottles of wine, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.

14 And said, And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the Lord.
They are adjudged to perpetual bondage. **Chap. X.**

Five kings war against Gibeah.

15 And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sworn unto them.

16 ¶ And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they were their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them.

17 And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeaon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath-jearim.

18 And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the Lord God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes.

19 But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the Lord God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them.

20 This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them.

21 And the princes sware unto them. Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation; as the princes had promised them.

22 ¶ And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We are very far from you; when ye dwell among us?

23 Now therefore ye are cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.

24 And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the Lord thy God commanded thy servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore have we sware afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

25 And now, behold, we are in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do.

26 And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they fled them not.

27 And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the Lord, even unto this day, in the place where he shoulde.

**Chap. X.**

1 Four kings war against Gibeaon. 6 The Gibe
At Joshua's word the sun and moon stand still. JOSHUA.

11 And it came to pass, as they fled before Israel, and were in the going down to Bethhoron, that the Lord cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died; they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.

12 ¶ Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the fight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the Lord fought for Israel.

15 ¶ And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

16 ¶ But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah.

17 And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah.

18 And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and let men be by it to keep them:

19 And stay ye not, but pursue after your enemies, and slay them as the Lord your God hath delivered them into your hand.

20 And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest which remained of them entered into fenced cities.

21 And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: none moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.

22 ¶ Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings unto me out of the cave.

23 And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon.

24 And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them.

25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the Lord do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.

26 And afterward Joshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them upon five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening.

27 And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave, wherein they had been hid, and laid great stones upon the mouth of the cave, which remain until this very day.

28 ¶ And that day Joshua took Makkedah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof he utterly destroyed, them, and all the souls that were therein; he let none remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did unto the king of Jericho.

29 ¶ Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, unto Libnah, and fought against Libnah:

30 And the Lord delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein; he let none remain in it; but did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Jericho.

31 ¶ And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, unto Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it:

32 And the Lord delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, which took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

33 ¶ Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

34 ¶ And from Lachish Joshua passed unto Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it, and fought against it:

35 And they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36 ¶ And Joshua went up from Eglon,
and all Israel with him, unto Hebron; and they fought against it: 37 And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that were therein. 38 ¶ And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and fought against it: 39 And he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that were therein: he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king. 40 ¶ So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the Lord God of Israel commanded. 41 And Joshua smote them from Kadeshbarnea even unto Gaza, and all the country of Gophen, even unto Gibeon. 42 And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the Lord God of Israel fought for Israel. 43 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal. 44 And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard these things, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph, 2 And to the kings that were on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chinnereth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west, 3 And to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and to the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, and to the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpah, 4 And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the land that is upon the sea shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many. 5 And when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel. 6 ¶ And the Lord said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire. 7 So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly; and they fell upon them. 8 And the Lord delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto great Zidon, and unto Or, Zidon - rabs. 9 And Milaphoth-maim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining. 10 And Joshua did unto them as the Lord bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire. 11 ¶ And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms. 12 And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them: there was not any left to breathe: and he burnt Hazor with fire. 13 And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, and he utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the Lord commanded. 14 But as for the cities that stood still in their strength, Israel burned none of them; save Hazor only; that did Joshua burn. 15 And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe. 16 ¶ As the Lord commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and it did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the Lord commanded Moses. 17 ¶ So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Gothen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same; 18 Even from the Mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them.
The Anakims cut off.

Before CHRIST

18 ¶ Joshua made war a long time with all those kings.

19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save *the Hi-vites the inhabitants of Gibeon: all other* they took in battle.

20 For *it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favours, but that he might destroy them, *as the LORD commanded Moses.*

21 ¶ And at that time came Joshua, and cut off *the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities.

22 There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in *Gath,* and in *Ashdod,* there remained.

23 ¶ So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel *according to their divisions by their tribes.* And the land rested from war.

CHAP. XII.

1 *The two kings whose countries Moses took and dispossessed.* 7 *The one and thirty kings on the west side of Jordan which Joshua smote.*

NOW these are the kings of the land, which the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land on the other side Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the river Arnon unto Mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east:

*1* Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and ruled from Aror, which is upon the bank of the river Arnon, from the middle of the river, and from half Gilead, even unto the river Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon;

3 And *from the plain to the sea of Chinneroth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain, even thehalt sea on the east,* namely, to Beth-jeshimoth; and from *the south,* under *'Ashdoth-piégah:*

4 And the coast of Og king of Bashan, *which was of a remnant of the giants,* that dwelt at Athothar and at Edrei, 5 And reigned in *Mount Hermon,* and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, *unto the border of the Geshurites, and the Maachathites,* and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

6 *Them did Moses the servant of the LORD and the children of Israel smite: and Moses the servant of the LORD gave it for a possession unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.*

7 ¶ And these are the kings of the country which Joshua and the children of Israel smote on this side Jordan on the west, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon even unto the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, *whichJoshua gave unto the tribes of Israel for a possession according to their divisions:

8 *In the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and in the springs, and in the wildernesses, and in the south country; the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites:*

9 *The king of Jericho, one,* 10 *The king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one:* 11 *The king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;*

12 *The king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one;*

13 *The king of Eglon, one;* 14 *The king of Gezer, one;*

15 *The king of Debir, one;* 16 *The king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one;*

17 *The king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;*

18 *The king of Makkedah, one;* 19 *The king of Bethel, one;*

20 *The king of Tappuah, one;* 21 *The king of Hepher, one;*

22 *The king of Aphek, one;* 23 *The king of Lasharon, one;*

24 *The king of Madon, one;* 25 *The king of Hazor, one;*

26 *The king of Shimron-meron, one;* 27 *The king of Achshaph, one;*

28 *The king of Taanach, one;* 29 *The king of Megiddo, one;*

30 *The king of Kedesh, one;* 31 *The king of Jokneam of Carmel, one;*

32 *The king of Dor in the coast of Dor, one;* 33 *The king of the nations of Gilgal, one;*

34 *The king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty and one.*

CHAP. XIII.

1 What parts of the land remained yet unsold; *Joshua is commanded to divide the whole by lot, the two tribes and half being excepted out of this division, and the tribe of Levi. 15 The bounds of Reuben's inheritance, (Balak's plain, ver. 22.) 24 of the inheritance of Gad, 29 and of the half tribe of Manasseh, as allotted by Moses, who gave no inheritance to the Levites, but God only.*
NOW Joshua was old and stricken in years; and the Lord said unto him,
Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land + to
be possessed.
2 This is the land that yet remaineth: all the borders of the Philistines, and
Geshuri,
3 From Sihor, which is before Egypt, even unto the borders of Eknor northward,
which is counted to the Canaanite: five lords of the Philistines; the Gazathites,
and the Ashdodites, the Ekronites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avites:
4 From the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and + Mearah that is beside
the Sidonians, unto Aphek, to the borders of the Amorites:
5 And all the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrising, from
Baal-gad under mount Hermon unto the entering into Hamath.
6 All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon unto Misrephoth-maim,
and all the Sidonians, them will I drive out from before the children of Israel:
only divide thou it by lot unto the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee.
7 Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the
half tribe of Manasseh,
8 With whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance,
which Moses gave them, beyond Jordan eastward, even as Moses the servant of the
Lord gave them;
9 From Arer, that is upon the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that is in the
midst of the river, and all the plain of Medeba unto Dibon;
10 And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon,
unto the border of the children of Ammon:
11 And Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maacathites, and all
mount Hermon, and all Bashan unto Salchah;
12 All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei,
who remained of the remnant of the giants: these did Moses smite, and
left them out.
13 Nevertheless the children of Israel expelled not the Geshurites, nor the Maacathites:
but the Geshurites and the Maacathites dwell among the Israelites until this day.
14 Only unto the tribe of Levi he gave none inheritance; the sacrifices of the
Lord God of Israel made by fire are their
inheritance, * as he said unto them.
15 ¶ And Moses gave unto the tribe of
the children of Reuben inheritance according
to their families.
16 And their coast was from Arer, that
is on the bank of the river Arnon, and the
city that is in the midst of the river, and
all the plain by Medeba;
17 Heshbon, and all her cities that are in
the plain; Dibon, and Baal-baal, and Beth-baal-meon,
18 ¶ And Jahaza, and Kedemoth, and
Mephaath,
19 ¶ And Kirjathaim, and § Sibmah, and
Zareth-shahar in the mount of the valley,
20 ¶ And Beth-peor, and * Ashdoth-piargah, and Beth-jeshimoth,
21 ¶ And all the cities of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses
conquered with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zuro, and Hur, and Reba, which were dukes of Sihon,
dwelling in the country;
22 ¶ Balaam also the son of Beor, the
soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were
plain by them.
23 ¶ And the border of the children of
Reuben was Jordan, and the border thereof:
This was the inheritance of the children of
Reuben after their families, the cities and
the villages thereof.
24 ¶ And Moses gave inheritance unto
the tribe of Gad, even unto the children of
Gad according to their families.
25 ¶ And their coast was Jazer, and all
the cities of Gilead, and * half the land of
the children of Ammon, unto Arer that
is before * Rabba;
26 And from Heshbon unto Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim unto the border of Debir;
27 And in the valley, * Beth-arab, and
Beth-nimrah, * and Succoth, and Zaphon, the
rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, Jordan and his border, even unto
the edge of the sea of Chinnereth on the
other side Jordan eastward.
28 This is the inheritance of the children
of Gad after their families, the cities, and
their villages.
29 ¶ And Moses gave inheritance unto
the half tribe of Manasseh: and *this was
the possession of the half tribe of the
children of Manasseh by their families.
30 And their coast was from Mahanaim,
all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of E
The tribes to have their inheritance by lot.  

Joshua. Caleb by privilege obtained Hebron. 

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.

Before Christ 1444.
The borders of the lot of Judah.

CHAP. XV.

The cities of Judah.

1 And it came to pass, as she came
unto him, that she moved him to ask of
her father a field: and 2 she lighted off her
feet; and Caleb said unto her, What wouldst
thou? 3 Who answered, Give me a blessing:* for
thou hast given me a south land; give
me also springs of water. And he gave her
the upper springs, and the nether springs.
4 This is the inheritance of the tribe of
the children of Judah according to their
families.

5 ¶ And the uttermost cities of the tribe
of the children of Judah toward the coast
of Edom southward were Kabzeel, and
Eder, and Jagur,

6 And Kinah, and Dimonah, and Ada-
dah,

7 And Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth,

8 And Hazor, and Hadathah, and Kerioth,

9 And Hazor-gadah, and Helemmon,

10 And Beth-palet,

11 And Hazor-shual, and Beer-sheba,

12 And Bizzothiah,

13 And {
14 And Tiklag, and Madmannah, and

15 And Siphah, and Sanannah,

16 And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain,

17 And Rimmon: all the cities are twenty

18 And the border went out to Eknat;

19 And the border went out to Eknat;

20 And the border went out to Eknat;

21 And the border went out to Eknat;

22 And the border went out to Eknat;

23 And the border went out to Eknat;

24 And the border went out to Eknat;

25 And the border went out to Eknat;

26 And the border went out to Eknat;

27 And the border went out to Eknat;

28 And the border went out to Eknat;

29 And the border went out to Eknat;

30 And the border went out to Eknat;

31 And the border went out to Eknat;

32 And the border went out to Eknat;

33 And the border went out to Eknat;

34 And the border went out to Eknat;

35 And the border went out to Eknat;

36 And the border went out to Eknat;

37 And the border went out to Eknat;

38 And the border went out to Eknat;

39 And the border went out to Eknat;

40 And the border went out to Eknat;

41 And the border went out to Eknat;

42 And the border went out to Eknat;

43 And the border went out to Eknat;

44 And the border went out to Eknat;

45 And the border went out to Eknat;
The general borders of the sons of Joseph. JOSUA. The several lots of Ephraim and Manasseb.

46 From Ekon even unto the sea, all that lay near Ashdod, with their villages:
47 Ashdod with her towns and her villages, Gaza with her towns and her villages, unto the river of Egypt, and the great sea, and the border thereof:
48 And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh;
49 And Danannah, and Kirjath-sannah, which is Debir,
50 And Anab, and Eshtemoah, and Anim,
51 And Gothon, and Holon, and Giloh;
52 Arub, and Dumah, and Hebron;
53 And Janum, and Beth-tappuah, Aphekah,
54 And Humtah, and Kirjath-arba, which is Hebron, and Zior; nine cities with their villages:
55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziphs, and Jutlah,
56 Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah,
57 Cain, Gibeah, and Timnath; ten cities with their villages:
58 Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor,
59 And Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltolgon; six cities with their villages:
60 Kirjath-baal, which is Kirjath-jearim, and Rabbah; two cities with their villages:
61 In the wilderness, Beth-araba, Middin, and Secacah,
62 And Nibshan, and the city of Salt, and En-gedi; six cities with their villages.

63 As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

C H A P. XVI.

1 The general borders of the sons of Joseph. 5 The border of Ephraim's inheritance. 10 The Canaanites of Genezar are not driven out, but become tributaries.

† Heb. went forth.

The lot of the children of Joseph fell from Jordan by Jericho, unto the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goeth up from Jericho throughout mount Beth-el,
2 And goeth out from Beth-el to Luz, and paffeth along unto the borders of Archi to Aroth,
3 And goeth down westward to the coast of Japhleti, unto the coast of Beth-horon the nether, and to Gezer; and the goings out thereof are at the sea.
4 So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.
5 And the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families was thus: even the border of their inheritance on the east side was Ataroth-addrar, unto Beth-horon the upper.
6 And the border went out toward the sea westward unto Michmethah on the north side; and the border went about eastward unto Taanath-shilah, and passed by it on the east to Janohah;
7 And it went down from Janohah to Ataroth, and to Naarah, and came to Jericho, and went out at Jordan.
8 The border went out from Tappuah westward unto the river Kanah; and the goings out thereof were at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim by their families.
9 And the separate cities for the children of Ephraim were among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages.
10 ¶ And they dwelt not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve under tribute.

THERE was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for was the firstborn of Joseph; to wit, for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead; because he was a man of war, therefore had Gilead and Bashan.
2 There was also a lot for the rest of the children of Manasseh by their families; for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hepher, and for the children of Shemer; these were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families.
3 But Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters: and these are the names of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.
4 And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, The Lord commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among the brethren of their father.
The sons of Joseph sue for another lot. CHAP. XVIII.

5 And there fell ten portions to Manasseh, beside the land of Gilead and Bashan, which were on the other side Jordan; 6 Because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons: and the land of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead.

And the coast of Manasseh was from Acher to Michmethath, that lieeth before Shechem; and the border went along on the right hand unto the inhabitants of En-tappuah.

8 Now Manasseh had the land of Tappuah: but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim;

9 And the coast descended unto the river Kanah, southward of the river: these cities of Ephraim are among the cities of Manasseh: the coast of Manasseh also was on the north side of the river, and the out goings of it were at the sea.

10 Southward it was Ephraim's, and northward it was Manasseh's, and the sea is his border; and they met together in Acher on the north, and in Iffachar on the east.

11 And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Acher 1 Beth-shean and her towns, and Ibleam and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of En-dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, even three countries.

12 Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites dwelt in that land.

13 Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute; but did not utterly drive them out.

14 And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people, forsooth as the Lord hath blessed me hitherto?

15 And Joshua answered them, If thou be a great people, then get thee up to the wood country, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee.

16 And the children of Joseph said, The hill is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both they who are of Beth-shean and her towns, and they who are of the valley of Jezreel.

17 And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, Thou art a great people, and haist great power: thou shalt not have one lot only;

18 But the mountain shall be thine; for it is a wood, and thou shalt cut it down: and the outgoings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, and though they be strong.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The tabernacle is set up at Shiloh. 2 Joshua causeth the remainder of the land not yet divided to be described into seven parts. 8 The description of it is made and brought to Joshua. 10 He distributeth it by lot. 11 The lot and border of the children of Benjamin. 21 Their cities.

AND the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them. 2 And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance.

3 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the Lord God of your fathers hath given you?

4 Give out from among you three men for each tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come again to me.

5 And they shall divide it into seven parts: Judah shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north.

6 Ye shall therefore describe the land into seven parts, and bring the description hither to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the Lord our God.

7 But the Levites have no part among you; for the priesthood of the Lord is their inheritance: and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave them.

8 And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the Lord in Shiloh.

9 And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven parts in a book, and came again to Joshua to the hoist at Shiloh.

10 And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the Lord: and there Joshua
The lot of Benjamin.  

Joshua.

The lot of Simeon, and Zebulun.

11 ¶ And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and the coast of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph.

12 And their border on the north side was from Jordan; and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward; and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Beth-aven.

13 And the border went over from thence toward Luz, to the side of Luz, which is Beth-el, southward; and the border descended to Ataroth-adar, near the hill that is called Lebb, on the south side of the border of Beth-horon.

14 And the border was drawn thence, and compassed the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that is called Lebb before Beth-horon southward; and the goings out thereof were at Kirjath-jearim, a city of the children of Judah: this was the west quarter.

15 And the south quarter was from the end of Kirjath-jearim, and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoah:

16 And the border came down to the end of the mountain that is called Lebb before the valley of Hinnom; and which is in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of Jebus on the south, and descended to Enrogel.

17 And was drawn from the north, and went forth to En-hemeth, and went forth toward Gellototh, which is over against the going up of Adummim, and descended to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben, 18 And passed along toward the side over against Arabah northward, and went down unto Arabah:

19 And the border passed along to the side of Beth-hoglah northward: and the goings out of the border were at the north bay of the salt sea at the south end of Jordan: this was the south coast.

20 And Jordan was the border of it on the eait side. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coasts thereof round about, according to their families.

21 ¶ Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and the valley of Keziz.

22 And Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Bethel, 23 And Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah, 24 And Chephar-hammonai, and Ophni, and Gaba; twelve cities with their villages:

25 Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth, 26 And Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Moza,

27 And Rekem, and Ijreel, and Taralah, 28 And Zelah, Eleph, and Jebusi, which is Jerusalem, Gibeah, and Kirjath: fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

And the second lot came forth to Simeon, even for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah.

And they had in their inheritance by Chron. Beer-seba, Sheba, and Moladah,

3 And Hazar-shual, and Balah, and Azem,

4 And Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah,

5 And Ziklag, and Beth-marcah, and Hazar-sual,

6 And Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhen; thirteen cities and their villages:

7 Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Ahan; four cities and their villages:

8 And all the villages that were round about these cities to Baalah-beer, Ramath of the south. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families.

9 Out of the portion of the children of Judah was the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of the children of Judah was too much for them; therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

10 ¶ And the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid:

11 ¶ And their border went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbuth, and reached to the river that is before Joknedi.

12 And turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrising unto the border of Chilloth-tabor, and then goeth out to Dalera, and goeth up to Japhia,

13 And from thence pasheth along on the eait to Gittah-hepher, to Ittah-kazin,
The lot of Issachar, Asher, Naphtali.  

CHAP. XIX, XX.  The lot of Dan.  

Joshua's inheritance.

Before CHRIST 1444.

Or, which is drawn.

and goeth out to Remmon--imethoar to Nehah;
14 And the border compasseth it on the north side to Hannathon: and the outgoings thereof are in the valley of Jiphthah-el:
15 And Kattath, and Nahalal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Beth-lemheem: twelve cities with their villages.
16 This is the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.
17 ¶ And the fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the children of Issachar according to their families.
18 And their border was toward Jezerreel, and Chefulloth, and Shenem,
19 And Haphraim, and Shihon, and Anaharaharath,
20 And Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez,
21 And Remeth, and En-gannim, and Enhaddah, and Beth-pazzez;
22 And the coast reacheth to Tabor, and Shahazimuth, and Beth-heimech; and the outgoings of their border were at Jordan:
23 This is the inheritance of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.
24 ¶ And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families.
25 And their border was Helkath, and Hall, and Beten, and Achshaph,
26 And Alalmelech, and Amad, and Mifeheal; and reacheth to Carmel westward, and to Shihor-libnah;
27 And turneth toward the sunrising to Beth-dagon, and reacheth to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphthah-el toward the north side of Beth-emek, and Neiel, and goeth out to Cabul on the left hand.
28 And Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, even unto great Zidon;
29 And then the coast turneth to Ramah, and to the strong city of Tyre; and the coast turneth to Hophah; and the outgoings thereof are at the sea from the coast to Achzib:
30 Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob:
31 This is the inheritance of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.
32 ¶ The sixth lot came out to the children of Naphtali, even for the children of Naphtali according to their families.
33 And their coast was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami, and Neckeb, and Jabneel, unto Lakhem; and the outgoings thereof were at Jordan:
34 And they the coast turneth westward to Aznoth-tabor, and goeth out from thence to Hukkok, and reacheth to Zebulun on the south side, and reacheth to Asher on the west side, and to Judah upon Jordan toward the furnishing.
35 And the fenced cities are Zidlim, Zered, and Hammoth, Rakkath, and Chinnereth,
36 And Arad, and Ramath, and Hazor,
37 And Keedesh, and Edrei, and En-hazor,
38 And Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-heimech; nineteen cities with their villages.
39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages.
40 ¶ And the seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families.
41 And the coast of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-theheimeth,
42 And Shaalbabbim, and Aijalon, and Jethlah,
43 And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron,
44 And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,
45 And Jehud, and Bene-berak, and Gathrimmon,
46 And Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the border before Japho.
47 And the coast of the children of Dan went out too little for them: therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Lehem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Lehem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.
48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.
49 ¶ When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them:
50 According to the word of the Lord they gave him the city which he asked, even Timnah, even in mount Ephraim:
51 * These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the Lord, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.
Joshua. Eight and forty cities given to the Levites.

The Lord also spake unto Joshua, saying,

1 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying,

2 Appoint out for yourselves cities of refuge, wherein any man that slayeth a man unawares may flee thither, and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.

3 And when he that doth flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the entering of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city unto them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them;

4 And if the avenger of blood pursue him after, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand; because he smote his neighbour unintentionally, and hated him not before time.

5 And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, and until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.

6 And if he stand before the congregation, and the congregation confirm his guilt, then he shall dwell in that city, until the death of the high priest; and he shall dwell in the cities of refuge, until the death of the high priest that is in those days. And he shall dwell in the cities of refuge, until the death of the high priest. Then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.

7 And they appointed Kedesh in Galilee, mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kirjath-arba, which is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah.

8 And on the other side Jordan by Jericho eastward, they appointed Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.

9 These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger, that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth a man unawares may flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stand before the congregation.

Chap. XXI.

1 Eight and forty cities out of the other tribes are given unto the Levites. The cities of the priests; 20 of the rest of the Kohathites; 27 of the Gershonites; 54 and of the Merarites.

2 God’s promise fulfilled in giving the land and rest to Israel.

Then came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel;

2 And they spake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, “The Lord commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle.

3 And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, at the commandment of the Lord, these cities and their suburbs.

4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites: and the children of Aaron the priest, which were of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and see out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

5 And the reit of the children of Kohath had bad by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

6 And the children of Gerhon bad by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

7 The children of Merari by their families had bad out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

8 And the children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses.

9 And they gave out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are bere mentioned by name.

10 Which the children of Aaron, being of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the children of Levi, had: for their was the third lot.

11 And they gave them the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron, in the hill country of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it.

12 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

13 Thus they gave to the children of Aaron the priest Hebron with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Libnah with her suburbs, and Jattir with her suburbs, and Eshtemoa with her suburbs, and Debir with her suburbs.

14 And Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with her suburbs.

15 And the four parts of the tribe of Benjamin.

16 And out of the tribe of Benjamin,
The cities of the Levites.

CHAP. XXII. Joshua dismiseth the two tribes and half.

37 Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs; four cities. 
38 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Mahanaim with her suburbs,
39 Heshbon with her suburbs, Jazer with her suburbs; four cities in all.
40 So all the cities for the children of Merari by their families, which were remaining of the families of the Levites, were by their lot twelve cities.

C H A P. XXIII. The rest of the Israelites.

41 All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the children of Israel were forty and eight cities with their suburbs.
42 These cities were every one with their suburbs round about them: thus were all these cities.
43 And the Lord gave unto Israel all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers: and they possessed it, and dwelt therein.
44 And the Lord gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the Lord delivered all their enemies into their hand.
45 Wherefore it failed not of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

T H E N Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh,
2 And said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you:

3 Ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the Lord your God.

4 And now the Lord your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them: therefore now return ye, and get you unto your tents, and unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave you on the other side Jordan.

5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave you; lest ye forget it:
The two tribes and half build an altar; JOSUA. The other tribe take offence thereat.

15 And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, unto the land of Gilead, and they spake with them, saying,

16 Thus saith the whole congregation of the LORD, What trespass is this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that ye have builded you an altar, *that ye might rebel this day against the LORD?


18 But that ye must turn away this day from following the LORD? and it will be, seeing ye rebel to day against the LORD, that to morrow he will be wroth with the whole congregation of Israel.

Numbers 16. 8. 9.

19 Notwithstanding, if the land of your possession be unclean, ye shall pass ye over unto the land of the possession of the LORD, wherein the LORD's tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us: but rebel not against the LORD, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar beside the altar of the LORD our God.

20 Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

21 ¶ Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered, and said unto the heads of the thousands of Israel,

22 The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if it be in rebellion, or in transgression against the LORD, (save us not this day,)

23 That we have built us an altar to turn from following the LORD, or if to offer thereon burnt offering or meat offering, or if to offer peace offerings thereon, let the LORD himself require it;

24 And if we have not rather done it for fear of this thing, saying, *In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with the LORD God of Israel?

25 For the LORD hath made Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben and children of Gad; ye have no part in the LORD: so shall your children make our children cease from fearing the LORD.

26 Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice:

27 But that it may be *a witness between
The matter is cleared up to their content. Chap. XXIII. Joshua's exhortation before his death.

2 And Joshua called for all Israel, and for elders, and for heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old and stricken in age:
3 And ye have seen all that the Lord your God hath done unto these nations for your sake; for the Lord your God is he that hath fought for you.
4 Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea, toward the westward.
5 And the Lord your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the Lord your God hath promised unto you.
6 Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left.
7 That ye may long endure the land which the Lord your God giveth you for an inheritance.

And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest died, and the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the children of Manasseh spake: it pleased them.

And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, and the heads of the thousands of Israel which were with him, heard the words of the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spake; it pleased them.

And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest spake unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day we perceive that the Lord is among us, because ye have not committed this trespass against the Lord: now ye have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the Lord.

And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Gilead, unto the children of Israel, and spake unto them.

And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar Ed: for it shall be a witness between us that the Lord is God.

Chap. XXIII.

Joshua exhorteth before his death to obedience by the remembrance of former benefits, 5 by the prospect of future blessings, 12 and by threatening in case of disobedience.

And it came to pass a long time after that the Lord had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and was stricken in age.

And behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

Joshua assembled the tribes at Shechem; JOSUA. He proposeth to their choice whom to serve;
I gave them into your hand, that ye might 
possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you.
9. Then Balaak the son of Zippor, king of Midian, arose and warred against Israel; 
and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you:
10. But I would not hearken unto Ba-
laam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand.
11. And ye went over Jordan, and came 
unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the 
Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgasites, the Hivites, 
and the Jebusites: and I delivered them into your hand.
12. And I fent the hornet before you, 
which drave them out from before you 
even the two kings of the Amorites; but 
not with thy sword, nor with thy bow.
13. And I have given you a land for which 
ye did not labour, and cities which ye 
built not, and ye dwell in them; of the 
vineyards and olive yards which ye planted 
not do ye eat.
14. ¶ Now therefore fear the LORD, and 
serve him in sincerity and in truth: and 
pay the gods which your fathers served 
on the other side of the flood, and 
in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.
15. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the 
LORD, "choose you this day whom 
ye will serve; whether the gods which 
your fathers served that were on the other 
side of the flood, or the gods of the Amo-
rites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for 
me and my house, we will serve the LORD.
16. And the people answered and said, 
"For the LORD our God, he is that 
bringeth us up out of our fathers out of 
the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; 
and which did those great signs in our 
fight, and preserved us in all the way 
wherein we went, and among all the peo-
ples through whom we passed: 
18. And the LORD drave out from before 
us all the people, even the Amorites which 
dwelt in the land: "therefore will we also 
serve the LORD; for he is our God.
19. And Joshua said unto the people, "Ye 
cannot serve the LORD: for he is an "holy 
God; he is "a jealous God; "he will not 
forgive your transgressions nor your sins.
20. If ye forake the LORD, and serve 
strange gods, "then will he turn and do 
you hurt, and confound you, after that he 
hath done you good.
They covenant to serve the Lord.

CHAP.

21 And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the Lord.

7 Pf. 119. 173.

22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the Lord, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses.

23 Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the Lord God of Israel.

24 And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

26 ¶ And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the Lord.

27 And Joshua said unto the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the Lord which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.

The Book of

JUDGES.

1 Judah and Simeon carry on the war against the Canaanites, and defeat Adoni-bezek, who is justly required for his cruelty. 8 Jerusalem taken. 10 The sons of Anak in Hebron slain. 11 Othniel taketh Debir, and in reward bath Achshaph Caleb's daughter to wife. 16 The Kenites dwell in the country of Judah. 17 Hormah, Gaza, Ashkelon, and Ekron are taken by Judah and Simeon. Hebron is given to Caleb. 21 The Jebusites are not expelled out of Jerusalem. 22 The house of Joseph take Bethel. Lux built. 27 The Canaanites are not wholly driven out by Manasseh, 29 by Ephraim, 30 by Zebulun, 31 by Asher, 33 and by Napthali. 34 The Amorites force Dan into the mountain.

N

OW after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked the Lord, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?

2 And the Lord said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.

3 And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and

1 I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. Before Simeon went with him.

4 And Judah went up, and the Lord delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men.

5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

6 But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes.

7 And Joshua said, I will not cut off his thumbs and his great toes, of his hands and of his feet. 3 And he said, The children of Israel went on to Jerusalem, and there he died.

8 ¶ Now the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire.

9 And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites, that dwelt in the mountain, and in the fouth, and in the valley.

10 ¶ And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron: (now the
The acts of Judah and Simeon.

The acts of several other tribes.

Before CHRIST

11 And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before was Kirjath-sepher:

12 And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achiah his daughter to wife.

13 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achiah his daughter to wife.

14 And it came to pass, when the came to him, that the moved him to ask of her father a field; and she lighted from off her ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wilt thou? and she said unto him, Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper part of the field and the south springs.

16 And the children of the Kenite, Moses' father in law, went up out of the city of palm trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which lie in the south of Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people.

17 And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hormah.

18 And Judah took Gaza with the coast thereof, and Askelon with the coast thereof, and Ekron with the coast thereof.

19 And the Lord was with Judah; and he drave out the inhabitants of the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron.

20 And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses said: and he expelled thence the three sons of Anak.

21 And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem: but the Jebusites dwelt with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

22 And the house of Joseph, they also went up against Beth-el: and the Lord was with them.

23 And the house of Joseph went to Shechem, and to Dothan:

24 And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they fainted unto him, Shew us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will shew thee mercy.

25 And when he shewed them the entrance into the city, they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but they let go the man and all his family.

26 And the man went into the land of the Hitrites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz: which is the name thereof unto this day.

27 Neither did Manasseh drive out the inhabitants of Beth-hean and her towns, nor Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns: but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

28 And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.

29 Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them. 30 Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

31 Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Acco, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob:

32 But the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.

33 Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath; but he drove them not; and the Canaanites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became tributaries unto them.

34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley:

35 But the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres in Ajalon, and in Jabesh-gibnom:

36 And the coast of the Amorites was from the going up to Akkrabbim, from the rock, and upward.

Chap. II.

1 An angel rebuketh the people at Bochim for their disobedience to God's command. 6 During the life of Jephtha and of the elders who survived him the people served the Lord; but in the next generation fell away to grievous idolatry.

7 God's anger against them. 16 His pity toward them in their distress, and their ungrateful behaviour. 20 The Canaanites are therefore left to prove Israel.

And an angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I am an messenger.
made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you.

2 And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars; yet ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this?

3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and they shall be a snare unto you.

4 And it came to pass, when the angel of the Lord spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.

5 And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the Lord.

6 And it came to pass, when Joshua had let the people go, that the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance;

7 And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord, that he did for Israel.

8 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being an hundred and ten years old.

9 And he buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash.

10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

11 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim:

12 And they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the Lord to anger.

13 And they served Baal and Ashtaroth.

14 And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they had none that stood before their enemies.

15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them for evil, as the Lord had said, and as the Lord had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed.
Otniel delivered and judged Israel. JUDGES.

19 But he himself turned again from the quarrels that were at Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king; who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him.

20 And Ehud came unto him; and he was fitting a dagger in a summer parlour, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee.

21 And he arofe out of his seat.

22 And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly:

23 And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out.

24 Then Ehud went forth through the door, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them.

25 When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they faw that, behold, the doors of the parlour were locked, they said, Surely he covereth his feet in his summer chamber.

26 And they called to them; but they answered, He drieth his feet at Seirath.

27 And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them.

28 And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the Lord hath delivered you enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over.

29 And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all fit and able men of valour; and there escaped not a man.

30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest four years.

31 And after him was Shamgar, the son of Anath, whom flew of the Phœnicians six hundred men: and he delivered Israel.

CHAP. IV.

1 Israel is oppressed by Jabin and Sisera. 2 Deborah stirreth up Barak to their deliverance.

10 Deborah and Barak go up with an army to Mount Tabor. Sisera is defeated. 17 He fleeth to the tent of Jael, who killeth him.

23 Jabin is totally subdued.
Deborah and Barak go up against Sisera. CHAP. IV, V.

AND the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD; and Ehud was dead.

2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

3 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, judged Israel at that time.

5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Beth-el in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

6 And the tent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali, and said unto him: Hitherto the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali, and of the children of Zebulun?

7 And he will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.

8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.

9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 ¶ And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

11 Now Heber the Kenite, which was of the children of Hobah the father in law of Moses, had pitched him from thence, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, which is by Kedesh.

12 And they threw Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor.

13 And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, and all his host of iron: and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles unto the river of Kishon.

14 And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this is the day in which the LORD hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the LORD gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.

15 And the LORD discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his host, with the edge of the sword before Barak: and Sisera lighted down off his chariot, and fled away on his feet.

16 But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; and there was not one left.

17 ¶ Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.

18 And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me: fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle.

19 And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.

20 Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man cometh, and enquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No.

21 Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

22 And behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail was in his temples.

23 ¶ So the king of Canaan before the children of Israel.

24 And the hand of the children of Israel waxed strong and waxed very mighty: and they put to death Sisera, whom they found at the river of Kishon.

T H E N sang Deborah and Barak.

The song of Deborah and Barak.

Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying:

2 Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves.

3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I will sing unto the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel.

4 LORD, when thou wentest out of Egypt, thou didst act with might. (G G)
The song of Deborah and Barak.

JUDGES.

Before CHRIST cir. 1560. 1 Sam. 5: 8.

PL. 62: 8.

Est. 64: 10.

Deut. 3: 33.

Job. 41: 17.

Lev. 26: 21.

Gen. 31: 49.

Deut. 31: 12.

Soli 1 Sam. 17: 12-19.

1 Chron. 16: 3.

Prov. 16: 3.

Ver. 2.

Mediate.

Ps. 105: 8 & 14: 12-16.

Ps. 145: 5.

Ezek. 33: 3.

	heaviness.

Ezek. 17: 24.

She made him that remaineth

vassals of the

LORD.

they placed the

act of the

LORD, even the

vassals of its

his vassals in

Israel:

then shall the people of

LORD go down to the gates.

Awake, awake, Deborah; awake, awake,

utter a song: arise, Barak, and lead
thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.

Then he made him that remaineth

have dominion over the nobles among the

people, the L ORD made me have dominion

over the mighty.

Out of Ephraim was there a root of

them against Amalek; after thee, Benjamin,
among the tribes of Israel: out of Machir

came down governors, and out of Zebulun

that handle the pen of the writer.

And the princes of Issachar were with

Deborah; even Issachar, and also Barak:

he was sown on the top into the valley.

For the divisions of Reuben there were
great thoughts of heart.

Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds,
to hear the bleatings of the flocks? For
the divisions of Reuben there were great
searchings of heart.

Gilead abode beyond Jordan: and
why did Dan remain in the hills? After
continued on the sea shore, and abode in his
breaches.

Zebulun and Naphtali were a people
that jeopardized their lives unto the death
in the high places of the field.

The kings came and fought, then
fought the kings of Canaan in Taanaach

by the waters of Megiddo; they took no
gain of money.

They fought from heaven; the stars
in their courses fought against Sihon.

The river of Kishon swept them away,
that ancient river, the river Kishon.

O my soul, thou hast trodden down
strengthened.

Then were the horsehoofs broken
by the means of the murrainings, the murrainings
of their mighty ones.

Curfe ye Meroz, said the angel of
the L ORD, curfe ye bitterly the inhabitants
thereof; because they came not to the help of the L ORD against the mighty.

Blessed above women shall Jael the
wife of Heber the Kenite be; she shall be above women in the tent.

He asked water, and she gave him
milk; he brought forth butter in a lordly
dish.

She put her hand to the nail, and
her right hand to the workmen's hammer;
and with the hammer she smote Sibera,
the smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.

At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay
down; at her feet he bowed, he fell; when
he bowed, there he fell down dead.

The mother of Sibera looked out at
a window, and cried through the lattice,
Why is his chariot so long in coming? why
tarry the wheels of his chariots?

Her wife ladies an million her, yea,
she returned an answer to her self,

Have they not sped? have they not
divided the prey; and with every man a damsel
or two; to Sibera a prey of divers colours,
a prey of divers colours of needlework, of
divers colours of needlework on both
sides, meet for the necks of them that take
the spoil?

So let all thine enemies perish, O L ORD:
but let them that love him be as
the sun when he goeth forth in his might.
And the land had rest forty years.

CHAP. VI.

The Israelites for their sin are oppressed by.

They cry to God; a prophet is sent to
redeem them. An angel girdeth Gideon to
 deliver them. Gideon asketh a sign; be
bringeth fishes, brood, and bread, to the angel,
which are all miraculously confounded with fire.
Gideon destroyeth Baal's altar and grove,
and sacrificeth upon an altar which be built unto
the L ORD. The men of his city require
him to be put to death; his father defendeth
him, and giveth him the name of Jerubbaal.
Gideon gathereth an army to fight the Mi
The Israelites oppressed by Midian: 1 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord: and the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years. 2 And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel: and because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them dens which are in the mountains, and caves, and strongholds. 3 And it was, when Israel had foun the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them; 4 And they encamped against them, and spoiled the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left none sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor asses. 5 For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grashoppers for multitude; for both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it. 6 And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel cried unto the Lord. 7 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord because of the Midianites, 8 That the Lord sent a prophet unto the children of Israel, which said unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you up out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and I drave them out from before you, and gave you the land; 9 And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and I drave them out from before you, and gave you the land; 10 And I said unto you, I am the Lord your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwelt: but ye have not obeyed my voice. 11 ¶ And there came an angel of the Lord, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joath the Abi-ezrite; and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, that the Midianites might not see it. 12 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and said unto him, The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour. 13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befal our father and brethren, that we be in such a terrible state as now? 14 And the Lord said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me. 15 And he said unto him, 'Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee? 16 And he said unto him, 'Oh my Lord, where with shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house. 17 And the Lord said unto him, 'Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man. 18 And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me. 19 And he said unto him, 'Take an ass, and number 1000 sheep, and 1000 men, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. 20 And he said unto him, 'Take the flock and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and 21 Pour out the broth. And he did so. 22 And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the Lord, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord God! for because I have seen an angel of the Lord face to face. 23 And the Lord said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die. 24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the Lord, and called it Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites. 25 ¶ And it came to pass in time that he went out to the field that was before Ophrah, which belongeth unto Joath the Abi-ezrite; and there came a man seeking honey, and said unto the man in the field, ‘Give me, I pray thee, a little honey out of the fruit of the trees. 26 And he said unto him, ‘Honey is under the press; go, press it, I pray thee, and I will give thee honey. And he pressed it, and gave him honey out of the press. 27 Then said the man unto him, ‘Give me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread. And he said unto him, ‘Thou hast come far afield to me now, and hast seen my face, and hast given me honey. 28 And he said unto him, ‘Thou shalt not see my face: nevertheless, I will give thee a morsel of bread, and I will give thy two servants bread. 29 And he came unto the man of God, and stood, and bowed himself ten times: for he feared the man of God. 30 And the man of God said unto his servants that they should tarry over against him. 31 And the man of God said unto him, ‘Wherefore hast thou come to see me? Go in peace. 32 And he said unto him, ’Thou hast come far afield to me now, and hast seen my face, and hast given me honey. 33 And he said unto him, ‘Thou shalt not see my face: nevertheless, I will give thee a morsel of bread, and I will give thy two servants bread. 34 And he said unto him, ‘Go, in peace. And he arose, and went away. 35 And these words of the man of God comforted the son of the captain of the host of the Lord’s army, and added to all his spirit, and to all his manna. 36 The double sign granted according to his prayer.
The double sign granted to Gideon.  JUDGES. His army reduced to three hundred men.

Before CHRIST. cir. 1549.

Before CHRIST. cir. 1549.

the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night.

28 ¶ And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cast down that was by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built.

29 And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they enquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing.

30 Then the men of the city said unto Joash, Bring out thy son, that he may die: because he hath cast down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the grove that was by it.

31 And Joash said unto all that stood against him, Will ye plead for Baal? will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilst it is yet morning: if he be a god, let him plead for himself, because one hath hasted down his altar.

32 Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbabel, saying, Let Baal plead against him, because he hath thrown down his altar.

33 ¶ Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.

34 But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered after him.

35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; who also was gathered after him: and he sent messengers unto Asher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

36 And Gideon sent messengers throughout all Israel; and they were gathered after him. And the men of Gilead spake unto him, saying, Ais. 26. 15.

37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; and if the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the earth beside, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said.

38 And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.

39 And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew.

40 And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

C H A P. VII.

2 Gideon's army of two and thirty thousand is by God's direction reduced to three hundred. 9 He is sent into the enemy's camp by night, where he is encouraged by hearing a dream told with its interpretation. 16 He divides his army into three companies, giving to each man a trumpet, and a lamp in a pitcher. 19 On his approach the Midianites are thrown into confusion and put to flight. 24 The Ephraimites take Oreb and Zeeb, and put them to death.

TH E N Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, *ch. 6. 32.
and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the host of the Midianites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

2 And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath faved me.

3 Now therefore go, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

4 And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many: bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee: and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

5 So he brought down the people unto the water: and the Lord said unto Gideon, Every one that lapeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lapeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.

6 And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

7 And the Lord said unto Gideon, By threescore and ten thousand men that lapped will I give thee the people; and I will give the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place.

8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all the rest of Israel every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

9 ¶ And it came to pass the same night, *Gen. 46.
that the Lord said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand.

10 But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the host:
The Midianites routed by Gideon’s stratagem.  C H A P.  VIII.

And thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shalt thou be strengthened to go down unto the host. Then went he down with Phurah his servant unto the outside of the armed men that were in the host.

And the Midianites and the Amalekites, and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude.

And when Gideon was come, behold, there was a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along.

And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: for into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host.

And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered Midian into the hand of Midian, and all the host.

And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man’s hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.

And he said unto them, Look on me, and do like me: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do.

And when I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.

So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands.

And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.

And they flood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the LORD set every man’s sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Beth-shittah in Zererath, and to the border of Abel-meholah, unto Tabbath.

And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after the Midianites.

And Gideon sent messengers throughout all mount Ephraim, saying, Come down against the Midianites, and take before them the waters unto Beth-barah and Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and took the waters unto Beth-barah and Jordan.

And they took two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress of Zeeb, and purified Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side Jordan.

The Ephraimites are offended with Gideon: be pacified them. 4 The men of Succoth and Penuel insidiously refuse relief to Gideon’s army. 5 Zeba and Zalmunna are taken prisoners. 6 Succoth and Penuel are besieged. 7 Gideon revenges the death of his brethren on Zeba and Zalmunna. 8 He refuseth the government which the people offer him, but affeceth the earnings of their prey, whereby he maketh an ephod: which becometh a cause of idolatry. 9 Midian is totally subdued. 10 Gideon’s children. 11 His death, and the subsequent idolatry and ingratitude of the Israelites.

And the men of Ephraim said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him sharply.

And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison of you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abi-ezer?

3 God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb; and what was I able to do in comparison of you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.

4 And Gideon came to Jordan, and passed over, he, and the three hundred men that were with him, faint, yet pursuing them.

5 And he said unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they be faint, and I am purifying after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian.

6 And the princes of Succoth said, Art
the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thine army? 7 And Gideon said, Therefore when the LORD hath delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers. 8 And he went up thence to Penuel, and spake unto them likewise; and the men of Penuel anointed him as the men of Succoth had anointed him. 9 And he spake also unto the men of Penuel, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower. 10 ¶ Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their huts with them, about fifteen thousand men, all that were left of all the host of the children of the east: for there fell an hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword. 11 And Gideon went up by the way of the flockmen, and was camped on the east side of Nobah and Jogbehah, and smote the huts: for the host was secure. 12 And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and discomfitted all the host. 13 ¶ And Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle before the sun was up, and called the elders of the city, and spake unto them, Get you a young man of the city, and make him pass through the valley of Zelus, and see if the host is come, and if it be [20] 21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rife thou, and fall upon us: for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the ornaments that were on their camels' necks. 22 ¶ Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian. 23 And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, otherwise shall my son rule over you. 24 And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, and thou shalt know that I will not rule over you. And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, and thou shalt know that I will not rule over you. 1 Kings 3:12. 25 And they answered, We will willingly give them. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.) 26 And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred and three hundred shekels of gold: besides ornaments, and golden rings, and purple raiment that was on the kings of Midian, and beside the chains that were about their camels' necks. 27 And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: and all Israel went thither a whoring after it; which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house. 28 ¶ Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon. 29 ¶ And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house. 30 And Gideon had three hundred and ten princes over Israel, and many wives. 31 And his concubine that was in Shechem, she also bare him a son, whose name he called Abimelech. 32 ¶ And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abi-zrites. 33 And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baal-berith their god. 34 And the children of Israel remembered not the Lord their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side: 35 Neither shewed they kindness to
Abimelech by a conspiracy is made king.  

CHAP. IX.

Joatham's parable of the trees.

Before CHRIST cir. 1309.

1 Abimelech conspired with the Shechemites, murdered his brethren, and is made king. 7 Joatham's parable of the trees, whereby he reproacheth the men of Shechem with ingratitude, and forsetteth their ruin. 22 The Shechemites conspire with Gaal against Abimelech. 30 Ze-bul sends Abimelech notice thereof; 34 who overcome them, and overthrow their city with faith. 46 The Shechemites retire to an hold of the god Berith, and are burned therein. 50 Abimelech is slain at Thebez by a woman with a piece of a millstone. 56 Joatham's curse is fulfilled.

AND Abimelech the son of Jerubaal went to Shechem unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of his mother's father, saying,

**Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, whether is better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubaal, which be threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I am your bone and your flesh.**

3 And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they said, He be our brother.

4 And they gave him threescore and ten pieces of silver out of the house of Baalberith, wherewith Abimelech hired a man of Shechem, and light persons, which followed him.

5 And he went unto his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerubaal, being threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding yet Joatham the youngest son of Jerubaal was left; for he hid himself.

6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech king, by the plain of the pillar that was in Shechem.

7 And when they told it to Joatham, he went and stood in the top of the mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you.

8 The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they fain unto the olive tree, 'Reign thou over us.

9 But the olive tree fain unto them, 'Leave me my fatness, whereWith-by me they honour God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

10 And the trees fain to the fig tree, 'Come thou, and reign over us.

11 But the fig tree fain unto them, 'Should I forfake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees?

12 Then said the trees unto the vine, 'Come thou, and reign over us.

13 And the vine fain unto them, 'Should I leave my wine, which cheereeth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

14 Then said all the trees unto the bramble, 'Come thou, and reign over us.

15 And the bramble fain unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and put your trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon.

16 Now therefore, if ye have done truly and sincerely, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and ye have dealt well with Jerubaal and his house, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands;

17 For my father fought for you, and adventured his life far, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian:

18 And ye are risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maid servant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother;) 19 If ye then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubaal and with his house this day, then rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him rejoice also in you:

20 But if not, let fire come out from the house of Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech.

21 And Joatham ran away, and fled, and went to Samaria, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

22 ¶ When Abimelech had reigned over three years over Israel,

23 Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech:

24 ¶ That the cruelty done to the threescore and ten sons of Jerubaal might come, and their blood be laid upon Abimelech, and upon the men of Shechem, which slay him.
The Shechemites conspire against Abimelech; Judges

† aided him in the killing of his brethren. 25 And the men of Shechem set liers in wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was told Abimelech.

26 And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brethren, and went over to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him.

27 And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trode the grapes, and made merry, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Abimelech.

28 And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? is not he the son of Jerubbaal? and Zebul his officer? serve the men of Her? Hamor the father of Shechem: for why should we serve him?

29 And would to God this people were under my hand! then would I remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increa se thine army, and come out.

30 ¶ And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was mak- ing kindled.

31 And he sent messengers unto Abimelech privily, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brethren be come to Shechem; and, behold, they fortify the city against thee.

32 Now therefore up by night, thou and the people that is with thee, and lie in wait in the field:

33 And it shall be, that in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and set upon the city: and, behold, when he and the people that is with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them as thou shalt find occasion.

34 ¶ And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that were with him, by night, and they laid wait against Shechem in four companies.

35 And Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and Abimelech rose up, and all the people that were with him, from lying in wait.

36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, there come people down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as if they were men.

37 And Gaal spake again and said, See there come people down by the midst of the land, and another company coming along by the plain of Jezreel.

38 Then said Zebul unto him, Where is now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst, Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him? is not this the people that thou hast despised? go out, I pray now, and fight with them.

39 And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.

40 And Abimelech chafed him, and he fled before him, and many were overthrown and wounded, even unto the entering of the gate.

41 And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem.

42 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people went out into the field; and they told Abimelech.

43 And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field, and looked, and, behold, the people were come forth out of the city; and he rose up against them, and smote them.

44 And Abimelech, and the company that was with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and the two other companies ran upon all the people that were in the fields, and flew them.

45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and the people that w as therein, and beat down the city, and fowed it with salt.

46 ¶ And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard that, they entered in unto an hold of the house of the god Berith.

47 And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.

48 And Abimelech got him up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people that were with him; and Abimelech took an ax in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid it on his shoulder, and laid it upon the people that were with him, What ye have seen me do, make haste, and do as I have done.

49 And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them: so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

50 ¶ Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it.

51 But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut it to them, and got them up to the top of the tower.

52 And Abimelech came unto the tower, and sought against it, and went hard unto
the door of the tower to burn it with fire.
53 And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and all to brake his neck.
54 Then he called hastily unto the young man his armourbearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.
55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place.

56 ¶ Thus God rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren: and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

CHAP. X.
1 Then Tola judged Israel in the time of Jair, twenty and two years.
2 And he judged Israel twenty and three years, and dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim.
3 ¶ And after him arose Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty and two years.
4 And he had thirty sons that rode on threescore and ten camels, and they had thirty cities, which are called Havoth-jair unto this day, which are in the land of Gilead.
5 And Jair died, and was buried in Carnion.
6 ¶ And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord: and served Baalim, and Astarteh, and the gods of Sidon, and the gods of Heth, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and of the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the Lord, and served them not.
7 And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the children of Ammon.
8 And that year they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel eighteen years, all the children of Israel that were on the other side Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.
9 Moreover the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed.

10 ¶ And the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, saying, We have sinned against thee, both because we have forsaken our God, and also served Baalim.
11 And the Lord said unto the children of Israel, Did not I deliver you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines?
12 ¶ The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, did oppress us; and we cried to the Lord, and he delivered us out of their hand.
13 ¶ Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more.
14 Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.
15 ¶ And the children of Israel said unto the Lord, We have sinned; do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee: only deliver us, we pray thee, this day.
16 ¶ And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the Lord, and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.
17 ¶ Then the children of Ammon gathered themselves together, and encamped in Gilead. And the children of Israel assembled themselves together, and encamped in Mizpeh.
18 And the people and princes of Gilead said one to another, What man is he that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

CHAP. XI.
1 Jephthah, the son of Gilead by a strange woman, is thrush out from home by his brethren. 4. At the breaking out of the war the elders of Gilead sion to him to command them, and covenant to make him their head. 12 His embassy to the king of Ammon, which brought fruitless. 29 His vow. 32 He overcometh the Ammonites. 34 His daughter cometh to meet him, with whom he doth according to his vow.

NOW Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he was the son of a harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah.
2 And Gilead's wife bare him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou art the son of a harlot.
Jephthah is chosen captain:

3 Then Jephthah fled + from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered + vain men to Jephthah, and went out with him.

4 ¶ And it came to pass + in process of time, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel.

5 And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob:

6 And they said unto Jephthah, Come, and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon.

7 And Jephthah said unto the children of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and expel me out of my father’s house? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress?

8 ¶ And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore we turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be + our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

9 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and the Lord deliver them before me, shall I be your head?

10 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, + The Lord be with us between us, if we do not so according to thy words.

11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him + head and captain over them: and Jephthah uttered all his words before the Lord in Mizpah.

12 ¶ And Jephthah sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What hath thou to do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land?

13 And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when they came out of Egypt, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan: now therefore restore those lands again peaceably.

14 And Jephthah sent messengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon:

15 And said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah, Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon:

16 But when Israel came up from Egypt, and + walked through the wilderness unto the Red sea, and + came to Kadesh;

17 Then Israel sent messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land: but the king of Edom would not hearken thereunto. And in like manner they went unto the king of Moab: but he would not consent: and Israel + abode in Kadesh.

18 Then they went along through the wilderness, and + compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and + came by the south side of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, but came not within the border of Moab: for Arnon was the border of Moab.

19 And + Israel sent messengers unto Sihon, the king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel sent unto him, * Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy land into my place.

20 But Sihon trusted not Israel to pass through his coast: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

21 And the Lord of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they + smote them: + Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country.

22 And they possessed all the coasts of the Amorites, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and from the wilderness even unto Jordan.

23 So now the Lord + God of Israel hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and thou didst thrust thou possest it?

24 Wilt not thou possess that which + Chemoth thy god gave thee to possess? So + whosoever + the Lord our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess.

25 And now art thou any thing better than Balak the son of Zippor king of Moab? did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them?

26 While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and her towns, and in all the cities that be along by the coasts of Arnon, three hundred years? why did therefore ye not recover them within that time?

27 Wherefore I have not sinned against thee, but thou doest my wrong to war against me: the Lord be judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon.

28 Howbeit the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not unto the words of Jephthah which he sent him.

29 ¶ Then + the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over unto the children of Ammon.

30 And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the Lord, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands,

31 Then it shall be, that + whatever
CHAP. XII, XIII. The Ephraimites smitten by the Gileadites.

32 ¶ So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon, and fought against them, and the Lord delivered them into his hands.
33 And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to Minith, even twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.
34 ¶ And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and the was his only child; ¶ beside her he had neither son nor daughter.
35 And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me to grief; for with thee one of the children of my heart is gone, and there is none to partake of my meat: for I have opened my mouth unto the Lord, and he hath given me back my enemy.
36 And the said unto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the Lord, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; for much as the Lord hath taken vengeance of thee of thine enemies, even of the children of Ammon.
37 And the said unto his father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows.
38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains.
39 And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel,
40 That the daughters of Israel went year by year to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

CHAP. XII.
1 The Ephraimites quarrel with Jephthah; are smitten by the Gileadites, and, being disfigured by the word Shibeboleth, are slain in great numbers. 7 Jephthah deth. 8 Ibzan, who had thirty sons and thirty daughters, judged Israel, 11 after him Elon; 13 and Abdon, who had forty sons and thirty nephews.

AND the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Jephthah, Wherefore passed thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire.
2 And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon, and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands.
3 And when I saw that ye delivered me not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the Lord delivered them into my hand:
wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me?
4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim; because they said, Ye Ephraimites are fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, and among the Manassites.
5 And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was so, that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto them, Art thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay:
6 Then said they unto him, Say now, Shibeboleth: and he said, Shibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand.
7 ¶ And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.
8 ¶ And after him judge Israel. 
9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, whom he sent abroad, and took thirty daughters for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.
10 Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Beth-lehem.
11 ¶ And after him judge Israel; and he judged Israel ten years.
12 And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the country of Zebulon.
13 ¶ And after him judge Israel; and he judged Israel eight years.
15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

CHAP. XIII.
1 Israel smote the Philistines forty years. 2 An angel appeared to Manoah's wife, who H l 2

CHAP. XIII.
An angel appeared to Manoah and his wife. JUDGES. Manoah's sacrifice, and Samson's birth.

Before CHRIST

CHRIST

cir. 2011

Before

Israel was barren, and relieth her that she shall bear a son. She informed her husband of it. As Manoah's prayer the angel appeared to him, and instructeth him what he must do. 15 Manoah's sacrifice, whereby the angel is discovered. 24 Samson is born.

AND the children of Israel * did evil again in the sight of the LORD: * and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

2 ¶ And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not.

3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and thou shalt call his name Samson: for he shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing:

5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be * a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

6 ¶ Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name:

7 But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb to the day of his death.

8 ¶ Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, O my LORD, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

9 And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as the fat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her.

10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day.

11 And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am.

12 And Manoah said, Now let thy words be confirmed unto us. How shall we order the child, and what shall he be? 13 And the angel of the Lord said unto

Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.

14 She may not eat of every thing that cometh of the vine, * neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: that all that I commanded her let her observe.

15 ¶ And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee.

16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detaine, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the LORD.

17 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?

18 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret?

19 So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD, and the angel did wonderously; and Manoah and his wife looked on.

20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD fell on the face of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground.

21 But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife.

22 And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God.

23 But his wife said unto him, If the Lord were pleased to kill us, he would not have brought us to a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have shewed us all these things, nor would as at this time have told us such things as these.

24 ¶ And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

25 ¶ And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

CHAP. XIV.

1 Samson defers to take one of the daughters of the Philistines to wife. 5 In his journey to Timnah he killeth a lion. 8 In a second journey he offers to find bays in the lion's carcasse. 10 Samson's marriage feasts. 12 His riddle, which his wife prevailed upon him to unfold.
And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines.

2 And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me wife.

3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.

4 But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the Lord, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

5 ¶ Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and behold, a young lion roared against him.

6 And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and be bad nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

7 And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she plied Samson well.

8 ¶ And after a time he returned to her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and, behold, there was a swarm of bees in the carcase of the lion.

9 And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcase of the lion.

10 ¶ So his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for he used the young men to do.

11 And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

12 ¶ And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty sheats and thirty change of garments:

13 But if ye cannot declare it me, then shall ye give me thirty sheats and thirty change of garments.
Samson burneth the Philistines' standing corn. JUDGES.

Before CHRIST.

1 And Samson said concerning them, Now shall I be more blameless than the Philistines, though I do them a displeasure. 4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took torches, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midigt between two tails. 5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards and olives.

6 Then the Philistines said, Who hath done this? And they answered, Samson, the son in law of the Timnite, had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. 7 And the Philistines came up and burnt her and her father with fire. 8 And Samson said unto them, Though ye have done this, yet will I be avenged of you, and after that I will cease.

9 And he fenceth them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock Etam. 10 And the men of Judah said, Why is Samson among us? And they answered, To bind Samson are we come, to do to him as he hath done to us.

11 Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers over us? what is this that thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them.

12 And they said unto him, We come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves.

13 And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand: but sure we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

14 ¶ And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands melted from off his hands.

15 And he found a new jawbone of an as, and put forth his hand, and took it, and drew a thousand men therewith.

16 And Samson said, With the jawbone of an as, I will heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an as have I slain a thousand men.

17 And it came to pass, when he made an end of speaking, he cut away the jawbone out of his hand, and called that place Ramath-lehia.

18 ¶ And he was sore athirst, and called on the Lord, and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised? 19 But God clave an hollow place that was in [the] jaw, and there came water thereby; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof En-hakkore, which is in Lehi unto this day.

20 And He judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

South west Israel during twenty years of their servitude of the Philistines. ch. 13.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Samson escaped from Gaza by carrying away the gates of the city. 4 Delilah corrupted by the Philistines urged him to tell her where his strength lay; be thou deceived her: 15 but it is at length prevailed upon, and his head shaven. 21 The Philistines take him, and put out his eyes; but his strength is renewed as his bar growth. 23 The Philistines boldly do a great sacrifice to Dagon, and send for Samson to make them sport; 26 who pullet down the house upon the heads of his enemies, and is slain with them.

Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her.

2 And it was told the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed him in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, lying, in the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him.

3 And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, and bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that is before Hebron.

4 ¶ And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

5 And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to bind him to

Before CHRIST.

ch. 3. 10. & 14. 6.

+ Heb. were melted.

+ Heb. magh.
Delilah's falsehood to Samson.

CHAP. XVI. Samson is made blind and imprisoned.

18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, the seven e before the lords of the Philistines, saying, 
"Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand."

19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and he caug him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and he began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

20 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times, and shake myself. And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him.

21 And when the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.

22 And when the people faw him, they praid their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands, and the destroyer of our country, which flew many of us.

23 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.

24 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them.

25 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.

26 And Samson called unto the Lord, and said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthe me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

27 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

28 And he bowed himself with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with his bowels.

Before CHRIST cir. 1120.

Judges.

And there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah.

And he said unto his mother, The seven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of in mine ears, behold, the shekels return thee, a full reward for thy curse.

And his mother said, Return, my son; and he took them, and blessed the Lord his God.

And there was a young man, of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name was Samuel, who was a Levite, and he sojourned there.

And the Philistines came and invaded the vale of Beth-shemesh, to which the Ark of God was brought.

And the Philistines invaded again, and came and smote the Israelites, and killed about 4,000 men in one battle.

And the Philistines said, Who is able to help us against the Philistines? And the Lord said, I will raise up a Levite from among his people.

And the Levite and his wife went to the house of the Lord, and bowed low before the Ark of the Lord, and tore their clothes.
They carry off Micah's images and priest. 

They carry off Micah's images and priest. 

CHAP. XVIII, XIX.

Before Christ Cir. 1466.

8 And they came unto their brethren to Zorah and Eshtaol: and their brethren said unto them, What fay ye? 

9 And they said, Arise, that we may go up against them: for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good: and are ye still? be not slothful to go, and to enter to possess the land.

10 When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and to a large land: for God hath given it into your hands; a place where J there is no want of any thing that is in the earth.

11 ¶ And there went from thence of the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men appointed with weapons of war.

12 And they went up, and pitched in Kirjath-jearim in Judah; wherefore they called that place Mahaneh-dan unto this day: behold, it is behind Kirjath-jearim.

13 And they passed thence unto Mount Ephraim, and came unto the house of Micah.

14 ¶ Then answered the five men that went to spy out the country of Laish, and said unto their brethren, Do ye know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image? now therefore consider what ye have to do.

15 And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, even unto the house of Micah, and saluted him.

16 And the six hundred men appointed with their weapons of war, which were the children of Dan, stood by the entering of the gate.

17 And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, and came in thither, and took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood in the entering of the gate with the six hundred men that were appointed with weapons of war.

18 And these went into Micah's house, and fetched the carved image, the ephod, the teraphim, and the molten image. Then said the priest unto them, What do ye? 

19 And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: is it better for thee to be a priest unto one man, or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Israel? 

20 And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people.

21 So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the carriage before them.

22 ¶ And when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that were in the houses near to Micah's house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan.

23 And they cried unto the children of Dan, And they turned their faces, and said unto Micah, What aileth thee, that thou comest with such a company?

24 And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and ye are gone away: and what have I more? and what is this that ye say unto me, What aileth thee?

25 And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows run upon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household.

26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah said that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house.

27 ¶ And they took the things which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto Laish, unto a people that were at rest and secure, and smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire.

28 And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Zidon, and they had no business with any man; and it was in the valley that lieth by Beth-rehob.

And they built a city, and dwelt therein.

29 And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel: howbeit the name of the city was Laish at the first.

30 ¶ And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land.

31 And they set them up Micah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

CHAP. XIX.

1 A Levite of mount Ephraim goeth to Bethlehem to fetch home his concubine, and on his return cometh to Gibeah in the evening. 

16 An old man entertaineth him. 

22 The men of the city beget the boufe with a vile intent, to prevent which the man yieldeth up his concubine, who is abused by them to death. 

29 He divideth her into twelve parts, which be fedeth to the twelve tribes of Israel.
A Levite and his concubine on their journey. JUDGES. are befit at Gibeah by the men of the city.

AND it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite living on the side of Mount Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of Beth-lehem-judah. And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him, his father’s house to Beth-lehem-judah, and was there four whole months.

And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak friendly unto her, and to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses: and the brought him into her father’s house: and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him.

And his father in law, the damsel’s father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.

And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsel’s father said unto his son in law, Comfort thine heart with a morrow of bread, and afterward go your way.

And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel’s father had sent unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry.

And when the man rose up to depart, his father in law urged him: therefore he lodged there again.

And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damsel’s father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried until afternoon, and they did eat both of them.

And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father in law, the damsel’s father, said unto him, Behold, now the day draweth toward evening, I pray thee tarry all night: behold, the day growtheth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go home.

But the man would not tarry that night; but he rose up and departed, and came over against Gibeah, which is Jerusalem; and there were with him two ass faddles, his concubine also was with him.

And when they were over Gibeah, the day was far spent; and the servant fainted, until his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn in into this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it.

And his master fainted unto him, We will not turn aside hither into the city of a stranger, that is not of the children of Israel; we will pass over to Gibeah.

And he said unto his servant, Come, and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Gibeah, or in Ramah.

And they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them, when they were by Gibeah, which belongeth to Benjamin.

And they turned aside thither, to go in and to lodge in Gibeah: and when they went in, he let him down in a street of the city: for there was no man that took them into his house to lodging.

And, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at even, which was also of mount Ephraim; and he sojourned in Gibeah: but the men of the place were Benjamites.

And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a wayfaring man in the street of the city: and the old man said, Whither goest thou? and whence comest thou?

And he said unto him, We are passing from Beth-lehem-judah toward the side of mount Ephraim; from thence am I: and I went to Beth-lehem-judah, but I am now going to the house of the Lord; and there is no man that receiveth me to the house.

Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine alfo for me and for thy handmaid, and for the young man which is with thy servants: there is no want of any thing.

And the old man said, Peace be with thee; howsoever let all thy wants lie upon me; only lodge not in the street.

So he brought him into his house, and gave provender unto the asses: and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink.

Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about, and beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him.

And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, nay, I pray you, do not so wickedly: seeing that this man is come into mine house, do not this folly.

24 Behold, heretims my daughter a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not so vile a thing.
The woman is abused to death by them. CHAP. XX. The Benjamites refuse to give up the offenders.

25 But the men would not hearken to him: so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go.

26 Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord was, till it was light.

27 And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way: and, behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down at the door of the house, and her hands were upon the threshold.

28 And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going. But none answered. Then the man took her up upon an ass, and the man rode up, and gat him unto his place.

29 ¶ And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, together with her bowels, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the coasts of Israel.

30 And it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the children of Israel came out of the land of Egypt unto this day: consider of it, and take advice, and speak your minds.

CHAP. XX.

1 The children of Israel assemble at Mizpeh, before whom the Levite declared bis wrong.

8 The resolution of the assembly to punish the Gibeahites. 12 The Benjamites, being required to deliver up the offenders, instead of complying make head against the other tribes: 18 By the direction of God Judah goeth up first against them, but the Israelites are repulsed with great loss. 22 They renew the fight the second day, and are again defeated with a great slaughter. 26 They seek to God with fasting and sacrifices, and are promised success. 29 They make use of a stratagem, and destroy all the Benjamites with all that belonged to them, except six hundred men, who fled to the rock Rimmon.

THEN all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the Lord in Mizpeh.

2 And the chief of all the people, even of all the tribes of Israel, preferred themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword.

3 (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpeh.) Then said the children of Israel to the man that was slain, An which was answered and said, I came into Gibeah that belongeth to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge.

4 And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and befeq the house round about upon me by night, and thought to have slain me: and my concubine have they forced, that she is dead.

5 And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the land of the inheritance of Israel: for they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel.

6 Behold, ye are all children of Israel; give here your advice and counsel.

7 ¶ And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any of us go to his tent, neither will we any of us turn into his house.

8 But now this shall be the thing which we will do to Gibeah: we will go up by lot against it;

9 And we will take ten men of an hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and an hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch thievish for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Israel.

10 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, and knit together as one man.

12 ¶ And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness is this that is done among you?

13 Now therefore deliver us the men, the children of Belial, which are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel:

14 But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel.

15 And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbered seven hundred chosen men.

16 Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men lefthanded, every one could fling stones at an hair breadth, and not miss.

11 2
The Israelites smitten twice by Benjamin. JUDGES. The Benjamites defeated on the third day.

17 And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword: all these were men of war.

18 ¶ And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And the Lord said, Judah shall go up first.

19 And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and compassed Gibeah.

20 And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel put themselves in array to fight against them at Gibeah.

21 And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites that day twenty and two thousand men.

22 ¶ And the people of the men of Israel encouraged themselves, and set their battle in array in the place where they put themselves in array the first day.

23 ¶ And the children of Israel went up and wept before the Lord until even, and asked counsel of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the Lord said, Go up against him.

24 And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second day.

25 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men; all these drew the sword.

26 ¶ Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and fast there before the Lord, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord.

27 And the children of Israel enquired of the Lord, (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days,

28 ¶ And Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the Lord said, Go up; for to morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.

29 ¶ And Israel set liers in wait round about Gibeah.

30 And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times.
The people bewail the desolation of Benjamin:  

CHAP. XXI. and consult how to repair it.

There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day.

7 How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them of our daughters to wives?

8 ¶ And they said, What one is there of the tribes of Israel that came not up to Mizpeh to the LORD? and, behold, there came none to the camp from Jabez-gilead to the assembly.

9 For the people were numbered, and, behold, there were none of the inhabitants of Jabez-gilead there.

10 And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabez-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children.

11 And this is the thing that ye shall do.

12 Ye shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that hath lain by man.

13 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabez-gilead four hundred young virgins, that had known no man by lying with any male: and they brought them unto the camp to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

14 And the whole congregation sent some to speak unto the children of Benjamin, that were in the rock Rimmon, and to call peaceably unto them.

15 And Benjamin came again at that time; and they gave them wives which they had saved alive of the women of Jabez-gilead: and yet so they sufficed them not.

16 And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

17 ¶ Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?

18 Wherefore we cannot give them wives of our daughters: for the children of Benjamin have sworn, saying, Curshed be he that giveth a wife to Benjamin.

19 Then they said, Behold, there is a feast of the LORD in Shiloh yearly in a place which is on the north side of Beth-el, and on the east side of Beth-el, and northward toward Beth-el, and southward toward Lebonah.

20 Therefore they commanded the chil-
The daughters of Shiloh come out to dance; JUDG.

Before CHRIST cir. 1406.

21 And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come unto us to complain, that we will say unto them, Be favourable unto them for our sakes: because we refused them not in the war: for ye did not give unto them that which was right in their own eyes.

The Book of RUTH.

CHAP. I.

1 Eglaim driven by famine into Moab died there, as also bis sons Mahlon and Chilion, who had married Moabish wives. 6 Naomi, the wife of Eglaim prepared to return, but diffused her daughters in law from going with her; of whom Orpah leaved her, but Ruth with great constancy accompanied her.

2 They came to Bethlehem, where the inhabitants flock around with inquiries concerning them.

NOW it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

2 And the name of the man was Eglaim, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

3 And Eglaim Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.

4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.

5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.

6 ¶ Then the woman arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the Lord had visited his people in giving them bread.

7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.

8 And Naomi said unto her two daughters-in-law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.

9 The Lord grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

10 And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.

11 And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? are there yet any more sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?

12 Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say, I have hope, howbeit I have much comfort among my people, and among my kinsfolk.

13 Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for if I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons;

14 Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for if I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons;

15 And she said, Behold, thy sister-in-law is returned from the country of Moab: and indeed she came back with me.

16 And Rachel and Leah said, Is it well with my soul that thou hast brought us to come to this place?

17 And they said unto her, Wilt thou indeed go to the house of the Lord? and wilt thou not eat and drink with us?

18 And she said, Would God I had power to confer blessings on you, whereof also the Lord hath vouchsafed to bestow on me! 19 And she said unto them, Go your way: for I have yet a little strength, until I go over, and I will come in to my house; and it shall be, when I find grace in the eyes of my husband, that I will go forth after you.

20 And they said unto her, We will return with thee. Then she arose and they went forth after her.
Ruth gleaneth in the fields of Boaz.

CHAP. II.

Boaz sheweth kindness to her.

18 "When she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.
19 So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, "Is this Naomi?
20 And she fain would go unto them, Call me not by name, for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.
21 I went out full, and the Lord hath brought me home empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the Lord hath afflicted me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?"

22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

CHAP. II.

1 Ruth gat by chance to glean in the fields of Boaz. 2 Boaz taketh notice of her, and fittestibeth her great favour. 3 She returneth with what she had gotten to her mother in law, and tellibeth her what had happened.

AND Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.

2 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after them: and let me find grace. And she fain would go unto him, Go, my daughter.

3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and her hap was that she came upon Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

4 ¶ And, behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said unto the reapers, "The Lord be with you. And they answered him, The Lord bless thee.

5 Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this?

6 And the servant that was set over the reapers anointed and said, It is the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:

7 And she said, I pray thee, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the ears: let a handful come into my lair until I find grace, and let my lord instruct me what I shall do.

8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearkest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:

9 Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.

10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?

11 And Boaz anawered and said unto her, It hath fully been spoken. I, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.

12 ¶ The Lord recompenseth thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

13 Then she said, ¶ "Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidsens.

14 ¶ And Boaz said unto her, At mealtimes come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat him down, and he gave her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.

15 And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not:

16 And let fall also of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.

17 So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.

18 ¶ And she took it up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed.

19 And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned, and where wast thou that thou didst take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother in law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to day is Boaz.
Ruth layeth herself at the feet of Boaz.  

20 And Naomi said unto her daughter in law; 

21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, He 

22 And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they may meet thee not in any other field.  

23 So she kept them of the maids of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother in law.  

H A P. III.  

1 Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?  

2 And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wert? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the thresher's floor.  

3 Wilt thou therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.  

4 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.  

5 And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do.  

6 ¶ And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.  

7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.  

8 And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.  

9 And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art near a kinman.  

R U T H. He acknowledgeth the duty of a kinsman.  

10 And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewn more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.  

11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.  

12 And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.  

13 Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning.  

14 ¶ And she lay at his feet until the morning; and rose up before the morning; and said, Let me take, I pray thee, a morsel of thy bread.  

15 Also he said, Bring the vail that thou hast upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her: and she went into the city.  

16 And when she came to her mother in law, she said, What art thou gone to do? and why camest thou not? Be not隐蔽.  

17 And she said, He gave me six measures of barley, and said unto me, Go and wash thyself, and put on thy raiment.  

18 Then said she, Let me, I pray thee, go to the field after the gleaners, and gather me a cluster of the gleaners. And she said, Go, my daughter.  

C H A P. IV.  

1 Boaz propropheseth to the nearest of kin the redemption of Elimelech's land, and the marriage of Ruth.  

2 The kinman declineth both according to the manner in Israel.  

3 Boaz buyeth the inheritance, and accepteth Ruth for his wife before the people.  

4 Ruth beareth Obed the grandfather of David.  

5 Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down here.  

2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down.
The First Book of Samuel, otherwise called, The First Book of the Kings.

Chapter I.

Eli anab a Levite bab two wves; be goth yearly to worship at Shiblo. 4 He savoris! Hannah, and confortis! ber, when injulon on account of her barrennes by Peninnab. 9 Hannah in grief prays for a child, and voeres to give him unto the LORD. 12 Eli mistaking at first rebuke ber. 19 God rememberis! Hannah; the bear-

etb Samuel, and slayeth at home till be is weaned. 24 She presentis! him to the LORD according to her vow.

Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jerom, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite.
Hannah’s prayer and vow.

I. SAMUEL.

Before CHRIST

2 And he had two wives; the name of
the one was Hannah, and the name of the
other Peninnah: and Peninnah had chil-
dren, but Hannah had none.

3 And this man went up out of his city
yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto
the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the
two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas,
the priests of the LORD, were there.

4 ¶ And when the time was that Elkan-
nah offered, he gave to Peninnah his
wife, and to all her sons and her daugh-
ters, portions:

5 But unto Hannah he gave a worthy
portion; for he loved Hannah: but the
LORD had shut up her womb.

6 And her adversary also provoked
her, for to make her fret, because the
LORD had shut up her womb.

7 And as he did so year by year, when
she went up to the house of the LORD, so
provoked she; therefore the wept, and
did not eat.

8 Then said Elkanah her husband to
her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and
why wert thou sore discouraged? am not
I better to thee than ten sons?

9 ¶ So Hannah rose up after they had
eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk.
Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by
a postr of the temple of the LORD.

10 And she vowed a vow, and said, O
LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look
on the affliction of thine handmaid, and
remember me, and not forget thine hand-
maid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid
a man child, then I will give him unto
the LORD all the days of his life, and
there shall be no rafer come upon his head.

11 ¶ And it came to pass, as she con-
tinued praying before the LORD, that Eli
marked her mouth.

12 ¶ Now Hannah, she spake in her heart;
only her lips moved, but her voice was
not heard: therefore Eli thought she had
been drunken.

13 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt
thou be drunken? put away thy wine
from thee.

14 And Hannah answered and said, No,
my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful
spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor
strong drink, but have poured out my
soul before the LORD.

15 Count not thine handmaid for a daugh-
ter of Belial: for out of the abundance
of my complaint and grief have I
spoken hitherto.

16 Then Eli answered and said, Go in
peace: and the God of Israel grant thee
blessings, thou and thine husband, and
thou that harmeth thee not.

17 ¶ And the lad went on his way: and
the woman went in unto her house, and
her barrenness was no more.

18 And God gave to Hannah a son.

19 ¶ And they rose up in the morning:
early, and worshipped before the LORD,
and returned, and came to their house to
Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his
wife; and the LORD remembered her.

20 Wherefore it came to pass, when
which was the time was come about after
Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son,
and called his name Samuel, saying, Because
I have asked him of the LORD.

21 And the man Elkanah, and all his
house, went up to offer unto the LORD
the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

22 But Hannah went not up; for she
said unto her husband, I will not go up
until the child be weaned, and until I will
bring him, that he may appear before the
LORD, and there abide for ever.

23 And Elkanah her husband said unto
her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry
until thou have weaned him; then only
the child shall worship the LORD.

24 ¶ And when she had weaned him,
she took him up with her, with three
buckhorns, and one ephah of flour, and a
bottle of wine, and brought him untol
the house of the LORD: and the child was
young.

25 And they slew a bullock, and brought
the child to Eli.

26 And the said, Oh my lord, as thy
soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that
slew thee by there, praying unto the
LORD.

27 ¶ For this child I prayed; and the
LORD hath given me my petition which
I asked of him:

28 ¶ Therefore also I have lent him to
the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall
belong to the LORD. And he worshipped
the LORD there.

CHAP. II.

1 Hannah’s song in thankfulness to God.

2 The

3 The

4 The

5 The

6 The

7 The

8 The

9 The

10 The

11 The

12 The

13 The

14 The

15 The

16 The

17 The

18 The

19 The

20 The

21 The

22 The
Hannah’s song of thanksgiving.

CHAP. II. Eli reprovetb the wickedness of his sons.

1 And Hannah’s horn was exalted in the Lord: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoiced in thy salvation.

2 ‘There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

3 Talk no more so excedingly proud; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

4 The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength.

5 They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and the she that had many children is waxed feeble.

6 The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

7 The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s, and he hath set the world upon them.

9 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

10 The adveraries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the Lord shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister unto the Lord before Eli the priest.

12 And the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the Lord.

13 And the priest’s custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest’s servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand.

14 And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

15 Also before they burnt the fat, the priest’s servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have faddened flesh of thee, but raw.

16 And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat † presently, and then take as much as thy soul defirith; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force.

17 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord: for men abhorred the offering of the Lord.

18 ¶ But Samuel ministered before the Lord, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

20 ¶ And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The Lord give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the Lord. And they went unto their own home.

21 And the Lord visited Hannah, so that the conceiving, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the Lord.

22 ¶ Now Elia was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.

24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the Lord’s people to transgress.

25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the Lord, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they heartened not unto the voice of their father, § because the Lord would slay them.

26 And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the Lord, and also with men.

27 ¶ And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh’s house?

28 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honoureth thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? K k 2
A prophecy against Eli's house.

Before CHRIST

GOD calleth Samuel.

30 Wherefore the LORD God of Israel faith, * I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD faith, * Be it far from me; for them that honor me I will honour, and * they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

31 Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.

32 And thou shalt fee an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever.

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

34 And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; * in one day they shall die both of them.

35 And * I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in mine mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine Anointed for ever.

36 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in thine house shall come and crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morcel of bread, and shall say, * Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

C H A P. III.

The manner in which the word of the Lord was first revealed to Samuel. 11 God spake to Samuel the destruction of Eli's house. 15 Samuel adjured by Eli telleth him the vision. 19 Samuel is favoured by God, and acknowledged for a prophet in Israel.

And * the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And * the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, * and his eyes began to wax dim, * that he could not see;

And ere * the lamp of God went out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep;

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

And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou callest me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

6 And the Lord called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, neither was the word of the Lord revealed unto him.

8 And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child.

9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go down; and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

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

11 ¶ And the Lord said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, * at a time appointed, at a certain time in a certain place. 12 And Samuel said, Here am I; speak; for thy servant heareth.

13 ¶ For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made them selves vile, and he restrained them not.

14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifices nor offering for ever.

15 ¶ And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.

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

17 And he said, What is the thing that the Lord hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: * God do so to thee, and * more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.

18 And Samuel told him all, and hid nothing from him. And he said, * It is the Lord: let him do what seemeth him good.

19 ¶ And Samuel said, * He grew, and * the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord.
The Israelites smitten at Ebenezer. CHAP. IV. The ark of God taken. Elie's death.

21 And the Lord appeared again in Shiloh: for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

CHAP. IV.

1 And the Philistines smitten by the Philistines at Ebenezer. 2 They fetch the ark to the terror of their enemies: 3 but are smitten again, the ark taken, and the two sons of Eli slain. 4 Upon hearing the news Eli falleth backward, and breaketh his neck. 5 The wife of Phinehas through grief falleth in labour, is delivered of I-shobod, and dieth.

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

2 And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of them in the field about four thouand men.

3 ¶ When the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the Lord smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth between the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

5 And when the ark of the covenant of the Lord came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the Lord was come into the camp.

7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore.

8 Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty gods? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

9 Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight.

21 And named the child I-shobod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.

22 And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.
I. SAMUEL. The Philistines advised how to send back the ark.

The lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own place, that it flay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of the Lord was very heavy there.

12 And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

CHAP. VI.
1 After seven months the Philistines take counsel how to send back the ark. 10 They bring it on a new cart with an offering unto Beth-shemesh.

19 The Beth-shemites are smitten for looking into the ark. 21 They send to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim to fetch it.

AND the ark of the Lord was in the country of the Philistines seven months.

2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do with the ark of the Lord? tell us wherewith we shall fend it to his place.

3 And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, and it be no heavy offering, but in any wise return him a trepad offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you.

4 Then said they, What shall be the trepad offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one plague was on you all, and upon your lords.

5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice, that they may mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure the hand of God will turn from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts, when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?

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

8 And take the ark of the Lord, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a trepad offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go.

9 And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Beth-shemeth, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not,
The ark is brought to Beth-shemesh.

CHAP. VII. The Israelites solemnly repent at Mizpeh.

Then shall we know that it is not his hand that smote us; it was a chance that happened to us.

10 ¶ And the men did so; and took two mulekine, and tied them to the cart, and shat up their calves at home:

11 And they laid the ark of the Lord upon the cart, and the coffers with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods.

12 And the king took the straight way to the border of Beth-shemesh, and went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Beth-shemesh.

13 And they of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it.

14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Beth-shemite: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the king a burnt offering unto the Lord.

15 And the Levites took down the ark of the Lord, and the coffers that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone: when the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the Lord.

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

17 ¶ And there are the golden emerods which the Philistines returned for a trespass offering unto the Lord; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one;

18 And the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the great stone of Abdon, whereon they set down the ark of the Lord: which stone remaineth unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Beth-shemite.

19 ¶ And he smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the Lord, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and three score and ten men: and the people lamented, because the Lord had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter.

20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said,

Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God? and to whom shall he go up from us?

21 ¶ And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim, saying,

The Philistines have brought again the ark of the Lord; come ye down, and fetch it up to you.

CHAP. VII.

1 The ark is brought into the house of Abinadab at Kirjath-jearim, where it is kept by one of his sons, and abideth twenty years.

3 At the exhortation of Samuel the Israelites solemnly repent at Mizpeh.

7 The people are alarmed with an irritation of the Philistines.

9 While Samuel prays and sacrificeth, the Lord discomfitteth the Philistines with thunder at Ebenezer.

13 The Philistines are subdued.

15 Samuel peaceably and religiously judgeth Israel.

And the men of Kirjath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of the Lord, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the Lord.

2 And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the Lord.

3 ¶ And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods, and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only; and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

4 Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the Lord only.

5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh; and I will pray for you unto the Lord.

6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the Lord, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the Lord. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

7 ¶ And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cea not to cry unto the Lord our God for us, that he will give us out of the hand of the Philistines.

9 ¶ And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the Lord: and Samuel cried unto the Lord; and the Lord heard him.

10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near
The Israelites desire a king.

I. SAMUEL. Samuel sheweth them the manner of a king.

Before CHRIST

1 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

2 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.

3 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: and if it seem good unto you, let them set a king over you.

4 And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king.

5 And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his officers, and for his chariots, and to run before his chariots;

6 And he will take your daughters, and give them to his officers to be a propitiatory sacrifice, and to be bakers, and to be bakers.

7 And he will take your fields, and ye shall be feeders unto him; and ye shall thresh with three dentles, and two handles;

8 And he will take your vineyards, and give them to his officers; and ye shall make给你们 produce the sixth part thereof;

9 And he will take your oliveyards, and give them to his officers; and ye shall make them produce the fifth part thereof;

10 And he will take your corn, and give it unto his officers; and ye shall not eat the harvest thereof;

11 And he will take your wine, and give it unto his officers; and ye shall not drink the wine of your vineyards;

12 And he will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his officers, and for his chariots; and some shall run before his chariots;

13 And he will take your daughters, and give them unto his officers to be a propitiatory sacrifice, and to be bakers, and to be bakers;

14 And he will take your fields, and ye shall be feeders unto him; and ye shall thresh with three dentles, and two handles;

15 And he will take your vineyards, and give them to his officers; and ye shall make them produce the fifth part thereof;

16 And he will take your oliveyards, and give them to his officers; and ye shall make them produce the fifth part thereof;

17 And he will take your corn, and give it unto his officers; and ye shall not eat the corn of your fields;

18 And he will take your wine, and give it unto his officers; and ye shall not drink the wine of your vineyards;

19 And he will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his officers, and for his chariots; and some shall run before his chariots;

20 And he will take your daughters, and give them unto his officers to be a propitiatory sacrifice, and to be bakers, and to be bakers;

21 And he will take your fields, and ye shall be feeders unto him; and ye shall thresh with three dentles, and two handles;

22 And he will take your vineyards, and give them to his officers; and ye shall make them produce the fifth part thereof;

23 And he will take your oliveyards, and give them to his officers; and ye shall make them produce the fifth part thereof;

24 And he will take your corn, and give it unto his officers; and ye shall not eat the corn of your fields;

25 And he will take your wine, and give it unto his officers; and ye shall not drink the wine of your vineyards;

26 And he will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his officers, and for his chariots; and some shall run before his chariots;

27 And he will take your daughters, and give them unto his officers to be a propitiatory sacrifice, and to be bakers, and to be bakers;

28 And he will take your fields, and ye shall be feeders unto him; and ye shall thresh with three dentles, and two handles;

29 And he will take your vineyards, and give them to his officers; and ye shall make them produce the fifth part thereof;

30 And he will take your oliveyards, and give them to his officers; and ye shall make them produce the fifth part thereof;

31 And he will take your corn, and give it unto his officers; and ye shall not eat the corn of your fields;

32 And he will take your wine, and give it unto his officers; and ye shall not drink the wine of your vineyards;

33 And he will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his officers, and for his chariots; and some shall run before his chariots;

34 And he will take your daughters, and give them unto his officers to be a propitiatory sacrifice, and to be bakers, and to be bakers;

35 And he will take your fields, and ye shall be feeders unto him; and ye shall thresh with three dentles, and two handles;

36 And he will take your vineyards, and give them to his officers; and ye shall make them produce the fifth part thereof;

37 And he will take your oliveyards, and give them to his officers; and ye shall make them produce the fifth part thereof;

38 And he will take your corn, and give it unto his officers; and ye shall not eat the corn of your fields;

39 And he will take your wine, and give it unto his officers; and ye shall not drink the wine of your vineyards;

40 And he will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his officers, and for his chariots; and some shall run before his chariots;

41 And he will take your daughters, and give them unto his officers to be a propitiatory sacrifice, and to be bakers, and to be bakers;

42 And he will take your fields, and ye shall be feeders unto him; and ye shall thresh with three dentles, and two handles;

43 And he will take your vineyards, and give them to his officers; and ye shall make them produce the fifth part thereof;

44 And he will take your oliveyards, and give them to his officers; and ye shall make them produce the fifth part thereof;

45 And he will take your corn, and give it unto his officers; and ye shall not eat the corn of your fields;

46 And he will take your wine, and give it unto his officers; and ye shall not drink the wine of your vineyards;

47 And he will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his officers, and for his chariots; and some shall run before his chariots;

48 And he will take your daughters, and give them unto his officers to be a propitiatory sacrifice, and to be bakers, and to be bakers;

49 And he will take your fields, and ye shall be feeders unto him; and ye shall thresh with three dentles, and two handles;

50 And he will take your vineyards, and give them to his officers; and ye shall make them produce the fifth part thereof;

51 And he will take your oliveyards, and give them to his officers; and ye shall make them produce the fifth part thereof;

52 And he will take your corn, and give it unto his officers; and ye shall not eat the corn of your fields;

53 And he will take your wine, and give it unto his officers; and ye shall not drink the wine of your vineyards;

54 And he will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his officers, and for his chariots; and some shall run before his chariots;

55 And he will take your daughters, and give them unto his officers to be a propitiatory sacrifice, and to be bakers, and to be bakers;

56 And he will take your fields, and ye shall be feeders unto him; and ye shall thresh with three dentles, and two handles;

57 And he will take your vineyards, and give them to his officers; and ye shall make them produce the fifth part thereof;

58 And he will take your oliveyards, and give them to his officers; and ye shall make them produce the fifth part thereof;

59 And he will take your corn, and give it unto his officers; and ye shall not eat the corn of your fields;

60 And he will take your wine, and give it unto his officers; and ye shall not drink the wine of your vineyards;

61 And he will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his officers, and for his chariots; and some shall run before his chariots;

62 And he will take your daughters, and give them unto his officers to be a propitiatory sacrifice, and to be bakers, and to be bakers;
Saul sent to seek his father's asses.

**CHAP. IX.**

Saul the son of Kish is sent to seek his father's asses which were lost, and despairing to find them is counselled by his servant to apply to Samuel. He is directed by some young maidens wheresoever to meet with him. Samuel, having been told by God both of his coming, and of his appointment to the kingdom, entertaineth him at a feast with great respect, and on the morrow, after a private conference, bringeth him in his way.

NOW there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was a Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiab, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power. 2 And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he; from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.

And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish sent Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.

And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of *Shalisha*, but they found them not: then he passed through the land of Shalim, and there they were not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found them not.

And when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that was with him, Come, and let us return; let my father leave caring for the asses, and take thought for us.

6 And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he faith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go.

7 Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring to the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we?

8 And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand half a shekel of *silver* that will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.

9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.) Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God was.

**HAP. IX.**

Samuel entertaineth him with respect.

11 ¶ And as they went up ¶ the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and fainted unto them, Is the seer here?

12 And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, be is before you: make haste now, for he came to day to the city; for *there is a sacrifice of the people to day* in the high place:

13 As soon as ye be come into the city ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth blest the sacrifice; and afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for about *this* time ye shall find him.

14 And they went up into the city: and when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place.

15 ¶ Now the Lord had *told* Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying,

16 To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.

17 And when Samuel saw Saul, the Lord *spake* to him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall *reign* over my people.

18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is.

19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thine heart.

20 And as for the thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on thee, and on all thy father's house?

21 And Saul answered and said, Am not I a Benjamite, of the *family* of the tribe of Benjamin? and *is* my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then spakest thou so to me?

22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which were about thirty persons.

23 And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee.
Samuel anointeth Saul.

Before CHRIST.

24 And the cook took up * the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, Behold that which is left! set it before thee, and eat: for unto this time have I kept it for thee; and I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

25 ¶ And when they were come down from the high place into the city, Samuel communed with Saul upon the top of the house.

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

27 ¶ And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on) but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God.

C H A P. X.

1 Samuel anointeth Saul, and giveth him three signs in confirmation of what he had told him.

9 Saul's heart is changed; the signs come to pass according to Samuel's prediction; Saul propheseth. 14. On his return be concealed from his uncle the matter of the kingdom.

17 The people are called together by Samuel to Mizpeh.

26 He is honourably attended by part of his subjecks, but despised by others.

THEN * Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and killed him, and said, Is it not because * the Lord hath anointed thee to be captain over * his inheritance?

2 When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by * Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to fetch are found: and, lo, thy father hath left * the care of the asses, and sorroweth for thee, saying, What shall I do for my son?

3 Then shalt thou go forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up * to God to Bethel, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine:

4 And they will * salute thee, and give thee * the two loaves of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands.

5 After that thou shalt come to * the hill of God, * where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down * from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them: * and they shall prophesy:

6 And * the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and * thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

7 And * let it be, when these * signs are come unto thee, * that thou do as occasion serveth thee; for * God is with thee.

8 And thou shalt go down before me * to Gilgal; * and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: * seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.

9 ¶ And it was so, that when he had turned his * back to go from Samuel, God * gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.

10 And * when they came thither to the hill, behold, * a company of prophets met him; and * the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

11 And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said * one to another, What is this * that is come unto the son of Kish? * Is Saul also among the prophets?

12 And one of the same place answered and said, But * who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, * Is Saul also among the prophets?

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

14 ¶ And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that they were no where, we came to Samuel.

15 And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you.

16 And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

17 ¶ And Samuel called the people together unto the Lord * to Mizpeh,

18 And * said unto the children of Israel, * Thus spake the Lord God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you:

19 ¶ And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves.
Saul is chosen king by lot at Mizpeh. C H A P. XI, XII.

4 ¶ Then came the messengers * to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept.

5 And, behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, What aileth the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jabesh.

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

7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and slew them in pieces, and sent them through all the coasts of Israel by the hands of the messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen.

8 And when he numbered them in Bezech, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

9 And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, To morrow, by that time the sun waxeth hot, ye shall have help. And the messengers came and shewed it to the men of Jabesh; and they were glad.

10 Therefore the men of Jabesh said, To morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us as that seemeth good unto you.

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

12 ¶ And the people said unto Samuel, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death.

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

14 ¶ Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there.

15 And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the Lord: and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

C H A P. XII.

1 Samuel calleth upon the people, and receiveth from them an ample justification of his inte-
Samuel's solemn address to all Israel. I. SAMUEL. At his call God fends that thunder and rain.

AND Samuel said unto all Israel, Be hold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a kingdom over you.

And now, behold, the king walketh before you; and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day.

Behold, here I am: witnesse against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I defrauded? whose vine have I eaten? or whom have I oppressed? or of whom have I received any b ine eyes therewith? and will I restore it to you.

And they said, Thou haft not defraud us, nor oppressed us, neither hath thou taken ought of any man's hand.

And he said unto them, The LORD is witnesse against you, and his anointed is witnesse this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, He is witnesse.

And Samuel said unto the people, It is the LORD that advanced Moses and Aaron, and brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.

Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD of all the righteous acts which he did in your fathers' behalf.

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

And when they had forgotten the LORD their God, he led them into the hand of Sihon, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them.

And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served Baalim and Afiratroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee.

And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelt safe.

And when ye saw that Nahath the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD thy God was thy king.

Now therefore he behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have defied; and, behold, the LORD hath set a king over you.

If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God:

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

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

Is it not a harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain: that ye may perceive, and understand, how that your wickedness is great which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.

So Samuel called unto the LORD, and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto our sins this evil, to ask us a king.

And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart;

And turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain.

For the LORD will not forfai his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

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

Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.
Saul in distress offereth a burnt offering. CHAP. XIII.

1 Saul's field band. 3 Jonathan smiteth the Philistines' garrison, wherupon the people are called together to Gilgal. 5 The Philistines bring a great host into the field. 6 The distress of the Israelites. 8 Saul weary of playing for the Lord, offered a burnt offering. 11 His excuse to Samuel, who sharply reproved him. 17 The Philistines send out three bands of spoilers. 19 The policy of the Philistines in suffering no smite in Israel.

SAUL † reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel, 2 Saul chose him three thousand men of Israel; whereof two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in mount Beth-el, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

3 ¶ And Jonathan smote * the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, laying, Let the Hebrews hear. 4 And all Israel heard say that Saul had smitten a garrison of the Philistines, and that Israel also was had in abomination with the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.

5 ¶ And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Beth-aven.

6 ¶ When the men of Israel saw that they were in a straight, (for the people were dizzified,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thicket, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.

7 ¶ And some of the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilgal. As for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

8 ¶ And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. 9 And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering.

10 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might fetch him.

11 ¶ And Samuel said, What hath thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw the people scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;

12 Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the Lord; I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.

13 And Samuel said to Saul, *Thou haft done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the Lord have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.

14 ¶ But now thy kingdom shall not continue: *the Lord hath fought him a man after his own heart, and the Lord hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou haft not kept that which the Lord commanded thee.

15 And Samuel arose, and set him up from Gilgal unto Geba of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people that were present with him, about five hundred men.

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

17 ¶ And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned unto the way that leadeth to *Ophrah, unto the land of Shual:

18 And another company turned the way to Beth-horon: and another company turned to the way of the border that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19 ¶ Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Left the Hebrews make them swords or spears.

20 But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to harpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his ax, and his mattock.

21 Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and for to harpen the goads.

22 So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found.

23 ¶ And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

CHRIST.

Samuel reproveth him.

Before 3093.

CHAP. XIV.

1 Jonathan, without the knowledge of his father or any of the people, attended by his armour-bearer only, smiteth the Philistine garrison.
Jonathan with his armourbearer only

15 The Philistines feasted with a panic beat down one another. 17 Saul perceiving the tumult enquired of God, but without waiting for the priest's answer feasted upon the enemy, and is joined by the Hebrews who were before the Philistines, and by the Israelites out of their hiding places. 24 His undaunted adjuration is a bondrance of the victory. 31 The people, faint for want of food, fly upon the blood, and are hardly restrained from eating the blood. 35 Jonathan buildeth an altar; 37 he asketh counsel of God, but receiveth no answer. 38 Jonathan taken by lot, and sentenced to die, is rescued by the people. 47 Saul's victories. 49 His family.

NOW it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on the other side. But he told not his father.

And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people that were with him were about six hundred men.

And Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the Lord's priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

The forefront of the one was situate northward over against Michmash, and the other southward against Gibeah.

And Jonathan said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the Lord will work for us: for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few.

And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that is in thine heart; turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart.

Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto these men, and we will discover ourselves unto them.

If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then will we stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them.

But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then will we go up: for the Lord hath delivered them into our hand: and this shall be a sign unto us.

And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves.

And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armourbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me: for the Lord hath delivered them into the hand of Israel.

And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew after him.

And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were an half acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow.

 ¶ And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among all the people: the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: for it was a very great trembling.

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

Then said Saul unto the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armourbearer were not there.

And Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel.

And it came to pass, while Saul talked ed unto the priest, that the noise that was in the host of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand.

And Saul and all the people that were with him, assembled themselves, and came to the battle: and behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture.

Moreover the Hebrews that were with the Philistines before that time, which went up with them into the camp from the country round about, even they also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan.

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

So the Lord saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over unto Beth-aven.

¶ And the men of Israel were distressed.
Saul's unadvised adjuration.

that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted any food.

25 And all the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground.

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

27 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath; wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.

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

29 Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.

30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?

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

32 And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground: and the people did eat them with the blood.

33 Then said Saul, Fie, people! Behold, the people have sinned against the LORD: in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have transgressed: roll a great stone unto me this day.

34 And Saul said, Di分娩e yourselves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay them here, and eat; and sin not against the LORD in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew them there.

35 And Saul built an altar unto the LORD: the same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD.

36 And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then

faid the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God.

37 ¶ And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he answered him not that day.

38 ¶ And Saul said, Draw ye near hither, all the chief of the people: and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day.

39 For as the LORD liveth, which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But there was not a man among all the people that answered him.

40 Then said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one side me, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people fain unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee.

41 Therefore Saul said unto the LORD God of Israel, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan and Saul were taken: but the people escaped.

42 And Saul said, Cast ye the lot between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand, and, lo, I must die.

44 And Saul answered, God do so to me, and more also: for thou hast shurt with mine eyes.

45 And the people fain unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: as the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.

46 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their own place.

47 ¶ So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed them.

48 And he gathered an host, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them.

49 ¶ Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchi-shua: and the names of his two daughters were Merab, and the name of the younger Michal.
Saul is sent to destroy Amalek.

"Saul is sent to destroy Amalek. 6 He favoreth the Kenites; 7 smitest the Amalekites; but sparest Agag and the best of the spoil. 10 His disobedience displeased the LORD. 12 Samuel denounceth unto him God's rejection of him. 24 Saul's futilest humiliation. 32 Samuel becometh Agag in pieces. 34 He and Saul part, and meet no more.

Samuel also saith unto Saul, 'The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD. 2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did unto Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. 3 Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, child and beast, ox and ass, camel and sheep.

4 And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. 5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley. 6 And Saul said unto the Kenites, 'Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness unto all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7 And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt. 8 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroy all the people with the edge of the sword. 9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly. 10 Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,
And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me: for I will worship the Lord.

And Samuel said unto Saul, The Lord hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou.

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

Then he said, I have sinned: yet honour me now, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me: for I will worship the Lord thy God.

So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the Lord.

Then said Samuel to Saul, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites, and Agag came unto him diligently. And Agag said, Surely the betterness of death is past.

And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal.

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul.

And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the Lord repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

And Saul said, How can I go if the Lord will not go with me? And the Lord said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the Lord.

And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.

And Samuel did that which the Lord spake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the town trembling at his coming, and said, Cometh thou peaceably?

And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the Lord; sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the Lord’s anointed is before him.

But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, nor on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this.

Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this.

Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The Lord hath not chosen these.

And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are these all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest: and, behold, he keepeth the flock. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was a ruddy, and a sandy-haired of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look upon. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him.

And Saul’s servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee.

Before Christ

Ps. 78. 70. & 89. 19.


Heb. in thine hand.

I Chron. 15. 12.

Exodus 3. 15.

Exodus 3. 16.

Exodus 3. 17.

Ch. 9. 16.

Ch. 9. 16.

Ch. 11. 15.

Ch. 9. 16.

Ch. 9. 16.

Ch. 9. 16.

Ch. 9. 16.

Ch. 9. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.

Ch. 10. 16.
Saul sendeth to Jeph for David.  I. S A M U E L.  Goliath detheth the armies of Israel.

16 Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp; and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.

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

18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jeph the Beth-lehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in all matters, and a comely person, and the Lord is with him.

19 Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jeph, and said, Send me David thy son, which is with the sheep.

20 And Jeph took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid; and sent them by David his son unto Saul.

21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armour bearer.

22 And Saul sent to Jeph, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight.

23 And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand; so Saul was refreshed, and was well; and the evil spirit departed from him.

C H A P. XVII.

1 The armies of the Israelites and Philistines being drawn out to battle, 4 Goliath cometh forward with a proud challenge. 12 David, sent by his father to the army to visit his brethren, 20 heareth the challenge, and expresseth indignation thereat. 28 Eliab his eldest brother rebuke him. 30 His words cause him to be brought before Saul; 32 he accepteth the challenge, and overthroweth the grounds of his confidence. 38 He refuseth Saul’s armure, and armed only with a sling and a stone slayeth the giant. 52 The Philistines are routed. 54 David bringeth back the head of Goliath. 55 Saul enquireth and taketh note of him.

NOW the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim.

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

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

4 ¶ And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was fix cubits and a span.

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

6 And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a helmet of brass upon his shoulders.

7 And the staff of his spear was like a weaver’s beam; and his spear’s head weighed fix hundred shekels of iron; and one bearing a shield went before him.

8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said, Why do ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Israel? choose ye a man for you, and let him come down to me.

9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.

10 And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

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

12 ¶ Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name was Jeph; and he had eight sons; and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul.

13 And the three eldest sons of Jeph went and followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Sham-mah.

14 And David was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul.

15 But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father’s sheep at Beth-lehem.

16 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

17 And Jeph said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren;

18 And carry these ten loaves unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.

19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.
David offereth to accept the challenge; C H A P. XVII. and prepareth to fight the Philistine.

Before CHRIST cir. 1065.

¶ And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as J e f f e h o m e, and he came to the trench, as the hoft was going forth to the battle, and shouted for the battle.

21 For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army.

22 And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and fulfilled his brethren.

23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the army of the Philistines, and spake according to the fame words: and David heard them.

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

25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father’s house free in Israel.

26 And David spake to the men that ftood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is he this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?

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

28 ¶ And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab’s anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom haft thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.

29 And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?

30 ¶ And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

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

32 ¶ And David said to Saul, Let no man’s heart fail because of him: thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

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

34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father’s sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb of the flock:

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

36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

37 David said moreover, The Lord God of the heavens, that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee.

38 ¶ And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; and he armed him with a coat of mail.

39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he asayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him.

40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd’s bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him.

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

43 And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with swords? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh into the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand, and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines to the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.
David killed Gathath.

I. Samuel. Saul from envy seeketh to slay David.

And now, O Lord, consider my heart, to hearken unto my voice before this great congregation. David feared David for his wisdom and good success. 

17 And Saul sought to kill David every where, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 

2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. 

3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. 

4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle. 

5 And David went out whither soever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of all the servants of Saul. 

6 And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistines, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick. 

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

8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him: and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom? 

9 And Saul eyed David from that day forward. 

10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand. 

11 And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will finite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice.

12 And Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, and was departed from Saul.
Saul offereth his daughters to David.  C H A P.  XIX.  David hath Michal given him to wife.

13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the \textit{Lord} was with him.

15 Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.

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

17 ¶ And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, whom I will give thee to wife: only be thou \textit{valiant} for me, and fight \textit{the Lord's} battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

18 And David said unto Saul, \textit{Who am I, and what is my life, or my father's family in Israel}, that \textit{I should be in law to the king?}

19 But it came to pass at the time when Merab, Saul's daughter, should have been given to David, that she was given to Adriel the Meholathite to wife.

20 ¶ And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

21 And Saul said, I will give her her, that the \\textit{m}ay be a \textit{flire} to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in the one of the twain.

22 ¶ And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law.

23 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be a king's son in law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed?

24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, ¶ On this manner spake David.

25 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, ¶ On this manner spake David.

26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and they days were not expired.

27 Wherefore David arose and went, and and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave him in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

28 ¶ And Saul saw and knew that the \textit{Lord} was with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him.

29 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

30 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much feter by.  C H A P.  XIX.

1 Jonathan dislogeth to David his father's purpose to kill him.  ¶ He persuadeth his father to a reconciliation.

8 Saul jealous of David's good success in a new war against the Philistines.

11 Saul's messengers come to David's house to slay him; Michal favoureth his escape, and deceiveth her father by an image in the bed.

13 David cometh to Samuel to Nainoth; he is pursued; the spirit of prophecy cometh upon Saul's messengers, 23 and upon Saul.

AND Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

2 But Jonathan Saul's son much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself: 3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

4 ¶ And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king's sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good:

5 For he did put his life in his hand, and spew the Philistine, and the \textit{Lord}

7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan thewed him all those things. And
Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he
was in his presence, ' as † in times past.
8 ¶ And there was war again: and Da-
vid went out, and fought with the Philis-
tines, and flew them with a great laugh-
ter; and they fled from † him.
9 And † the evil spirit from the LORD
was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with
his javelin in his hand: and David played
with his hand.
10 And Saul sought to smite David even
to the wall with the javelin: but he slipped
away out of Saul's presence, and so the
javelin into the wall: and David fled, and
escaped that night.
11 ¶ † Saul also sent messengers unto
David's house, to watch him, and to lay
him in the morning: and Michal David's
wife told him, saying, If thou cause not
thine life to night, to morrow thou shalt
be slain.
12 ¶ So Michal let David down through
a window: and he went, and fled, and
escaped.
13 And Michal took an † image, and laid
it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats'
'baire for his bolster, and covered it with a
cloth.
14 And when Saul sent messengers to
take David, she said, He is † tuck.
15 And Saul sent the messengers again
to see David, saying, Bring him up to me
in the bed, that I may slay him.
16 And when the messengers were come
in, behold, † there was an image in the bed,
with a pillow of goats' 'baire for his bolster.
17 And Saul fain had unto Michal, Why haft
thou deceived me so, and sent away mine
enemy, that he is escaped ? And Michal
answered Saul, He fain unto me, Let me
go; should I slay thee ?
18 ¶ So David fled, and escaped, and
came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him
all that Saul had done to him. And he and
Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.
19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold,
David is at Naioth in Ramah.
20 And † Saul sent messengers to take
David: and when they saw the company
of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel
standing as appointed over them, the Spirit
of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and
they also † prophesied.
21 And when it was told Saul, he sent
other messengers, and they prophesied
likewise. And Saul sent messengers again
the third time, and they prophesied also.
22 Then went he also to Ramah, and
came to a great well that † is in Sechu: and
he asked and said, Where are Samuel and
David? And one said, Behold, they be at
Naioth in Ramah.
23 ¶ And he went thither to Naioth in
Ramah: and † the Spirit of God was upon
him also, and he went on, and prophesied,
until he came to Naioth in Ramah.
24 And he stripped off his clothes also,
and prophesied before Samuel in like man-
ner, and † lay down naked all that day
and all that night. Wherefore they say,
† Is Saul also among the prophets?

C H A P. XX.
1 David consulteth with Jonathan how to pro-
provide for his safety. 11 The friendly league
between them confirmed by oath. 18 They
agree upon a token. 24 David abjuring them
self from the king's table is excused by Jona-
than; Saul being enraged seeketh to kill Jo-
nathan. 35 Jonathan informs David of his
danger by the token agreed on. 41 The two
friends take a loving leave of each other.

And David fled from Naioth in Ram-
ahan, and came and fain before Jon-
athan, What have I done? what is mine
iniquity? and what is my sin before thy
father, that he seeketh my life?
2 And he said unto him, God forbid,
thou shalt not die: behold, my father will
do nothing either great or small, but that
he will † shew it me: and why should my
father hide this thing from me? it is
not so.
3 And David sware moreover, and said,
Thy father certainly knoweth that I have
found grace in thine eyes; and he saith,
Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be
grieved: but truly as the LORD liveth,
and as thy soul liveth, thither is but a step
between me and death.
4 Then said Jonathan unto David, What
fover thy soul † defireth, I will even do it
for thee.
5 And David said unto Jonathan, Be-
hold, to morrow is the new moon, and I
should not fail to fit with the king at meat:
but let me go, that I may † hide myself in
the field unto the third day at even.
6 If thy father at all miss me, then fay,
David earnestly asked leave of me that he
might run † to Beth-lehem his city: for now
there is a yearly † sacrifice there for all the
family.
7 ¶ If he say thus, It is well; thy serv-
ent shall have peace: but if he be very woth,
then be sure that † evil is determined by
him.
8 Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with
thy servant; for † thou haft brought thy
servant into a covenant of the LORD with
thee: notwithstanding, † if there be in me
14-32.
Jonathan's friendship to David.

CHAP. XX. Saul enraged seeketh to kill Jonathan.

23 And as touching the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the Lord be between thee and me for ever.

24 ¶ So David hid himself in the field; and when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat.

25 And the king sat upon his seat, even upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty.

26 Nevertheless Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean.

27 And it came to pass on the morrow, which was the second day of the month, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meet, neither yesterday, nor to day?

28 And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Beth-lehem:

29 And he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city: and my brother, he hath commanded me to be there: and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore hecometh not unto the king's table.

30 Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, ¶ Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do I know not that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?

31 For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?

33 And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

35 ¶ And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

36 And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.
Abimelech gave David bannowed bread. I. SAMUEL.

For there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name was Doeg, an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to Saul.

And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand speer or fowrd? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's buineses required hafe.

And the priest said, The word of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is none else that there. And David said, There is none like that; give it me.

And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went in to Achish the king of Gath.

And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

And he changed his behawre before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and ceraflled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.

Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man || is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me?

Have I need of mad men, that ye have brought this fellow to play the mad man in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?

DAVID therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam; and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him.
CHAP. XXIII. The priests of Abimelech’s family slain.

And said, And who is so faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king’s son in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?

Did I then begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me; let not the king impute any thing unto his servant, nor to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing of all this, ¶ lest or HePes little or great.

And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father’s house.

¶ And the king said unto the || footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of the Lord; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me. But the servants of the king ¶ would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the Lord.

And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and ¶ fell on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod.

And Nob, the city of the priests, ¶ ver. 9.11. smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

¶ And one of the sons of AhimeLech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, ¶ ch. 2. 35. escaped, and fled after David.

And Abiathar shewed David that Saul had slain the Lord’s priests.

And David said unto Abiathar, I knew it that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have occasioned the death of all the persons of thy father’s house.

Abide thou with me, fear not: ¶ for ¶ Kings he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou shalt be in safeguard.

1 The Philistines fight against Keilah; David, enquiring of the Lord by Abiathar, smiteth them, and saveth Keilah. 2 Saul purposeth to besiege him at Keilah. 3 God sheweth him of Saul’s coming, and the treachery of the Keilites. 4 He escapeth to Zipho, whither Jonathan cometh and comforteth him. 5 The Philistines discover him to Saul, who pursueth him closely in Maon, 6 but is called off by an invasion of the Philistines. 7 David dwelleth at En-gedi.

Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors.

Therefore David enquired of the men of En-gedi.
The ungrateful treachery of the Keilites. I. SAMUEL.

And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth.

And they two made a covenant before the Lord, and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

And a cup came up to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of Jethimon?

Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the defile of thy soul to come down; and our part shall be to deliver him into the king's hand.

And Saul said, Blessed be ye of the Lord, that have compassion on me, and know and see his place where his hand is, and who hath seen him there: for it is told me that he dealeth very subtly.

See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah.

And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jethimon.

Saul also and his men went to seek him. And the men told David: wherefore he came down into a rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard that, he purposed after David in the wilderness of Maon.

And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them.

But there came a messenguer unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have invaded the land.

Wherefore Saul returned from pursuance after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place the rock of Sela-hammahlekoth.

And David went up from thence, and dwelt in strong holds at En-gedi.

1 David in a cave at En-gedi cutteth off Saul's
David spareth Saul's life.  

CHAP. XXIV, XXV.  

The death of Samuel.

AND it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of En-gedi.  

2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.  

3 And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave.  

4 And the men of David fainted unto him, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily.  

5 And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt.  

6 And he said unto his men, The Lord forbid that I should do this unto my master, the Lord's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord.  

7 So David said, My servants which were with me know that: or otherwise wouldest thou have also killed the one that is anointed of the Lord?  

8 And David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself.  

9 And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearken thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?  

10 Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how the Lord had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bad me kill thee: but mine eye sparing thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the Lord's anointed.  

11 Moreover, my father, see, see, ye see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not finned against thee; yet thou* huntest my soul to take it.  

12 *The Lord judge between me and thee, and the Lord avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.  

13 As faith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.  

14 After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea.  

15 *The Lord therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of thine hand.  

16 ¶ And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, *Is this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept.  

17 *And he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast never dealt ill unto me, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.  

18 And thou hast shewed this day how thou haft dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the Lord had delivered me into thine hand, thou didst not kill me.  

19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the Lord reward thee good for, that thou hast done unto me this day.  

20 And now, behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand.  

21 *Swear now therefore unto me by the Lord, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house.  

22 And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went home: but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.  

C H A P. XXV.  

1 Samuel dieth: David goeth to Paran.  

2 The characters of Nabal and Abigail.  

4 David sendeth a message to Nabal.  

10 Provoked by Nabal's contumelious answer, be testit forth to destroy him.  

14 Abigail is informed thereof: she meisteth David with a present, and intertesteth his pardon.  

19 David blesteth God and her for his timely intercession, and dismisteth her courteously.  

32 Nabal, stricken with her relation of the matter, dieth.  

39 David again blesteth God, and marrieth Abigail and Abinoam.  

44 His wife Michal is given to Phaliti.  

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

2 ¶ And there was a man in Maon, whose whole possession were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was sheering his sheep in Carmel.  

3 Now the name of the man was Nabal;
and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings, and he was of the house of Caleb.

And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did feign his sheep.

And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name.

And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast.

And now I have heard that thou hast shepherds which were with us, we have hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.

And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and in his hand.

And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is son of Jesse? is there many servants now a days that break away every man from his master.

Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearsers, and give it unto men, whom I know not whence they be?

So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.

And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.

But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he said, and they railed on them.

But the men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither misused we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields:

They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his house hold: for he is such a son of Belial, that a man cannot speak to him.

Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses.

And she said to her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But the she said not her husband Nabal.

And it was so, as the rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert of the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them.

Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: and he hath required me evil for good.

So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that pertain to me by the morning light any thing that pisseth against the wall.

And when Abigail saw David, she lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground.

And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be; and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.

Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; and Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but thou handmaid, be not so rude to the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

Now therefore, my lord, as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the Lord hath withholds thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek to evil to my lord, be as Nabal.

And now this is of me, which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.

I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid; for the Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord foughteth the battles of the Lord, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days.

Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord be spared; and let it be as thine handmaid desireth, to be bound in the bundle of life with
She paciseth David; Nabal dieth.  

C H A P. XXVI.  

David taketh Abigail to wife.  

41 And the rofe, and bowed herself on her face to the earth, and said, Behold, let thine handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.  

42 And Abigail hasted, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damills of her's that went after her; and the went after the meffengers of David, and became his wife.  

43 Dan also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they were also both of them his wives.  

44 ¶ But Saul had given Michal daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which was of Gallim.  

C H A P. XXVI.  

1 Saul, informed by the Ziphites of David's abode, cometh against him to Hachilah.  

5 David coming into the trench findeth Saul and his servants asleep; he slayeth Abihai from killing Saul, but taketh his spear and staff.  

13 David reproved Abner's negligence, protested his own innocency, and exhorted Saul to desist from pursuing him.  

21 Saul acknowledged his sin, and returned home.  

A N D the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, 'Dost not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon?  

2 Then Saul arose, and went down to the wildernefs of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wildernefs of Ziph.  

3 And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon, by the way.  

But David abode in the wildernefs, and he faw that Saul came after him into the wildernefs.  

4 David therefore sent out spies, and understanded that Saul was come in very deed.  

5 ¶ And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host; and Saul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.  

6 Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee.  

7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the people lay round about him.  

8 Then said Abishai to David, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him.
David spared Saul's life the second time. I. SAMUEL.

I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time.

9 And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?

10 David said furthermore, As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall fall by the sword.

11 The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.

12 So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster; and they put them away, and no man knew it, nor knew it, neither awaked: for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD was fallen upon them.

13 Then David went over to the other side, and there was a great space between them.

14 And David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Art thou not a valiant man? and who is like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord.

15 And David said to Abner, Art thou not a valiant man? and who is like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord.

16 This thing is not good that thou hast done. As the LORD liveth, ye are worthy to die, because ye have not kept my charge, but the LORD's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his bolster.

17 And Saul knew David's voice, and said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And David said, Is it my voice, my lord, O king.

18 And he said, Wherefore doth my lord thus purgure after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil is in mine hand?

19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If the LORD have stirred thee up against me, let him accept an offering: but if they be the children of men, cursed be they before the LORD; for they have driven me out this day from abiding in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go, serve other gods.

20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD: Before the king of Israel is come out to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains.

21 ¶ Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.

22 And David answered and said, Behold the king's spear! and let one of the young men come over and fetch it.

23 ¶ The LORD render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: for the LORD delivered thee into my hand to day, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed.

24 And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation.

25 Then Saul said to David, Blest be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt till prevail. *Gen. 35.11. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Saul hearing that David was fled to Gath seeked no more for him. 2 David begateth Ziklag of Achish. 8 He invadedeth some other countries, but perjuraeth Achish that he bewarred against Judah.

AND David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall depair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.

2 And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that were with him unto Achish, the son of Maacah, king of Gath.

3 And David dwelth with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelites, and Abigail the Carmelites, Nabal's wife.

4 And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.

5 ¶ And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?

6 Then Achish gave him Ziklag that
Achish puteth confidence in David. CHAP. XXVIII. Saul causeth a witch at Endor to raise up Samuel.

1 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

2 And when Saul enquired of the Lord, he the Lord answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

3 Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at En-dor.

4 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me bim up, whom I shall name unto thee.

5 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off thome that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

6 And Saul sware to her by the Lord, saying, As the Lord liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.

7 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.

8 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul.

9 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what shallst thou and the woman said unto Saul, I saw a gods ascending out of the earth.

10 And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, It is the form of an old man, and he is covered with a mantle.

11 And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.

12 And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have kept the commandment of the Lord thy God, and have done that which I knew not.

13 And Samuel said unto Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God hath departed from me, and anathemateth me no more, neither by prophets.

14 Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask me of God? For the Lord is gone from Israel, he is not yet hindered by reproach of priests, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

15 Then said Samuel, Wherefore do you ask me of God? And ye have disquieted me, and the Lord hath done evil in Israel, for he hath forsaken his anthology.

16 And the Lord hath done unto him, as he spake by me: for the Lord hath
The Prophets

Samuel pressed Saul his approaching ruin. I. SAMUEL.

1 And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? should it not be with the heads of these men?

2 Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul shall flew his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

3 ¶ Then Achish called David, and said unto him, Surely, as the Lord liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the heat of my fight: for I have found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless the Lord favour thee not.

4 Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the Philistines.

5 And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? and what haft thou found in thy servant so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king?

6 And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle.

7 Wherefore now arise early in the morning with thy mallet's servants that are come with thee: and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart.

8 And David arose early in the morning, and went out and prepared himself: and he took three thousand men that were with him.

9 And David said unto his men, Every one that hath a young man, let him go back and stay at Jezreel: but ye, O my son Absalom, go over before me, and see whether it be well or ill with thy brethren, and with the servants of my father.

10 And David's men went out into the land of Jezreel, and the Amalekites invaded the south.

11 "And it came to pass, when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire;

12 And had taken the women captives,
The Amalekites spoil Ziklag

CHAP.

XXX. David smiteth them, and recovereth the spoil.

Before
CHRIST
cir. 1056.

that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.

3 ¶ So David and his men came to the city, and behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.

4 Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

5 And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.

7 And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.

8 ¶ And David enquired at the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

9 ¶ So David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Beor.

10 And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water;

11 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights.

12 And David said unto him, To whom belongeth thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick.

13 We made an invasion upon the south of the Cherethites, and upon the coast which belongeth to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire.

14 And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company.

16 ¶ And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.

17 And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.

18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives.

19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither fons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: so David recovered all.

20 And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drove before those other cattle, and said, This is David's spoil.

21 And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him: and when David came near to the people, he saluted them.

22 ¶ Then answered all the wicked men and men of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them ought of the spoil that we have recovered, sate to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart.

23 Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the Lord hath given us, who hath preferred us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand.

24 For who shall hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be: for he that tarrieth by the stuff they shall partake.

25 And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.

26 ¶ And when David came to Ziklag, he went of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold a profit for you of the spoil of the enemies of the Lord;

27 To them which were in Beth-El, and to them which were in south Ramoth, and to them which were in Jattir,
The battle at Gilboa; I. Samuel

28 And to them which were in *Aroer, and to them which were in Siphmoth, and to them which were in 'Ehremoah, and to them which were in Rachal, and to them which were in the cities of *the Jerahmeelites, and to them which were in the cities of *the Kenites, and to them which were in 'Hormah, and to them which were in Chor-anath, and to them which were in Athach, and to them which were in *Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 The battle at Gilboa; wherein Saul's army being defeated, and his sons slain, he and his armi...ers, and Saul's sons.

1 Now *the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount *Giboa.

2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Melchi-shua, Saul's sons.

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

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

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

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

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

8 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Giboa.

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

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

11 ¶ And when the inhabitants of Jabez-gilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul,

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

13 And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at Jabez, *and faileth seven days.

The Second Book of Samuel,

OTHERWISE CALLED,

The Second Book of the Kings.

CHAP. I.

1 An Amalekite bringeth to David the news of the Israelites' defeat, and chargeth himself with Saul's death. 11 David and his men mourn thereat. 13 The Amalekite is slain by David's command. 17 David's lamentation over Saul and Jonathan.

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

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

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

4 And David said unto him, *How went the matter? *I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people
David anointed king over Judah.

1 By God’s direction David gath’red up with his company to Hebron, where he was made king over Judah. 2 He commendeath the men of Jabesh-gilead for their kindness to Saul. 3 Abner made Ish-bosheth king over Israel. 4 A deadly armistice between twelve of Abner’s men and twelve of Joab’s bringeth on a battle, wherein the men of Israel are worsted. 5 Abigail refusing to depart from purging Abner is slain by him. 6 At Abner’s motion Joab foundeth a retreat. 7 The loss in the action. 8 Abigail’s burial.

And it came to pass after this, that David *enquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the Lord said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron. 2 So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelite, and Abigail Nabal’s wife the Carmelite. 3 And *his men that were with him did David bring up every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

4 *And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, That the men of Jabesh-gilead were they that buried Saul. 5 ¶ And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them,
Ib-bosheth made king over Israel.

II. SAMUEL.

Afachel slain by Abner.

21 And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his || armour. But Afachel would not turn aside from following of him.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 ¶ And they took up Afachel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which was in Beth-lehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.
David's sextons born to him in Hebron. 

CHAP. III.

Abner revoltest to David.

After

Before

CHRIST

cir. 1058.

Before

CHRIST

cir. 1058.

Abner revoltest to David. 

1 And Abner sent messengers to Ith-bopheth Saul's son, saying, Deliver me my wife Michal, which I espoused to me for an hundred forekins of the Philistines.

2 And Ith-bopheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from Phaltiel the son of Laish.

3 And her husband went with her along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, Go, return. And he returned.

4 And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for David in times past to be king over you. Now then do it: for the Lord hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.

5 And Abner spake in the ears of Benja

31 And Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and Ith-bopheth said to Abner, Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine?

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

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

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

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

12 And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose is the land? saying also, Make thy league with me, and behold, my hand shall be with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee.

13 And he said, Well, I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face. And Saul sent Abner to take her. And when Saul saw Abner, Saul said, Go, return. And it came to pass that Abner returned to Hebron.

14 And when Abner came to Hebron, twenty men with him. And David made Abner and the men that were with him a feast.

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

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

24 Then Joab came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee; why is it that thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone?

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

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

27 And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth rib, that he died; for the blood of \\

Abner. & 

8 & Kings a. 5. 

9. 9. 10. 17. 

10 Or, peaceably. & 

7ch. 2. 23. 

† Heb. bloods. & 

11 & Kings a. 39. 35. 

12 & Heb. caw off. & 

13 & Lev. 19. & 

† Heb. 

29. Let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his father’s house; and there let it \\

† fail from the house of Joab one that hath an hifue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread. 

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

31 ¶ And David said to Joab, and to all the people that were with him, “Render your clothes, and gird you with jack-dress, and mourn before Abner. And king David bimsel’ followed the \\

† bier. 

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

33 And the king lamented over Abner, and said, “Died Abner as a fool dieth? 

34 Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before † wicked men, so fellst thou. And all the people wept again over him.

35 And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David arose, and sat down; and the servants told him of all the evil that the children of Israel had done to Abner. 

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

37 For all the people and all Israel underfooted that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner. 

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

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

CHAP. IV.

1 The Israelites are troubled at Abner’s death. 

2 Baanah and Rechab murder Ish-bosheth, and bring his head to David at Hebron. 

9 David causes them to be put to death, and Ish-bo\n
Downloaded from https://www.google.com/search?q=Abner+slain+by+Joab. &major=2000
David anointed king over all Israel.

CHAP. V, VI.

The Philistines twice defeated.

up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth, and buried it in the sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

1 The tribes come to Hebron, and anoint David king over Israel. 4 His age and reign. 6 He taketh Zion from the Jebusites, and, fixing his residence there, calleth it the city of David. 11 Hiram senteth him timber and workmen to build him a house. 13 Eleven sons are born to him in Jerusalem. 17 David directed by God smiteth the Philistines at Baal-perazim, and again at the mulberry trees.

THEN came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. 2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the Lord spake to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel. 3 So all the elders of the tribes came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the Lord: and they anointed David king over Israel.

4 ¶ David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. 5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

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

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

8 And David said on that day, Whofoever getheth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, that are hated of David's soul, be shall be chief and captain. Wherefore the lame shall not come into the house.

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

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

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

12 And David perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

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

14 And the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shammub, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon.

15 Eshbi also, and Eltith, and Nephise, and Japhia,

16 And Elthama, and Eliaada, and Eliphelet.

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

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

19 And David enquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the Lord said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtles deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

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

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

22 ¶ And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

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

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

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

CHAP. VI.

1 David fetched the ark from Kirjath-jearim on a new cart. 6 Uzzah offering to lay bold on it is smitten dead, on which account the ark being carried into Obed-edom's house bringeth a blessing with it. 12 David bringeth it into Zion, sacrificing and dancing before it, for which Michal despiseth him. 17 He placeth
II. SAMUEL. He danced before it; Michal despiseth him.

20 Michal reproving David for his religious joy is chidden by her death. with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.

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

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

17 ¶ And they brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord.

18 And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts.

19 ¶ And he dealt among all the people even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well as to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine. So all the people departed every one to his house.

20 ¶ Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaidens of his servants, as one of the vain fellows? But I shamed myself, and was ashamed and became vile in mine own eyes: and I pray that the Lord put thee this day into the hand of thine enemies, and into the hand of the children of Israel, and bring thee down before me.

21 And David said unto Michal, It was before the Lord, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Israel: therefore will I play before the Lord.

22 And I will yet more be holy than thou art, and will be sanctified above thine excellent, and thou shalt hear that I am holier than thou art.

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

CHAP. VII.

1 Nathan, first approving David's purpose to build God an house, 4 afterward by the word of the Lord forbideth it, but with a promise of especial blessings in his seed. 18 David's prayer and thanksgiving.

AND it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the Lord had given him rest round about from all his enemies;
God's promise to David and his house.

CHAP. VII.

David's prayer and thanksgiving.

2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains.

3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the Lord is with thee.

4 And it came to pass at that night, that the word of the Lord came unto Nathan, saying,

5 Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the Lord, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in?

6 Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

7 In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the judges.

8 Now therefore spakest thou good concerning me, in saying, I have found David my servant.

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

10 Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime.

11 And as thine ordinances are with thee, so thy servant shall be with thee, walking in obedience and truth.

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

13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

16 And thy house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

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

18 And when king David was in answer to the word of the Lord, he said, What am I a warrior? I, O Lord God? and what is my house, that thou haft brought me hitherto?

19 And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord God; for thou haft also spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the word thou spakest unto thy servant?

20 And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, O Lord God, hast spoken the words of thy servant.

21 For thy word's sake, and according to thy own heart, haft thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them?

22 Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God; for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

23 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God redeemed unto himself to be a people, a name, and a praise, and a strong nation, of all nations throughout the earth?

24 For thou haft confirmed thy word toward thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, O Lord, art become to them a name, and a strong Lord in the midst of all their lands.

25 And now, O Lord God, the word which thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, shall be established for ever.

26 And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The Lord of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.

27 For thou, O Lord God, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore, O Lord God, thou hast spoken the word.

28 And now, O Lord God, thou art that God, and thy words are true, and thou hast promised this goodnes unto thy servant:

29 Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord.
And after this it came to pass, that David slipt the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took Mellqamman out of the hand of the Philistines.

And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to set them in his death, and with one full line to keep alive. And the Moabites became David’s servants, and brought gifts.

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

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

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

Then David took garrisons in Syria of Damascus: and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought gifts.

And the Lord preserved David whithersoever he went.

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

And from Bethah, and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass.

When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer, then Toi sent forth sorr for the son unto king David, to bless him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him: for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. And Joram brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass:

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

...
His ambassadors ill treated by Hanun. CHAP. X. He overcometh the Ammonites and Syrians.

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

Then said David, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father.

And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon.

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

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

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

And when the children of Ammon saw that they flanked before David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand footmen, and of the king Maacah a thousand men, and of the men of Tob twelve thousand men.

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

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

Now it came to pass, when Joab saw that the battle was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians:

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

And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee.

Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the Lord do that which seemeth him good.

And Joab drew nigh, and the people that were with him, unto the battle against the Syrians: and they fled before him.

And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then they also before Abishai, and entered into the city. So Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

And when the children of Ammon saw that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves together.

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

And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and fought with him.

And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the men of seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand
II. SAMUEL.

AND it came to pass, that the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

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

3 And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bath-sheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? 4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him; and he lay with her; and she returned unto her house.

5 And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child. 6 And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David.

7 And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered. 8 And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a meal of meat from the king.

9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.
gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

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

10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

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

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

13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt nevertheless die.

14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord, to blaspheme the child also, that is born unto thee, thou shalt die.

15 And Nathan departed unto his house. And the Lord smote the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick.

16 David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.

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

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

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

20 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the Lord, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when
II. SAMUEL.

Amnon in love with his sister Tamar;

1. Amnon, in love with Tamar, by Jonadab's counsel figneth sickness: 6 Tamar attending him as his requit, be ravished by him. 15 He bathe her, and turneth her out of his house. 19 She retires in grief to her brother Absalom's house. 21 David is wroth, but Absalom concealeth his resentment. 23 Absalom inveigleth his brethren to a sleepbearing feast, 28 where Amnon is murdered by Absalom's command.

30 David, alarmed with tidings that all his sons were slain, is told the truth of the matter by Jonadab, whose report is confirmed by the coming of the young men. 37 Absalom fleeth to Geshur, David longeth after him.

AND it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her.

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took marker, and kneaded it, and made cakes of his meat, and did bake the cakes.

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

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

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

12 And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not + me force; for it is not good thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this *foolishness.*

13 And I, whether shall I cause my name to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore,
He first ravisheth, and then bateth her. CHAP. XIV.

Ammon is slain by Absalom.

I pray thee, speak unto the king: for he will not withhold me from thee.

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

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

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

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

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

19 ¶ And Tamar put a phre on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying. And Abia said to her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; regard not this thing. So Tamar remained defiled in her brother Absalom's house.

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

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

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

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

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

26 Then said Absalom, If I pray thee, let my brother Ammon go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee?

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

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

29 And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled.

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

31 Then the king arose, and put on his garments, and laid on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent.

32 And Jonadab, the son of Shimuel, David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose that they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for the king appointed || Absalom this hath been || determined from || Or, || settled.

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

34 ¶ But Absalom fled. And the young || ver. 58. man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and beheld, there came much people by the way of the hill side behind him.

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

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

37 ¶ But Absalom fled, and went to * Talmai, the son of || Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day.*

38 So Absalom fled, and went to * Geshur, and was there three years.

39 And the soul of David || longed to go forth unto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.

C.H.A. XIV.

1 Joab infracted a woman of Tekoa, and senteth her to the king. 4 She entertaineth the king with a feigned tale, the intent of which is to obtain leave for Absalom's return. 21 Joab is sent to fetch him, but he is not allowed to see the king. 25 Absalom's beauty, 27 his children. 28 After two years be geteth admitance to the king by Joab's means.
Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was toward Absalom.

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

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

4 ¶ And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, the fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, ¶ Help, O king.

5 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, I am indeed a widow woman, and mine husband is dead.

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

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

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

9 And the woman of Tekoah said unto the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house: and the king and his throne be guiltless.

10 And the king said, Whosoever faith ought unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more.

11 Then said the, I pray thee, let the king remember the Lord thy God, that thou wast not the fitter the revengers of blood to destroy any more, lest they destroy my son. And he said, As the Lord liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth.

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

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

CHAP. XV.

His rebellion.

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

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

28 ¶ So Abshalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, * and saw not the king's face. 29 Therefore Abshalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come.

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

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

32 And Abshalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may fende the king to thee, to say, Wherefore am I come from Gethur? it had been good for me to have been there still: now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there be any iniquity in me, let him kill me.

33 So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Abshalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king * kissed Abshalom.

CHAP. XV.

1 Abshalom by fair speeches and courtesies stealeth the heart of the men of Israel. 2 Under pretence of a vow he obtaineth leave to go to Hebron: 10 where he formeth a dangerous conspiracy. 13 Upon the news David fleeth from Jerusalem: 19 Ittai, though a stranger, will not leave him. 24 Zadok and Abiathar are sent back with the ark. 30 David and his company go up mount Olivet weeping. 31 He prayeth God to defeat Abishphel's counsel. 32 Hushai is sent back with instructions how to all for David's service.

AND * it came to pass after this, that Abshalom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.

2 And Abshalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy * came to the king for judgment, then Abshalom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel.

3 And Abshalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but || there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee.

4 Abshalom made moreover, * Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! 5 And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obsequies, he put forth his hand, and took him, and killed him.

6 And on this manner did Abshalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: * so Abshalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

7 ¶ And it came to pass after forty years, 1055. that Abshalom had sent unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the Lord, in Hebron.

8 For thy servant * vowed a vow, while I abode at Gethur in Syria, saying, 16. 1. If the Lord shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then will I serve the Lord. 9 And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron.

10 ¶ But Abshalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Abshalom reigneth in Hebron.

11 And with Abshalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were called, and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not anything.

12 And Abshalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, even from Gilon, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong for the people * increased continually with Abshalom.

13 ¶ And there came a messenger to David, saying, * The hearts of the men of Israel are after Abshalom.

14 And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arife, and let us * flee: for we shall not escape from Abshalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.

15 And the king's servants fled unto the king, Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall ap— point.

16 And * the king went forth, and all his housethou, and the king left ten women, which were concubines, to keep the house.

17 And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off.

18 And all his servants passed on beside Q q
David fleeth from Jerusalem. II. SAMUEL. Hushai sent to defeat Abishibobel's counsel.

Before CHRIST 1053.
*ch. 8. 18.
1 Heb. make thee wonder in going.
2 Sam. 23. 13.
3 Ch. 16. 17.
4 Prov. 17. 17 & 18.
5 Numb. 4. 14.
6 Ps. 43. 3.
7 Numb. 24. 2.
8 Sam. 22. 50.
9 Kings 10. 9.
10 Chron. 9. 4.
11 Isai. 63. 4.
12 Sam. 1. 18.
13 1 Sam. 9. 2.
14 See ch. 37. 17.
15 ch. 17. 16.

Before CHRIST 1015.
PG. 1. 13.
5 & 55. 13.
& 17. 16.

1 ¶ And one told David, saying, 1 Abishibobel is among the conspirators with Abjeholom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, 2 turn the counsel of Abishibobel into foolishness.
2 ¶ And it came to pass, that when David was come to the top of the hill, where he worshipped God, behold, Hushai the 3 Archite came to meet him 4 with his coat rent, and earth upon his head:
3 Unto whom David said, If thou paist on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me:
4 But if thou return to the city, and say unto Abjeholom, I will be thy servant, O king; as I have been thy father's servant hitherto, so will I now also be thy servant: then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Abishibobel.
5 And saist thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, 6 that what so ever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.
6 Behold, they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's son, and Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye can hear.
7 So Hushai David's friend came into the city, and Abishibobel came unto Jerusalem.

C H A P. XVI.
1 Ziba by presents and false suggestions obtained his master's inheritance. 5 Shimai curst David at Baburim. 9 David's patience and forbearance. 15 Hushai infiltrated himself into Abishibobel's counsel. 20 By Abishibobel's counsel Abishibobel openly goeth in to his father's con- cubines.

AND 1 when David was a little past the top of the hill, behold, 2 Ziba, the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine.
2 And the king said unto Ziba, What meaneast thou by these? And Ziba said, 3 The asses be for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, such as be faint in the wilderness may drink.
3 And the king said, And where is thy master's son? 4 And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem:
Shimei curses David.

CHAP. XVII. The counsels of Abishaph and Hushai.

17 And Absalom said to Hushai, Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend?

18 And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay; but whom the Lord, and this people, and all the men of Israel, choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide.

19 And again, *whom should I serve? should I not serve in the presence of his *son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence.

20 ¶ Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give counsel among you what we shall do.

21 And Abishaph said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou *art abhorred of thy father: then shall *the hands of all that *are with thee be strong.

22 So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.

23 And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counsell'd in those days, was as if a man had enquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Abishaph both with David and with Absalom.

Meroever Absalom said unto Abishai, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night:

2 And I will come upon him while he is weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that are with him shall fall; and I will *afflict the king only:

3 And I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seest is as if all returned: so all the people shall be in peace.

4 And the saying *pleased Abishai well, and all the elders of Israel.

5 Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he saith.

6 And when Hushai was come to Abishai, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do after his *saying? if not; speak thou.

7 And Hushai said unto Absalom, The
Ahab's good counsel defeated.

II. S A M U E L. David passeth over Jordan in haste.

Before CHRIST 1035. *

8 For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they be mighty men, and they be + chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people.

9 Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some other place: and it will come to pass, when some of them be + overthrown at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Abishalom.

10 And he also + that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and which he + with him are valiant men.

11 Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, + from Dan even to Beer-sheba, + as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and + that thou go to battle in thine own person.

12 So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him and of all the men that are + with him there shall not be left so much as one.

13 Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there.

14 And Abishalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For the LORD had + appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Abishalom.

15 ¶ Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Abishalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled.

16 Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that are with him.

17 + Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz + stayed by En-rogel; for they might not be seen to come into the city: and a wench went and told them; and they went and told king David.

18 Nevertheless a lad faw them, and told Abishalom: but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a man's house in Bahurim, which had a well in his court; whither they went down.

19 And + the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not known.

20 And when Abishalom's servants came to the woman to the house, they said, Where is Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And + the woman said unto them, They be gone over the brook of water. And when they had fought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.

21 And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said unto David, + Are, and pats quickly over the water: for thus hath Ahithophel counselled against you.

22 Then David arose, and all the people that were with him, and they passed over Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan.

23 ¶ And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not + followed, he saddled his + ass, and arose, and got him home to his house, to his city, and + put his household over him, + hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

24 Then David came to + Mahanaim, and Abishalom passed over Jordan, and he and all the men of Israel with him.

25 ¶ And Abishalom made Amasa captain of the host instead of Joab: which Amasa was a man's son, whose name was + Ithra an Ishrileite, that went in + Abigail the daughter of + Naahah, sister to Zeruiah, Joab's mother.

26 So + Israel and Abishalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

27 ¶ And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, the + Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and + Machir the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and + Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim,

28 Brought beds, and + basons, and + earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched corn, and beans, and lentiles, and parched pulse,

29 And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said, The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty in the wilderness.

1 David, having murdered his troops under three principal leaders, gave them a fierce charge not to hurt Abishalom. The men of Israel are fix-
The battle in the wood of Ephraim.  

Before CHRIST 1053.  

Before CHRIST 1053. 

The battle in the wood of Ephraim. 9 Absalom hanging by the bair of his head in an oak is slain by Joab, and cast into a pit. 18 Absalom's place. 19 Abiamaaz and Cushi carry tidings to David, 33 who mourneth for Absalom.  

And David numbered the people that were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. 2 And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of AbiShai, the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also.  

But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now thou art worth ten thousand of us: for therefore now it is better that thou succour us out of the city.  

And the king said unto them, What seemeth you that I will do? And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands.  

And the king commanded Joab and AbiShai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with AbiShai. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning AbiShalom.  

So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim; 7 Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand men.  

For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the wood devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.  

And AbiShalom met the servants of David. And AbiShalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away.  

And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw AbiShalom hanged in an oak.  

And Joab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest him, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten shekels of silver, and a girdle.  

And the man said unto Joab, Though I should receive a thousand shekels of silver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and AbiShai and Ittai, saying, Beware that none touch the young man AbiShalom.  

Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldest have let thyself against me.  

Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of AbiShalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak.  

And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote AbiShalom, and flew him.  

And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the people.  

And they took AbiShalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent.  

Now AbiShalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which is called in the king's dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance, and the name of my father; and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called unto this day, AbiShalom's place.  

Then said Abiamaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the Lord hath avenged him of his enemies.  

And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead.  

Then said Joab to Cushi, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cushi bowed himself unto Joab, and ran.  

And Joab said Abiamaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But howsoever, let me pray thee, also run after Cushi. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no tidings || ready?  

But howsoever, said he, let me run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Abiamaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran Cushi.  

And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and beheld a man running alone.  

And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he be
David's mourning for Absalom.  II. SAMUEL. The Israelites earnest for the king's return.

Before CHRIST 1035.

26 And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold another man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings.

27 And the watchman said, I see the running of the foreman is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings.

28 And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed be the Lord thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king.

29 And the king said, Is the young man Abasalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was.

30 And the king said unto him, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still.

31 And, behold, Cushi came; and Cushi said, Tidings, my lord the king; for the Lord hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee.

32 And the king said unto Cushi, Is the young man Abasalom safe? And Cushi answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rose against thee, are delivered into thy hand.

33 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, thus he said, O my son Abasalom, my son, my son Abasalom! would God I had died for thee, O Abasalom, my son, my son!

CHAP. XIX.

1 Joab by threats forsaeth David to cease mourning. 9 The Israelites are earnest to bring the king back. 11 David sendeth to the priests to incite the men of Judah. 16 Shimez making submission is pardoned. 24 Mephibosheth cometh to meet David, and complaineth of his servant's treachery; half his land is restored to him. 31 Barzillai attendeth the king over Jordan, and is gratefully dismissed; Chimham is received into the king's family. 34 The men of Israel expostulate with the men of Judah for not calling them to take part in bringing back the king.

And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Abasalom.

2 And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son.

3 And the people gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people being ashamed to steal away when they flee in battle.

4 But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son, Abasalom, O Abasalom, my son, my son!

5 And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have shamed thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines;

6 In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends. For thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest not thine princes nor servants: for this day I perceive, that if Abasalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well.

7 Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably unto thy servants: for I will bear the Lord, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until now.

8 Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate. And all the people came before the king; for Israel had fled every man to his tent.

9 ¶ And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king sware to the children of Joab, and he delivered them out of the hand of our enemies, and delivered them out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land for Abasalom.

10 And Abasalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why speak ye not of bringing the king back?

11 ¶ And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, Why are ye the laft to bring the king back to his house? feeming the speech of all Israel is come to the king, even to his house.

12 Ye are my brethren, ye are my bones and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the laft to bring back the king?

13 ¶ And say ye to Amasa, Art thou not of mine bone, and of my flesh? God do so Ruth 1. to me, and more also, if thou be not the captain of the host before me continually in the room of Joab.

14 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as the heart of one.
Shimei is pardoned.

David's gratitude to Barzillai.

Before CHRIST 1093.

CHAP. XIX.

man; so that they sent this word unto the king: Return thou, and all thy servants.

16 So the king returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan.

17 And there were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over Jordan before the king.

18 And there went over a ferry boat to carry over the king's household, and to do what he thought good. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was come over Jordan;

19 And said unto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant did pervertly the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king's hand should take it to his heart.

20 For thy servant doth know that I have sinned; therefore, behold, I am come the first day of this month to the house of Jophiel to go down to meet my lord the king.

21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the Lord's anointed?

22 And David said, 'What have I to do with thee, thou son of Zeruiah, that thou shouldest this day be adversary unto me? Shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for do not I know that I am this day king over Israel?

23 Therefore the king said unto Shimei, Thou shalt not die. And the king gave him back his staff.

24 ¶ And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither drest his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came again in peace.

25 And it came to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest thou not with me, Mephibosheth?

26 And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king; because thy servant is lame.

27 And he hath slain thy servants; unto my lord the king; * but my lord the king is as an angel of God: do therefore what is good in thine eyes.

28 For all of my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king: * yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table. What right, therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king?

29 And the king said unto him, Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I have said, Thou and Ziba divide the land.

30 And Mephibosheth said unto the king, Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as the king's hand be upon his house, and he be made king over me.

31 ¶ And Barzilai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan.

32 Now Barzilai was an old man, even fourscore years old: and he had provided the king of suet, while he lay at Mahanaim; for he was a very great man.

33 And the king said unto Barzilai, Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jerusalem.

34 And Barzilai said unto the king, ¶ How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem?

35 ¶ And I am this day fourscore years old;

And I am this day four score years old; and can I discern between good and evil? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? wherefore then should thy servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king?

36 Thy servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense me with such a reward?

37 Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, and be buried by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold thy servant * Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee.

38 And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt require of me, I will do for thee.

39 And all the people went over Jordan.

And when the king was come over, the king * kissed Barzillai, and blessed him;

40 Then the king went on to Gilgal, and * Chimham went on with him: and all the people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Israel.
Sheba's revolt.

Before CHRIST
1015.

I. SAMUEL.

Amaulf is slain by Joab.

Before CHRIST
1020.

II. SAMUEL.

came to the king, and said unto the king,
Why have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and have brought the king, and his household, and all David's men with him, over Jordan?

And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel. Because the king is near to kin to us: wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's con? or hath he given us any gift?

And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more right in David than ye: why then did ye despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

CHAP. XX.

1 Sheba revolteth with the men of Israel. 2 David on his return to Jerusalem fixeth up his ten concubines for life. 3 Amaulf, made captain of the hosts, is slain by Joab. 4 Joab purruiteth Sheba to Abel. 5 By the persuasions of a wise woman Sheba's head is thrown over the wall, and the city saved. 23 David's great officers.

AND there happened to be there a man of Belial, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew a trumpet, and said, We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to his tents, O Israel.

2 So every man of Israel went up from after David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri: but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem.

3 ¶ And David came to his house at Jerusalem; and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in b ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood.

4 ¶ Then said the king to Amasa, Gather me the men of Judah within three days, and be thou here present.

5 So Amasa went to assemble the men of Judah: but he tarried longer than the time which he had appointed him.

6 And David said to Abiathai, Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than did Abifalom: take thou thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape us.

And there went out after him Joab's men, and the Chereethites, and the Pele-
wilt thou swallow up * the inheritance of the LORD? 5
20 And Joab answered and said, Far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy. 10
21 The matter is not so: but a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri, 21
† by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, even against David: he shall be thrown to thee over the wall. 21
22 Then the woman went unto all the people * in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast it out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king. 23
24 ¶ Now * Joab took all the host of Israel: and Beniaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and over the Pelhitheites: 24
25 And Adoram was * over the tribute: and Jehophath the son of Ahilud was over the recorder: 25
26 And Sheva was scribe: and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests: 26
27 And Ira the Jairite was a chief ruler about David. 27

CHAP. XXI.

The three years' famine on account of the Gibeonites casteth upon hanging seven of Saul's sons. 10 Rizpah's care for their dead bodies. 12 David buries their bones with those of Saul and Jonathan in the sepulchre of Gibb. 15 In four battles against the Philistines four of David's mighty men slay four giants.

Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David * enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites. 10

And the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them: (now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah.) 3

Wherefore David said unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ye may be reconciled * to the inheritance of the LORD? 4

And the Gibeonites said unto him, We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel. And he said, What ye shall say, that will I do for you. 5

5 And they answered the king, The man that consumed us, and that we devised against us that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel, 6

Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in Gibeon of Saul; * the LORD did choose. And the king said, I will give them. 7

But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the Lord's oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. 8

But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom he bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she had after Abdiel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite: 9

And he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the hill before the LORD: and they fell all seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley harvest. 10

And * Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took a loincloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night. 11

And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done. 12

And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, which had stolen them from the sepulchre of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gibeon: 13
And he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged. 14

And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that * God was intreated for the land. 15

Moreover the Philistines had yet war against Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint.
David's psalm of thanksgiving

II. SAMUEL.

for God's mighty deliverance

Before CHRIST

16 And Ishbi-benob, which was of the
sons of the giant, the weight of whose
sword was three hundred shekels of brass
in weight, he being girded with a new
sword, thought to have slain David.

17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah suc
ccoured him, and smote the Philistine, and
killed him. Then the men of David ware
unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more
out with us to battle, that thou quench
not the 7 light of Israel.

18 And it came to pass after this, that
there was again a battle with the Philis
tines at Gob: then 7 Sibbeechai the Hu
shathite flew 77 Saph, which was of the
sons of 7 the giant.

19 And there was again a battle in Gob
with the Philistines, where Elhanan the
son of Jaare-oregim, a Beth-lehemite, flew
the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff
of whose spear was like a weaver's
beam.

20 And 7 there was yet a battle in Gath,
where was a man of great stature, that
had on every hand six fingers, and on every
foot six toes, four and twenty in number;
and he also was born to 7 the giant.

21 And when he 79 defined Israel, Jonathan
the son of 7 Shimeah the brother of Da
vid flew him.

22 7 These four were born to the giant
in Gath, and fell by the hand of David,
and by the hand of his servants.

C H A P. XXII.

And David's psalm of thanksgiving for God's
mighty deliverances and manifold blessings.

And David in psalms unto the LORD the
title of this song in the day that the
LORD had delivered him out of the
hand of all his enemies, and out of the
hand of Saul:

2 And he said, 7The LORD is my rock,
and my fortress, and my deliverer;

3 The God of my rock; 7 in him will I
trust: be it 7 my 7 shield, and the 7 horn
of my salvation, my high 7 tower, and my
refuge, my favour; thou savest me from
violence.

4 I will call on the LORD, who is war
thy to be praised: so shall I be saved from
mine enemies.

5 When the 7 waves of death compassed
me, the floods of 7 ungodly men made
me afraid;

6 The 7 forrows of hell compassed me
about, the snares of death prevented me;

7 In my distress 7 I called upon the
LORD, and cried to my God: and he did
hear my voice out of his temple, and my
cry did enter into his ears.

8 Then 7 the earth shook and trembled;
the foundations of heaven moved and
shook, because he was wroth.

9 There went up a smoke 7 out of his
nosills, and 7 fire out of his mouth de
voured: coals were kindled by it.

10 He 7 bowed the heavens also, and
came down; and 7 darkness was under
his feet.

11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did
fly: and he was seen 7 upon the wings of
the wind.

12 And he made 7 darkness pavilions round
about him, 7 dark waters, and thick clouds
of the skies.

13 Through the brightness before him
were 7 coals of fire kindled.

14 The LORD thundered from heaven,
and the most High Hiddest his voice.

15 And he sent out 7 arrows, and scattered
them; lightning, and discomfited them.

16 And the channels of the sea appeared,
The foundations of the world were dis
covered, at the rebuking of the LORD.

17 He sent from above, he took me;
he drew me out of 7 many waters;

18 He delivered me from my strong
enemy, and from them that hated me:
for they were too strong for me.

19 They prevented me in the day of my
calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

20 He brought me forth also into a
large place: he delivered me, because he
7 delighted in me.

21 The LORD rewarded me accord
ingly to my righteousness: according to the
7 cleanliness of my hands hath he recom
mented me.

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
and have not wickedly departed from my
God.

23 For all his 7 judgments were before
me: and as for his statutes, I did not de
part from them.

24 I was also 7 upright before him, and
have kept myself from mine iniquity.

25 Therefore the LORD hath recom
mented me according to my righteousness,
and according to my cleanliness in his eye
light.

26 With 7 the merciful thou shalt shew
thyself merciful, and with the upright
man thou wilt shew thyself upright.

27 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself
pure; and with the froward thou wilt
shew thyself unfavourable.

28 And the 7 afflicted people thou wilt
save: but thine eyes are upon 7 the haughty,
that thou mayest bring them down.

29 I will sing praises of the LORD; I will
call with my song: O thou that hearest me.

30 Beware of his servants, and of the
lazar of his people; lest they devour me.

31 In the day of my trouble I called upon
the LORD: O LORD, Deliver me.

32 The LORD is with me: I will not fear:
what can man do unto me?

33 They shall call unto me out of their trou
tle: and I will deliver them, and honour
my people Israel.
and manifold blessings.

CHAP. XXIII. 

29 For thou art my lamp, O Lord: and the Lord will lighten my darkness.

30 For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.

31 As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

32 For who is God, save the Lord? and who is a rock, save our God?

33 God is my strength and power; and he maketh my way perfect.

34 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and seteth me upon my high places.

35 He teacheth me to walk in his paths: for he guideth me in the paths of justice, and of his testimonies.

36 Jehovah gave me the shield of his salvation: and my glory shall be with me.

37 Thou hast also enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip.

38 Thou hast girded me with strength for battle: thou hast setth me up in the face of enemies, and thou hast made me great.

39 And I have confirmed them, and I have wounded them, that they could not arise; yea, they are fallen under my feet.

40 For thou hast girded me with strength for battle: thou hast setth me up in the face of the enemy, and thou hast made me great.

41 Thou hast girded me with strength for battle; thou hast made me a neck of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.

42 They looked, but there was none to save; even unto the Lord, but he answered them not.

43 Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth, I stamp them as the mire of the street, and did spread them abroad.

44 Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people, thou hast kept me to be head of the heathen: a people which I knew not shall serve me.

45 strangers shall submit themselves unto me: as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me.

46 Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their close places.

47 The Lord liveth, and blessed be my rock: and exalted be the God of my salvation.

48 It is God that avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me.

49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me up high above them that rose up against me.

NOW these be the last words of David. 

David the son of Jesse said, and the man whom David raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

1 The Spirit of the Lord spake by my mouth, and his word was in my tongue.

2 The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

3 And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a light out of the darkness, and the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

4 And his name shall be called, the Lord our righteousness.

5 Although my house be not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure: for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although he make it not to grow.

6 But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands:

7 But the man that shall touch them must be felled with iron and the staff shall be turned away: and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the name of the Lord.

8 These be the names of the mighty men whom David had:

The Tachmonite of Gath, Shammah the Gittite, 

The Husite, Elhanan the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three hundred mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there ga
thered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away:

10 He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the Lord wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil.

11 And after him was Shamshah the son of Rizai. 

1 Chron. 11. 27. 12. 25. 1 Chron. 12. 31.
A catalogue of David's mighty men.

II. SAMUEL. David sendeth Joab to number the people:

12 But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and flew the Philistines: and the Lord wrought a great victory.

13 And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to the valley of Rephaim.

14 And David was then in an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Beth-lehem.

15 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, which is by the gate!

16 And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the Lord.

17 And he said, Be it far from me, O Lord, that I should do this: is not this the blood of men which went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.

18 And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, and slew them, and had the name among three.

19 Was he not most honourable of three? therefore his brethren were called after his name.

20 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two lion-like men of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow:

21 And he drew an Egyptian, who was a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

22 These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among three mighty men.

23 He was more honourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the first three. And David set him over his guard.

24 Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem,

25 Shamma the Harodite, Elia the Harodite,

26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,

27 Abiezer the Anathothite, Mephibosheth the Hufathite,

28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite,

29 Heleb the son of Baanah, a Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin,

30 Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash,

31 Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,

32 Eliahab the Shaalbonite, of the sons of Japhun, Jonathan,

33 Shammoth the Hararite, Aiah the son of Sharar the Hararite,

34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of Maachathite, Elia the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,

35 Hezrai the Carmelite, Morar the Arbite,

36 Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite,

37 Zelek the Ammonite, Nahari the Beerothite, armourbearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah,

38 Ira an Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite,

39 Uriah the Hittite: thirty and seven in all.

C H A P. XXIV.

1 David recovereth Joab to number the people.

2 The captains after nine months and twenty days deliver in the number to the king. 10 David repenteth, and, being obliged to choose one plague out of three named to him, fixeth on three days' pestilence. 15 After the death of seventy thousand in Israel, at David's humble suit the angel is stayed from destroying Jerusalem. 18 By God's direction David purchaseth Araunah's threshingfloor; and having sacrificed there, the plague ceaseth.

AND again the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, 9 Go number Israel and Judah.

2 For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people.

3 And Joab said unto the king, Now the Lord thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an hundredfold,
Of three evils be chooseth the pestilence: CHAP. XXIV.

At David's suit the plague is stayed.

Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-baal seventy thousand men.

16 And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the Lord was by the threshing-place of Araunah the Jebusite.

17 And David spake unto the Lord when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.

18 And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the Lord in the threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite.

19 And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the Lord commanded.

20 And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground.

21 And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the Lord, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

22 And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold, beere be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and thrcing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood.

23 All these things did Araunah, as a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The Lord thy God accept thee.

24 And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25 And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.
The First Book of the Kings,
COMMONLY CALLED,
The Third Book of the Kings.

CHAP. I.
1 Abishag cherubished David in his extreme old age.
5 Adonijah, having gained over Joab and Abiathar, invited his friends to a feast in order to make himself king.
11 Nathan's advice to Bathsheba thereupon; 15 who moveth the king on the behalf of Solomon.
22 She is seduced by Nathan. 28 David searcheth to Bathsheba to make Solomon king that same day;
32 and in such out orders accordingly. 38 Solomon is anointed and proclaimed king, the people rejoicing.
41 Adonijah and his gifts bearing the news take themfelves to flight.
50 Adonijah, laying hold on the horns of the altar, is dismembered by Solomon in peace on condition of his good behaviour.

NOW king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he got no heat.
2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, 3 Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that thy lord the king may get heat.
3 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king.
4 And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered unto 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 bare him after Abishalom.
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.
27 And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which is by En-rogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants:
10 But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.
11 ¶ Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Haft 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 have thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon.
13 Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Thou shalt reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign?
14 Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, 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 obeiance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldst thou?
17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou hast said unto thy bondmen, What should I say unto the man of my lord the king? 18 And she said, Let my lord the king speak, and commanded to call Abiathar the priest. 19 And he called to Abiathar the priest; and said, Call unto me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet. 20 And Abiathar the priest and Nathan the prophet came to king David. 21 And David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. 22 And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet came to king David. 23 And David said unto them, Thus saith king David unto you both; 24 ¶ Nathan the prophet answered and said, 25 ¶ And David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he got no heat.

Before CHRIST
1015.
+ Heb. entered in to days.
+ Heb. seek.
+ Heb. damsel, a young.
+ Heb. cherish unto him.
+ Heb. 19.
+ Heb. 15.
+ Heb. bringeth.
1018.
+ Heb. reign.
+ Heb. 3.
1019.
+ Heb. from his days.
1020.
+ Heb. words.
+ Heb. 3.
1021.
+ Heb. helped after Adonijah.
+ Heb. 18.
1022.
+ Heb. 21.
+ Or, the eldest.
+ Heb. 17.
1034.
+ Sam.
1035.
+ Sam.
1036.
+ Sam.
1037.
+ Sam.
1038.
+ Sam.
1039.
+ Heb. 10.
1042.
+ Deut.
1043.
+ Heb. 16.
1044.
+ Heb. 10.
By David's express command

CHAP. I. Solomon is anointed and proclaimed king.

22 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 fave 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 the king said, Behold, he is before thee.

† Heb. before the king. † 2 Sam. 6:9.

29 And the king sware, and said, † As the Lord liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distresses;

† 2 Sam. 17:1.

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

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

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

† 2 Sam. 20:6. + Heb. which beloveth me.

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


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

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

36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the Lord God of my lord the king say to 100.
David's last charge to Solomon.

Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

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 that he will not slay his servant with the sword.

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

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.

David's death.

Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou art a wife man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his head bring thou down to the grave with blood.

And Solomon's treasurer was Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Zadok the son of Abiathar.

The days of David the king were thirty and three years in Jerusalem.

And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did the king's service; and Zadok the son of Abiathar did the priest's office.

When David was a giant thirty years old, Abigail was the wife of Nabal.

And David - the days of David were twenty-six years: and in Mahanaim was he thirty years old.

And in the days of David were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

And David's son Solomon began to be king in his father's stead, and reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel.

And David's son Solomon began to be king in his father's stead, and reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel.

And all Israel made Solomon king, and anointed him king, and they came to Jerusalem, and there made him king upon the throne of David his father, and Solomon reigned over Israel.

And all Israel made Solomon king, and anointed him king, and there came to Jerusalem and made him king upon the throne of David his father. And Solomon reigned over Israel.

And all Israel made Solomon king, and anointed him king, and there came to Jerusalem and made him king upon the throne of David his father. And Solomon reigned over Israel forty years.

And the whole multitude of Israel bawled with a loud voice, saying, Bless, O bless the LORD your God, King David, and his son Solomon, and the LORD give you increase among the children of Israel, and make you as David thy servant, so that the throne of Israel be established for ever, as it was spoken.

And the whole multitude of Israel bawled with a loud voice, saying, Bless, O bless the LORD your God, King David, and his son Solomon, and the LORD give you increase among the children of Israel, and make you as David thy servant, so that the throne of Israel be established for ever, as it was spoken.

And David blessed the LORD, and said, How bare my soul of all the good things which he did to me, that he should set his servant in the room of his house, and in the room of David his father, and gave him the kingdom, and my master the king was good to me. And David praised the LORD the God of Israel, with all his life long.

And David danced before the LORD, and all the people that were there, with great gladness.

And David the king said, Who shall go up for me to the LORD, from me to sanctify this house, to make it holy, even me and my father's house with me? And all the mighty men were gathered unto him to sanctify the house of the LORD.

And David the king said, Who shall go up for me to the LORD, from me to sanctify this house, to make it holy, even me and my father's house with me? And all the mighty men were gathered unto him to sanctify the house of the LORD.

And David the king said, Who shall go up for me to the LORD, from me to sanctify this house, to make it holy, even me and my father's house with me? And all the mighty men were gathered unto him to sanctify the house of the LORD.

And David the king said, Who shall go up for me to the LORD, from me to sanctify this house, to make it holy, even me and my father's house with me? And all the mighty men were gathered unto him to sanctify the house of the LORD.

And David the king said, Who shall go up for me to the LORD, from me to sanctify this house, to make it holy, even me and my father's house with me? And all the mighty men were gathered unto him to sanctify the house of the LORD.

And David the king said, Who shall go up for me to the LORD, from me to sanctify this house, to make it holy, even me and my father's house with me? And all the mighty men were gathered unto him to sanctify the house of the LORD.
20 Then she said, I desire one small petition of thee; I pray thee, say me not nay. And the king said to her, Ask, my mother; for I will not say thee nay.

21 And she said, Let Abiathar the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife.

22 And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, Why dost thou ask Abiathar the Shunammite for Adonijah? for I have set him over my vineyards and over my olive-gardens; and 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 sware by the Lord, saying, Surely as the Lord liveth, which hath walked with me all my life, and hath helped me, and directed all my works, as he s promiseth, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.

24 Now therefore, as the Lord liveth, which hath walked with me all my life, and hath helped me, and directed all my works, as he s promiseth, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.

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

26 And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Go in unto Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou art worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou hast been faithful in all wherein my father was afflicted.

27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the Lord; that he might not speak concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

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

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

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

31 And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the innocents 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, Judg. 9:57. and slew them with the sword, my father. But David not knowing thereof, to wit, *Abner* and the son of *Ner*, captain of the host of *Ish-bosheth* *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 hoard, 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 thence any whither.

37 For it shall be, that on the day thou goest out and passest over the brook Kedron, thou shalt know for certain that this is the man of blood: and thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be on thine own head.

38 And Shimei said unto the king, The saying is good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do.

39 And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.

40 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.

41 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.

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

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

44 The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wickedness which 

S s
I. KINGS. His judgment between the two harlots.

Solomon's choice of wisdom.

Before CHRIST

1016.

thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to
David my father: therefore the LORD shall
return thy wickednesses upon thine own head;
45 And king Solomon shall be blessed,
and the throne of David shall be etab-
lished 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.

CHAP. III.

1 Solomon marrieth Pharaoh's daughter. 2 High
places being in use, be sacrificed at Gibeon.
5 God appeared to him in a dream there, and
lefteth to his choice what to ask; be asked
wisdom, and obtained with it riches and
honour. 16 His judgment between the two
harlots maketh his wisdom renowned.

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

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

3 And Solomon * loved the LORD, walk-
ing in the statutes of David his father:
only he sacrificed and burnt incense in
high places.

4 And the king went to Gibeon to sac-
fifice there; for that was the great high
place: a thousand burnt offerings did Sol-
omon offer upon that altar.

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

6 And Solomon said, Thou haft heued
unto thy servant David my father great
mercy, according as he * walked before thee
in truth, and in righteousnefs, and in
uprightness of heart with thee; and thou
haft kept for him this great kindness, that
thou * haft given him a son to fit on his
throne, as this is this day.

7 And now, O LORD my God, thou haft
made me king instead of David my
father: and I am but a little child: I know
not how * to go out or come in.

8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy
people which thou haft choen, a great
people, that cannot be numbered nor
counted for multitude.

9 Give therefore thy servant an * un-
derstanding 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
haft asked this thing, and haft * not asked
for thyself + long life; neither haft asked
riches for thyself, nor haft asked the life of
thine enemies; but haft asked for thyself
understanding + to discern judgment;

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

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

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

15 And Solomon * awoke, and beheld,
it was a dream. And he came to Jeru-
alem, and stood before the ark of the coven-
ant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offer-
ings, and offered peace offerings, and * made
a feast to all his servants.

16 Then came there two women, that
were harlots, unto the king, and one
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 in the house.

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

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

20 And she arose at midnight, and took
my son from beside me, while thine hand-
maid 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 morn-
ing, behold, it was not my son, which I
did bear.

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

23 Then said the king, The one faith,
This is my son that liveth, and thy son is
the dead: and the other faith, Nay; but
Solomon's officers.

Before CHRIST 1014.

thy son is the dead, and my son is the living.

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

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

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

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

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


t ver. 9.

1 Sam. 11. 12.

† Heb. in the midst of him.

CHAP. IV.

1 Solomon's chief officers of state. 7 The twelve officers who provided for his household, each in his month. 20 The prosperity and grandeur of his kingdom. 22 The daily provision for his household, suitable to the extent of his dominions and peacefulness of his reign. 26 His stables. 29 His extraordinary wisdom.

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 Eliehoeph and Ahiah, the sons of Shihah, * scribes; * Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the * recorder.

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 ¶ The son of Hefed, in Aruboth; to him pertained Sochoth, and all the land of Hepher:

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

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

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

14 ¶ Ahinadab the son of Iddo had Ma-hanaim:

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

16 Baanah the son of Hushai was in Asher and in Alath:

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 Siion king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and he was the only officer which was in the land.

20 ¶ Judah and Israel were many, as the land which is by the sea in multitudes, * eating and drinking, and making merry.

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

22 ¶ And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty * measures of fine flour, and threecore measures of meal,

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

24 For he had dominion over all the region on this side the river, from Taphah 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 safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.

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

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

28 ¶ Barley also and straw for the horses...
Solomon's extraordinary wisdom.  I. K I N G S. The mutual services of Hiram and Solomon.

Before CHRIST. 1014.

And the officers were, every man according to his charge.

And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

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

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

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

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

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

CHAP. V.

Hiram sent to congratulate Solomon, who acqausinteth him with his deign of building the temple, and defresst him to furnish timber for that purpose. Hiram blessteth God for Solomon's wisdom, and promissteth the timber, requessting food for his household in return. The mutual services and good correspondence between Hiram and Solomon. The number of workmen and labourers employed in preparing materials for the building.

AND Hiram 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 lover of David.

And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

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

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

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

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 any that can kifl to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.

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 wifeion over this great people.

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

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

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

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

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

And king Solomon raifs a 700 levies of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men.

And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and 7000 were over the levy.

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

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.

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

And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the 7000 quarlers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

CHAP. VI.

The building of the temple begun. The dimensions of the house, and of the porch before...
The building of the temple: before Christ 1051.


2. The cherubims within it. 31. The doors of the oracle, and of the temple. 36. The inner court. 37. The time taken up in the building.

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

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

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

And he made the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made them chambers round about:

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

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

And 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.

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

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

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

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:

And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsoak my people Israel.

So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

And he built the walls of the house with boards of cedar; both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: and he overlaid them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

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

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

And the cedar of the house within was carved with beards and flowers: all was cedar: there was no stone seen.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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 building of Solomon’s house, &c. I. KINGS.

Before CHRIST 1005.

1 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAP. VII.

1 The building of Solomon’s house; 2 of the house of the forest of Lebanon; 6 of the porch of pillars; 7 of the porch of judgment; 8 of the house for Pharaoh’s daughter. 9 The costly materials for these buildings, and for the great court round about. 13 Hiram, a skilful artificer, is fetched from Tyre. 15 His work in brasses of the two great pillars, 23 the molten sea, 27 the ten bases, 28 the ten lavers, 40 and other vessels for the use of the temple. 48 The furniture and vessels of gold which Solomon made for the temple.

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.

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

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

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

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.

14 ¶ He was a widow’s son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brasses: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brasses. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.

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

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

John 10.
Acts 3. 11.
Ch. 9. 10.
Chron. 8. 1.
The pillars, molten sea, bases, &c.  

**CHAP. VII.**  

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 ¶ And he made a molten sea, 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 two thousand baths.

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 in this manner: they had borders, and the borders were between the ledges:

29 And on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubims: and upon the ledges there was a base above:

30 And beneath the lions and oxens were certain additions made of thin work.

31 And every base had four brazen wheels, and plates of bras: and the four corners thereof had undersetters: under the laver were undersetters molten, at the side of every addition.

32 And the mouth of it within the chapiter 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 graving with their borders, four square, not round.

33 And under the bases were four wheels; and the axletrees of the wheels were joined to the base: and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit.

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

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

36 For on the plates of the ledges there was, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the proportion of every one, and all the additions round about.

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

38 ¶ Then made he ten lavers of brass: nine Chron. one laver contained forty baths: and every one 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 fouth.

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

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

42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, even two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters that were upon the pillars;
The feast of the dedication of the temple. I. KINGS.

Before 1005.

43. And the ten baies, and ten lavers on the baies:
44. And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea:
45. And the pots, and the shovels, and the bacons; and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the Lord, were of bright brass.
46. In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarthan.
47. And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass found out.
48. ¶ And Solomon made all the vessels that pertained unto the house of the Lord; the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the shewbread was, and the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold.
49. And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the bacons, and the spoons, and the censors of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner house, and the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple.
51. So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the Lord. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated: even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the Lord.

CHAP. VIII.

1. The feast of the dedication of the temple, the ark is brought into the holy place. 10. A cloud filled the house.
2. Solomon blesseth God for the performance of his word to David. 3. His prayer. 31. 33. 35. 37. 41. 44. The special petitions contained in it. 54. He again blesseth God, and the people. 62. His sacrifice of peace offerings. 65. After the feast the people go joyous home.

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

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

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

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

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

And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the Lord unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims.

For the cherubims spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the stones thereof above.

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

There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord.

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.

¶ Then spake Solomon, The Lord said that he would dwell in a thick darkness.

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

And the king turned his face about, and blest all the congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood;) and he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying,

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 in; but I chose David my father, and said unto him, ¶ And it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the Lord God of Israel.

And the Lord said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to
Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple.

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, wherin is the covenant of the Lord, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

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

23. And he said, 

Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments, to reward them according to their doing, and to extend lovingkindness to the thousandth generation, to them that love him and keep his commandments; and hatred toward them that hate him, to cast out their name from before him for ever.

24. Who hath kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisdest him thy servant, 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 promisdest him, saying, 

There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; only that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before thee as thou hast walked before me.

26. ¶ And now, O Lord God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

27. But will God indeed dwell on earth? behold, the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much lefs this house that I have builded?

28. Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee day.

29. That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, 

My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.

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.
Solomon's prayer.

Before CHRIST
cl. 1004.

Ex. 25.

Heb.
thy name is
called upon
this house.

† Heb.
the way of
the city.

† Or.
right.

I. KINGS.

He blesseth the people.

Before CHRIST
cl. 1004.

and supplication unto the LORD, he arose
from before the altar of the LORD, from
kneeling on his knees with his hands
spread up to heaven.

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

56 Blessed be the LORD, that hath given
reft unto his people Israel, according to all
that he promised: * there hath not † failed
one word of all his good promise, which he
promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

57 The LORD our God be with us, as
he was with our fathers: let him not
leave us, nor forfake us:

58 That he may † incline our hearts unto
him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep
his commandments, and his statutes, and
his judgments, which he commanded our
fathers.

59 And let these my words, wherewith I
have made supplication before the LORD,
be nigh unto the LORD our God day and
night, that he maintain the cause of his
servant, and the cause of his people Israel
† at all times, as the matter shall require.

60 † That all the people of the earth
may know that * the LORD is God, and
that there is none else.

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

62 ‡ And the king, and all Israel with
him, offered 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 children of Israel
dedicated the house of the LORD.

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

65 † And at that time Solomon held a
feast, and all Israel with him, a great con-
gregation, from the entering in of Hamath
unto the river of Egypt, before the LORD
our God, seven days and fourteen 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
God maketh a covenant with Solomon. C H A P. IX. Solomon buildeth divers cities. C H A P. IX.

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 had pleased to do,

2 That the Lord appeared to Solomon the second time, & as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon,

3 And the Lord said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have also heard the house which thou hast built, & put my name there for ever; & mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

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

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

6 But if ye shall not follow me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:

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; & Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:

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

9 And they shall answer, Because they forsook the Lord their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, & have worshipped them, and served them:

10 ¶ And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the Lord, and the king's house,

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

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

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

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

15 ¶ And this is the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the Lord, and his own house, & Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, & Gezer.

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

17 And Solomon built Gezer, & Bethhoron the nether,

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

19 And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, & 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, Hitites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which were not of the children of Israel,

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

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

23 These were the chief of the thousand that were in the king's service, & 17

24 ¶ But Pharaoh's daughter removed to her house.
The queen of Sheba cometh to see Solomon. 1. KINGS.

Before CHRIST.

which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo.

25 ¶ And three times in a year did Solomon offer 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 the king made a navi of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the south coast of Edom, 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 thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

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

CHAP. X.

AND when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, the came to prove him with hard questions.

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

3 ¶ And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not anything 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 fitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and his apparel, and his cupbearers, and his acet by which he went up unto the house of the Lord; there was no more spirit in her.

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

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

8 ¶ Happy art thou, my lord, happy art thou.

Her rich presents to him.

9 ¶ Blest be the Lord thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the Lord loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

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

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

12 ¶ And the king made of the almug-trees pillars for the house of the Lord, and for the king's house, harps also and virgins' lutes for the king's house: there came no such almug-trees, nor were seen unto this day.

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

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

15 Beside that which was of the merchants, and of the traffick of the spicers, 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 pates of gold went out to one target.

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

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

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

20 ¶ And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other side on the 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.
CHAP. XI.

For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father.

And Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

And Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and did not fully after the Lord, as did David his father.

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

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

And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice.

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

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

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.

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

And the Lord stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite, who bad been entertained in Egypt; and he was in Rezon, whom reigned in Damascus; and in Terobaam, to whom Abijah had prophesied the kingdom should be transplanted. 41 Solomon's ass, reign, and death: Reboobam succeeded him.

But king Solomon loved many strange women, altogether with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites:

Of the nations concerning which the Lord said not to David, 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.

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

But Solomon's wives and concubines,
Solomon's adversaries. I. KINGS. Abijah’s prophecy concerning Jeroboam.

Before Christ cir. 946.

He 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.

1 Kings 2. 10, 34.

† Heb. Send me away.

† Heb. Nor.

21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad fled 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 sekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, † Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.

1 Kings 2. 33.

‡ And God stirred up another adversary, Rezon the son of Eliada, which fled from his lord † Hadadezer king of Zobah:

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

25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

‡ Heb. built Millo, † Repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.

26 ¶ And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon’s servant, whose mother’s name was Zeruiah, a widow woman, even he * lifted up his hand against the king.

† Heb. did work.

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

† Heb. burdens.

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

cir. 980.

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

† Heb. See

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

† Heb. See

31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for † thus faith the Lord, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:

† Heb. See

32 (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David’s sake, and for Jerusalem’s sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel):

‡ Heb. See

33 * Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ahtoreth the god¬ des of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father.

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

† Heb. light alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.

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

36 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.

37 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 slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and † Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XII.

1 The Israelites, assembled at Shechem to make Rehoboam king, sue to him with Jeroboam at their head for redress of grievances. 6 Reho¬ boam slighted the good advice of his father’s
Rehoboam rejecteth the old men's counsel.  

CHAP. XII.

Ten tribes revolt from him.

1. 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 congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying,

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

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 servants unto thee for ever.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15. Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the voice of them that had spoken to him with the voice of peace.

16. ¶ So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto the voice of them that had spoken to him with the voice of peace, they answered him, saying, Neither have we inheritance in Rehoboam, which dwelleth in Jerusalem: for they be a people, and they be a land, which is under us.

17. But as for the children of Israel, which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18. ¶ Then king Rehoboam spake unto the younger men of the people, which were brought up in the days of Solomon, saying, When ye had toil in the heavy yoke of your father, I will as lightly put yoke on your backs. And they said unto him, as thy word is.

19. ¶ So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

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

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

22. But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

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

24. Thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his
AND behold, there came a 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! Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Jeshua by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men’s bones shall be burnt upon thee.

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

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

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

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

7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.

8 And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee; neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place.

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

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

11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.

12 And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.
The disobedient prophet slain by a lion.

CHAP. XIV. Jeroboam's wife goeth to enquire of Abijah.

13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon.

14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am. Then he said unto him, Come 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 eat 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 faith the Lord, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the Lord, and hast not kept the commandment which the Lord thy God commanded thee,

22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which the Lord did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 ¶ After this thing Jeroboam returned not out of his evil way, but made again of the least of the people priests of the high places: whatsoever he thought to be good, he consecrated, and he became one of the priests of the high places.

34 ¶ And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

A T that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

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

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

4 And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Abijah.
Ahijah's prophecy against Jeroboam's house. I. KINGS.

Before CHRIST

1 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 the cometh in, that he shall reign over another woman.

6 And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself to be another? for I am sent to thee with a 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 from the house of David, and gave it thee: and yet thou hast not been as my fervent servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in mine eyes;

9 But hast done evil above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back:

10 Therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him that pifieth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

11 But that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall 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 the 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? even now.

15 For the LORD shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river; because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger.

16 And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.

17 ¶ And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: and when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died;

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 fervent servant Ahijah the prophet.

19 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

21 ¶ And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah.

22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done.

23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree.

24 And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations, which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

25 ¶ And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:

26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all; and he took away all the shields of gold

27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brazen shields; and committed them unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house.

28 And it was so, when the king went into the house of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.

29 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
Abijam’s wicked reign, and Aða’s good reign. CHAP. XV.

Abijam’s wicked reign. 7 He died: Aða succeeded him. 9 Aða’s good reign. 16 On account of the war between him and Baasha, he made a league with Ben-hadad, king of Syria, who caused Baasha to depart from Ramah: Aða with the stones thereof built thee Geba and Mizpah.

23 Aða died, and it succeeded by Jehoshaphat. 25 Nadab’s wicked reign. 27 He is slain by Baasha, who succeeded him, and executed Abijam’s prophecy against Jeroboam’s house. 32 Baasha’s wicked reign.

NOW in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah.

2 Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Maachah, the daughter of Abihalom. 3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with him the God of David his father. 4 Nevertheless for David’s sake did the Lord his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:

5 Because David’s lamp was right in the eyes of the Lord, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

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

8 And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Aða his son reigned in his stead.

9 And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Aða over Judah. And he reigned over Judah and over Israel in all the cities of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba. And his mother’s name was Maachah, the daughter of Abihalom.

10 And Aða did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, as did David his father.

12 And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.
I. KINGS. Jehu's prophecy against Baasha's house.

Before CHRIST. 2 Kings 10:29. 1 Heb. reigned.

† began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years.

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

27 ¶ And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged 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 lay him, and reigned in his stead.

29 And it came to pass, when he reigned, that he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto all the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel to sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the Lord God of Israel to anger.

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

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

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

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

CHAP. XVI.

1 Jehu's prophecy against the house of Baasha.

5 Baasha dyeth, and is succeeded by Elah.

8 Zimri slayeth Elah, and succeedeth him.

11 He executeth Jehu's prophecy against Baasha's house. 15 Omri, made king by the army, beareth Zimri in Tirzah, who in despair burneth himself. 21 The people being divided, Omri's faction prevaileth against Tibni's. 23 Omri buildeth Samaria. 25 After a wicked reign, 27 be dieth, and is succeeded by Abab. 29 Ahab's excessive wickedness and idolatry. 34 Joram's curse fulfilled upon Hiel the builder of Jericho.

† began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years.

15 ¶ In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. And the people were en-
Omri’s wicked reign.  

CHAP. XVII. 

Elijah fed by ravens. 

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

31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, threescore and ten times more. 

32 And he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. 

33 And Ahab made a grove; 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 Beth-elite build Jericho; he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun. 

CHAP. XVII. 

1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. 

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 before Jordan. 

4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook of the; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. 

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 ravens 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 at the end of two years, 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 Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwellest there: be thou the man of God. 

† Heb. yed the Lord, that is before Jordan. 

† Heb. called Elisha. 

† See Luke 1.17. 

† See 2 Kings 3.14. 

† See James 4.3. 


† Heb. 

† See Mic. 6.16. 

† See ver. 19. 

† See ver. 13. 

† See ch. 13.32. 

† See 2 Kings 4.44. 

† See John 4.45. 

† See ver. 19. 

† See Num. 15.26.
Before CHRIST cir. 910.

I. KINGS.

Elijah is sent to meet Ahab:

And the woman said to Elijah, Now I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

CHAP. XVIII.

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

2 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And there was a sore famine in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly:

4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

5 And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grapes to make us draughts, and find a beast, and feed ourselves from the beast.

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 wouldst deliver 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

11 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was 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.

12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

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 barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse 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 cruse 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 miftrath of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

18 And he said unto Elijah, What 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 me?

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?

21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

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 liveth.

24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

† Heb. 4:11.

† Or, a full year.

† Heb. by the head 4.


† Heb. 3:31.

† Heb. 3:31.

† Heb. 3:31.

‡ Heb. 3:31.

‡ Heb. 3:31.
Baal's prophets are gathered together: CHAP. XVIII. Their invocation, and Elijah's prayer.

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 Spirit of the Lord shall straiten 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 in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?
14 And how thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here: and he shall slay me.
15 And Elijah said, As the Lord of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely throw myself unto him this day.
16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.
17 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel?
18 ¶ And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim.
19 Now therefore send, and gather unto me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which were at Jezreel's table.
20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.
21 ¶ And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered 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 gods, 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 gods, 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 upon the altar which was made.
27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is sleeping, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he slumbereth upon a pillow.
28 And they cried aloud, and cut them selues after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.
29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.
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 broken down.
31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the Lord came, 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 water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.
34 And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do 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 Israel, 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
Elijah by prayer obtained rain.

LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

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

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, 'Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and 

41 fashioned them. And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a found 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 cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

43 And said to his servant, 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, lay unto Ahab, 

45 Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

46 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

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

CHAP. XIX.

1 Jezebel threatening Elijah's life for having slain Baal's prophets, he fleeth to Beer-sheba.

4 In the wilderness he grew weary of life, but being twice strengthened by food brought him by an angel, he reached Horeb after having fasted forty days and forty nights. 9 At Horeb God appeared unto him, and communicated him to anoint Hazael, Jehu, and Elias. 19 He meteth Elisba, who taking leave of his friends followeth him.

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

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

I. KINGS.

God appeared to Elijah at Horeb.

3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant 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 of himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers, for his life.

5 And as he lay and fainted under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. 

6 And he looked, and behold, there was a cake baken 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 forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged 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 the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

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

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

13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.
And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ben-hadad king of Syria, not content with Absa’s submissiveness, assailed Samaria. By a prophet’s direction the Syrians are smitten. According as the prophet had forewarned Absa, the Syrians this year came against him in Aphek, in confidence of better success in the plain, than on the hills. A prophet declaring it beforehand to be a special judgment on them, they are again defeated with a great slaughter. They sue submissively to Absa, who receives Ben-hadad kindly, and fendeth him away with a covenant of peace. A prophet, having first by a parable brought Absa to condemn himself, denounced God’s judgment against him for his unfeigned lenity.

And Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horsemen, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Ben-hadad:

Thy silver and thy gold is mine: thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine.
The Syrians are defeated.  

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

17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria.  

18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive.  

19 So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them.  

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

21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horsemen, and chariots, and smote Ben-hadad the king of Syria; and the Syrians fled.  

22 ¶ And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou shalt do: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee.  

23 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.  

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

25 And number thee an army, like the army that thou haft 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 return of the year, that Ben-hadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel.  

27 ¶ And the children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.  

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

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

30 But the rest fled into 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, and into a 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 have mercy on thee.  

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

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

34 ¶ And Ben-hadad said unto him, The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then said Ahab, I will fend 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 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 ashes upon his face.  

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

40 And as thy servant was busy here and
Before CHRIST pos. + Heb. he was not.

Naboth refuseth his vineyard to Abab: C H A P. XXI.

There, † he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, If shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it.

And he hastened, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that was a prophet.

And he said unto him, Thus faith 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 thy life, and thy people for his people.

And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

C H A P. XXI.

1 Abab is just displeased at being refused the vineyard of Naboth. 5 Jezebel comforteth him, and procureth Naboth to be stoned to death.

1 And Abab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto unto my house.

2 And Naboth said unto Abab, * Heb. be good in thine eyes.

3 And Abab spake unto Naboth, The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

4 And Abab came unto his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, * Heb. I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers.

5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest not 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 pleaseth 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, Doth 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 Abab’s name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwel-ling with Naboth.

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and let Naboth * be put to death.

10 And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blas-phem the name of the Lord, and his king. And let them carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

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

12 They proclaimed a fast, and let Na-both be stoned on high among the people.

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

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

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

16 And it came to pass, when Abab heard that Naboth was dead, that Abab rose up and went 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,

18 Arise, go down to meet Abab 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, Haft thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the Lord, In the place where dogs lick the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

20 And Abab said to Elijah, Haft thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee, because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord.

21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Abab him that pisseth a X X 2
Elijah denounceth judgments against Abah. I. KING S.  Abah seeketh to recover Ramoth-gilead:

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."

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

Then the king of Israel gathered his 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; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not a king here a prophet of the Lord besides, that we may enquire of him? And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat. There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the Lord: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Fetch Micaiah the son of Imlah. And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made a horn of iron: and he said, Thus saith the Lord, With thee shall thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them.

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

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

And Micaiah said, As the Lord liveth, what the Lord faith unto me, that will I speak.

So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king.
16 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but what is true in the name of the Lord?

17 He said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the Lord said, These have no matter: let them return every man to his house in peace.

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

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

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

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

22 And the Lord said, Go forth, and stand before the king, and speak to him, Thus saith the Lord.

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

24 But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, What way went the Spirit of the Lord from me to speak unto thee?

25 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.

26 And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

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

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

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

30 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguife myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robe. 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 is the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat cried out.

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

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

35 And the battle increased that day: and the king was fallen upon his chariot, against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the holt, for he was wounded.

36 And there went a proclamation throughout the holt about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.

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

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

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

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

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

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

43 And he walked in all the ways of Aza his father; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the Lord: nevertheless the high places were
I. KINGS.

His death. Abiaziab's wicked reign.

Before CHRIST

14. 1 Chron. 31: 1. 11. 31. 89. 89.

44. And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.
45. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he showed, and how he warred, are not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah.
46. And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Aha, he took out of the land.
47. And there was then no king in Edom: a deputy was king.
48. 'Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Ezion-geber.
49. Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not.

The Second Book of the KINGS,
COMMONLY CALLED,
The Fourth Book of the KINGS.

CHAP. I.

1 Moab rebelled. 2 Abiaziab's messengers, sent to enquire concerning the event of his sickness of Baal-zebub, are turned back by Elijah with a sentence of death from the LORD. 3 Abiaziab, apprized of the cause of their quick return, sendeth to apprehend Elijah, who twice calleth down fire from heaven upon those that came against him. 4Moved by the humble suit of the third captain, and encouraged by an angel, be goeth to the king, and affurseth him of his approaching death. 5 Abiaziab dieth, and is succeeded by Jehoram.

Then Moab rebelled against Israel back unto him, he said unto them, Why are ye now turned back?

6 And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that thou sendest to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron? therefore shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

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

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

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

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

11 Again also he sent unto him another
Elijah calleth down fire from heaven.

CHAP. II.

Elijah is taken up into heaven.

by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with 1 Elisha from Gilgal.

2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, 1 Tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel.

3 And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went to Jordan.

5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

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

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

8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah took Elisha, and said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.

10 And he said, 1 Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder, and 1 Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, 1 My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

13 And he took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the 1 bank of Jordan;
II. KINGS.

Moab rebelled against Israel.

The king of Edom went against him; being
uncomprehending for want of water they apply to Eli-

jah, who persuaded them water, andthurished
them of victual. 20 The water cometh in
great plenty, and is mistaken by the Moabites
for blood; they come in hopes of spoil, and are
entirely defeated. 26 The king of Moab, fai-
ling in his attempts to break through unto the
king of Edom, sacrificed his son, and raiseth
the siege.

NOW Jehoram the son of Ahab be-
gan to reign over Israel in Samaria the
eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of
Judah, and reigned twelve years.

2 And he wrought evil in the sight of the
Lord; but not like his father, and like his
mother: for he put away the
image of Baal that his father had made.
3 Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins
of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made
Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.
4 ¶ And Moab king of Moab was a
sheepmaster, and rendered unto the king
of Israel an hundred thousand lambs, and
an hundred thousand rams, with the wool.
5 But it came to pass, when Ahab was
dead, that the king of Moab rebelled
against the king of Israel.

6 ¶ And king Jehoram went out of Sa-
maria the same time, and numbered all
Israel.

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

8 And he said, Which way shall we go up?
And he answered, The way through the
wilderness of Edom.

9 So the king of Israel went, and the king
of Judah, and the king of Edom: and
they fetched a compass of seven days' jour-
ney: and there was no water for the host,
and for the cattle that followed them.

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

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

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

CHAP. IV.

Elifba multiplieth a poor widow's oil.

Before CHRIST

§ 95.

§ 95.

13 And Elifba said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the Lord hath called thee as three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

14 And Elifba said, As the Lord of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.

15 But now bring me a minitrel. And it came to pass, when the ministrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him.

16 And he said, Thus saith the Lord, Make this valley full of ditches.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through even unto the king of Edom: but they could not.

27 Then he took his eldest son that Amos should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

CHAP. IV.

1 Elifba multiplieth a poor widow's oil in order to pay her debts.

8 He is busily entertained by a Shunammite woman, and in requital obtained a son for her.

18 The child died, and is restored to life at Elifba's prayer.

32 He beseeches the deadly pestage at Gilgal.

42 He miraculously satisfies an hundred men with twenty barley loaves.

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

2 And Elifba said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even vessels of vessels; and I will give thee borrow not a few.

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

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

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

7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the reit.

8 And it fell on a day, that Elifba passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and the constrained him to eat bread.

9 And it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee.
The Shunammite's son born; who died, II. KINGS. and is restored to life at Elisha's prayer.

27 And when he came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust him away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.

28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my Lord? and did I not say, Do not receive me?

29 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salutethe him not; and if any saluteth thee, answer him not again: and I lay my staff upon the face of the child.

30 And the mother of the child said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.

31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor breath. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.

32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.

33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.

34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

35 Then he returned, and walked in the house, and up and down; and went up, and fetched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

36 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.

37 Then they went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

38 ¶ And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and there was a death in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting in conference. And he said unto his servants,2

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

26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with thy child? And she answered, It is well.
The deadly pottage healed.

CHAP. V. Naaman cured of his leprosy by Elisha.

So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof.

But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

And there came a man from Baalshalihim, and brought the man of God bread of the first fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat.

And his servitor said, What, should I set this before an hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat; for thus saith the Lord, They shall eat, and shall leave thereof.

And he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the Lord.

Chap. V.

1 Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man wealthy, and honourable; because by him the Lord had given great deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.

2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she was waited on Naaman’s wife.

3 And the maid in unto her mistress, and said, Would God my lord were such with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover of his leprosy.

4 And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.

5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, stand I pray thee, and send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took ten talents of silver, and six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover of his leprosy.

7 And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I a God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray thee, and see how he feeleth a quarrel against me.

8 And it was going on, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times; and thy flesh shall come again unto thee, and thou shalt be clean.

11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He would surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and stroke his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he said to thee, Wash, and be clean?

14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

16 But he said, As the Lord liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused.

17 And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the Lord.

18 In this thing the Lord pardon thy
Gehazi smitten with leprosy.

Before CHRIST cir. 894. 17.

II. KINGS.

1 Before CHRIST cir. 893. 38.

Elipha causeth iron to swim.

Fight, are kindly entertained, and disdained in peace. 24 Ben-badda bezecheth Samaria, which occasioneth a great famine. 30 The king sendeth to say Elipha.

And the sons of the prophets said unto Elipha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us.

1 Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye.

2 And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go.

4 So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood.

5 But as one was felling a beam, the head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed.

6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in the river; and the iron did swim.

7 Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

8 Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall we encamp.

9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou passt not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him, and warned him of, and faved himself there, not once nor twice.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel?

12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elipha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

13 And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an hoft compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant
A great famine in Samaria.

CHAP. VII. Elisha prophesied a sudden plenty.

16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

18 ¶ And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19 And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.

20 And it came to pass when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw: and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I finite them? shall I finite them?

22 And he answered, Thou shalt not finite them: wouldst thou finite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? hast bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

23 And he prepared great provisoon for them: and when they had eaten and drunken, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

24 ¶ And it came to pass after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and beleaguered Samaria.

25 And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they beleaguered it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver.

26 ¶ And as the king of Israel was paining by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king.

27 And he said, If the LORD do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the barnfloor, or out of the winepress?

28 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow.

29 So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son.

30 ¶ And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the walls, and the people looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth within upon his flesh.

31 Then he said, 'God do so to me, and more' to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day.

32 But Elisha sat in his house, and there was a senior elder among the children of the prophets that came in to him, and said, I pray thee, let me go, I pray thee, to see Elisha the son of Shaphat.

33 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil is of the LORD; what should I wait for the LORD any longer?

CHAP. VII.

1 Elisha prophesied an extraordinary plenty suddenly to take place in Samaria, and showed an unbelieving lord his unhappy doom. 3 Four lepers went into the camp of the Syrians, and brought tidings of their enemy's flight. 12 The king, fearing a stratagem, sent out spies, and finding the report true, spoiled the Syrian tents, which brought about the plenty foretold. 17 The unbelieving lord bade the charge of the gate, and being treed to death verifieb the prophet's prediction.

THEN Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus faith the LORD, To morrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.

2 Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said; Behold, if the LORD should make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

3 ¶ And there were four leprous men: at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?

4 If we fay, we will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the hoft of the Syrians: if they save
The sudden flight of the Syrians.

II. KINGS. The unbelieving lord trodeth to death.

5 And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there.

6 For the Lord had made the hoist of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.

8 And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it: and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.

9 Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

10 So they came and called unto the porter of the city: and they told him, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians; and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man nor beast. And when they came out of the city, they shall catch them alive, and get into the city.

11 And he called the porters: and they told it to the king's house within.

12 And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now shew you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we be hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.

13 And one of his servants answered and said, Let some take, I pray thee, five of the chief men of the city, and bring them unto the king: perhaps the famine shall overtake us, and we shall be better than they.

14 And they took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent after the hoist of the Syrians, saying, Go and see.

15 And they went after them unto Jordan: and, lo, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king.

16 And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians: so a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the Lord.

17 ¶ And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, 1 as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him.

18 And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, 2 Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be to morrow about this time in the gate of Samaria:

19 And that lord answered the man of God, saying, Behold, thou shalt see fit with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

20 And so it fell out unto him: for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

C H A P. VIII.

1 The Shunammite, who to avoid the famine bad by Eliphaz's advice left her country seven years, fainted to the king, and half her land restored to her. 7 Hazael, sent to inquire of Elihah concerning Ben-hadade's sickness, heareth from the prophet his own defection to the kingdom, and at his return killeth his master, and succeddeth him. 16 Jehoram reigneth wickedly in Judah. 20 Edom and Libnah revolt from him. 23 He dieth, and is succeeded by Abaziah. 25 Abaziah's wicked reign. 28 He afflicteth Joram king of Israel against Syria, and vijuesth him lying sick of his wounds at Jezreel.

THEN spake Elihah unto the woman, who had restored to life, 4-35 saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and joyn with whomever thou canst foil: for the Lord hath called 105 Ps. 105, 16 the famine, and it shall also come upon the land seven years.

2 And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

3 And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and the went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land.

4 And the king talked with Gehazi the 27 Gehazi the
CHAP. VIII. Jehoram's and Abaziah's wicked reigne.

Before Christ

395.

395. And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign.

17. Thirteene and two yeare old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight yeares in Jerusalem.

18. And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of the Lord.

19. Yet the Lord would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him alway a light, and to his children.

20. In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves.

21. So Joram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him: and he rote by night, and smote the Edomitians which accompanied him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents.

22. Yet Edom revolted not from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

23. And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

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

25. In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign.

26. Two and twenty yeare old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel.

27. And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the Lord, as did the house of Ahab: for he was the son in law of the house of Ahab.

28. And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.

29. And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had wounded, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.
II. KINGS.

He confiscteth against Joram.

Before CHRIST

24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.

Before CHRIST

24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.

He confiscteth against Joram.

Before CHRIST

24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.

He confiscteth against Joram.

Before CHRIST

24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.

He confiscteth against Joram.

Before CHRIST

24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.

He confiscteth against Joram.

Before CHRIST

24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.

He confiscteth against Joram.

Before CHRIST

24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.

He confiscteth against Joram.

Before CHRIST

24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.

He confiscteth against Joram.

Before CHRIST

24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.

He confiscteth against Joram.

Before CHRIST

24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.

He confiscteth against Joram.

Before CHRIST

24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.

He confiscteth against Joram.

Before CHRIST

24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.

He confiscteth against Joram.

Before CHRIST

24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.

He confiscteth against Joram.

Before CHRIST

24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.

He confiscteth against Joram.

Before CHRIST

24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.

He confiscteth against Joram.

Before CHRIST

24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.

He confiscteth against Joram.

Before CHRIST

24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.
Jeboam and Abaziah slain. Jezebel's death. CHAP. X.

Abaz's seventy sons slain in Samaria.

37. And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, 'This is Jezebel.'

CHAP. X.

1. Jehu by his letters causeth Abaz's seventy sons to be slain in Samaria. 8. He excuseth the fad by the prophecy of Elijah, and desoryeth all Abaz's kindred and friends in Jezreel. 12. In his way to Samaria be slayeth two and forty of Abaz's brethren. 15. He taketh Jeboadab in the chariot with him, and desoryeth all that remained unto Abaz in Samaria. 18. By jubility be slayeth at once all Baal's worshippers, and breaketh down his images and bouses. 29. Jehu followeth the sins of Jeroboam, but for having executed God's judgments on Abaz's house is promised the continuance of the kingdom in his family to the fourth generation.


AND Abaz had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that brought up Abaz's children, saying,

2. Now as soon as this letter cometh to thee, seeing thy master's sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armour;

3. Look even out the best and meetest of thy master's sons, and set him on his father's throne, and fight for thy master's house.

4. But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand?

5. And he that was over the house, and he that was over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up of the children, sent to Jehu, saying, We are thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou that which is good in thine eyes.

6. Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye be mine, and if ye hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to morrow this time. Now the king's sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, which brought them up.

7. And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent them to Jezreel.

8. And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said,
Abiaziab's brethren slain.  II. KINGS.  Baal's worshippers destroyed.

Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning.

And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and flayed, and said to all the people, Ye be righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him: but who flayed all these?

10 Know now that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the Lord, which the Lord spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the Lord hath done that which he spake by his servant Elijah.

11 So Jeth flew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezeel, and all his great men, and his kinsfolks, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

12 ¶ And he arose, and departed, and came to Samaria. And as he was at the hearing house in the way,

13 ¶ And he met with the brethren of Ahabiziah king of Judah, and said, Who are ye? And they answered, We are the brethren of Ahabiziah; and we go down to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen.

14 And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and flew them at the pit of the hearing house, even two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

15 ¶ And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him: and he saluted him, and said unto him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up unto him into the chariot.

16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the Lord. So they made him ride in his chariot.

17 ¶ And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the Lord, which he spake to Elijah.

18 ¶ And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu shall serve him much.

19 Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did it in subtility, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.

20 And Jehu said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it.

21 And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not.

22 And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.

23 ¶ And he said unto him that was over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments.

24 ¶ And when they were gone in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed fourcore men without, and said, If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, be that let him go, and his life shall be for the life of him.

25 ¶ And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, and slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal.

26 ¶ And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them.

27 ¶ And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day.

28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

29 ¶ Howbeit from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, to wit, the golden calves that were in Beth-el, and that were in Dan.

30 ¶ And the Lord said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing that wickedness which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation shall sit upon the throne of Israel.

31 ¶ But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the Lord God of Israel with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.

32 ¶ In those days the Lord began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel.

33 From Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, even to Gilgal, and to Baalasm.

34 ¶ Now the rift of the acts of Jeph, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
35 And Jeph slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jozaih his son reigned in his stead.
36 And in the time that Jeph reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty and eight years.

1 And Jeboasb, saved by Jeboebeba, his aunt from the general massacre of the royal family of Judah by Athaliah, is concealed six years in the house of the Lord. 2 In the seventh year Jeboisda the high priest, having taken measures for his security, brought him forth, and crowned him. 3 Athaliah professing forward into the temple is seized and slain. 4 Jeboisda restored the worship of God, abhorred that of Baal, and joined the king on his throne to the great joy of the people.

And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal.
2 But Jeboebeba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and hid him among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain.
3 And he was with her hid in the house of the Lord six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land.

4 ¶ And the seventh year Jeboisda sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the Lord, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the Lord, and the king's son. 5 And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that ye shall do: A third part of you that enter in on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the watch of the king's house; 6 And a third part shall be at the gate of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall ye keep the watch of the house, that it be not broken down. 7 And two of parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of the Lord about the king.

8 And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and he cometh within the ranges, let him be slain: and be ye with the king as he goeth out and as he cometh in.
He is slain by his own servants.

Before CHRIST 866.
+ Heb. 856.
+ and up.

II. KINGS.

Joash, and the city was in quiet; and they
flew Athaliah with the sword before the
king's house.

21 Seven years old was Jehoahaz when he
began to reign.

2 Chronicles 21.

In the seventh year of Jehu. * Jehoahaz
began to reign; and forty years reigned
he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name
was Zibiah of Beer-sheba.

And Jehoahaz did that which was right in the
Sword, and brake the high places; and set up
the Image, and made thereunto an Image of a
man. And rejoyned he to the king of Egypt.

5 Let the priests take it to them, every
man of his acquaintance: and let them
repair the breaches of the house, whereoe'er
any breach shall be found.

6 But it was so, that in the three and
twentieth year of king Jehoahaz the priests
had not repaired the breaches of the house.

7 Then king Jehoahaz called for Jehoi-
ada the priest, and the other priests, and
said unto them, Why repair ye not the
breaches of the house? now therefore receive
no more money of your acquaintance,
but deliver it for the breaches of the house.

8 And the priests confented to receive
no more money of the people, neither to
repair the breaches of the house.

9 But Jehoiada the priest took a cheft,
and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set
it beside the altar, on the right side as
one cometh into the house of the LORD:
and the priests that kept the door put
therein all the money that was brought
into the house of the LORD.

10 And it was so, when they saw that
there was much money in the chest, that
the king's scribe and the high priest

1 Chronicles 21.

Jehoab saith wickedly over Israel. 3 If-
rael oppressed by Hazael is relieved at the prayer
of Jehoab. 8 Jehoahaz dies, Jehoahaz suc-
cedeth him. 10 His bad reign. 14 Edna vi-
fited on his death but by Jehoahaz promiseth him
CHAP. XIII, XIV. 
Elijah’s prophecy to Jothob, death, &c.

13 And Jothob leapt with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne: and Jothob was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

14 ¶ Now Elijah was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Jothob the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept upon his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

15 And Elijah said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows.

16 And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it: and Elijah put his hands upon the king’s hands.

17 And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then Elijah said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the Lord’s deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou hast consumed them.

18 And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stood still.

19 And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldst have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice.

20 ¶ And Elijah died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.

21 And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elijah: and when the man was cast down, and touched the bones of Elijah, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

22 ¶ But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

23 ¶ And the Lord was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his sight for ever as yet.

24 So Hazael king of Syria died; and Ben-hadad his son reigned in his stead.

25 And Jehoahaz the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war: and Three times did Joah beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

C H A P. XIV.

1 Amaziah’s good reign. 5 His justice in puni...
I. KINGS.

11 But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jehoah king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-hemeth, which belongeth to Judah.

12 And Judah was put to the worse before Israel; and they fled every man to their tents.

13 And Jehoah king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-hemeth, and came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraimunto the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

14 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasuries of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

15 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoah which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

16 And Jehoah slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Joeroboam his son reigned in his stead.

17 ¶ And Amaziah the son of Joah king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoah son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

18 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah.

19 Now they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: and they stoned him to death, and buried him in the city of David. And all the people of Judah took Azariah, which was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.

20 He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

21 ¶ In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joah king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joah king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty and one years.

22 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam which Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

23 He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath unto the sea of Chinneroth unto the valley of Jezreel.
Azariah’s good reign in Judah.

Before CHRIST 755.

CHAP. XV. The reign of Zachariah, Shallum, Menahem.

The plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which was of Gath-hepher.

26 For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any that shewed any kindness or pity to his people, except only the king of Assyria.

27 And the LORD said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

28 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

29 And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and Zachariah his son reigned in his stead.

1 PROPHET. His acts and death. — 2 He is smitten with leprosy: during his life his son Jotham governeth in his name, and at his death succeedeth him. — 8 Zachariah, the fourth and left king of Jotham’s race, reigneth ill, and is slain by Shallum; 13 who after a month’s reign is himself slain and succeeded by Menahem. 16 Menahem cruelly smiteth Tiphshab, which held out against him. 17 His wicked reign. 19 To secure himself on the throne be bought the alliance of Pekah king of Assyria. 21 His death: Pekah succeedeth him; 23 who after a wicked reign of two years is slain and succeeded by Pekah. 27 Pekah’s evil reign. 29 Tiglath-pileser carrieth part of Israel into captivity. 30 Heareth Jotham and succeedeth Pekah. 32 Jotham reigneth well in Judah. 36 His acts and death: Abaz succeedeth him.

In the twenty and seventh year of Jereboam king of Israel began Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign.

2 Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Jeholiah of Jerusalem.

3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done;

4 ¶ Save that the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places.

5 ¶ And the LORD smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house. And Jotham the king’s son was over the house, judging the people of the land.

6 And the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

7 So Zachariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

8 ¶ In the thirty and eighth year of Zachariah king of Judah did Zachariah the son of Jotham reign over Israel in Samaria six months.

9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

10 And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and flew him, and reigned in his stead.

11 And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

12 This was the word of the LORD which he spake unto Jehu, saying, Thy sons shall sit upon the throne of Israel unto the fourth generation, and so it came to pass.

13 ¶ Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned a month in Samaria.

14 For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and flew him, and reigned in his stead.

15 And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

16 ¶ Then Menahem smote Tiphshab, and all that were therein, and the coasts thereof from Tirzah: because they opened not to him, therefore he smote it; and all the women therein that were with child he ripped up.

17 ¶ In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel, and reigned ten years in Samaria.

18 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

19 ¶ And Pul the king of Assyria came against the land: and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand
The reigns of Pekiah, Pekah, Hoshea; II. Kings.

And Menahem died, and Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned twenty years.

And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord; for he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel sin.

And Pekah slew Tachvan, the son of tor, and his brother Gareb, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

And his mother's name was Jeruha, the daughter of Zadok.

And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord; he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

And he built the high places which were not removed: the people sacrificed and burned incense still in the high places.

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

And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead.

In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned two years.

And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam, who made Israel to sin.

And Pekahiah was very wicked; he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord.

And Pekah made war against Judah, and took the cities of Ephraim in Samaria, and killed 30,000 men who were left in Pekahiah's army.

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

In the twentieth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.

And twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

And the rest of the acts of Ahaz, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

And the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, began Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah to reign.

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

And fifteen years and twenty years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned
and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rife up against me.

8 And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria.

9 And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

10 ¶ And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and faw an altar that was at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof.

11 And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had fent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made it against king Ahaz came from Damascus.

12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the king faw the altar: and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon.

13 And he burnt his burnt offering and his meat offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, upon the altar.

14 And he brought also the brazen altar, which was before the Lord, from the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of the Lord, and put it on the north side of the altar.

15 And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meat offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his meat offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brazen altar shall be for me to enquire by.

16 Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

17 ¶ "And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and took down the sea from off the brazen oxen that were under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones.

18 And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he from the house of the Lord for the king of Assyria.

19 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XVII.

1 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began <H>Hoheana son of Elah</H> to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years.

2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.

3 ¶ Against him came up Shalmanezer king of Assyria; and Hoheam became his servant, and gave him presents.

4 And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoheam: for he had sent meffengers <H>or</H> tribute to king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

5 ¶ Then <H>the king of Assyria</H> came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years.

6 ¶ In the ninth year of Hoheam the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

7 For so it was, that the children of Israel had finned against the Lord their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods;

8 And they walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the Lord cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

9 And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the Lord their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

10 ¶ And they set them up images and <H>groves</H> in every high hill, and under every green tree:

11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as <H>did</H> the heathen whom the Lord carried away before them; and <H>Aa</H>
wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger:
12 For they served idols, * whereof the LORD had fai led unto them, * Ye shall not do this thing.
13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, + by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, + Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and what I sent to you by my servants the prophets.
14 Notwithstanding they would not hear, but + hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God.
15 And they rejected his statutes, * and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and + became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them.
16 And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and * made molten images, even two calves, * and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, * and served Baal.
17 + And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and * used divination and enchantments, and * fold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.
18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.
19 Alo + Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.
20 And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and + delivered them into the hand of spoils, until he had cast them out of his sight.
21 For he rent Israel from the house of David; and + they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drave Israel from following the LORD, and made them fin a great sin.
22 For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them.
23 Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, + as he had said by all his servants the prophets. * So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

men * from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from * Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.
25 And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, + but they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew some of them.
26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land.
27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land.
28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-El, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.
29 Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.
30 And the men * of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Aflhima,
31 * And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and A-nammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.
32 So they feared the LORD, * and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.
33 * They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.
34 Unto this day they do after the former manner: they fear not the LORD, neither do they obey their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and command ment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, * whom he named Israel,
35 With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, * Ye shall not fear other gods, nor * bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them.
36 But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and + a stretched out arm, * him shall ye
Hezekiah’s good reign.

Before CHRIST.
cir. 671.

37 And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods.

38 And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods.

39 But the Lord your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

40 Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner.

41 So these nations feared the Lord, and served their graven images, both their children, and their children’s children: as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

C H A P. XVIII.

1 Hezekiah’s good reign. 4 He abolished idolatry, and prospered. 9 In his time Samaria is taken, and Israel carried away captive for their sins. 13 Sennacherib invaded Judah, and received the appointed tribute from Hezekiah. 17 He senteth Rab-shakeh, who insults Hezekiah, 28 and in a blasphemous speech soliciteth the people to revolt.

NOW it came to pass in the third year of Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.

2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name also was Zebul, the daughter of Zechariah.

3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father did.

4 He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehuhtan.

5 He trusted in the Lord God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him.

6 For he clave to the Lord, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses.

7 And the Lord was with him: and he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.

8 He smote the Philistines, even unto Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

9 ¶ And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it.

10 And at the end of three years they took it: even in the sixth year of Hezekiah, that is the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken.

11 ¶ And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in the city of Halah and in the city of Haarasee, and in the cities of the Medes:

12 Because they obeyed not the voice of the Lord their God, but transgressed his covenant, and all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them.

13 ¶ Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

14 And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended: return from me; that which thou puttest on me will I bear.

15 And Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king’s house.

16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the Lord, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

17 ¶ And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabgalath and Rab-shakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem.

18 And when they were come up, they stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller’s field.

19 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the record, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder.

20 And Rab-shakeh said to them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus faith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?

21 Thou sayest, (but they are but vain words,) I have counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom doth thou trust that thou rebellest against me?

A a a 2
Hezekiah sendeth to Isaiah.


II. KINGS.

1 Hezekiah in deep affliction sendeth to defile Isaiah's prayers. 6 Ifaiah returneth an answer of comfort. 8 Sennacherib, being called away to oppose the king of Ethiopia, sendeth a blasphemous letter to Hezekiah. 14 Hezekiah's prayer upon the receipt of it. 20 Ifaiah's prophecy concerning the pride and overthrow of Sennacherib, and the prosperity of Zion. 35 An angel destroyeth the Assyrian army: Sennacherib is slain at Nineveh by his own sons.

21 'Now, behold, thou trustedst upon the staff of this bristled reed, even upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him.
22 But if ye say unto me, We trust in the Lord our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?
23 Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horsemen, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.
24 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the host of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?
25 Am I now come up without the Lord against this place to destroy it? The Lord said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.
26 Then said I to Hezekiah the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rab-shakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and talk not with us in the Jews' language in the ears of the people that are on the wall.
27 But Rab-shakeh fained unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink the wine of their feet?
28 Then Rab-shakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria.
29 Thus faith the king; 'Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:
30 Neither let Hezekiah make thee trust in the Lord, saying, The Lord will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.
31 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus faith the king of Assyria; 'Make an agreement with me by a present; and come out to me, and then eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern:
32 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth thee, saying, The Lord will deliver us.
33 'Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?
34 'Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and of Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand?
35 Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the Lord should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?
36 But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.
37 Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Apan the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab-shakeh.

A ND it came to pass, when king Heze- kiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord.
2 And he sent Eliakim, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.
3 And they said unto him, Thus faith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is no strength to bring forth.
4 It may be the Lord thy God will hear all the words of Rab-shakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the Lord thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that are left.
5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.
6 'And Ifaiah said unto them, Thus faith the Lord, 'shall ye say to your master, Thus faith the Lord;
Sennacherib's blasphemy.

CHAP. XIX. Isaiah prophesied his overthrow.

Before CHRIST 710.

**CHAP. XIX.**

**Isaiah prophesied his overthrow.**

**21.** This is the word that the Lord hath spoken concerning him: The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

**22.** Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel.

**23.** By thy messengers thou hast reproached the Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar trees thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, and into the forest of his Carmel.

**24.** I have dugged and drank strange waters, and with the foil of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of dryplaces.

**25.** Hast thou not heard long ago how I made it? hast thou not understood that I formed it of ancient times? that I did not say, Thou shalt not farseen, or, Thou shalt not know? hath thou not heard, and knowest it? hath it not been before thee, since the days of ancient years? have thou not known that I am the Lord? have I, and hast thou not heard of me? hath a nation been of thee for a servant, or a people for thee for a servant of thine?

**26.** Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grases of the field, and as the grass of the earth, which springeth up in the morn, and falleth again, and waxeth green.

**27.** But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.

**28.** Because thy rage is against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

**29.** And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the fame; and in the third year fow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

**30.** And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

**31.** For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the Lord of hosts shall do this.

**32.** Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.
II. KINGS.

The Babylonish captivity told of.

33 By the way that he came, by the fame shall he return, and shall not come into this city, faith the Lord.
34 For I will defend this city, to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.
35 And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the Lord went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpse.
36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.
37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

I H A P. XX.

1 Hezekiah, worn by Isaiah to prepare for death, upon his prayer is promised an addition of fifteen years to his life: 8 in confirmation whereof the shadow goeth ten degrees backward on the sundial of Ahaz. 12 Berodach-baladan sends to congratulate Hezekiah on his recovery, who ostentatiously sheweth the ambassadors his treasures. 14 Isaiah hearing this foretelleth the Babylonish captivity. 20 Hezekiah died: Manasseb succeeded him.

In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. 2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the Lord, saying, 3 I beseech thee, O Lord, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.
4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus faith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the Lord.
6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.
7 And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs, and they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.
8 ¶ And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the Lord will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the Lord the third day? 9 And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the Lord, that the Lord will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?
10 And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.
11 And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the Lord: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.
12 ¶ At that time Berodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.
13 And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.
14 ¶ Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What saw these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country, even from Babylon.
15 And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All the things that are in mine house have they seen; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.
16 And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord.
17 Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, faith the Lord.
18 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.
19 Then said Isaiah unto Hezekiah, Good is the word of the Lord which thou hast spoken. And he said, Is it not good, if peace and truth be in my days?
20 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he
CHAP. XXI.

Amon's wicked reign, and death.

11 "Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols:
12 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle.
13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, and turning it upside down.
14 And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies;
15 Because they have done that which was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.
16 Moreover Manasseh sinned innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD.
17 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
18 And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.
19 ¶ Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Methurim, the daughter of Haruz of Jothbah.
20 ¶ And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not walk in the way of his father Manasseh.
21 And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them:
22 And he forsook the LORD God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the LORD.
23 ¶ And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and slew the king in his own house.
24 And the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.
25 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the
Jehoab's good reign.

Before

CHAP. XXII.

Ioab's good reign. 3 He provided for the repair of the temple. 8 Hilkiah having found a book of the law, it is read before the king, who is alarmed, and enacts for the prophet's Huldah to enquire of the LORD. 15 Huldah prophesies the destruction of Jerusalem, but not to take place till after Joash's death.

Joash was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaliah of Bozath.

And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right or to the left.

And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Joash, that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Melhummah, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying,

Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, the which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people:

And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house.

Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD.

And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

And the king commanded Hilkiah, the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Asaiah the son of Mikeah, and Shanah the scribe, and Afahiah the porter, the servant of the king's son, saying,

13 Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Asaiah, and Shanah, and Afahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Tikvath, Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now the dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.

15 And she shut them up, and said, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you,

16 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read:

17 Because they have forsaken me, and burnt incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

18 But to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard;

19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become desolate defoliation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, faith the LORD.

20 Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Joash causeth the book to be read in a solemn
CHAP. XXIII.

The altar at Beth-el broken down.

powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people.

7 And he brake down the houseties of the sodomites, that were of the house of the LORD, where the women wove hanging things for the grove.

8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beer-sheba, and brake down the high places of the gates that were in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.

9 Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren.

10 And he deposed Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Mo-lech.

11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which was in the subturbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

12 And the altars that were on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and brake them down, and cast them down from hence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.

13 And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.

14 And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

15 Moreover the altar that was at Beth-el, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned them upon the altar,

B b
and polluted it, according to the word of the Lord which the man of God proclaimed, who spoke these words.

17 Then he said, What title is that that I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Beth-el.

18 And he said, Let him alone; let no man put his hand upon his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria.

19 ¶ And all the houses of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke the Lord to anger, Joash took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el.

20 And he let fly all the priests of the high places upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

21 ¶ And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto the Lord your God, as it is written in the book of this covenant.

22 Surely there was not holden such a passover from the days of judges, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah;

23 But in the eighteenth year of King Joash, the 15th of the second month, the passover was held to the Lord in Jerusalem.

24 ¶ Moreover the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Joash put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the Lord.

25 And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moes; neither after him arose there any like him.

26 ¶ Notwithstanding the Lord turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasheh had provoked him withal.

27 And the Lord said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.

28 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

29 ¶ In his days Pharaoh-nechoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Joash went out against him, and fought him at Megiddo, when he had seen him.

30 And he and his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Joash, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

31 ¶ Joahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

32 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done.

33 And Pharaoh-nechoh put him in bands at Riblah in the land of Hamath; that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land to a tribute of an hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

34 ¶ Pharaoh-nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and turned his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away:

35 And he came to Egypt, and died there.

36 ¶ And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it unto Pharaoh-nechoh.

37 ¶ Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Ramah.

38 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done.
Jerusalem besieged and taken.  

CHAP. XXIV, XXV. Jerusalem again besieged, and taken by form.

1 And in his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him.

2 And the Lord sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the Ammonites, of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by his servants the prophets.

3 Surely at the commandment of the Lord came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;

4 And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the Lord would not pardon.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

6 So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

7 And the king of Egypt came not again again any more out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

8 ¶ Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name was Nehusha, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father had done.

10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it.

12 ¶ And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers; and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

13 ¶ And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the Lord; as the Lord had said.

14 ¶ And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valor, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land.

15 ¶ And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those he carried into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

16 ¶ Also all the men of might, even seven thousand, and craftsmen, and smiths, all that were strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

17 ¶ And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

18 ¶ Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

19 ¶ And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

20 ¶ For through the anger of the Lord it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Jerusalem is again besieged, and taken by form: Zedekiah fleeth, is taken, his sons slain, and his own eyes put out. 8 Nebuzar-adan having burned the temple and all the palaces of Jerusalem, and broken down the walls, carried the remnant of the people, except a few laborers, to Babylon. 13 He spoileth and carrieth away the valuable things of the temple. 18 The nobles of Judah are slain at Riblah. 22 Zedekiah, with the chief people that were left, being treacherously murdered, the rest flee into Egypt. 27 Evil-merodach foreweth kindness to Jehoiachin in his captivity.

AND it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.

2 And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

3 And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

4 ¶ And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees were against the city round about:) and the king went the way toward the plain.
The temple and palaces of Jerusalem burned. II. KINGS.

And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.

So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him.

And their fowls of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

And the king of Babylon was carried away out of their land.

And Nebuzar-adan captain of the guard took the king of Babylon to Riblah; and the king of Babylon found them in the land of Hamath.

So Judah was carried away out of their land.

And after the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.

And when all the captains of the armies, and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nathaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of Maachathite, and their men.

And Gedaliah sware to them, and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you.

But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nathaniah, the son of Eliashib, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah.

And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldees.

And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seventh and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison;

And he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon;

And changed his prison garments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life.

And his allowance was a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.
The First Book of the CHRONICLES.

CHAP. I.

1 Adam's line to Noah and his sons. 5 The sons of Japheth. 8 The sons of Ham. 17 The sons of Shem. 24 Shem's line to Abram and his sons. 29 Ishmael's sons. 32 The sons of Keturah. 34 The posterity of Abraham by Esau. 38 The sons of Seir. 43 The kings of Edom. 51 The dukes of Edom.

A

DAM, * Sheth, Enoth,
2 Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered,
3 Henoch, Methuselah, Lamech,
4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
5 * The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and
Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tu-
bal, and Meshech, and Tiras.
6 And the sons of Gomer: Ashchenaz, and
Riphath, and Togarmah.
7 And the sons of Javan: Elislah, and
Tarshish, Kittim, and Dedan.
8 * The sons of Ham: Cush, and Miz-
raim, Put, and Canaan.
9 And the sons of Cush: Seba, and Ha-
vilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabe-
cha. And the sons of Raamah: Sheba, and
Dedan.
10 And Cush * begat Nimrod: he began
to be mighty upon the earth.
11 And Mizram begat Ludim, and Ana-
mim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,
12 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (of
whom came the Philistines,) and * Capth-
thorim.
13 And * Canaan begat Zidon his first-
born, and Heth,
14 The Jebusite also, and the Amorite,
and the Girshite,
15 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and
the Sinite,
16 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite,
and the Hamathite.
17 * The sons of Shem: Elam, and
Ashur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and
Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and
Meluhha.
18 And Arphaxad begat Shelah, and
Shelah begat Eber.
19 And unto Eber were born two sons:
the name of the one was Peleg; because
in his days the earth was divided: and his
brother's name was Joktan.

20 And * Joktan begat Almodad, and
Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,
21 Hadoram allo, and Uzal, and Diklah,
22 And Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba,
23 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab.
All these were the sons of Joktan.
24 * Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,
25 * Eber, Peleg, Reu,
13 ¶ And Jeﬀe begat his ﬁrstborn Eliaab, and Abinadab the second, and || Shamma the third.
14 Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the ﬁfth, || Zeruiah, and Abigail.
15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh: and the sons of Zeruiah were Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel. These three were chief princes.
16 And Abishai was the elder of Amasa: and the father of Amasa was Abigail the daughter of Talmai, the daughter of Nahor.
17 And Caleb the son of Hezron begat children of Azubah his wife, and of Jerioth: her sons were the same: and Judah, and Shobab, and Ardon.
18 And when Azubah was dead, Caleb took unto him Ephrath, which bare him Hur.
19 And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezaleel.


These are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun, Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

3. The sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah: where three were born unto him of the daughter of Shua the Canaanitess. And Er, the ﬁrstborn of Judah, was evil in the sight of the Lord; and he died.

4. And Tamar his daughter in law bare him Pharez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were seven.

5. The sons of Pharez: Hezron, and Hamul.

6. And the sons of Zerah: Jeﬀe? And Tamar, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara: five of them in all.

7. And the sons of Carmi: Achar, the troubler of Israel, who trespassed in the thing accursed.

8. And the sons of Ethan: Azariah.

9. The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him: Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai.

10. And Ram begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon, prince of the children of Judah;
The posterity of Shem, Caleb, &c.

CHAP. III. The sons of David: his line to Zedekiah.

'Kenites that came of Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.

CHAP. III.

1. The sons of David: his line to Zedekiah.

17. The successors of Jeconiah.

Now these were the sons of David, which were born unto him in Hebron; the firstborn Amnon, of Ahinoam; and the second Absalom, of Abigail the Carmelites;

2. The third, Adonijah the daughter of Talmai king of Gezur; the fourth, Adonijah the son of Hagith;

3. The fifth, Shephatiah of Abital: the sixth, Isthraym of Ethel his wife.

4. These six were born unto him in Hebron; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years.

5. And these were born unto him in Jerusalem; Sheba, and Shobab, and Or, and Hemam, and Abi-ad, and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet.

6. Ibhar also, and Eliphaam, and Eliphelet,

7. And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

8. And Eliahou, and Eliahud, and Elishama, and Eliphelet, and nine.

9. These were all the sons of David; beside the concubines, and Tamar their father.

10. And Solomon's son was Reoboam, Abia his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,

11. Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son,

12. Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Joatham his son,

13. Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son.

14. Amon his son, Josiah his son.

15. And the sons of Josiah were the firstborn Johanan, the second Jehokim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.

16. And the sons of Jehokim: Jehoiada his son, Zedekiah his son.

17. And the sons of Jehoiada: Amariah his son, Zichri his son.

18. Machir his son, and Pedaiah, and Shezariah, and Jehozadak, and Hoah, and Nedabiah.

19. And the sons of Pedaiah were Zerubbabel, and Shimei; and the sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith their father.

20. And Hahubiah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Jadahiah, Juthah-hefud, five.

21. And the sons of Hananiah: Pelatiah, and Jediaiah: the sons of Rephaiah, the
I. CHRONICLES. The posterity and cities of Simeon.

13 And the sons of Kenaz; Othniel, and Seraiah: and the sons of Othniel; Hathath.

14 And Meonothai begat Ophrah: and Seraiah begat Job, the father of the valley of Charashim; for they were craftsmen.

15 And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Naam: and the sons of Elah, even Kenaz.

16 And the sons of Jehaleel; Ziph, and Ziphah, Titra, and Aaril.

17 And the sons of Ezra were, Jether, and Mered, and Epher, and Jalon: and the bare Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbosheth the father of Eshtemoa.

18 And his wife Judaijah bare Jeraiah the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these are the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, which Mered took.

19 And the sons of bisi wife Hodiah the father of Nahum, the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite.

20 And the sons of Shimron were, Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishvi were, Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth.

21 ¶ These are the sons of Shalah the son of Judah, the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Marelah, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ashbea.

22 And Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had the dominion in Moab, and Jeshubihemath. And these are ancient things.

23 These were the potters, and those that dwelt among plants and hedges: there they dwelt with the king for his work.

24 ¶ The sons of Simeon were, Nemuel, and Jamin, and Jarib, Zerah, and Shaul:

25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son.

26 And the sons of Mishma were, Hamuel his son, Zaccur his son, Shimei his son.

27 And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all his family multiply, like to the children of Judah.

28 And they dwelt at Beer-sheba, and Mibladen, and Hazar-shual,

29 And at Bethuel, and at Ezem, and at Tolad,

30 And at Bethuel, and at Horamah, and at Ziklag,

31 And at Beth-marcah, and at Hazarsufim, and at Beth-bireh, and at Shaaraim.

32 And their cities unto the reign of David.
The line of Reuben.

CHAP. V. The chief men of Gad; their habitations.

The sons of Joel; Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son,
5 Micah his son, Reia his son, Baal his son,
6 Beerah his son, whom Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria carried away captive: he was prince of the Reubenites.
7 And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned, were the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah.
8 And Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Sem, the son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, even unto Nebo and Baal-meon:
9 And eastward he inhabited unto the entering in of the wilderness from the river Euphrates: because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead.
10 And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand: and they dwelt in their tents throughout all the east land of Gilead.
11 And the children of Gad dwelt over against them, in the land of Bashan unto Salchah:
12 Joel the chief, and Shaphan the next, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan.
13 And their brethren of the house of their fathers were, Michael, and Mesulam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, seven.
14 These are the children of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroab, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeziel, the son of Jadd, the son of Boz.
15 Ahie the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of the house of their fathers.
16 And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in her towns, and in all the suburbs of Sharon, upon their borders.
17 All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.
18 The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh: their genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright.

The sons, Ithay, of Reuben the firstborn of Israel were, Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

And all their villages that were round about the same cities, unto Baal. These were their habitations, and their genealogy.

33 And Mechoab, and Jamlech, and Joah the son of Amaziah;
34 And Joel, and Jehu the son of Jothiab, the son of Seriah, the son of Aiel,
35 And Elionai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiab, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jehiel, and Benaiah;
36 And Ziza the son of Shihem, the son of Shemariah:
37 1 And these mentioned by their names were princes in their families: and the house of their fathers increased greatly.
38 ¶ And they went to the entrance of Gedor, even unto the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.
39 ¶ And they found fat pasture and good, and the land was wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for they of Ham had dwelt there of old.
40 ¶ And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and all their habitations that were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their rooms: because there was pasture there for their flocks.
41 And some of these, even of the sons of Simon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uziel, the sons of Hibi.
42 And they smote the rest of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there unto this day.

CHAP. V.

1 The line of Reuben (whosoever his birthright unto the captivity, and their conquest of the Hagarites.
2 The chief men of Gad, and their habitations.
3 The number of the men of war of the sons of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh: their genealogy is not reckoned after the birthright.
4 For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's:
5 The sons, Ithay, of Reuben the firstborn of Israel were, Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.
The sons of Levi: the line of Eleazar. I. CHRONICLES. The sons of Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.

21 And they took away their cattle; of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of men an hundred thousand.

22 For there fell down many slain, because the war was of God. And they dwelt in their tents until the Captivity.

23 ¶ And the children of the half tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land: they increased from Bashan unto Baal-hermon and Senir, and unto mount Hermon.

24 And these were the heads of the house of their fathers, even Ephrai, and Ithi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremia, and Hodaviah, and Jahziel, mighty men of valour, famous men, and heads of the house of their fathers.

25 ¶ And they threshed against the God of their fathers; and went a whoring after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before them.

26 And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Ziphah, the king of the Amorites, and the spirit of Zelath-philena of the king of the Amorites, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day.

C H A P. VI.

1 The sons of Levi. 4 The line of Eleazar down to the captivity. 16 The families of the Levites. 20 The sons of Gershom; 22 of Kohath; 29 and of Merari. 31 The fingers appointed by David. 49 The office of Aaron and his sons; Aaron's line to Abiamas. 54 The cities of the priests and Levites.


2 And the sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

3 And the children of Amram; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. The sons also of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

4 ¶ Eleazar begat Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abihu, 5 And Abihu begat Bukki, and Bukki beget Uzzi, 6 And Uzzi begat Zerahiah, and Zerahiah begat Meroth, 7 Meroth begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,

8 And Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Ahimaaz, 9 And Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah begat Johanan, 10 And Johanan begat Azariah, (he it is that executed the priest's office in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem.)

11 And Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,

12 And Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Shallum,

13 And Shallum begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begat Azariah,

14 And Azariah begat Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Jehozadak,

15 And Jehozadak went into captivity, when the Lord carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

16 ¶ The sons of Levi; * 1 Gerhion, Kohath, and Merari.

17 And these be the names of the sons of Gerhion; Libni, and Shimei.

18 And the sons of Kohath were, Amram, and Ithar, and Hebron, and Uzzie, 19 And the sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. And these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers.

20 ¶ Of Gerhion; Libni his son, Jahath his son, * Zimmah his son, 21 ¶ Joah his son, * Iddo his son, Zerah his son, * Jeatar his son.

22 ¶ The sons of Kohath; * Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Affir his son, 23 Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Affir his son,

24 Tahath his son, * Uriel his son, Uzziel his son, and Shaul his son.

25 And the sons of Elkanah; * Amasai, and Ahimoth.

26 At for Elkanah: the sons of Elkanah; * Zophai his son, and * Nahath his son, 27 ¶ Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son.

28 And the sons of Samuel; the first-born * Vahni, and Abia.

29 ¶ The sons of Merari; Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzza his son, 30 Shimhi his son, Haggiah his son, Afaiah his son.

31 ¶ And these are they whom David set over the service of fince in the house of the Lord, after that the Ark had rested.

32 And they minished before the dwelling-place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Solomon had built the house of the Lord in Jerusalem: and then they waited on their office according to their order.

33 And these are they that waited with their children. Of the sons of the Kohathites; Heman a finger, the son of Joel, the son of Shemuel.

34 The son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of * Toah, 35 The son of * Zuph, the son of Elka-
The office of Aaron and his sons.

The cities of the priests and Levites.

58 And if Hilen with her suburbs, Debir with her suburbs,
59 And if Ithna with her suburbs, and Beth-hemeth with her suburbs:
60 And out of the tribe of Benjamin; Geba with her suburbs, and
61 And unto the sons of Kohath, which were left of the family of that tribe, were cities given out of the half tribe, namely, out of the half tribe of Manasseh, by lot, ten cities.
62 And to the sons of Gerhom throughout their families out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.
63 Unto the sons of Merari were given by lot, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.
64 And the children of Israel gave to the Levites these cities with their suburbs.
65 And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities, which are called by their names.
66 And the residue of the families of the sons of Kohah had cities of their coasts out of the tribe of Ephraim.
67 And they gave unto them, of the cities of refuge, Shechem in mount Ephraim with her suburbs; they gave also Gezer with her suburbs,
68 And Jokmeam with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs,
69 And Aijalon with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs:
70 And out of the half tribe of Manasseh; Aner with her suburbs, and Bileam with her suburbs, for the family of the remnant of the sons of Kohah.
71 Unto the sons of Gerhοm were given out of the family of the half tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, and Ashtaroth with her suburbs:
72 And out of the tribe of Issachar; Kedesh with her suburbs, Daberath with her suburbs,
73 And Ramoth with her suburbs, and Anem with her suburbs:
74 And out of the tribe of Asher; Mahal with her suburbs, and Abdon with her suburbs,
The sons of Issachar, Benjamin,

I. CHRONICLES.

75 And Hukok with her suburbs, and

76 And out of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Hammon with her suburbs, and Kirjathaim with her suburbs.

77 Unto the rest of the children of Merari were given out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon with her suburbs, Tabor with her suburbs.

78 And on the other side Jordan, Jericho, on the east side of Jordan, were given out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with her suburbs, and Jahzah with her suburbs.

79 Kedemoth also with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs.

80 And out of the tribe of Gad; Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, and Mahanaim with her suburbs,

81 And Heshbon with her suburbs, and Jazer with her suburbs.

C H A P. VII.

1 The sons of Issachar. 6 The sons of Benjamin.

13 of Naphtali. 14 of Manassah.

20 The sons of Ephraim, who were slain by the men of Gath. 23 The subsequent posterity of Ephraim by Beriah. 28 Their habitations. 30 The sons of Asher.

NOW the sons of Issachar were, Tola, and Puham, and Jashub, and Shimron, four.

2 And the sons of Tola; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's house, to wit, of Tola: they were valiant men of might in their generations; whose number was in the days of David two and twenty thousand and six hundred.

3 And the sons of Uzzi; Izrahiah: and the sons of Izrahiah; Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah, five: all of them chief men.

4 And with them, by their generations, after the house of their fathers, were bands of soldiers for war, six and thirty thousand men: for they had many wives and sons.

5 And their brethren among all the families of Issachar were valiant men of might, reckoned in all by their genealogies fourcore and seven thousand.

6 The sons of Benjamin; Bela, and Becher, and Jediael, three.

7 And the sons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uziel, and Jeremoth, and Ishi, heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valour; and were reckoned by their genealogies twenty and two thousand and thirty and four.

8 And the sons of Becher; Zemira, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jeremoth, and Abia, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All these are the sons of Becher.

9 And the number of them, after their genealogy by their generations, heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valour, was twenty thousand and two hundred.

10 The sons also of Jedeaıl; Bilham; and the sons of Bilham; Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharshish, and Ahiahah.

11 All these the sons of Jedeaıl, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valour, were seventeen thousand and two hundred soldiers, fit to go out for war and battle.

12 Shupham also, and Huppim, the children of [I]., and Hushim, the sons of [A].

13 ¶ The sons of Naphtali; Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem, the sons of Bilham.

14 ¶ The sons of Manassah; Ahriel, whom the bare: but his concubine the Aramite's bare Machir the father of Gilead:

15 And Machir took to wife the daughter of Hepher of the house of Shibri; and the name of the female was Maachah; and the name of the second was Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters.

16 And Maachah the wife of Machir bare a son, and she called his name Peresh; and the name of his brother was Sheresh; and his sons were Ulam and Rakam.

17 And the sons of Ulam; Bedan.

18 And the sons of Gilead; the son of Machir, the son of Manassah.

19 And his sire Hammoleketh bare Tidoh, and Abiezer, and Mahalah.

20 And the sons of Shemidah were, Ahiah, and Shechem, and Lihi, and Aniam.

21 And the sons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eladah his son, and Tahath his son,

22 And Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath gat were born in that land flew, because they came down to take away their cattle.

23 And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him.

24 And when he went in to his wife, the conceived, and bare a son, and he called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house.

25 And Rephah his son, also Resheph, and Tellah his son, and Tahan his son,
The sons and chief men of Benjamin.

26 Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, Eliphama his son, 8 And Shaharaim begat children in the country of Moab, after he had sent them away; Hushim and Baara were his wives.

27 Gilgal his son, Jehoshuah his son, and eastward 'Naaran, and westward Gezer, with the + towns thereof; Shechem also and the towns thereof, unto Gaza and the towns thereof;

28 And their possession and habitations were, Beth-el and the towns thereof, and 'Ophrah; and the children of Joseph the town of Israel.

29 And by the borders of the children of Manasseh, Beth-hean and her towns, Taanach and her towns, Megiddo and her towns, Dor and her towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the sons of Israel.

The sons of Asher: Imnah, and Ishuah, and Ishai, and Beriah, and Serah their father.

30 And the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel, who is the father of Birzavith.

31 And Heber begat Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their father.

32 And the sons of Japhlet; Paachah, and Bimhal, and Ahavah. These are the children of Japhlet.

33 And the sons of Shomer; Ahi, and Rogah, Jehubbah, and Arom.

34 And the sons of his brother Helam; Zophah, and Immah, and Sheelah, and Amal.

35 And the sons of Zophah; Suah, and Haran, and Harsha, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah.

36 And the sons of Shual; Lea, and Lul, and近, and Shabla, and Malal, and Haguen.

37 And the sons of Ahi; Shushai, and Ahra, and Malchiel, and Haguen, and Hege.

38 And the sons of Jether; Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara.

39 And the sons of Ulla; Arah, and Haniel, and Rezia.

40 All these were the children of Apher, heads of their father's house, choice and mighty men of valour, chief of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were apt to the war and to battle were twenty and six thousand men.

The stock of Saul and Jonathan.

NOW Benjamin begat Bela his first-born, Apher the second, and Aharah the third.

2 Noahah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

3 And the sons of Bela were, Addar, and Gera, and Abihud, and Abihu.

4 And Abihua, and Naaman, and Ahoah, and Zera, and the sons of Gera were, Ithran, and Eder, and Jeziel.

5 And Gera, and the sons of Shephuphan, and Huram.

6 And these are the sons of Euhod: these are the heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Geba, and they removed them to Manahath:

7 And Naaman, and Ahiah, and Gera, he removed them, and begat Uzza, and Ahihud.

8 And Shaharaim begat children in the country of Moab, after he had sent them away; Hushim and Baara were his wives.

9 And he begat of Hodeb his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Meha, and Malcham, and Jeiel, and Shachia, and Shermaim, These were his sons, heads of the fathers.

11 And of Hushim he begat Abi tub, and Elpaal.

12 The sons of Elpaal; Eber, and Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono, and Lod, with the towns thereof:

13 Beriah also, and Shema, who were heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who drove away the inhabitants of Gath.

14 And Ahio, and Shashak, and Jeremoth.

15 And Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader.

16 And Michael, and Ifnah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah.

17 And Zebadiah, and Mecheila, and Hezekiah, and Heber.

18 Ishmerai also, and Jezrahel, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal.

19 And Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi.

20 And Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliezer.

21 And Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the sons of Shimhi.

22 And Ishpan, and Heber, and Eliphelet.

23 And Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan, and Hananiah, and Elam, and Anthothijah.

24 And Ishpah, and Japhlet, and Jeremoth.

25 And Japhleth, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak.

26 And Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athalath.

27 And Jaresai, and Eliah, and Zichri, the sons of Jeroham.

28 These were heads of the fathers, by their generations, chief men. These dwelt in Jerusalem.

29 And at Gibeah dwelt the father of Gibeah; whole + wife's name was Mahanaim:

30 And his firstborn son Abdon, and Zerur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab.

31 And Godar, and Ahio, and the father of Zacher.

32 And Mikloth begat Shimshai. And these also dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over against them.

33 And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Eliab.

34 And the son of Jonathan was Meribbaal; and Meribbaal begat Micah.

35 And the sons of Micah were, Pithon, and Melech, and Taera, and Ahaz.
I. CHRONICLES. after their return from the captivity.

36 And Ahaz begat Jehoodah; and Jehoodah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza, and Moza begat Bines: Rapha was his son, Eleaiah his son, Azel his son: 38 And Azel had six sons, whose names are these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel. 39 And the sons of Ebed his brother were, Ulam his firstborn, Jehush the second, and Eliphelet the third. 40 And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valor, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, an hundred and fifty. All these are of the sons of Benjamin.

1 Concerning the original registers of the genealogies of Israel and Judah. 2 The distribution of those who returned to their possessions after the captivity. 3 The Israelites who inhabited Jerusalem on their return, 10 and the priests, 14 and Levites who resided there, attending upon their several charges. 35 The flock of Saul and Jonathan.

So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies; and, behold, they were written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah, who were carried away to Babylon for their transgression.

4 And in Jerusalem dwelt the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim, and of Manasseh.

5 And of the house of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the children of Pharez the son of Judah. 6 And of the Shilonites; Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons.

7 And of the sons of Zerah; Jeuel, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety.

8 And of the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Melehelm, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hafunah, 9 And Ibiaaiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzai, the son of Michri, and Melehelm the son of Shephahiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah.

10 And their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and fix. All these men were chief of the fathers in the house of their fathers.

11 And of the priests; Jediah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin,

12 And Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Melehelm, the son of Zadok, the son of Merioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God; 13 And Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pailur, the son of Malchiniah, and Maasiai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Melehelm, the son of Mibhelemith, the son of Immer.

14 And their brethren, heads of the house of their fathers, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore; very able men for the work of the house of God.

15 And of the Levites; Shemaiyah the son of Hasiph, the son of Azrikam, the son of Haflahab, the son of Merari; 16 And Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Alaph. 16 And Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Afah, the son of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages of Netophathites.

17 And the porters were, Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren: Shallum was the chief; 18 Who hitherto waited in the king's gate eastward: they were porters in the companies of the children of Levi.

19 And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, of the house of his father, the Kohathites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle: and their fathers, being over the host of the LORD, were keepers of the entry.

20 And Phinhas the son of Eleazar Numb was the ruler over them in time past, and the LORD was with him. 21 And Zechariah the son of Mehelamiah was porter of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 All these which were chosen were to be porters in the gates were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer did ordain in their service.

23 So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD, namely, the house of the tabernacle, by wards.

24 In four quarters were the porters, toward the eart, west, north, and south.

25 And their brethren, which were in their villages, were to come after seven days from time to time with them.

26 For these Levites, the four chief porters, were in their office, and were over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God.
The charge of certain of the Levites. CHAP. X, XI.

13 Saul's overthrow and death. Before CHRIST 1056.

NOW the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul.

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

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

5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died.

6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and all his house died together.

7 And when all the men of Israel that were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the flain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

9 And when they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry tidings unto their idols, and to the people.

10 ¶ And they put his armour in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.

11 ¶ And when all Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul.

12 They arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

13 ¶ So Saul died for his transgression, which he committed against the Lord:

14 And enquired not of the Lord: therefore he flew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.
David made king over Israel at Hebron. I. CHRONICLES. A catalogue of David's mighty men.

15 Now three of the thirty captains went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines encamped in the valley of Rephaim.

16 And David was then in the hold, and the Philistines' garrison was then at Beth-lehem.

17 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, that is at the gate!

18 And the three brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David; but David would not drink of it, but poured it out to the Lord.

19 And said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with the jeopardy of their lives they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mightie.

20 And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three: for lifting up his spear against three hundred, he slew them, and had a name among the three.

21 Of the three, he was more honourable than the two; for he was their captain: howbeit he attained not to the first three.

22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done many acts; he slew two lionlike men of Moab: also he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day.

23 And he slew an Egyptian: a man of great stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and drew him with his own spear.

24 These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had a name among the three mighties.

25 Behold, he was honourable among the thirty, but attained not to the first three: and David set him over his guard.

26 Alfo the valiant men of the armies were, Ahasuer the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem,

27 Shammah the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite,

28 Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abi-ezer the Antothite,

29 Sibbecai the Hushathite, Elia the Ahoite,
The companies that came

CHAP. XII.

Before CHRIST cir. 1056.

To David at Ziklag.

5 Eluzai, and Jeremoth, and Bealiah, and

Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite,

6 Elkannah, and Jefiah, and Azareel,

and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korhites,

7 And Joelah, and Zedebiah, the sons

of Jeroham of Gedor.

8 And of the Gadites there separated

themsevles unto David into the hold to

the wilderness men of might, and men

of war fit for the battle, that could han-

dle shield and buckler, whose faces wore

the faces of lions, and were swift as the

roes upon the mountains;

9 Ezer the first, Obadiah the second,

Eliah the third,

10 Mibsamah the fourth, Jeremiah

the fifth,

11 Attai the sixth, Eliezer the seventh,

12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the

ninth,

13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the

eleventh.

14 These were the sons of Gad, cap-
tains of the hof: one of the least was

over an hundred, and the greatest over

a thousand.

15 These are they that went over Jordan

in the first month, when it had overflowed

all his banks; and they put to flight all

them of the valleys, both toward the east,

toward the west.

16 And there came of the children of

Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto

David.

And David went out to meet them,

and answered and said unto them, If ye be

come peaceably unto me to help me, mine

heart shall be knit unto you: but if ye be

come to betray me to mine enemies, seeing

there is no wrong in mine hands, the God

of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it.

17 Then + the spirit came upon Amasa,

who was chief of the captains, and said

Thine are we, David, and on thy side, thou

son of Jesse: peace, peace be unto thee, and

peace be to thine helpers; for the Lord helpeth

thee. And then David received them,

and made them captains of the band.

19 And there fell some of Manafeh to

David, when he came with the Philis-
tines against Saul to battle: but they help-
ed them not: for the lords of the Philis-
tines upon advisement sent him away, say-

18 ing, + He will fall to his matter Saul

to the jeopardy of our heads.

20 As he went to Ziklag, there fell to

him of Manafeh, Adnah, and Jozabad,

and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad,

and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of the

thousands that were of Manafeh.

D d
The armed men that came to David to Hebron. I. CHRONICLES. The ark fetched from Kirjath-jearim.

21 And they helped David against the mighty men of valour, and were captains in the host.
22 For at that time day by day there came to David to help him, until it was a great host, like the host of the Lord.
23 ¶ And these are the numbers of the bands that were ready armed to the war, and came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the Lord.
24 The children of Judah that bare shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, ready for the war.
25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, seven thousand and one hundred.
26 Of the children of Levi four thousand and six hundred.
27 And Jehoiada was the leader of the Aaronites, and with him were three thousand and seven hundred.
28 And Zadok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his father's house twenty and two captains.
29 And of the children of Benjamin, the kindred of Saul, three thousand: for hitherto the greatest part of them had kept the ward of the house of Saul.
30 And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, famous throughout the house of their fathers.
31 And of the half tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, which were by name, to come and make David king.
32 And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.
33 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king.
34 And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them.
35 Moreover they that were nigh them, even unto Ifachar and Zebulun and Naphath-tali, brought bread on ass es, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, and meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for there was joy in Israel.

CHAP. XIII.
1 David fetched the ark with great solemnity from Kirjath-jearim. 9 Uzza being smitten, the ark is left at the house of Obed-edom.

AND David confessed with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader.
2 And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, If it seem good unto you, and that it be of the Lord our God; let us send abroad unto our brethren every where, that are left in all the land of Israel, and with them also to the priests and Levites which are in their cities and suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us:
3 And let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we enquired not at it in the days of Saul.
4 And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.
5 So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the river of Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim.
6 And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, that is, to Kirjath-jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the Lord, that dwelleth between the cherubims, whose name is called on it.
7 And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drave the cart.
8 ¶ And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.
9 ¶ And when they came unto the threshingfloor of Jachin, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled.
10 And the anger of the Lord was kind
David's two victories over the Philistines. CHAP. XIV, XV. He prepared to bring up the ark to Zion.

12 And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire.

13 And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley.

14 Therefore David enquired of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

15 And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a found of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.

16 David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer.

17 And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the Lord brought the fear of him upon all nations.

C H A P. XV.

1 David, having prepared a place for the ark, ordered the priests and Levites to bring it from the house of Obed-edom. 25 The solemnity is attended by David and all Israel with great demonstrations of joy. 29 Michal despised David for dancing before the ark.

AND David made him houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent.

2 Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for they haveth the Lord chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever.

3 And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the Lord unto his place, which he had prepared for it.

4 And David assembled the children of Aaron, and the Levites:

5 Of the sons of Kohath; Uriel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twenty:

6 Of the sons of Merari; Aphiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty:

7 Of the sons of Gerzom; Joel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and thirty:

8 Of the sons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred:

9 Of the sons of Hebron; Eliel the chief, and his brethren four hundred:

10 Of the sons of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twelve.

11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Aphiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab,

12 And said unto them, Ye are the chief
The ark brought from Obed-edom’s house. I. CHRONICLES.

David’s festival sacrifice.

of the fathers of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the Lord God of Israel unto the place that I have prepared for it.

13 For because ye did it not at the first, the Lord our God made a breach upon us, for that we fought him not after the due order.

14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the Lord God of Israel.

15 And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the Lord.

16 And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries, and harps, and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Aaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah;

18 And with them their brethren of the second degree, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipeleth, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the porters.

19 So the singers, Heman, Aaph, and Ethan, were appointed to found with cymbals of brafs;

20 And Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries on Alamoth;

21 And Mattithiah, and Elipeleth, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps on the Sheminith to excel.

22 And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was instructed about the song, because he was skilful.

23 And Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark.

24 And Shebaniah, and Jehohaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark.

25 ¶ So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the house of Obed-edom with joy.

26 And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams.

27 And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: So, David also had upon him an ephod of linen.

28 ¶ Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.

29 ¶ And it came to pass, as the ark of the Lord came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart.

C H A P. XVI.

1 David’s festival sacrifice, and liberality to the people. 4 He appointed a band ofingers and music to praise the Lord. 7 The psalm of thanksgiving. 37 He appointed minstrels, porters, priests, and musicians, to attend continually on the ark.

So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God.

2 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord.

3 And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine.

4 ¶ And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, and to record, and to thank and praise the Lord God of Israel:

5 And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was instructed about the song, because he was skilful.

6 And Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark.

7 And Shebaniah, and Jehohaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark.

8 ¶ So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the house of Obed-edom with joy.

9 And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams.

10 And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: So, David also had upon him an ephod of linen.

11 ¶ Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.
His psalm of thanksgiving.

10 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.
11 Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually.
12 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;
13 O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
14 He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
15 Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word which he commanded to a thousand generations;
16 Even of the covenant which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac;
17 And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant,
18 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, + the lot of your inheritance;
19 When ye were but few, + even a few, and strangers in it.
20 And when they went from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people;
21 He suffered no man to do them wrong:
22 Yea, he reproved kings for their sakes,
23 Singing, + Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.
24 Declare his glory among the heathen, his marvellous works among all nations.
25 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods.
26 For all the gods of the people are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.
27 Glory and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place.
28 Give unto the Lord, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.
29 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
30 Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.
31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The Lord reigneth.
32 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein.
33 Then shall the trees of the wood flourish at the presence of the Lord, because he cometh to judge the earth.

CHAP. XVII.

1 O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.
2 And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise.
3 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praised the Lord.

SO he left there before the ark of the covenant of the Lord Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required:
38 And Obed-edom with their brethren, three hundred and eighty; Obed-edom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be porters:
39 And Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the Lord in the high place that was at Gibeon,
40 To offer burnt offerings unto the Lord upon the altar of the burnt offering continually, + morning and evening, and to do according to all that is written in the law of the Lord, which he commanded Israel;
41 And with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the Lord, + because his mercy endureth for ever;
42 And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun were + porters.
43 And all the people departed every man to his house: and David returned to blest his house.

CHAP. XVII.

Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the Lord remained under curtains.
2 Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in thine heart; for God is with thee.
3 ¶ And it came to pass at the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,
4 Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith the Lord, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in:
God's promise to David and his house. I. CHRONICLES. David's prayer and thanksgiving.

5 For I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another.

6 Wherefore I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me an house of cedars?

7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus faith the Lord of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, even from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel:

8 And I have been with thee whithersoever thou haft walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that are in the earth.

9 Also I will set up a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning,

10 And since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore I tell thee that the Lord will build thee an house.

11 || And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

12 He shall build me an house, and I will establish his throne for ever.

13 And he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee:

14 But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore.

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

16 ¶ And David the king came and sat before the Lord, and said, Who am I, O Lord God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hither?

17 And yet this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast also spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O Lord God.

18 What can David speak more to thee for the honour of thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant.

19 O Lord, for thy servant's sake, and according to thine own heart, haft thou done all this greatness, in making known all these great things.

20 O Lord, there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

21 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem to be his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt?

22 For thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, Lord, becamest their God.

23 Therefore now, Lord, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant and concerning his house be established for ever, and do as thou hast said.

24 Let it even be established, that thy name may be magnified for ever, saying, The Lord of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel: and let the house of David thy servant be established before thee.

25 For thou, O my God, hast told thy servant that thou wilt build him an house: therefore thy servant hath found in his heart to pray before thee.

26 And now, Lord, thou art God, and hast promised this goodnes unto thy servant:

27 Now therefore || let it please thee to blest the house of thy servant, that it may be before thee for ever: for thou blestest, O Lord, and it shall be blessed for ever.

A. C. H. P. XVIII.

1 David smote the Philistines, and madest the Moabites tributary. 3 He smote Hadravzer and the Syrians. 9 Thou king of Hamath sendest his son with presents to blest David; who dedicatest the presents, and the spoil which be had taken, to God. 13 He puttest garrisons in Edom. 14 His good reign; a lift of his principal officers.

NOW after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts.

3 ¶ And David smote || Hadravzer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to stablish his dominion by the river Euphrates.

4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: David also houghed all the chariot borsters, but referred of them an hundred chariots,
David's victories: his officers.

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

6 Then David put garrisons in Syria-damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, and brought gifts. Thus the Lord preferred David whithersoever he went.

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

8 Likewise from Tibhath, and from Chun, cities of Hadadezer, brought David very much brass, wherewith Solomon made the brazen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass.

9 ¶ Now when Tou king of Hamath heard how David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer king of Zobah;

10 He sent Hadoram his son to King David, to enquire of his welfare, and to consult with him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him; (for Hadadezer had had war with Tou;) and with him all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass.

11 Them also king David dedicated unto the Lord, with the silver and the gold that he brought from all these nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

12 Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites in the valley of salt eighteen thousand.

13 ¶ And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus the Lord preferred David whithersoever he went.

14 ¶ So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice among all his people.

15 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehohifaphat the son of Ahilud, recorder.

16 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abihaltar, were the priests; and Shavsha was scribe;

17 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David were chief about the king.

CHAP. XIX.

1 David's ambassadors, sent to comfort Hanun for his father's death, are disgracefully treated.

2 And David said, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him.

3 But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee for to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land?

4 Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the midst hard by their buttocks, and sent them away.

5 Then there went certain, and told David how the men wereferved. And he sent to meet them: for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.

6 ¶ And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Moab, and out of Syria-machah, and out of Zobah.

7 So they hired thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah, and his people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle.

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

9 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array before the gate of the city: and the kings that were come were by themselves in the field.

10 Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the choice of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians.

11 And the rest of the people he delivered unto the hand of Abishai his brother, and they set themselves in array against the children of Ammon.

12 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will help thee.
Rabbah is taken and spoiled.

1. Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the Lord do that which is good in his sight.

2. So Joab and the people that were with him drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battle; and they fled before him.

3. And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

4. ¶ And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that were beyond the river: and Solomon the captain of the host of Hadarezer went before them.

5. And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel, and passed over Jordan, and came upon them, and let the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him.

6. But the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand men which fought in chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host.

7. And when the servants of Hadarezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and became his servants: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

CHAP. XX.

1. Rabbah is taken and spoiled, and the people thereof tortured. 2. Three giants slain by David’s servants in three several battles with the Philistines.

AND it came to pass, that after the year was expired, at the time that kings go out to battle, Joab led forth the power of the army, and waited the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it.

2. And David took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious stones in it; and it was set upon David’s head; and he brought also exceeding much spoil out of the city.

3. And he brought out the people that were in it, and cut them with faws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

4. ¶ And it came to pass after this, that there was war at Gezer with the Philistines; at which time Eliphelet the son of Sippai, sibboth of the children of the giant: and they were subdued.

5. And there was war against the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Dac fair of Lachmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff was like a weaver’s beam.

6. And yet again there was war at Gath, where was a giant of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, and who fixed on each hand, and on each foot: and he also was a giant of the giant.

7. But when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea David’s brother slew him.

8. There were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

CHAP. XXI.

1. David tempted by Satan to go afoot to number Israel. 2. The number is returned to the king.

7. God is displeased: David acknowledges his fault.

9. God being sent from God to propose one out of three plagues to his choice, he chose the three days’ pestilence. 14. Seventy thousand in Israel being already cut off, the despoiling angel is stayed over Jerusalem: 16. David on sight of the angel humbly intercedeth for the people.

18. By God’s direction having bought Ornan’s threshingfloor, he buildeth an altar, and sacrificeth: God signifieth his favour by fire from heaven, and stayeth the plague. 28. He sacrificeth again in the same place, being restrained from going to the altar at Gibeah for fear of the angel.

AND Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

2. And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know it.

3. And Joab answered, The Lord make his people an hundred times so many more as they be: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord’s servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?

4. Nevertheless the king’s word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

5. ¶ And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David. And all they of Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah was four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword.

6. ¶ But Levi and Benjamin counted he.
The people visited with three days' pestilence. CHAP. XXII. David buyeth Ornan's threshingfloor.

10 And David went up at the evening to the place of gathering of the people, to the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. For he said, Let me buy thee the place of this threshing-floor, that I may build an altar thereof unto the LORD; for I have sinned aforetime, because I did not set up an altar of the LORD, as he commanded in the law of Moses.

20 And Ornan turned back, and saw David, and went out to meet him, and bowed himself to the ground.

22 Then Ornan said unto David, I pray thee, let me give thee the place, that thou mayest build an altar thereof unto the LORD. For the place shall be fittest for an altar unto the LORD. And David said unto Ornan, Go in peace. Behold, I will consecrate to the LORD what thou hast given me.
CHAPTER II.

Solomon made king.

15 Moreover there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work.
16 Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, there is no number. Arise therefore, and be doing, and the LORD will be with thee.

17 ¶ And David also commanded the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying,
18 Is not the LORD your God with you? and hath he not given you rest on every side? for he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand; and the land is subdued before the LORD, and before his people.
19 Now set thy heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God: arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built unto the name of the LORD.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 David in his old age makest Solomon king. 2 The number and distribution of the Levites. 7 The families of the Gerbonites. 12 The sons of Kohath. 21 The sons of Merari. 24 The office of the Levites.

SO when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel.
2 ¶ And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites.
3 Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand.
4 Of which, twenty and four thousand were to set forward the work of the house of the LORD; and six thousand were officers and judges:
5 Moreover four thousand were porters; and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which I made, said David, to praise therewith.
6 And David divided them into courses among the sons of Levi, namely, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
7 ¶ Of the Gerbonites were, 1 Laadan, and Shimei.
8 The sons of Laadan; the chief was Jachin, and Zetham, and Joel, three.
9 The sons of Shimei; Shelomith, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These were the chief of the fathers of Laadan.
10 And the sons of Shimei were, Jahath, Zara, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei.

2 Kings 1:1

1 And it came to pass after this, that, behold, there went two women to the gate of Samaria.
2 And one said unto her that was by her, See, I am a Slovakian, and my husband is a rich man: and, behold, now also these six sons of mine have eaten one bullock; and there came no evil upon me, nor upon them.
3 And she said, This is my complaint; my lord the king shewed himself kindly unto his servant, and shewed unto me and my house great kindness, in that he gave me a place to dwell, and a livelihood.
4 And it came to pass after this, that, behold, there went forth two women, and spake one to the other, as they went by the gate.
5 And one said, See, I am a Sidonian; and my husband is a rich man: and, behold, now also these six sons of mine have eaten one bullock; and there came no evil upon me, nor upon them.
6 And she said, This is my complaint; my lord the king shewed himself kindly unto his servant, and shewed unto me and my house great kindness, in that he gave me a place to dwell, and a livelihood.
7 And the king was wroth with his servants, and said unto them, Shall there not be a man of mine own servants, that will shew me what these women say?
8 And there was one of Saul's servants, whose name was Doeg the Edomite, an Amaleckite. He told the king all the words of the two women.
9 And the king sent, and took him out of prison, and brought him to him by meat and drink, and gave him great prices. And he ate and drank, and was strong again.
10 Then came the king to the gate of the prison, and spake with the king's servants, which kept the prison, saying, Call this man David. And they called David, and he came before the king.
11 Then the king said unto David, Loose thee, and go,在意。特恩的斯人 whose were in the land of Israel; and he let masons to hew stones to build the house of God.
12 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brazen in abundance without weight;
13 And he had also cedar trees in abundance: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David.
14 And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the LORD must be exceeding magnifically, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.
15 ¶ Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the Lord God of Israel.
16 And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build an house unto the name of the Lord my God;
17 But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and haft made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my fight.
18 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days.
19 He shall build an house for my name, and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.
20 Now, my son, the Lord be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the Lord thy God, as he hath said of thee.
21 Only the Lord give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the Lord thy God.
22 When thou art come in, be not hasty to go out from the place where thou art to come in, until thou hast known the will of the Lord.
23 ¶ And David gave therefore to Solomon his son all the house of the forest of Lebanon.
24 And of all Solomon's kingdoms did David give every thing unto Solomon for the the building of the house of the Lord, and for the building of his own house.
25 And David gave to Solomon, what he had given to all his sons, a portion for each.
26 And Solomon took all the stranger that were in the land of Israel; and he let masons to hew stones to build the house of God.
27 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brazen in abundance without weight;
28 And he had also cedar trees in abundance: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David.
29 And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the Lord must be exceeding magnifically, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.
30 ¶ Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the Lord God of Israel.
31 And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build an house unto the name of the Lord my God;
32 But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and haft made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my fight.
33 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days.
34 He shall build an house for my name, and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.
35 Now, my son, the Lord be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the Lord thy God, as he hath said of thee.
36 Only the Lord give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the Lord thy God.
37 And David gave therefore to Solomon his son all the house of the forest of Lebanon.
38 And of all Solomon's kingdoms did David give every thing unto Solomon for the the building of the house of the Lord, and for the building of his own house.
39 And David gave to Solomon, what he had given to all his sons, a portion for each.
XXIV.

The divisions of the sons of Aaron.

11 And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second: but Jeuth and Beriah had not many sons; therefore they were in one reckoning, according to their father's house.

12 ¶ The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four.

13 The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the Lord, to minister unto him, and to blest in his name for ever.

14 Now concerning Moses the man of God, his sons were named of the tribe of Levi.

15 ¶ The sons of Moses were Gershom and Eliezer.

16 Of the sons of Gershom: Sheubel was the chief.

17 And the sons of Eliezer were Reabiah the chief. And Eliezer had none other sons; but some of Reabiah's were very many.

18 Of the sons of Izhar: Shelomith the chief.

19 Of the sons of Hebron: Jeriah the first, Jahaziel the second, Jekameam the fourth.

20 Of the sons of Uzziel: Micah the first, and Jehiel the second.

21 ¶ The sons of Merari: Mahli, and Eleazar, and Kish.

22 And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters: and their brethren the sons of Kish took them.

23 ¶ The sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eleazar, and Iddo.

24 ¶ These were the sons of Levi after the house of their fathers; even the chief of the fathers, as they were counted by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the service of the house of the Lord, from the age of twenty years and upward.

25 For David said, The Lord God of Israel hath given rest unto his people, and also dwelleth in Jerusalem for ever;

26 And also unto the Levites: they shall no more carry the tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for the service thereof.

27 For by the last words of David the Levites were numbered from twenty years old and upward;

28 Because their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the Lord, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God.
I. CHRONICLES. The number and offices of the singers.

Ch. 9:5. 10 The seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to ̃ Abijah,
11 The ninth to Jeushah, the tenth to Shecaniah,
12 The eleventh to Eliaishib, the twelfth to Jakim,
13 The thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jechebeal,
14 The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,
15 The seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphinel,
16 The nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezekel,
17 The one and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul,
18 The three and twentieth to Deliah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah.
20 These were the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the Lord, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the Lord God of Israel had commanded him.

Ch. 11:16. Of the sons of Levi were these: Of the sons of Amram; ̃ Shubael: of the sons of Shubael; Jehdeiah.
21 Concerning ̃ Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, the first was Ishiiah.
22 Of the Izharites: ̃ Shelomoth: of the sons of Shelomoth; Jehath.
23 And the sons of ̃ Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.
24 Of the sons of Uzziel: Michah: of the sons of Michah; Shamir.
25 The brother of Michah was Ishiiah: of the sons of Ishiiah; Zechariah.
26 The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi: the sons of Jaaziah; Beno.
27 The sons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and Shelomith, and Hazur, and Ibri.
28 Of Mahli came Eleazar, who had no sons.
29 Concerning Kish: the son of Kish was Jerahmeel.
30 ̃ The sons also of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites after the house of their fathers.
31 These likewise cast lots over against their brethren the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites, even the principal fathers over against their younger brethren.

CHAP. XXV.

Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of ̃ Afaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service was:
2 Of the sons of ̃ Afaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nathaniel, and ̃ Afareiel, the sons of Afaph under the hands of Afaph, which prophesied according to the order of the king.
3 Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and ̃ Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hahaiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the Lord.
4 Of Heman: the sons of Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, ̃ Uzziel, ̃ Shubael, and Jeremoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joel bakeiah, Mallotih, Hothir, and Mahazioth:
5 All these were the sons of Heman the king’s seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.
6 All these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of the Lord, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God, according to the king’s order to Afaph, Jeduthun, and Heman.
7 So the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in the songs of the Lord, even all that were cunning, was two hundred fourscore and eight.
8 And they cast lots, ward against ward, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar.
9 Now the first lot came forth for Afaph to Joseph: the second to Gedaliah, who with his brethren and sons were twelve:
10 The third to Zaccur, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
11 The fourth to Izri, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
12 The fifth to Nathaniah, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
13 The sixth to Bukkiah, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
14 The seventh to Jeashaphat, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
15 The eighth to Jeshaiel, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
16 The ninth to Mattaniah, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
17 The tenth to Shimei, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
18 The eleventh to Azarel, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
The divisions of the porters.

Before CHRIST cir. 1015.

19 The twelfth to Hashabiah, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
20 The thirteenth to Shubael, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
21 The fourteenth to Mattithiah, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
22 The fifteenth to Jeremoth, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
23 The sixteenth to Hananiah, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
24 The seventeenth to Joabekiah, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
25 The eighteenth to Hanani, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
26 The nineteenth to Mallotthi, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
27 The twentieth to Eliathiah, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
28 The one and twentieth to Hodir, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
29 The two and twentieth to Giddalti, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
30 The three and twentieth to Mahazioth, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
31 The four and twentieth to Romamti-azer, be, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.

CHAPTER XXVI.

The gates assigned them by lot.

Before CHRIST cir. 1015.

He was not the firstborn, yet his father made him the chief;
11 Hilkiah the second, Zebariah the third, Sheubal the fourth: all the sons
and brethren of Hophah were thirteen.
12 Among these were the divisions of the porters, even among the chief men, having
wards one against another, to minister in the house of the Lord.
13 ¶ And they cast lots, * as well the small as the great, according to the house of their
fathers, for every gate.
14 And the lot eastward fell to * Shele
miah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counsellor, they cast lots; and his lot came
out northward.
15 To Obed-edom southward; and to his sons the house of * of the porters.
16 To Shuppim and Hachmoni the lot came * to \_ gathering.
17 Eastward were five Levites, northward
four a day, southward four a day, and to
ward both times and two.
18 At Parbar westward, four at the cause-
way, and two at Parbar.
19 These are the divisions of the porters
among the sons of Kore, and among the
sons of Merari.
20 ¶ And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the
treasures of the house of God, and over the
treasures of the * dedicated things.
21 As concerning the sons of * Laadan;
22 The sons of the Gerizim Laadan, chief
fathers, even of Laadan the Gerizim, were * of the.
23 The sons of Jeiel; Zetham, and
Joel his brother, * which were over the
treasures of the house of the Lord.
24 Of the Amranites, and the Elchatites,
the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites:
25 And Shevuel the son of Shimheth, the
son of Moses, was ruler of the treasures.
26 And his brethren by Eliezer; Reh
abiah his son, and Jeiah his son, and
Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and
Shelomith his son.
27 Which Shelomith and his brethren
were over all the treasures of the dedicated
things, which David the king, and the chief
fathers, the captains over thousands and
hundreds, and the captains of the host, had
dedicated.
28 Out of the spoils won in battle did they dedicate to maintain the house of the Lord.
29 And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had de-
The twelve captains for every month. I. CHRONICLES. The princes of the twelve tribes.

8 The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.
9 The sixth captain for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.
10 The seventh captain for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.
11 The eighth captain for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarthites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.
12 The ninth captain for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjamites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.
13 The tenth captain for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarthites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.
14 The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.
15 The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Oren, the son of Otniel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.
16 Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: the ruler of the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri: of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah:
17 Of the Levites, Hoshabeh the son of Zabdiel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.
18 Of Judah, Elihu, one of the brethren: and of David: of Ithamar, Omri the son of Eliab:
19 Of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel:
20 Of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah: of the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah:
21 Of the half tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah: of Benjamin, Jaaziel the son of Azer:
22 Of Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham. These were the princes of the tribes of Israel.

8 But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: because the L ORD had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens.
24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he finished not, because he fell wrath for it against Israel; neither was it done.
David's exhortation in a solemn assembly, CHAP. XXVIII.

And his charge to Solomon.

Before CHRIST Cir. 1015.

the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David.

25 ¶ And over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel: and over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, was Jehonathan the son of Uzziah:

26 And over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground was Ezri the son of Chelub:

27 And over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite: ¶ over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite:

28 And over the olive trees and the fig-trees that were in the low parks was Baal-hanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of oil was Joah:

29 And over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds that were in the valleys was Shaphat the son of Adlai:

30 Over the camels also was Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the asses was Jehdeiah the Meronothite:

31 And over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagerite. All these were the rulers of the substance which was king David's.

32 Also Jonathan David's uncle was a counsellor, a wife man, and a scribe: and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons:

33 And Ahithophel was the king's councillor: and Hushai the Archite was the king's companion:

34 And after Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and the general of the king's army was Joab.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 David in a solemn assembly, having declared God's especial favour toward him, and the promises made to his son Solomon, exhorteth all in general to the fear of God. 9 His particular charge to Solomon to serve the LORD, and to build the temple. 11 He giveth him patterns for the form, and gold and silver for the materials. 20 He encourageth him with assurances of divine and human assistance.

AND David assembled all the princes of Israel, ¶ the princes of the tribes, and ¶ captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and ¶ the stewards of all the substance and possession of the king, ¶ and of his sons, with the officers, and with ¶ the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem.

2 Then David the king stood upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: As for me, ¶ I had in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building:

3 But God said unto me, ¶ Thou hast not build an house for my name, because thou hast been a man of war, and hast shed ¶ blood:

4 Howbeit the Lord God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen Judah to be the ruler:

5 ¶ And of the house of Judah, ¶ the house of David:

6 And he said unto me, ¶ Solomon my son, ¶ he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father:

7 Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, ¶ if he be ¶ constant to do my commandments and my judgments, as at this day.

8 Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the Lord, and in the audience of our God, ¶ keep and seek for all the commandments of the Lord your God: that ye may prosper this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.

9 ¶ And thou, Solomon my son, ¶ know how the God of thy father, and serve him ¶ with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: ¶ for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: ¶ if thou seest him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forshaketh, he will cast thee off for ever:

10 Take heed now, ¶ for the Lord hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.

11 ¶ Then David gave to Solomon his son ¶ the pattern of the porch, and of the house thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat,

12 And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the Lord, and of all the chambers round about, ¶ of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things:
I. CHRONICLES. The princes and people offer willingly.

13 Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the Lord, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the Lord.

14. He gave of gold by weight for things of gold, for all instruments of every manner of service; silver also for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of every kind of service:

15. Even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, and for the lamps thereof; and for the candlesticks of silver by weight, both for the candlestick, and alfo for the lamps thereof; according to the use of every candlestick.

16. And by weight gave gold for the tables, and their stand, for every table; and likewise golden vases for the vases of service:

17. Also pure gold for the candlesticks, and for the bowls, and for the cups: and for the golden basins gave gold by weight for every basin; and likewise silver by weight for every basin of silver:

18. And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims, that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of the Lord.

19. All this, said David, the Lord made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern.

20. ¶ And David said to Solomon his son, I. Chronicles XXIX. 8.

21. And, behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites, even they shall be with thee for all the service of the house of God: and there shall be with thee for all manner of workmanship every willing skilful man, for any manner of service: also the princes and all the people will be wholly at thy commandment.

CHA. XXIX.

1. David by example and exhortation 6 causeth the princes and people to offer willingly for the service of the temple. 10 David's thanksgiving and prayer. 20 The people bringed blessed God, and sacrificed, make Solomon king the second time. 23 The prosperity and majesty of Solomon's reign. 26 David's reign and death.

2015

Futhermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom God alone hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the Lord God.

Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, and divers stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house.

The thine thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the house withal:

The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?

¶ Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly,

And gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the Lord, by the hand of Jehiel the Gereshite.

Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly, to the Lord: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

Therefore David blessed the Lord before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all is thine; the heaven and the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in
David's thanksgiving and prayer.

CHAP. XXIX.

His reign and death.

Before CHRIST 1015.

Before CHRIST 1015.

thine hand it is to make great, and to give
strength unto all.

13 Now therefore, our God, we thank
thee, and praise thy glorious name.

14 But who am I, and what is my peo-
ple, that we should be able to offer fo-
willingly after this sort? for all things
come of thee, and of thine own have we
given thee.

15 For we are strangers before thee,
and sojourners, as were all our fathers:
our days on the earth are as a shadow,
and there is none at abiding.

16 O LORD our God, all this store that
we have prepared to build thee an house
for thine holy name cometh of thine hand,
and is all thine own.

17 I know also, my God, that thou art
the heart, and a haft pleasure in upright-
ness. As for me, in the uprightness of
mine heart I have willingly offered all
these things: and now have I feen with
joy thy people, which are present here,
to offer willingly unto thee.

18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and
of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in
the imagination of the thoughts of the
heart of thy people, and prepare their
heart unto thee:

19 And give unto Solomon my son a
perfect heart, to keep thy commandments,
thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to
do all these things, and to build the palace,
for the which I have made provision.

20 ¶ And David said to all the congrega-
tion, Now bleseth the LORD your God.
And all the congregation blesstid the LORD
God of their fathers, and bowed down
their heads, and worshipped the LORD,
and the king.

21 And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the
LORD, and offered burnt offerings unto
the LORD, on the morrow after that day,
even a thousand bullockes, a thousand rams,
and a thousand lambs, with their drink
offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for
all Israel:

22 And did eat and drink before the LORD
on that day with great gladness. And they
made Solomon the son of David king the
second time, and anointed him unto the
LORD to be the chief governor, and Zadok
to be priest.

23 ¶ Then Solomon sat on the throne of
the LORD as king instead of David his
father, and prospered; and all Israel o-
beved him.

24 And all the princes, and the mighty
men, and all the sons likewise of king
David, submitted themselves unto So-

O TITL.

26 And the LORD magnified Solomon
exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and
bejovened upon him such royal majesty as
had not been on any king before him in
Israel.

26 ¶ Thus David the son of Jesse reigned
over all Israel.

27 ¶ And the time that he reigned over
Israel was forty years; seven years reigned
he in Hebron, and thirty and three years
reigned he in Jerusalem.

28 And he died in a good old age, full
of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon
his son reigned in his stead.

29 Now the acts of David the king, first
and laft, behold, they are written in the
book of Samuel the seer, and in the
book of Nathan the prophet, and in the
book of God the seer.

30 With all his reign and his might,
and the times that went over him, and
over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of
the countries.

The Second Book of the CHRONICLES.

CHAP. I.

The solemn offering of Solomon at Gibeon. 7 God
appeared unto him there by night, and leaveth to his choice what blessing to ask: be after wise-
dom, to which God addeth riches and bo-

Before CHRIST 1015.

Before CHRIST 1015.

AND Solomon the son of David was
strengthened in his kingdom, and
the LORD his God was with him,
and magnified him exceedingly.

2 Then Solomon spake unto all Israel, to
the captains of thousands and of hundreds,
and to the judges, and to every governor in
all Israel, the chief of the fathers.

3 So Solomon, and all the congregation
with him, went to the high place that was
at Gibeon; for there was the tabernacle
of the congregation of God, which Moes.
servant of the LORD had made in the
wilderness.

4 ¶ But the ark of God had David brought
up from Kirjath-jearim to the place which
David had prepared for it: for he had
pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.

5 Moreover the brazen altar, that the LORD
hath made, he brought from Kirjath-jearim.

6 And Solomon offered up burnt offerings
unto the LORD on that day, even burnt o-

Before CHRIST 1015.

Before CHRIST 1015.
II. CHRONICLES. His preparations for building the temple.

Temple. 3 He senteth to Hiram for skillful artisans and timber. 11 Hiram's friendly answer.

And Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the Lord, and an house for his kingdom.

2 And Solomon told out threeforecords and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourcore thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.

3 ¶ And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him a house to dwell therein, even so deal with me.

4 Behold, I build an house to the name of the Lord my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the Lord our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Israel.

5 And the house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods.

6 ¶ But who is able to build him an house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who am I then, that I should build him a house, save only a sacrifice before him?

7 ¶ Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and iron, and in purple, and in scarlet, and in fine linen, and in ointment, and to skilful engravers, and to skilful stoneworkers, and to skilful carpenters, and to such as have understanding of reedwork, and skilful to go for the building of a house.

8 ¶ Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees, out of Lebanon: for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and, behold, my servants shall be with thy servants.

9 ¶ Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build shall be wonderful great.

10 ¶ And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

11 ¶ Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the Lord hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them.

12 Hiram said moreover, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king...
The building of the temple begun.

Before CHAP.

1014. CHAP.

The dimensions and ornaments thereof.

Before

and the height was an hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold.

And the greater house he cieled with fir tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and cherubims.

And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold was gold of Parvaim.

He overlaid also the house, the beams, the poits, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubims on the walls.

And he made the most holy house, the length whereof was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred talents.

And the weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.

And in the most holy house he made two cherubims of image work, and overlaid them with gold.

And the wings of the cherubims were twenty cubits long: one wing of the one cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was likewise five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.

And one wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was five cubits also, joining to the wing of the other cherub.

The wings of these cherubims spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces were inward.

And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and the cherubims thereon.

And also he made before the house two pillars of thirty and five cubits high, and the chapter that was on the top of each of them was five cubits.

And he made chains, as in the oracle, and put them on the heads of the pillars; and made an hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains.

And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

CHAP. IV.

The altar of bras. 2. The molten sea supported by twelve osen. 6. The ten lavers, candlesticks, and tables. 9. The two courts. 11. The vest.
The brazen altar, sea, lavers, &c. II. CHRONICLES.

Before CHRIST 1015.

The vessels, furniture, and instruments of gold.

19

M

oreover he made  a altar of brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof.

2 ¶ Also he made a molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and five cubits the height thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

3 And under it was the similitude of oxen, which did compass it round about: ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about. Two rows of oxen were cast, when it was cast.

4 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.

5 And the thickness of it was an handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; and it received and held three thousand baths.

6 ¶ He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them the burnt offering.

7 ¶ And he made ten candlesticks of gold according to their form, and set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

8 ¶ He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made an hundred 100 basins of gold.

9 ¶ Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brazes.

10 And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, over against the south.

11 ¶ And Huram made the pots, and the shovels, and the 100 basins. And Huram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God: 100

12 To wit, the two pillars, and the pommels, and the chapiters which were upon the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two pommels of the chapiters which were upon the pillars;

13 And four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths; two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapiters.

The temple finished.

Before CHRIST 1015.

The vessels, furniture, and instruments of gold.

14 He made also 100 basins, and 100 lavers made he upon the basins;

15 One sea, and twelve oxen under it.

16 The pots also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and all their instruments, did Huram his father make to king Solomon for the house of the LORD of 100 bright brazes.

17 ¶ In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah.

18 ¶ Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brazes could not be found out.

19 ¶ And Solomon made all the vessels that were for the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon the shewbread was set;

20 Moreover the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn after the manner before the oracle, of pure gold;

21 And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs made of gold, and that perfect gold;

22 And the snuffers, and the 100 basins, and the spoons, and the censors, of pure gold: and the entry of the house, the inner doors thereof for the most holy place, and the doors of the house of the temple, were of gold.

C H A P. V.

1 The temple finished, and the dedicated treasures deposited therein. 2 The ark with great solemnity brought into the most holy place.

3 Whith the priests and Levites are praising God with singing and music, a cloud filleth the house.

T H U S * all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished: and Solomon brought in all the things that David his father had dedicated, and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.

4 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.

5 Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which was in the seventh month.

6 And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark.

7 And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle,
The ark brought into the most holy place. CHAP. VI. Solomon blessed the people, and praised God.

Before CHRIST 1004.

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

7 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the Lord unto his place, to the oracle of the house, into the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims:

8 For the cherubims spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

9 And they drew out the staves of the ark, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without. And there it is unto this day.

10 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put therein at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

11 ¶ And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place: (for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course:

12 ¶ Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets.)

13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord;

14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God.

CHAP. VI.

Solomon blessed the people, and praised God for the performance of his promise to David concerning the building of the house.

12 His prayer upon the brazen scaffold at the consecration of the temple: 22, 24, 26, 28, 32, 34. The special petitions contained in it. 40 The concluding general invocation of God's presence and favour.
Solomon's prayer at the
mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.
16 Now therefore, O Lord God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou hast promised him, saying, that there shall not fail thee a man in my fight to sit upon the throne of Israel; yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me.
17 Now then, O Lord God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David.
18 But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built!
19 Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee:
20 That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth toward this place.
21 Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall make toward this place:
22 That hear thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.
23 Then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, by recompensing his way up on his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his rightoueness.
24 And if thy people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return, and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house; Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers.
25 When the heaven be shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; yet if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them; Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive
His solemn sacrifices.

Before CHRIST

1004.

Land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name:

39 Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee.

40 Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attend unto the prayer that is made in this place.

41 Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.

42 O LORD God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the mercy of David thy servant.

CHAP. VII.

God's second appearance to Solomon.

The priests stood before them, and all Israel stood.

7 Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brazen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.

8 ¶ Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt.

9 And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

10 And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away out of their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

12 ¶ And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to be my temple, and my burnt sacrifice.

13 ¶ If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among thy people;

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place.

16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

17 ¶ And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments;

18 Then will I establish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel.

19 ¶ But if ye turn away, and forsake my
The cities which Solomon built... II. CHRONICLES. Solomon's daily and festival sacrifices.

1 The cities which Solomon built. 2 The Canaanites left in the land are subject to a tribute; but the Israelites are employed in honourable services. 3 Solomon's daughter removed to her house. 4 Solomon's daily and festival sacrifices. 5 He appointed the priests and Levites to their orders. 6 The work finished. 7 Solomon's navy fetched gold from Ophir.

AND it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the Lord, and his own house, 2 That the cities which Huram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there. 3 And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it. 4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath. 5 Also he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars; 6 And Baalath, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and 7 All that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

8 But of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, them did Solomon make to pay tribute until this day. 9 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they were men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen. 10 And these were the chief of king Solomon's officers, even two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people. 11 ¶ And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places are holy, whereunto the ark of the Lord hath come. 12 ¶ Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto the Lord on the altar of the Lord, which he had built before the porch.

13 Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.

14 ¶ And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded.

15 ¶ And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.

16 ¶ Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the Lord, and until it was finished. So the house of the Lord was perfected.

17 ¶ Then went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to Elath, at the sea side in the land of Edom.

18 ¶ And Huram sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.
The queen of Sheba cometh to see Solomon. CHAP. IX.

Solomon’s wealth and magnificence.

And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, the communion with him of all that was in her heart.

And Solomon told her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not.

And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wealth of Solomon, and the house that he had built,

And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his œ, by which he went up into the house of the Lord; there was no more spirit in her.

And she said to the king, It was a true report which I heard in mine own land of thine œ acts, and of thy wisdom:

Howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: for thou exceedest the fame that I heard.

Happy art thou, O king, and happy art thou of thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom.

Blessed be the Lord thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, to be king for the Lord thy God: because thy God loved Israel; to establish them forever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice.

And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any fuch spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.

And the servants also of Huram, and the servants of Solomon, which brought gold from Ophir, brought ¤ algum trees and precious stones.

And the king made of the algum trees ¤ terraces to the house of the Lord, and to the king’s palace, and harps and πalaties for fingers: and there were none fuch seen before in the land of Judah.

And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, besides that which the had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

And there were ¤ fix steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and ¤ fixes on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the steps:

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

And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forefet of Lebanon were of pure gold: none were of silver; it was not accounted of in the days of Solomon.

For the king’s ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Huram: every three years once came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart.

And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harness, and spicery, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

And Solomon *had four thousand * stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he buttered in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

And he reigned over all the kings from the river even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.

And the king *made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees made he as the fycamore trees that are in the low plains in abundance.
And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

29 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

30 And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.

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

CHAP. X.

The Israelites, assembled at Shechem to make Rehoboam king, came to him with Jeroboam at their head for redress of grievances. 6 Rehoboam8686fought the good advice of his father's old counsellors, and consulted with the young men, who advise to answer the people roughly.

12 He followed their indifferent counsel. 15 The ten tribes rebelling kill Hadarom, and make Rehoboam flee.

AND Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Israel come to make him king.

2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard it, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.

3 And they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came and spake to Rehoboam, saying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore eafe thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee.

5 And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.

6 ¶ And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me to return answer to these people?

7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and peace them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever.

8 But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that froid before him.

9 And he said unto them, What advice give ye that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying,

Each somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us?

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

11 For whereas my father 7 put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

12 ¶ So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come again to me on the third day.

13 And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men,

14 And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

15 So the king hearkened not unto the people: for the cause was of God, that the LORD might perform his word, which he spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 ¶ And when all Israel saw that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? and we have none inheritance in the son of Jeph: every man to your tents, O Israel: and now, David, see to thine own house. So all Israel went to their tents.

17 But as for the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then king Rehoboam sent Hadarom, which was over the tribute; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam 7 made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

19 ¶ And Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

CHAP. XI.

Argentina: an army to reduce Israel, but is forbidden to proceed by the prophet Shemaiah. 5 He buildeth fenced cities, and putteth the strong holds in a good posture of defence. 13 The priests and Levites, cast off by Jeroboam in favour of his own idolatrous worship, return to Jerusalem, and are followed by others out of Israel that feared God.

Rehoboam's wives and children.
Before CHRIST

A N-D when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin an hundred and fourscore thousand men, which were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam.

2. But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,
3. Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,
4. Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house: for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Jeroboam.
5. ¶ And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defence in Judah.
6. He built even Beth-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,
7. And Beth-zur, and Shoco, and Adullam,
8. And Gat, and Maresah, and Ziph,
9. And Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah,
10. And Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which were in Judah and in Benjamin fenced cities.
11. And he fortified the strong holds, and put captains in them, and storer of victual, and of oil and wine.
12. And in every several city he put shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.
13. ¶ And the priests and the Levites that were in all Israel rejoiced to him out of all their coasts.
14. For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest’s office unto the LORD:
15. ¶ And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made.
16. ¶ And after them out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the LORD God of their fathers.
17. So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.
18. ¶ And Rehoboam took him Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to wife, and Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse;
20. And after her he took Maachah the daughter of Abishalom; which bare him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.
21. ¶ And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Abishalom above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and three hundred concubines; and begat twenty and eight sons, and threescore daughters.)

CHAP. XII.

1. Rehoboam forsaking the Lord is punished by Shishak’s invasion: 5 be and the princes repenting at the preaching of Shemaiah are delivered from destruction, but not from folly.
2. The reign and death of Rehoboam: Abijah succeeded him.

A N-D it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel with him.
2. ¶ And it came to pass, that in the fifth year of king Rehoboam Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against the LORD,
3. With twelve hundred chariots, and three and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people were without number that came with him out of Egypt, the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopians.
4. ¶ And he took the fenced cities which pertained to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.
5. ¶ Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them,
6. Thus saith the LORD, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak.
7. Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The LORD is righteous.
8. And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They

G g g 2
II. CHRONICLES. Abijah maketh war against Jeroboam.

Before CHRIST 974.

1 Or, a little while.

8 Nevertheless they shall be his servants; that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.

9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all: he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

10 Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of bras, and committed them to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the king's house.

11 And when the king entered into the house of the LORD, the guard came and fetched them, and brought them again into the guard chamber.

12 And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, that he would not destroy him altogether: and also in Judah things went well.

13 ¶ So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam was one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess.

14 And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD.

‡ Heb. words.

15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are written in the book of Shemaiiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies. And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David: and Abijah his son reigned in his stead.

17 ¶ Abijah maketh war against Jeroboam; 4 he declareth the right of his cause: 13 trusting in God he overcometh Jeroboam. 21 The wives and children of Abijah.

NOW in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Michaijah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

3 And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, being mighty men of valour.

4 ¶ And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which is in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel;

5 Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?

6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord.

7 And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.

8 And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye be a great multitude, and there are with you golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.

9 ¶ Have ye not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of other lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods.

10 But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait upon their office.

11 ¶ And they burn unto the LORD every morning and evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the shewbread also they order in order upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him.

12 And, behold, God himself is with us for our captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

13 ¶ But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment was behind them.

14 And when Judah look back, behold, the battle was before and behind:
and discomfiteth him.

Before CHRIST

937.

Ch. 14. 12.

and they cried unto the Lorp, and the
priests sounded with the trumpets.

16 Then the men of Judah gave a shout:
and as the men of Judah shouted, it came
to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all
Israel before Abijah and Judah.

17 And the children of Israel fled before
Judah: and God delivered them into their
hand.

18 And Abijah and his people flew them
with a great slaughter: so there fell down
flain of Israel five hundred thousand
chosen men.

19 Thus the children of Israel were
brought under at that time, and the
children of Judah prevailed, because they
relied upon the Lorp God of their fathers.

20 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam,
and took him from him, Bethel with the
towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the
towns thereof, and Ephraim with the
towns thereof.

21 Neither did Jeroboam recover strength
again in the days of Abijah: and the Lorp
struck him, and he died.

22 And the rest of the acts of Abijah,
and his ways, and his sayings, are written
in the story of the prophet Iddo.

CHAP. XIV.

1 Abijah died; Afa succeeding after death.

6 Having peace be established his kingdom
with forts. 8 His army. 9 Attacked by Ze-
reb the Ethiopian, he call upon God, and
smiting the Ethiopians bringeth away much
spoil.

935.

So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they
buried him in the city of David:
and Afa his son reigned in his stead.

2 And Afa did that which was good and
right in the eyes of the Lorp his God:
3 For he took away the altars of the
strange gods, and the high places, and
brake down the + images, and cut down
the groves:
4 And commanded Judah to seek the
Lorp God of their fathers, and to do the
law and the commandment.
5 Also he took away out of all the cities
Judah the high places and the + images:
and the kingdom was quiet before him.
6 + And he built fenced cities in Judah:
in those years; because the Lorp had
given him rest.
7 Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us
build these cities, and make about them
walls, and towers, gates, and bars, while
the land is yet before us; because we have
fought the Lorp our God, we have fought
him, and he hath given us rest on every
side. So they built and prospered.

8 ¶ And Afa had an army of men that
bare targets and spears, out of Judah three
hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin,
that bare shields and drew bows, two
hundred and fourscore thousand: all these
were mighty men of valour.

9 ¶ And there came out against them
Zerah the Ethiopian with an host of a
thousand thousand, and three hundred
chariots; and came unto Maresiah.

10 Then Afa went out against him, and
set the battle in array in the valley of
Zepahnah at Maresiah.

11 And Afa cried unto the Lorp his
God, and said, Lorp, it is nothing with
thee to help, whether with many, or with
few that have no power: help us, O Lorp
our God; for we rest on thee, and
in thy name we go against this multi-
tude. O Lorp, thou art our God; let
not man prevail against thee.

12 So the Lorp smote the Ethiopians
before Afa, and before Judah; and the
Ethiopians fled.

13 And Afa and the people that were
with him pursued them unto Gerar: and
the Ethiopians were overthrown, that
they could not recover themselves; for
they were + destroyed before the Lorp,
and before his host; and they carried away
very much spoil.

14 And they smote all the cities round
about Gerar; for the fear of the Lorp
came upon them: and they spoiled all the
cities; for there was exceeding much spoil
in them.

15 They smote also the tents of cattle,
and carried away sheep and camels in
abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

CHAP. XV.

1 The prophecy of Azariah the son of Oded.

8 Afa bearing it puteth away idolatry,
and affirmanieth the whole body of our people at Jer-
usalem; they enter into covenant with God.
16 He removeth Maachah his mother from be-
ing queen on account of her idolatry. 18 He
bringeth into the house of God the things which
had been dedicated, and enjoyeth a long peace.

AND the Spirit of God came upon
Azariah the son of Oded:

2 And he went out to + meet Afa, and
said unto him, Hear ye me, Afa, and all
Judah and Benjamin; The Lorp is with
you, while ye be with him; and if ye
II. CHRONICLES. Baasha diverted from building Ramah.

17. But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Aa was perfect all his days.

18. And he brought into the house of God the things his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.

19. And there was no more war unto the fifth and thirtieth year of the reign of Aa.

CHAP. XVI.

1. Aa maketh a league with Ben-hadad king of Syria against Baasha, who is thereby diverted from the building of Ramah; Aa with the stones thereof buildeth Geba and Mizpah.

2. Hanani the seer, reproving him for applying to the Syrians for aid rather than to God, is imprisoned by him: 11 Aa in his sickness seeketh not to God, but to the physicians.

3. His death and burial.

IN the fix and thirtieth year of the reign of Aa, Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, 3 to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Aa king of Judah. 2 Then Aa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the Lord and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-hadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

4. There is a league between me and thee, as there was between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold: go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

5. And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Aa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the strong cities of Naphthal.

6. And it came to pass, when Baasha heard it, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease.

7. Then Aa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

8. And at that time Hanani the seer came to Aa king of Judah, and said unto him, 'Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the Lord thy God, therefore is the hoft of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand.'

9. Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims + a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the Lord, he delivered them into thine hand.

10. For the eyes of the Lord to run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew them, etc.
CHAP. XVII, XVIII. His care for the instruction of his people.

8 And with them he sent Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asaph, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, Levites; and with them Eli-hama and Jehoram, priests.

9 And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of the Lord with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

10 And the fear of the Lord fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made war no more against Jehoshaphat.

11 Also some of the Philistines brought him a present, and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats.

12 And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store.

13 And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valor, were in Jerusalem.

14 And there are the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valor three thousand hundred.

15 And next him was Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand.

16 And next him was Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto the Lord; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor.

17 And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valor, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand.

18 And next him was Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war.

19 These waited on the king, beside those whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.
NOW Jehoshaphat 1 had riches and honour in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab. 2 And after certain years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that he had with him, and perfumed him to go up with him to Ramoth-gilead. 3 And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the war. 4 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the Lord to day. 5 Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver it into the king’s hand. 6 ¶ But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord besides, that we might enquire of him? 7 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, by whom we may enquire of the Lord: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil; the name is Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. 8 And the king of Israel called for one of his officers, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla. 9 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat together on their thrones in the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. 10 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the Lord, With these shalt thou push Syria until I have consumed it. 11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king. 12 And the messengers that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king, 13 And Micaiah said, As the Lord liveth, even what my God faith, that will I speak.

14 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand. 15 ¶ And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the Lord? 16 Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the Lord said, These have no matter; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace. 17 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good unto me, but evil? 18 Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing upon his right hand and upon his left. 19 And the Lord said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner. 20 Then there came out a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will entice him. And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? 21 And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And the Lord said, Thou shalt entice him, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do even so. 22 Now therefore, behold, the Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And the Lord said, And the Lord hath spoken evil against thee. 23 ¶ Then Zedekiah the son of Cheanaah came near, and spake, Which way went the Spirit of the Lord from me to speak unto thee? 24 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself. 25 Then the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king’s son; 26 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace. 27 And Micaiah said, If thou certainly return in peace, then hath not the Lord spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, all ye people.

28 ¶ So the king of Israel and Jehosha-
Abab is slain in battle.

CHAP. XIX, XX.

6 And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the Lord, who is with you in the judgment.
7 Wherefore now let the fear of the Lord be upon you: take heed and do it; for there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.
8 Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set Levites and priests, and the Levites, and the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of the Lord, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem.
9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the Lord, truly, and with a perfect heart.
10 And that cause which cometh to you shall come to you of the Lord: in his hand is the great reward.
11 And, behold, Amaziah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the Lord, and Zechariah the son of Ikiram, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and the Lord shall be with the good.

CHAP. XX.

1 Jehoshaphat invaded by the Moabites and others in his fear proclaimed a fast. 5 His prayer.
2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to King Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the Lord.
3 Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.
4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem; and he went out again through the people from Beer-sheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the Lord God of their fathers.
5 And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city.
Jehoshaphat's prayer to God for help. II. CHRONICLES. The enemies of Judah destroy one another.

Before CHRIST

1 Before CHRIST

O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you.

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah feared the Lord, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the Lord, worshiping the Lord.

19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat and all his people worshipped the Lord.

21 And they said, Hearken, all ye people of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou that art with us, that we might do this work of the Lord: begin the good work, and fear not.

22 ¶ And when they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped another to destroy another.

24 And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and beheld, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

26 ¶ And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the Lord: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day.

27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy: for the Lord had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

28 And they came to Jerusalem with
Jeroboam’s good reign, and death.  

CHAP. XXI.

Before CHRIST cir. 919.

1 And Jeroboam’s good reign.

Jehoshaphat’s reign.

Before CHRIST cir. 899.

29 And the fear of God was on all the nations of those countries, when they had heard that the Lord fought against the enemies of Israel.

30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: for his God gave him rest round about.

31 ¶ And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: he 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.

32 And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing that which was right in the sight of the Lord.

33 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, who is mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.

35 ¶ And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahabiah king of Israel, who did very wickedly:

36 ¶ And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Ezion-gaber.

37 Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahabiah king of Israel, the Lord hath broken thy works. * And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go * to Tarshish.

CHAP. XXI.

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

And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zachariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.

And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram, because he was the firstborn.

4 Now when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and divers also of the princes of Israel.

5 ¶ Jehoram was thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord.

7 Howbeit the Lord would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons for ever.

8 ¶ In his days the Edomites revolted from under the dominion of Judah, and made themselves a king.

9 Then Jehoram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him in, and the captains of the chariots.

10 So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The same also did Libnah revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken the Lord God of his fathers.

11 Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerufalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah tibereto.

12 ¶ And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the Lord God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Aaiah king of Judah,

13 But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father’s house, which were better than thyself:

14 Behold, with a great plague will the Lord smite thee, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods:

15 And thou shalt have great sickness by dice of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.

16 ¶ Moreover the Lord stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that were near the Ethiopians:
Abaziah's wicked reign.

II. CHRONICLES. Joash is saved from Athaliah's massacre.

Before CHRIST 884.

17 And they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and all the sons also, and his wives, so that there was never a son left him, save Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

18 And after all this the L ORD smote 

him in his bowels with an incurable disease. And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness; so he died of that disease. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

20 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being defiled. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

C H A P. XXII.

1 Abaziah succeeded Jehoram: his wicked reign.

5 His confederacy with Jehoram the son of Ahab, whom he did slay by Jehu. 10 Athaliah having destroyed all the seed royal of Judah, save Joash, who was bid by his aunt Jehoabebeath, usurped the kingdom.

A N D the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Abaziah his youthful son king in his stead; for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Abaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.

2 Forty and two years old was Abaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Athaliah the daughter of Omri.

3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.

4 Wherefore he did evil in the sight of the L ORD like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellers after the death of his father unto his destruction.

5 ¶ He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians smote Joram.

6 And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick.

7 And the destruction of Abaziah was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the L ORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.

8 And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahab, that ministered to Abaziah, he slew them.

9 And he fought Abaziah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him, they buried him: because he said they, he is the son of Jehoaphat, who fought the L ORD with all his heart. So the house of Abaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom.

10 ¶ But when Athaliah the mother of Abaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah.

11 But Jehoabebeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Abaziah, and hid him fromamong the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bed chamber. So Jehoabebeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Abaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not.

12 And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

C H A P. XXIII.

1 Jehoiada, having taken measures for his security, makes Joash king. 12 Athaliah is slain.

16 Jehoiada restored the worship of God, and set the king on his throne to the great joy of the people.

A N D in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obad, and Maaiseiah the son of Adaiah, and Eliaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.

2 And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

3 And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the L ORD hath said of the sons of David.

4 This is the thing that ye shall do: A third part of you entering on the fubbath of the priests and of the Levites, shall be porters of the doors;

5 And a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the
Joash made king: Athaliah slain.

Before CHAP.
CHRIST 59.

foundation: and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD.

6 But let none come into the house of the LORD, save the priests, and they that minister of the Levites; they shall go in, for they are holy: but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD.

7 And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever else cometh into the house, he shall be put to death: but be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.

8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go out on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses.

9 Moreover Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which were in the house of God.

10 And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about.

11 Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king.

12 ¶ Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD:

13 And the looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: and all the people of the land rejoiced, and found with trumpets, also with instruments of mufick, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, Treacon, Treacon.

14 Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth of the rangers: and who so followeth her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in the house of the LORD.

15 So they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entering of the horse gate by the king's house, they slew her there.

16 ¶ And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the LORD's people.

17 Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

18 Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the LORD by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the law of Moses, by rejoicing and with singing, as it was ordained by David.

19 And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none unclean in any thing should enter in.

20 ¶ And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.

21 And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 Joash reigned three and thirty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba.

2 And Joash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

3 And Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.

4 ¶ And it came to pass after this, that Joash was minded to repair the house of the LORD.

5 And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said unto them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye haften the matter. Howbeit the Levites hasted it not.

6 ¶ And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why haft thou not required of the Levites to bring in
Yeboia(
's death and burial.

Before
CHRIST

Exod. 50.
13, 14-16.

Num.
11, 50.
Acts 7:44.

Acher 18:17.
5 Kings

Kings
12. 10.

Heb.

See

Kings
12. 13.
Or.

Psalm.

Psalm.

2. Chronicles.

Joash is slain by his own servants.

Before
CHRIST

26.
5 Kings
13, 12-14.

27, 1-3.

3 Kings
12, 11.

Judg.
19.
5, 10, 11.
19, 10, 11.

ch. 23.
90.

ch. 22.
14.

ch. 22.
12.

ch. 22.
18.

Jer.
7, 55.

52, 34-36.

ch. 14.
14, 9, 10.

2 Kings
8, 21-24.

8, 21.

Math.
3, 15.

Acts
7, 18, 59.

80.

80.

80.

8, 21.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

2 Kings
12, 21.

I Kings
13, 21.

Jer.
17.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.

80.
Amaziah slayeth the murderers of his father.  

CHAP. 

XV. 

His imprudent challenge to Joash. 

Before CHRIST 899. 

Before CHRIST 899. 

fore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger. 

11 ¶ And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand, and seven. 

12 And other ten thousand left alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces. 

13 ¶ But the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Bethhoron, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil. 

14 ¶ Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them. 

15 Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand? 

16 And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that the king said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? forbears; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbade, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel. 

17 ¶ Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehohaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face. 

18 And Joash king of Israel sent unto Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The L ORD thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle. 

19 Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the Edomites; and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldest thou meddle to boaste hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Judah with thee? 

20 But Amaziah would not hear; for it came of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they fought after the gods of Edom. 

21 So Joash the king of Israel went up.
Uzziah's good reign:

II. CHRONICLES. He invaded the priests' offices.

Before CHRIST 26.

And they saw one another in the face, both he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Beth-
femeath, which belongeth to Judah.

22 And Judah was ready to the worfe
before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent.

23 And Joash the king of Israel took
Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth-femeath, and
brought him to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

24 And he took all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the holtages also, and returned to Samaria.

25 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, are they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?

27 And when Amaziah had turned away from following the Lord they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there.

28 And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

C H A P. XXVI.

1 Uzziah surnamed Amaziah, and reigning well in the days of Zachebariah the son of Pethrath.

9 His buildings: 11 His hof, and engines of war. 16 Waxing proud he invaded the priests' office, is opposed by Azariah, and smitten with leprosy by God. 22 He died; Jotham succeeded him.

THEN all the people of Judah took
1 Uzziah, who was sixteen years
old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah.

2 He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

3 Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

4 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

5 And he fought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he fought the Lord, God made him prosper.

6 And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the

wall of Asdod, and built cities about Asdod, and among the Philistines.

7 And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gur-baal, and the Meunims.

8 And the Ammonites gave gifts to
Uzziah: and his name spread abroad even to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened himself exceedingly.

9 Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them.

10 Also he built towers in the desert, and dug many wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains: husbandmen also, and vine dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved husbandry.

11 Moreover Uzziah had an hoff of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains.

12 The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valour were two thousand and six hundred.

13 And under their hand was an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.

14 And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the hast shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and slings to cast stones.

15 And he made in Jerusalem engines invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread abroad for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.

16 But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the Lord his God, and went into the temple of the Lord to burn incense upon the altar of incense.

17 And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourcific priests of the Lord, that were valiant men:

18 And they with food Uzziah the king, and laid upon him, it was anapparitionb not unto thee. Uzziah, to burn incense unto the Lord, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespasst; neither shall it be for thine honour from the Lord God.

19 Then Uzziah was wroth, and bad a
and is smitten with leprosy.

CHAP. XXVII, XXVIII. Ahab reigneth very wickedly.

8 He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Judah. Before

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Ahab reigning very wickedly is smitten by the kings of Syria and Israel. 8 The Israelites, having carried many thousands of Judah captive to Samaria, at the remembrance of the prophet Oded sent them home. 16 Ahab call- ed the king of Assyria to his aid, but it was not at all benefited by his assistance. 22 In his distress he became still more idolatrous. 26 His acts and death: Hazekiah succeeded him.

HAZ was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father:

2 For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim.

3 Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abomina- tions of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

4 He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 Wherefore the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought them to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, whom he smote with a great slaughter.

6 For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah an hundred and twenty thousand in one day, which were all valiant men; because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers.

7 And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah that was next to the king.

8 And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.

9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded: and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand.

10 So the people of Israel said to him, Let now our flesh be spared, I pray thee, and let our lives be spared, and our children and our children's children, for the Lord thy God hath mercy on us, and will deliver us from the hand of Alexander.

11 Then Jeroboam said, Let not this people come again to offer sacrifice at Bethel, or make an end of the sin unto death. 13 Wherefore the king took counsel, and made two calves of wood, and put them in the house corners. 14 And he made流入 the people to offer sacrifice unto them; so the LORD sware in the anger of his wrath, that he would take away the children of Israel out of the land which he had given them; and would disperse them among the nations, until this day. 17 But Hezekiah, the son of Ahaz, waxed strong, and strengthened himself like a king; he neither consorted with the king of Assyria, 18 nor built again the high places that were in the kingdom of Judah; and he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. 20 And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprosous in his forehead; and they thrust him out thence from them; yea, himself hafted also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him.

21 And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a separate house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

22 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did Uriah the priest, write. 23 So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the sepulchre among the kings, for they said, He is a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead. JOTHAM was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah did: howbeit he entered not into the temple of the LORD. And the people did yet corruptly.

3 ¶ He built the high gate of the house of the LORD, and on the wall of Ophel he built much. Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers.

4 ¶ He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against him. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year an hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand measures of barley. ¶ So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year, and the third.

5 So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God.

6 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel in Judah.
Abaz calleth the king of Assyria to his aid. II. CHRONICLES.

Hezekiah's good reign.

Before CHRIST

cir. 740.


Rev. 18:14.

= Lev. 25: 7
39: 44: 41.

46.

*Jam. 2.

x

12 Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the war.

13 And said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither: for whereas we have offended against the Lord already, ye intend to add more to our sins and to our trespasses: for our trespasses are great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.

14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation.

* ver. 12.

15 And the men which were expressed by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brethren: then they returned to Samaria.

16 ¶ At that time did king Ahaz send unto the kings of Assyria to help him.

17 For again the Edomites had come and smitten Judah, and carried away captives.

18 ¶ The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low country, and of the south of Judah, and had taken Beth-hemeth, and Aijalon, and Gederoth, and Shocho with the villages thereof; and Tannath with the villages thereof, Gimzo also and the villages thereof: and they dwelt there.

19 For the Lord brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against the Lord.

20 And Tilghath-pilnefer king of Assyria came unto him, and discomfitted him, but strengthened him not.

21 For Ahaz took away a portion out of the house of the Lord, and out of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not.

22 ¶ And in the time of his distress did he transgress yet more against the Lord:

Before this is that king Ahaz.

23 For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which fomented him: and he fretted, because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel.

24 And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the Lord, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem.

25 And in every city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the Lord God of his fathers.

26 ¶ Now the rest of his acts and of his ways, and his might, and his works, are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem: but they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

C H A P. XXIX.

1 Hezekiah's good reign. 3 He restoreth religion, and exhorteth the Levites to cleanse the house of God. 12 The Levites sanctify themselves, and cleanse the house. 20 Hezekiah offereth solemn sacrifices, wherein the Levites shew a more forward zeal than the priests.

H

Ezekiah began to reign when he was...18:1. he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem: And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.

2 And he did that...in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father had done.

3 ¶ He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the Lord, and repaired them.

4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street,

5 And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the Lord God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place.

6 For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord our God, and have forsoaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the Lord, and turned their backs.

7 ¶ Also they have shut up the doors of
The Levites cleanse the house of God.  

CHAP. XXIX. Hezekiah offered solemn sacrifices.

Before CHRIST 746.

Before CHRIST 746.

8 Wherefore the wrath of the Lord was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes.  

9 For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this.

10 Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the Lord God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.  

11 My sons, be not now negligent: for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense.

12 ¶ Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehallelel: and of the Gershonites; Joash the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah:  

13 And of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah:  

14 And of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel.  

15 And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the Lord, to cleanse the house of the Lord, in the presence of the congregation; and they brought out all the uncleanliness that they found in the temple of the Lord into the court of the house of the Lord.  

16 And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the Lord, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the Lord into the court of the house of the Lord. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron.  

17 Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify; and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the Lord; so they sanctified the house of the Lord in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.  

18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the Lord, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof.  

19 Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cut away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they are before the altar of the Lord.
Hezekiah proclaimeth a solemn passover. II. CHRONICLES. The altars of idolatry destroyed.

... sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings.

32 And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was three score and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt offering to the LORD.

33 And the consecrated things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep.

34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites helped them, till the work was ended, and until the other priests had sanctified themselves; so the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests.

35 And also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order.

36 And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly.

... and Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel.

2 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month.

3 For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.

4 And the thing pleased the king and all the congregation.

5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done it of a long time in such sort as it was written.

6 So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria.

7 And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the LORD God of their fathers, who therefore gave them up to defoliation, as ye see.

8 Now therefore be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.

9 For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.

10 So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.

11 Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.

12 Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the LORD.

13 ¶ And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation.

14 And they arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron.

15 Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the second month: and they ate the passover with the flesh still warm, and sanctified them, and sanctified themselves, and brought into the burnt offerings into the house of the LORD.

16 And they strewed in the midst of their place after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, which they received of the hand of the Levites.

17 For there were many in the congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for every one that was not clean, to sanctify them unto the LORD.

18 For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves,
The feast is kept fourteen days.

And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem, kept the feast seven days with gladness:

And the Levites and the priests praised the Lord day by day, singing with loud instruments unto the Lord.

And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the Levites, that taught the knowledge of the Lord; and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings and making confession to the Lord God of their fathers.

And the whole assembly took counsel to keep seven other days: and they kept seven days with gladness.

For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the congregation a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.

And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced.

So was there great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem.

And the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven.

Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and in some parts of Israel.

Hezekiah ordered the courses of the priests and Levites, making provision for the sacerdotal sacrifices, and for the maintenance of the priests and Levites.

The people's forwardness in bringing in the firstfruits and tithes.

Hezekiah appointed officers over those offerings. 20 Hezekiah's sincerity of heart.

And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, 'Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty for the Lord hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store.

Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of the Lord; and they prepared them.

And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things: over which Coniah the son of Jechonias 

and Shimei his brother were the new
Hezekiah's sincerity of heart.

II. CHRONICLES.

Sennacherib invadeth Judah:

After these things, and the exaltation thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities; and thought to win them for himself.

And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem,

He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop up the waters of the fountain, which were without the city; and they did help him.

So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?

He strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised it up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired Millo in the city of David; and made darts and shields in abundance.

And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying,

Be strong and courageous; be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him; for there be more with us than with him.

With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he himself laid siege against Lachish, and all his power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that were at Jerusalem, saying,

Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide in the siege in Jerusalem?

Doth not Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The Lord our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?

Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of other lands? were the gods of the nations of the earth round about able to deliver their lands out of mine hand?
An angel destroyeth the Assyrian host.  

XXXIII.  Manasseh's wicked reign.

14 Who was there among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand?  

15 Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?  

16 And his servants spake yet more against the LORD God, and against his servant Hezekiah.  

7 He wrote also letters to rail on the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, 'As the gods of the nations of other lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand.  

18 Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' speech unto the people of Jerusalem, that were on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city.  

19 And they spake against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, who were the work of the hands of man.  

20 And for this cause Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.  

21 And the Lord sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword.  

22 Thus the Lord saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all other, and guided them on every side.  

23 And many brought gifts unto the Lord to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.  

24 In those days Hezekiah was sick unto the death, and prayed unto the Lord: and he spake unto him, and he gave him signs.  

25 But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.  

10 Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.  

27 And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasures for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels;  

28 Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks.  

29 Moreover he provided him cities, and poffessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him substance very much.  

30 This fame Hezekiah also stopped the upper watercourse of the Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.  

31 Howbeit in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.  

32 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, and in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.  

33 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the chiefest of the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honour at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

Manasseh's wicked reign and great idolatry.

10 Rejecting God's admonitions, he is carried captive to Babylon, where he bumblith himself before God, and is referr'd to his kingdom.  

14 He forsieth his dominions, and putteth down idolatry, reforming the worship of the true God.  

18 His acts and prayer: 20 He dieth; Amon succeedeth him. 21 Amon's wicked reign; he is slain by his servants. 25 The people slay the murderers, and make Josiah king.

Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem:

2 But did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel.

3 For he built again the high places
Manasseh's captivity and return. II. CHRONICLES.

Amon slain by conspiracy.

which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the hoft of heaven, and served them.
4 Alfo he built altars in the houfe of the Lord, whereof the Lord had faid, In Jerusalem fhall my name be for ever.
5 And he built altars for all the hoft of heaven in the two courts of the houfe of the Lord.
6 And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the fon of Hinnom: alfo he obferved times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the fight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger.
7 And he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they are written among the faithings of the feers.
8 Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; fo that they may take heed and do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.

9 So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom the Lord had delivered before the children of Israel.
10 And the Lord fpake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hear.
11 Wherefore the Lord brought upon them the captains of the hoft of the king of Affryia, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.
12 And when he was in affliction, he feaft the Lord his God, and he humbled himself greatly before the hoft of his fathers.
13 And he prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord he was God.
14 Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fifth gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.
15 And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the houfe of the Lord, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the houfe of the Lord, and in Jerusalem, and called them out of the city.
16 And he repaired the altar of the Lord, and facrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to ferve the Lord God of Israel.
17 Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet unto the Lord their God only.
18 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the feers that spake to him in the name of the Lord God of Israel, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel.
19 His prayer also, and how God was in treafo to him, and all his fins, and his trefpaft, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they are written among the faithings of the feers.
20 ¶ So Manasseh fept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his fon reigned in his stead.
21 ¶ Amon was two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jerusalem.
22 But he did that which was evil in the fight of the Lord, as did Manasseh his father: for Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them.
23 And humbled himfelf before the Lord, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but Amon † trefpafted more and more.
24 ¶ And his servants conpired again him, and flew him in his own house.
25 ¶ But the people of the land flew all them that had conpired again king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his fon king in his stead.

C H A P. XXXIV.

† Heb. multiplied trefpaft.
1 Josiah's good reign: 3 he defrofeeth idolatry both in Judah and Israel: 8 be provideth for the repairs of the temple. 14 Hilkiah having found the book of the law, it is read before the king, who is alarmed, and fends to the prophet Huldah to enquire of the Lord. 23 Huldah prophesies the destruction of Jerusalem, but not to take place till after the death of Josiah. 29 Josiah caufeth the book to be read in a feamen assembly, and reneweth the covenant between God and the people.

Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years.
Before Christ 

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor to the left.

634.

3 ¶ For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.

4 And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the image, that were on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and threw it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them.

And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

6 And so did he in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with theiraltarstoucks round about.

7 And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

8 ¶ Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Mafeiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joaz the recorder, to repair the house of the Lord his God.

9 And when they came to Hilkiah, the high priest, they delivered him the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites had kept the doors of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem.

10 And they put it in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the Lord, and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the house of the Lord, to repair and amend the house:

11 Even to the artificers and builders gave they it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and l to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

12 And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Melchiah, of the sons of the Kohathites, to let it for-
Jehoshaphat and the people renew the covenant. II. CHRONICLES.

A solemn passover kept.

26 And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the Lord, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel concerning the words which thou hast heard:

27 Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humbly humblest thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, faith the Lord.

28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

29 Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

30 And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, + great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the Lord.

31 And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.

32 And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

33 And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, even to serve the Lord their God. And all his days they departed not from following the Lord, the God of their fathers.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 Josiah causeth a solemn passover to be kept.

20 He went to fight with Pharaoh-necho, and was slain in battle at Megiddo.

21 The lamentations made for him.

Moreover Josiah kept a passover unto the Lord in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month.

2 And he set the priests in their charges, and the Levites in their offices, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the Lord.

3 And said unto the Levites: 'Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build: it shall not be a burden upon your shoulders: serve now the Lord your God, and his people Israel,'

4 And prepare yourselves by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son.

5 And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brethren, the Levites, and according to the division of the families of the Levites:

6 So kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren, that they may do according to the word of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

7 And Josiah + gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the passover offerings, for all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these were of the king's subinance.

8 And his princes + gave willingly unto the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover offerings two thousand and six hundred small cattle, and three hundred oxen.

9 Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Joazabad, chief of the Levites, + gave unto the Levites for passover offerings five thousand small cattle, and five hundred oxen.

10 So the service was prepared, and the priests and the Levites offered according to the king's commandment.

11 And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled the blood from their hands, and the Levites laid them.

12 And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give according to the division of the families of the people, to offer unto the Lord, as it is written in the book of Moses. And so did they with the oxen.

13 And they roasted the passover with fire, according to the ordinance: and the other holy offerings they did they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and divided them speedily among all the people.
XXXVI. Jehoahaz deposed by Pharaoh-necho.

And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron were buried in offering of burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron.

And the fingers the sons of Asaph were in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's leer; and the porters waited at every gate; they might not depart from their service, for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.

So all the service of the Lord was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the Lord, according to the commandment of king Josiah.

And the children of Israel that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.

And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this passover kept.

After this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Charchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him.

But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? I come not against thee this day, but against the house wherein I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from meddling with God, who is with me, that he destroy thee not.

Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disdained himself, that he might fight with him, and hardened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.

And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away: for I am sore wounded.

His servants therefore took him out of that chariot; and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in one of the sepulchers of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

And Jeremiah lamented for Jo-

THEEN * the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem.

And Josiah was twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.

And the king of Egypt put him down at Jerusalem, and put him in bonds of iron.

And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord his God.

Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters to carry him to Babylon.

Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the Lord to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

3. & 5. || Or, Jechiah. || Chron. 3. 16. || Coniah, || Jer. 22. 34.
Zedekiah's wicked reign, and rebellion. II. CHRONICLES.

Before CHRIST

9 ¶ Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. 10 And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

11 ¶ Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. 12 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and humbled himself before the prophet Jeremiah, speaking from the mouth of the LORD. 13 And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel.

14 ¶ Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.

15 ¶ And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending: because he had compasion on his people, and on his dwelling place:

16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy.

17 Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand.

18 ¶ And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon.

19 ¶ And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.

20 ¶ And Zedekiah sent to the king of Babylon, saying, Where were thy servants that did dwell in Judah and in Jerusalem? they were in the last war, when I rebuked thee. And God delivered them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, who smote them, both thee and thy people, with great destruction.

15 Kings 25:1-17

21 To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land enjoyed her sabbaths, as long as she lay desolate. And the LORD fulfilled the word of the Lord his servant Jeremiah, which he spake against Judah and Jerusalem.

22 ¶ Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord spake by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the Lord God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The Lord his God be with him, and let him go up.
Cyrus restoreth the vessels of the temple. CHAP. II. The number of the people that returned.

8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five.
9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.
10 The children of Bani, fix hundred forty and two.
11 The children of Bebai, fix hundred twenty and three.
12 The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two.
13 The children of Adonikam, fix hundred sixty and fix.
14 The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six.
15 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four.
16 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.
17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three.
18 The children of Jorah, an hundred and twelve.
19 The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three.
20 The children of Gibbar, ninety and five.
21 The children of Beth-lehem, an hundred twenty and three.
22 The men of Netophah, fifty and fix.
23 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.
24 The children of Azmaveth, forty and two.
25 The children of Kirjath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three.
26 The children of Ramah and Gaba, fix hundred twenty and one.
27 The men of Michmas, an hundred twenty and two.
28 The men of Beth-el and Ai, two hundred twenty and three.
29 The children of Nebo, fifty and two.
30 The children of Miged, an hundred fifty and six.
31 The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.
32 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.
33 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seventy hundred twenty and five.
34 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.
35 The children of Senaah, three hundred and fix hundred and thirty.
36 The priests: the children of Jeriah, of the house of Jeku, nine hundred seventy and three.
37 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.
The children of 8 Pahur, a thousand and two hundred forty and seven.

38 The children of 9 Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

40 The Levites: the children of Jeshua, and Kadmiel, of the children of 10 Hodaviah, seventy and four.

41 The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred twenty and eight.

42 The children of the porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, in all an hundred thirty and nine.

43 The Nethinims: the children of Zieha, the children of Hafupha, the children of Tabbaoth.

44 The children of Keros, the children of Padon, the children of 11 Sela, the children of Padon, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub.

45 The children of Hagab, the children of Shalmai, the children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reiaiah.

46 The children of Rezin, the children of Nepo, the children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Peaiah, the children of Befai.

47 The children of Befai, the children of Ainah, the children of Taphsah, the children of Baxluth, the children of Harhur, the children of Mehib, the children of Harsha, the children of Sifer, the children of Thamah, the children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

55 The children of 12 Solomon's servants: the children of Sota, the children of Sophereth, the children of Peruda.

56 The children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel.

57 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Hachreth of Zebaim, the children of Ham.

58 All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two.

59 And these were they which went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, 2 Addan, and Immer, but they could not shew their father's house, and their seed, whether they were of Israel:

60 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two.

61 And of the children of the priests:

The children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai; which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name:

62 These were the registers among those that were reckoned by genealogy, which were not found: therefore they were, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

63 And the Tirithath said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Uriah and with Thummim.

64 The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore.

65 Befell their servants and their children, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and there were among them two hundred singing men and singing women.

66 Their horses were seven hundred thirty and five; their mules, two thousand four hundred and five.

67 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; their asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

68 And some of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which is at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of the LORD that he set up in his place:

69 They gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work threescore and six thousand drams of gold, and five thousand pound of silver, and one thousand priests' garments.

70 So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

C H A P. III.

The altar is set up. The feastival and daily burnt offerings renewed. Work employed in preparing materials for the building. Under the direction of Zerubbabel and Jeshua, the priests and Levites appraising, the foundation of the temple is laid amidst the rejoicing of some, and the weeping of others.

AND when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem.

2 Then stood up 3 Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and 4 Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses, the man of God.
The foundation of the temple is laid.  

CHAP. IV.  

The enemies of the Jews hinder the building.

3 And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear was upon them because of the people of them countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD, even burnt offerings morning and evening.

4 ¶ They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required;

5 And afterward offered the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of the first fruits of the גוז לארשי, and of the offerings by freewill, to the LORD, until the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid.

7 ¶ They gave money also unto the masons, and to the V יד טב ידא, and unto the Zidonians, and to the men of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of ידא, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Peria.

8 ¶ Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD.

9 Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Jozadak, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites.

10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, ¶ they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Aaron with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.

11 ¶ And they sang together by course in praisings and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, ¶ for his mercy endureth forever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

12 ¶ But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when

the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: 13 So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

CHAP. IV.

1 The adversaries of the Jews offering to join in building the temple, and being rejected, endeavour to hinder the work. 7 They write to Artaxerxes. 11 The copy of their letter. 17 The answer of Artaxerxes, and his decree to stop the progress of the work. 23 The building is suspended for a time.

NOW when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity built the temple unto the LORD God of Israel;

2 Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye do; and we do sacrifice unto him, since the days of Esh-haddan king of Affur, which brought us up hither.

3 But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the LORD God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us.

4 ¶ Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building.

5 ¶ And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, even all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

6 And in the reign of Ahaziah, the beginning of his reign, wrote they unto Ahaziah, an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 ¶ And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was translated in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue.

8 Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem unto Artaxerxes the king in this sort:

9 Then wrote Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions: the Dinaites, the Apharsachites, the Tarpitites, the Apharites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanites, the Cherosites, the Dehavites, and the Elamites,

10 ¶ And the rest of the nations whom.
The letter sent to Artaxerxes, and his answer. E Z R A. The building suspended, and again set forward.

Before CHRIST. 
Ezr. 6:8. 
So ver. 11, 17, & ch. 7, 11. 
+ Chald. Cheresitb. 354. 

Shemai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them cease by force and power. 
24. Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia. 

C H A P. V. 
1 Erubabel and Jeshua, incited by the prophets Haggai and Zechariah, begin again to build in the reign of Darius. 2 Tatnai and Shelhar-bozna were not able to prevent them from proceeding. 6 The copy of their letter to Darius concerning the building.

T H E N * the prophets, * Haggai the 550. 1 Eldas ch. 3, 66. 2 Hagg. 1. 2 Shealtiel, and Jethua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God helping them. 
2 Then rose up * Erubabel the son of 4 ch. 5. 1 Shealtiel, and Jethua the son of Jozadak, Shealtiel, and Jethua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God helping them. 
2 Then rose up * Erubabel the son of 4 ch. 5. 1 Shealtiel, and Jethua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God helping them.

14 Now because we have maintenance from the king's palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's dis honour, therefore have we lent and certified the king; 
15 That search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: fo shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city was a rebellious city, and hurt ful unto kings and provinces; and that they have moved sedition within the fame of old time: for which cause was this city destroyed. 

16 We certify the king that, if this city be builded again, and the walls thereof set up, by this means thou shalt have no portion on this side the river. 
17 * Then sent the king an answer unto Rehum the chancellor, and to Shim hai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and unto the rest beyond the river, Peace, and at such a time. 
18 The letter which ye sent unto us hath been plainly read before us.

19 And I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and rebel lion and sedition have been made therein.

20 There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, which have ruled over all countries beyond the river; and toll, tribute, and custom, was paid unto them. 
21 * Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until another commandment shall be given from me. 
22 Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings? 
23 * Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes letter was read before Rehum, and
The decree of Darius in favour of the Jews. CHAP. VI.

Before CHRIST

11 And thus they returned us an answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel builded and let up.

12 But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.

13 But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon the same king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God.

14 And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto one, whose name was Shephshazzer, whom he had made governor;

15 And said unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be built in his place.

16 Then came the same Shephshazzer, and laid the foundation of the house of God which is in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now hath it been in building, and yet it is not finished.

17 Now therefore, if it seem good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure house, where is there at Babylon, whether it be so, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king's high priest to whose care concern this matter.

CHAP. VI.

1 Darius, finding the decree of Cyrus, maketh a new decree for the advancement of the building.

13 Tatnai and Shethar-boznai affixing according to the king's decree, the temple is finished.

15 Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasuries were laid up in Babylon.

2 And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein was a record thus written:

3 In the first year of Cyrus the king, the same Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem. Let the house be built, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof three score cubits, and the breadth thereof three score cubits;

4 With three rows of great stones, and with timber and let the expenses be given out of the king's house:

5 And also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, every one to his place, and place them in the house of God.

6 Now therefore, Tatnai, governor beyond the river, Shethar-boznai, and your companions the Apharsachites, which are beyond the river, be ye far from thence:

7 Let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in his place.

8 Moreover I make a decree what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the river, forthwith expenses be given unto these men, that they be not hindered.

9 And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail:

10 That they may offer sacrifices of sweet favours unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons.

11 Also I have made a decree, that who-foever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being let up, let him be hanged thereon; and let him be made a dunghill for this.

12 And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter and to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with speed.

13 ¶ Then Tatnai, governor on this side the river, Shethar-boznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily.

14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the
The feast of the dedication kept with joy.  

**E Z R A.** Artaxerxes' gracious commission to Ezra,

15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

16 And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy.

17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; and as it is written in the book of Moses.

19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month.

20 For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them were pure, and killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

21 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the Lord God of Israel, did eat.

22 And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy; for the Lord had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

**C H A P. VII.**

1 Ezra's pedigree from Aaron, he goeth up to Jerusalem. 11 The gracious commission of Artaxerxes to him. 27 Ezra blessed God for this favour.

NOW after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah,

2 The son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub,

3 The son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meremoth,

4 The son of Zeriahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,

5 The son of Abihuai, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest:

6 This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the Lord God of Israel had given; and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the Lord his God upon him.

7 And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinim, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king.

8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.

9 For upon the first day of the first month he began to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

11 ¶ Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, even a scribe of the words of the commandments of the Lord, and of his statutes to Israel.

12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at such a time.

13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own free will to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee.

14 Forasmuch as thou art sent of the king, and of his seven counsellors, to enquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is in thine hand;

15 And to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem,

16 And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem:

17 That thou mayest buy speedily with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat offerings and their drink offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem.

18 And whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, do that after the will of your God.

19 The vessels also that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, these
 deliver thou before the God of Jerusalém.
 20 And whatsoever more shall be need-
 ful for the house of thy God, which thou
 shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it out
 of the king's treasure house.
 21 And I, even I Artaxerxes the king,
do make a decree to all the treasurers
 which are beyond the river, that whatso-
ever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law
 of the God of heaven, shall require of
 you, it be done speedily,
 22 Unto an hundred talents of silver, and
to an hundred meares of wheat, and to an
 hundred baths of wine, and to an hun-
dred baths of oil, and falt without pre-
scribing how much.
 23 + Whatsoever is commanded by the
 God of heaven, let it be diligently done
 for the house of the God of heaven: for
 why should there be wrath against the
 realm of the king and his sons?
 24 Also we certify you, that touching
 any of the priests and Levites, singers,
 porters, Nethinims, or minifters of this
 house of God, it shall not be lawful to
 impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them.
 25 And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of
 thy God, that is in thine hand, + let magi-
 frates and judges, which may judge all the
 people that are beyond the river, all such
 as know the laws of thy God; and + teach
 ye them that know them not.
 26 And whatsoever will not do the law of
 thy God, and the law of the king, let judg-
 ment be executed speedily upon him, whe-
 ther it be unto death, or + to banishment,
or to confiscation of goods, or to imprison-
 ment.
 27 ¶ Blessed be the Lord God of our
 fathers, + which hath put such a thing as
 this in the king's heart, to beauteify the
 house of the LORD which is in Jerusalém:
 28 And + hath extended mercy unto me
 before the king, and his counsellors, and
 before all the king's mighty princes. And
 I was strengthened as + the hand of the
 LORD my God was upon me, and I gath-
ered together out of Israel chief men to
 go up with me.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The companions of Ezra, who returned with
him from Babylon, 
15 Reviewing them at
Abava, and finding none of the Levites there,
his tendeth to Iddo for ministers for the temple
service, and obtained them. 21 A fast is pro-
claimed in order to seek God a prosperous
journey. 24 The holy treasures are committed
to the custody of the priests. 31 From Abava
Ezra with his company came safe to Jerusalém.
33 The treasures are delivered by weight into
the temple.
36 The king's commission delivered.
32 And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days.
33 ¶ Now on the fourth day was the silver and the gold and the vessels of the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them was Jozabad the son of Jeah, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites.
34 By number and by weight of every one: and all the weight was written at that time.
35 And the children of them that had been carried away, which were come out of the captivity, offered burnt offerings unto the Lord the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he goats for a sin offering: all this was a burnt offering unto the Lord.
36 And they delivered the king's moneys and all the precious things unto the kings' lieutenants, and to the governors on this side the river: and they furthered the people, and the house of God.

CHAP. IX.
1 Ezra mourneth for the intermarriages of the people with strangers. 5 He prayeth unto God with confession of sins.

NOW when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.
2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of the heathen lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.
3 And when I heard this thing, Irent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonied.
4 Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and Isat astonied until the evening sacrifice.
5 ¶ And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the Lord my God.
6 And said, O my God, I am ashamed.
CHAP. X. Ezra's reformation of strange marriages.

and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespasses are grown up unto the heavens.

Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day: and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day.

And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

For we are bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up our house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments,

Whose thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people of the land, with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their uncleannesses.

Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children

And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this;

Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldst thou not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping?

O Lord God of Israel, thou art righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee because of this.

CHAP. X.

Shechaniah encourageth Ezra to reform the abuse of the strange marriages. 6 Ezra by proclamation assembled the people. 9 The people before the exhortation of Ezra promise amendment.

Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept sore.

And Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.

Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of our lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.

Arise; for this matter belongeth unto thee: we also will be with thee: be of good courage, and do it.

Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they should do according to this word. And they sware.

Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib: and while he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water; for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away.

And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem;

And that whatsoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried away.

Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, and the twentieth day of the month; and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and for the great rain.

And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespasses of Israel.

Now therefore make confession unto the Lord God of your fathers, and
The name of the men who had married strange wives.

E Z R A.

23 Also of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimai, and Kelah, (the name is Kelaiah,) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.
24 Of the priests also; Eliashib; and of the porters; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.
25 Moreover of Israel; of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchijah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benahiah.
26 And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Elijah.
27 And of the sons of Zattu; Eliaerah, Eliezer, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.
28 Of the sons also of Bebai, Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai.
29 And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, and Malchiah, and Adaiah, and Jeshua, and Sheal, and Ramoth.
30 And the sons of Pahath-moab; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaiah, Mattaniah, Be zeal, and Binnui, and Manasseh.
31 And of the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ithijah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon.
32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah.
33 Of the sons of Haiphaum; Mattanai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphlet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.
34 Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel.
35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh.
36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliaishib, Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jahaan.
37 And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei.
38 And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah.
39 || Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai, Azarel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah, Shallum, Amariah, and Johesh.
40 Of the sons of Nebo; Jecil, Mat thinah, Zabad, Zebina, Judah, and Joel, Benai a.
41 All these had taken strange wives: and some of them had wives by whom they had children.

The Book of NEHEMIAH.

C H A P. I.

1 Nehemiah, informed by Hanani concerning the afflicted state of Jerusalem, mourneth, fasteth, and prayeth. 5 His prayer.

2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.
3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach:
Nebemiah's mourning, fasting, and prayer. CHAP. II.

Before CHRIST cir. 466.
1 CH. 4. 17.
1 Kings 25. 10.

Dan. 9. 4.

Exod. 30. 6.

Kings 8. 28. 29.
Chron. 6. 40.
Dan. 9. 17.
1 Dan. 9.

Ps. 106. 6.
Dan. 9. 7.
Deut. 30. 15.

Lev. 16. 11.
Deut. 4. 39.
26. 7. & 18. 64.
1 Lev. 26. 50. & 51.
Deut. 4. 39.
50. 17. & 20.
Deut. 30. 4.

Deut. 9.

Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand.

1 O LORD, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the fight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

CHAP. II.

Artaxerxes, understanding the cause of Nebemiah's sadness, sendeth him letters and a commission to build the wall of Jerusalem.

9 Nebemiah delivereth the letters, and to the grief of the enemies of the Jews cometh to Jerusalem. 12 He overthrew the state of the walls secretly by night. 17 He encourageth the Jews to build in spite of the scorn of their enemies.

A ND it came to pass in the month Nifan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been before time sad in his presence.

H is request, and commission.

Before CHRIST cir. 445.

Prov. 13. 13.
1 Kings 4.
Dan. 3. 4.
& 5. 10.
& 6. 21.
ch. 1. 3.

2 Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid.

3 And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

4 Then the king said unto me, For what doth thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

5 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.

6 And the king said unto me, (the queen also fitting him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

7 Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey over till I come into Judah;

8 And a letter unto Aaph the keeper of the king's森林, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertaineth to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

9 ¶ Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me.

10 When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

11 So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

12 ¶ And I arose in the night, and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon.

13 And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

14 Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pas.
The names and order of them

NEHEMIAH. that builded the wall of Jerusalem.

15 Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned.
16 And the rulers knew not whither I went; or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the reit that did the work.
17 ¶ Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire; come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more reproach.
18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; also of the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. And they strengthened their hands for this good work.
19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? Will ye rebel against the king?
20 Then answered I them, and laid unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

C H A P. III.

The names and order of them that builded the wall.

Then Eliajih the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Meah they sanctified it, unto the tower of * Jachin. and 2 And next unto him builded * the men of Jericho. And next to them builded Zaccur the son of Imri.
3 But the fifth gate did the sons of Hethanaai build, who also laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.
4 And next unto them repaired Meroth, the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And next unto them repaired Me Hamburg the son of Berechiah, the son of Melezebeek. And next unto them repaired Zadok the son of Baana.
5 And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord.
6 Moreover the old gate repaired Jehoiaada the son of Paseah, and Me Hamburg the son of Beeldoah; the laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.
The enemies are wrath, and scoff: turning of the wall unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.

21 After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Koz another piece, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib.

22 And after him repaired the priests, the men of the plain.

23 After him repaired Benjamin and Haliub over against their house. After him repaired Azariah the son of Maaheiah the son of Ananiah by himself.

24 After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another piece, from the house of Azariah unto the turning of the wall, even unto the corner.

25 Palal the son of Uzai, over against the turning of the wall, and the tower which lieth out from the king’s high house, that was by the court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh.

26 Moreover the Nethinims dwelt in Ophel, unto the place over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that lieth out.

27 After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel.

28 From above the horse gate repaired the priests, every one over against his house.

29 After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his house. After him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east gate.

30 After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another piece. After him repaired Meahun the son of Berechiah over against his chamber.

31 After him repaired Malchiah the goldsmith’s son, unto the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, over against the gate Miphkad, and to the going up of the corner.

32 And between the going up of the corner unto the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

CHAP. IV.

Nebemiah setteth a watch against them.

While the enemies are wrath, and scoff, Nebemiah proçetb to God, and buildeth the wall. Understaniing their secret plottings, he setteth a watch. He armeth the labourers, and giveth informations how to proceed in case of an alarm.

But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we built the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.

And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do thee feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?

3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by ch. s. 10, him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.

4 Hear, O our God; for we are tailed: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity:

5 And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders.

6 So built we the wall, and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

7 But it came to pass, that Sanballat, Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth.

8 And confired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.

9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and put our shoulders to this great work: and ours hands were anointed therewith. In our hands also was a great stone for weight.

10 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish: so that we are not able to build the wall.

11 And our adversaries spake, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease.

12 And it came to pass, that when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they laid unto us ten times, From all places whencesoever ye shall return unto us they will be upon you.

13 Therefore let I in the lower places behind the wall, and on the higher places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

14 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and do fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

15 And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought.
The people complain of their debts.

Before CHRIST

The people complained of their debts, which had compelled them to mortgage their lands, and sell their children into bondage. Nehemiah rebuked the usurers, and caused them to swear to make a full and free restitution. He refused the governor's usual allowance, and kept up hospitality at his own expense.

AND there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews. For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, are many: therefore we take up corn for them, that we may eat, and live. Some also there were that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth. There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, and that upon our lands and vineyards. Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children; and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought unto bondage already: neither is it in our power to redeem them; for other men have our lands and vineyards.

6 ¶ And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words.

7 Then I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them.

8 And I said unto them, We after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, which were sold unto the heathen; and will ye even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing to answer.

9 Also I said, It is not good that ye do: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God, because of the reproach of our enemies?

10 I likewise, and my brethren, and my servants, might exact of them money and corn: I pray you, let us leave off this usury.

11 Therefore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them.

12 Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise.

13 Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise.

14 ¶ Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor.

15 But the former governors that had been before me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yes, even their servants bare rule over the people: but I did not, because of the fear of God.

NEHEMIAH. Nehemiah reformeth the practice of usury.

Before CHRIST

Exod. 34.
23. 25.
26. 28.
27. 30.
28. 32.
29. 40.
Judea.
5-7.

And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews. For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, are many: therefore we take up corn for them, that we may eat, and live. Some also there were that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth. There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, and that upon our lands and vineyards. Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children; and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought unto bondage already: neither is it in our power to redeem them; for other men have our lands and vineyards.

6 ¶ And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words.

7 Then I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them.

8 And I said unto them, We after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, which were sold unto the heathen; and will ye even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing to answer.

9 Also I said, It is not good that ye do: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God, because of the reproach of our enemies?

10 I likewise, and my brethren, and my servants, might exact of them money and corn: I pray you, let us leave off this usury.

11 Therefore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them.

12 Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise.

13 Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise.

14 ¶ Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor.

15 But the former governors that had been before me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yes, even their servants bare rule over the people: but I did not, because of the fear of God.
Sanballat ta'sifetb against Nebemiab.  C H A P.
Before CHRIST 445.

16 Yea, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants were gathered thither unto the work.
17 Moreover there were at my table an hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, beside those that came unto us from among the heathen that are about us.
18 Now that which was prepared for me daily was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people.
19 Think upon me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.

C H A P. VI.
1 Sanballat ta'sifetb against Nebemiab by invidious attempts, false rumours, and bired prophecies. 15 The wall is finished to the great dismay of the enemy. 17 The nobles of Judah hold traitorous intelligence with Tobiah.

Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and || Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;) 2 That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief.
3 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?
4 Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner.
5 ¶ Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand;
6 Wherein was written, It is reported among the heathen, and || Geshem faith it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words.
7 And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.
8 Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart.
9 For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.
10 ¶ Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who was shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee.
11 And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that, being as I am, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.
12 And, lo, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.
13 Therefore was he hired, that he should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach me.
14 ¶ My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophets Noadiah, Zerubbabel, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.
15 ¶ So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days.
16 And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us knew that there were about us these things, they were much confounded in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.
17 ¶ Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, and the letters of Tobiah came unto them.
18 For there were many in Judah sworn unto him, because he was the son in law of Shecaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Mefullah the son of Berechiah.
19 Alio they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him. ¶ or, And Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

C H A P. VII.
1 Nebemiab committed the charge of the city to Hanani and Hananiah. 5 A register found of the genealogy of them which came first from Babylon, of the people, 39 of the priests, 43 of the Levites, 46 of the Nethinim, 57 of the children of Solomon's servants, 63 of the priests which could not thereof their pedigrees. 66 The whole number with their substance. 70 Their oblations.
A register of the genealogy of them who returned from Babylon.

Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed,

That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many.

And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one to be over against his house.

Now the city was large and great: but the people were few therein, and the houses were not built.

And my God put into mine heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of them which came up at the first, and found written therein,

These are the children of the province, that went out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city:

Who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahman, Mordecai, Bilhah, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number, I say, of the men of the children of Israel was this:

The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two.

The children of Shephatiah, two thousand an hundred seventy and two.

The children of Araah, six hundred fifty and two.

The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jofia and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred and eighteen.

The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five.

The children of Zaccai, seven hundred three hundred and threecore.

The children of Binna, six hundred forty and eight.

The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight.

The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred and twenty.

The children of Adonikam, six hundred threecore and seven.

The children of Bigvai, two thousand threecore and seven.
The whole number of them that returned.  

CHAP. VIII. The law read and expounded by Ezra.

47. The children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon,  
48. The children of Lebanon, the children of Hagaba, the children of Shalmai,  
49. The children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar,  
50. The children of Reiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda,  
51. The children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah,  
52. The children of Befai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephishaim,  
53. The children of Bakub, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harbur,  
54. The children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,  
55. The children of Barkos, the children of Sifera, the children of Tamah,  
56. The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.  
57. The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sota, the children of So-  
phereth, the children of Perida.  
58. The children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,  
59. The children of Shephtah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth  
of Zebaim, the children of Amon.  
60. All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred  
ninety and two.  
61. And these were they which went up  
alsо from Tel-melah, Tel-haretha, Cherub,  
Addon, and Immer: but they could not  
show their father's house, nor their  
food, whether they were of Israel.  
62. The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, fix  
hundred forty and two.  
63. And of the priests: the children of  
Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, which took one  
of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and  
was called after their name.  
64. These sought their register among those  
that were reckoned by genealogy, but it  
was not found: therefore were they, as  
polluted, put from the priesthood.  
65. And the Tirihath said unto them,  
that they should not eat of the most holy  
things, till there stood up a priest with  
Urim and Thummim.  
66. The whole congregation together  
was forty and two thousand three hundred  
and threecore,  
67. Beside their maidservants and their  
maidervants, of whom there were seven  
thousand three hundred thirty and seven:  
and they had two hundred forty and five  
flinging men and flinging women.  
68. Their horses, seven hundred thirty and  
six: their mules, two hundred forty and five:  
69. Their camels, four hundred thirty and  
five: six thousand seven hundred and twen-  
ty offes.  
70. ¶ And some of the chief of the fathers  
gave unto the work. The Tirihath a  
gave to the treasure a thousand drams of  
gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty  
priests' garments.  
71. And some of the chief of the fathers  
gave to the treasure of the work twenty  
thousand drams of gold, and two thousand  
and two hundred pound of silver, and three-  
core and seven priests' garments.  
72. And that which the rest of the people  
gave was twenty thousand drams of  
gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and three-  
core and seven priests' garments.  
73. So the priests, and the Levites, and the  
porters, and the singers, and some of the  
people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel,  
dwelt in their cities; and when the sev-  
enth month came, the children of Israel  
were in their cities.  

CHAP. VIII.  
1. The religious manner in which the law was  
read by Ezra and expounded to the people.  
2. Nebemiah, Ezra, and the Levites, comfort  
them. 3. They are instructed out of the law  
concerning the feast of tabernacles, 16 which  
is kept in a solemn manner.

1. And all the people gathered them-  
selves together as one man into the  
street that was before the water gate; and  
they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring  
the book of the law of Moses, which the  
Lord had commanded to Israel.  
2. And Ezra the priest brought the law  
before the congregation both of men and  
women, and all that could hear with under-  
standing, upon the first day of the sev-  
enth month.  
3. And he read therein before the street  
that was before the water gate from the  
morning until midday, before the men and  
the women, and those that could under-  
fand; and the ears of all the people were  
attentive unto the book of the law.

4. And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit  
of wood, which they had made for the  
purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah,  
and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and  
Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand;  
and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mihael,  
and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashba-  
dana, Zechariah, and Miflullah.  
5. And Ezra opened the book in the  
street of all the people; (for he was above  
all the people;) and when he opened it, all  
the people stood up.
6 And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, Amen. Amen, with lifting up their hands; and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

7 Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azarias, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people flocked in their place.

8 So they read in the book of the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

9 ¶ And Nehemiah, which is Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, sat un to all the people. This day is holy unto the Lord your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto him for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

11 So the Levites filled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved.

12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions unto him for whom nothing was prepared: for they feared the Lord.

13 ¶ And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law.

14 And they found written in the law which the Lord had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month.

15 And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.

16 ¶ So the people went forth, and brought them, and made them houses, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the streets of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim.

17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.

18 Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.
The Levites make confession of God's goodness, CHAP. IX.

1 And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heard their cry by the Red sea; and shewed signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and in all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst thou get thee a name, as it is this day.

2 And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters.

3 Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go.

4 Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments:

5 And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant:

6 And gavest them bread for their hunger; and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them.

7 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments,

8 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.

9 Yea, when they had made a molten calf, and said, This is thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations;

10 Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go.

11 Thou gavest also a good spirit to instruct them, and withheldst not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.
The names of those that sealed the covenant: Nehemiah.

25. The obligations of the covenant.

Before
CHRIST

The name of those that sealed the covenant:

NEHEMIAH.

of Azaniah, Binnum of the sons of Hena-
dad, Kadmiel;

10 And their brethren, Shebaniah, Ho-
dijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,

11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,

12 Zaccur, Serehab, Shebaniah,

13 Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.

14 The chief of the people; * Parosh,

Pahath-moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani,

15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

16 Adoniah, Bigvai, Adin,

17 Ater, Hizkiah, Azzur,

18 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,

19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,

20 Magphiah, Meah, Hezir,

21 Melhezabe, Zadok, Jaddua,

22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Aniaha,

23 Holmea, Hananiah, Hashub,

24 Halloheith, Pleha, Shobek,

25 Kindum, Hashban, Hashabiah,

26 And Abijah, Hanan, Anan,

27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

28 ¶ * And the rest of the people, the

priests, the Levites, the porters, the fanges,

the Nethinims, * and all they that had

departed themselves from the people of the

lands unto the law of God, their

wives, their fons, and their daughters,

every one having knowledge, and having

understanding;

29 They clave to their brethren, their

nobles, * and entered into a curfe, and into

an oath, * to walk in God's law, which was

given * by Moses the servant of God, and to

observe and do all the commandments of the

Lord our Lord, and his judgments

and his statutes;

30 And that we would not give our

dughters unto the people of the land, nor

take their daughters for our sons:

31 ¶ And if the people of the land bring

ware or any viuctuals on the sabbath day
to sell, that we would not buy it of them

on the sabbath, or on the holy day: and

that we would leave the seventh year,

and the * exaction of * every debt.

32 Also we made ordinances for us, to

charge ourselves yearly with the third part

of a shekel for the service of the house

of our God;

33 For the * shewbread, and for the con-
tinual meat offering, and for the continual

burnt offering, of the fabbaths, of the new

moons, for the * fett feas, and for the holy

things, and for the * fin offerings to make

an atonement for Israel, and for all the

work of the house of our God;

34 And we cast the lots among the

priests, the Levites, and the people, * for

the wood offering, to bring it into the
The names of the persons who dwelt before Christ

House of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the Lord our God, as it is written in the law:

36 Also the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God:

37 And that we should bring the first fruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.

38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasuries house.

39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not for sake the house of our God.

CHAP. XI.

1 The rulers, together with every tenth man taken by lot, and those that offered voluntarily, dwell at Jerusalem.

2 And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

3 Now these are the chief of the province that dwell in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, to wit, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the children of Solomon’s servants.

4 And at Jerusalem dwelt certain of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah; Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of

Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son

of Shephatiah, the son of Mahanaleel, of the
children of Perez;

5 And Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the

son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son

of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of

Zechariah, the son of Shiloni.

6 All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem were four hundred threescore and eight valiant men.

7 And these are the sons of Benjamin;

Sallu the son of Methullam, the son of

Joel, the son of Pedai, the son of Kolai,

the son of Maašeiah, the son of

Ithiel, the son of Jeiel.

8 And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine

hundred twenty and eight.

9 And Joel the son of Zichri was their

overseer: and Judah the son of Senuah was second over the city.

10 Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of

Jolarb, Jachin.

11 Seraias the son of Hilkiah, the son

of Methullam, the son of Zadok, the son

of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the

ruler of the house of God.

12 And their brethren that did the work

of the house were eight hundred twenty

and two: and Adaiah the son of Jeroham,

the son of Pelai, the son of Amzi, the son

of Zechariah, the son of Pahur, the son

of Malchiah.

13 And his brethren, chief of the fathers,
two hundred forty and two: and Amasiah

the son of Azareel, the son of Ahash, the

son of Mecheleeth, the son of Immer.

14 And their brethren, mighty men of

valour, an hundred twenty and eight: and

their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of one

of the great men.

15 Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son

of Hafshub, the son of Azrikam, the son

of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;

16 And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the

chief of the Levites, the overseer of the

outward business of the house of God.

17 And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the

son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, was the

principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakkukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammai, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

18 All the Levites in the holy city were

two hundred fourscore and four.

19 Moreover the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept the

gates, were an hundred twenty and two.

20 Of the residue of Israel, of the

priests, and the Levites, were in all the

cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance.

N n n
The inhabitants of the cities of Judah, &c. NEHEMIAH. The succession of high priests, &c.

Before CHRIST cir. 536.
21 But the Nethinims dwelt in Ophel: and Ziha and Gifsa were over the Nethinims. 4 Iddo, || Ginnetho, || Abijah, || Miamin, || Maadiah, || Bilgah, || Shemaiah, and Joiarib, || Jedediah. 7 || Sallo, || Amok, || Hilkiah, || Jedediah. These were the chief of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jehu.

The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hahashab, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of the sons of Asaph, the fingers were over the business of the house of God.

For it was the king's commandment concerning them, that a certain portion should be for the fingers, due for every day. 24 And Pethahiah the son of Mehezabeel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

25 And for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt at Kirjath-arba, and in the villages thereof, and at the city of Beth-pelet.

And at the Hazar-shual, and at Beer-sheba, and in the villages thereof, 28 And at Ziklag, and at Mekonah, and in the villages thereof, 29 And at En-rimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth.

30 Zanoah, and Adullam, and in their villages, at Lachish, and in the fields thereof, at Azekah, and in the villages thereof. And they dwelt from Beer-sheba unto the valley of Hinnom.

The children also of Benjamin from Geba dwelt at Michmas, and Aija, and Bethel, and in their villages, 32 And at Anathoth, and Nob, and Ananiah.

33 Hazor, Ramah, and Gittaim, 34 Hadid, and Zeboim, and Neballat,

35 Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.

36 And of the Levites were divisions in Judah, and in Benjamin.

C H A P. XII.

The priests, and the Levites, which came up with Zerubbabel. 10 The succession of high priests. 22 Certain chief Levites in the days of Nehemiah and Ezra. 27 The solemnity of the dedication of the wall. 44 The offices of the priests and Levites appointed in the temple.

NOW these are the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua:

Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

2 Amariah, || Malluch, || Hattush,

3 || Shechaniah, || Rehum, || Meremoth,

4 || Shebaniah, || Harim, || Meraroth.

Before CHRIST cir. 536.
4 || Or, Ginnethon, || Abijah, || Miamin, || Maadiah, || Bilgah, || Shemaiah, and Joiarib, || Jedediah. 7 || Sallo, || Amok, || Hilkiah, || Jedediah. These were the chief of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jehu.

8 Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, which was over the thanksgiving, he and his brethren.

9 Also Bakkukiah and Unni, their brethren, were over against them in the watches.

10 || And Jeshua begat Joiakim, Joiakim also begat Eliashib, and Eliashib begat Joiada.

11 And Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua.

12 And in the days of Joiakim were priests, the chief of the fathers: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;

13 Of Ezra, || Methullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

14 Of Melic, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;

15 Of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;

16 Of Iddo, || Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Methullam;

17 Of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai;

18 Of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;

19 Of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jediah, Uzzi;

20 Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;

21 Of Hilkiah, Hafshabiah; of Jediah, Nethaneel.

22 || The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, were recorded chief of the fathers: also the priests, to the reign of Darius the Persian.

23 The sons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, were written in the book of the chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib.

24 And the chief of the Levites: Hahashab, Shereriah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, a ward over against ward.

25 Mattaniah, and Bakkukiah, and Obadiah, and Melshua, and Talmun, and Akkub, were porters keeping the ward at the thresholds of the gates.

26 These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, a the scribe.
CHAP. XIII. Israel separated from the mixed multitude.

42 And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Elisha, and Azariah, and Uzzia, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers fang loud, with Zechariah their overseer. 

43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

44 ¶ And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited.

45 And both the singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the Levites, as it was appointed.

46 For in the days of David and of Asaph of old there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God.

47 And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, every day his portion: and they sanctified holy things unto the Levites; and the Levites sanctified them unto the children of Aaron.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Upon reading the law Israel is separated from the mixed multitude. 4 Eliashib havent in Nebuchadnezzar's absence prepared a chamber in the temple for Tobiah, Nebuchadnezzar on his return is offended, and causeth the chambers to be cleansed.

10 He reformeth certain abuses concerning tithes, 15 the violation of the sabbath, 23 and the marriages with strange wives.

ON that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God for ever:

2 Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.

3 Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

4 ¶ And before this, Eliashib the priest, having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, was allied unto Tobiah:

5 And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aerotit they laid the
Nehemiah reformeth certain abuses. NEHEMIAH.

Before Christ 444.
† Heb. the second month of the Levites.
# Num. 28. 17-24.
* Ch. 2. 14.
irc 48.
† Heb. at the end of days.
\* Or, I rejoiced exceedingly.
†ver. 1, 5.

7 Before Christ 434.
† Heb. the third month of the Levites.
# Num. 28. 1-14.
* Ch. 2. 14.
irc 48.
† Heb. at the end of days.
\* Or, I rejoiced exceedingly.
†ver. 1, 5.

meat offerings, the frankincense, and the
vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new
wine, and the oil, † which was commanded to be
given to the Levites, and the
fingers, and the porters; and the offerings
of the priests.

6 But in all this time was not I at Jeru-

dalem: † for in the two and thirtieth year of
Artaxerxes king of Babylon came I
unto the king, and † after certain days
I obtained leave of the king:

7 And I came to Jerusalem, and under-
stood of the evil that Eliashib did for
Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the
courts of the house of God.

8 And it grieved me sore: therefore I
cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah
out of the chamber.

9 Then I commanded, and they † cleansed
the chambers: and thither brought I again
the vessels of the house of God, with the
meat offering and the frankincense.

10 ¶ And I perceived that the portions
of the Levites had not been given them:
for the Levites and the singers, that did the
work, were fled every one to * his field.

11 Then † contended I with the rulers,
and said, Why is the house of God
forsoaken? And I gathered them together,
and let them in their place.

12 ¶ Then brought all Judah the tithe
of the corn and the new wine and the
oil unto the treasuries.

13 ¶ And I made treasurers over the trea-
suries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok
the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedahzur:
and † next to them was Hanan the son of
Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah: for they
were counted faithful, and † their office
was to distribute unto their brethren.

14 ¶ Remember me, O my God, concerning
this, and wipe not out my † good
deeds that I have done for the house of
my God, and for the * offices thereof.

15 ¶ In those days I came to Jerusalem
some treading wine presses on the sabbath,
and bringing in eaves, and lading ass; as
also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner
of burdens, which they brought into
Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified
against them in the day wherein they
were guilty.

16 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein,
which brought fish, and all manner of
ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the
children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

17 ¶ Then I contended with the nobles
of Jerusalem, and said unto them, What evil
thing is this that ye do, and profane the
sabbath day?

18 ¶ Did not your fathers thus, and did not
our God bring all this evil upon us, and
upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath
upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.

19 And it came to pass, that when the
gates of Jerusalem began to be dark be-
fore the sabbath, I commanded that the
gates should be shut, and charged that
they should not be opened till after the
sabbath: † and some of my servants set I at
Jer. 17.

the gates, that there should be no burden
be brought in on the sabbath day.

20 So the merchants and sellers of all
kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem
once or twice.

21 Then I testified against them, and said
unto them, Why lodge ye † about the wall?
if ye do so again, I will lay hands
on you. From that time forth came they
no more on the sabbath.

22 And I commanded the Levites, that
they should cleanse themselves, and the
houses of God, † that they should come and
keep the gates, to fanctify the sabbath day. ¶
Remember me, † ver. 14.

23 ¶ In those days also saw I in Jews † bat
had married wives of Ashdod, of Am-
mon, and of Moab:

24 And their children spake half in the
speech of Ashdod, and † could not speak
in the Jews' language, but according to the
language † of each people.

25 ¶ And I contended with them, and I cur-
ded them, and smote certain of them, and
plucked off their hair, and made them
swear of God, saying, Ye shall not give your
daughters unto their sons, nor take your
sons unto their daughters, nor for yourselves.

26 ¶ Did not Solomon king of Israel sin
by these things? yet * among many nations
was there no king like him, * who was
beloved of his God, and God made him
king over all Israel: † nevertheless even he
him outlandish women cause to sin.

27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do
all this great evil, to † transgress against our
God in marrying strange wives?

28 And one of the sons of Joiada, the
son of Eliashib the high priest, was son in
law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I
chased him from me.

29 ¶ Remember me, O my God, † because
they have defiled the priesthood, and
‡ the covenant of the priesthood, and of the
Levites.

30 ¶ Thus cleansed I them from all stran-
gers, and † appointed the wards of the priests
and the Levites, every one in his business:

31 And for the wood offering, at times
appointed, and for the firstfruits. ¶ remember me, O my God, for good.
The Book of ESTHER.

CHAPTER I.

1 Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, this is Ahasuerus which reigned from India even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:

2 That in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the palace,

3 In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants, the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him:

4 When he showed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, even an hundred and fourscore days.

5 And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace;

6 Where were white, green, and blue hangings, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black, marble.

7 And they gave them drink by law; none did compel: for the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.

8 Alfo Vahthi the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus.

9 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehumman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king,

10 To bring Vahthi the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for the queen was fair to look on.
A new queen to be chosen instead of Vahhti. ESTHER.

CHAP. II.

1 Before CHRIST 518.

1 By advice of his servants Ahasuerus appointed the fair virgins of his kingdom to be assembled in order to choose a queen. 5 Esther brought up by Mordecai. 8 She is preferred by Hegai, keeper of the women before all the other virgins, but by Mordecai’s directions selected not her kindred. 12 The manner of purification and going in unto the king, 15 Esther pleaseth him, and is made queen. 21 Mordecai discovereth a plot against the king’s life, which is recorded in the chronicles of the kingdom.

After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vahhti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her.

2 Then said the king’s servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king:

3 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, + unto the custody of Hege the king’s chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given them:

4 And let the maiden which pleases the king be queen instead of Vahhti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

5 Now in Shushan the palace, there was a certain Jew, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjaminite.

6 Who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away.

7 And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, + his uncle’s daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own appeared.

8 Now it came to pass, when the king’s commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king’s house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women.

9 And the maiden pleased him, and he obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her + things for purification, with such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, + which were meet to be given her, out of the king’s house: and + he preferred her and her maids unto the best place of the house of the women.

10 Esther had not showed her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not shew it.

11 And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women’s house, + to know how Esther did, and what should become of her.

12 Now when every maid’s turn was to come in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, to wit, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with other things for the purifying of the women;) then thus came every maiden unto the king; whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king’s house.

13 In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king’s chamberlain, which kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she was called by name.

14 Now the turn of Esther, + the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king’s chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

15 So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

16 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour + in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vahhti.

17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour + in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vahhti.

18 Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, even Esther’s feast; and he made a feast unto Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.

19 And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat in the king’s gate.

20 Esther had not yet shewed her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him.

21 In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king’s gate, two of the king’s cham-
Haman's resentment against Mordecai.  

CHAP. III. He obtained letters to destroy the Jews.

Before CHRIST cir. 510. 

§ Or. Bithania, 

† Heb. the threshold. 

‡ ch. 6. 

berains, † Bithan and Teresh, of those which kept † the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahaferus: 22 And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told it unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king thereof in Mordecai's name. 23 And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in * the book of the chronicles before the king.

CHAP. III.

1 Haman, advanced by the king, both great respect paid him by all but Mordecai, on whose account be seeketh revenge upon the whole Jewish nation. 7 He calleth a lot to fix the time for executing his purposes. 8 By caluminating the Jews he obtains a commission from the king to exterminate them.

AFTER these things did king Ahaferus promote † Haman the son of Hammedatha the * Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him. 2 And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed, and reverenced Haman: for he had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence. 3 Then the king's servants, which were in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgreddest thou the * king's commandment?

4 Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he heartened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew. 5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman * full of wrath. 6 And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone: for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahaferus, even the people of Mordecai.

7 ¶ In the first month, that is, the month Nifan, in the twelfth year of the kingdom of Ahaferus, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar.

8 ¶ And Haman said unto king Ahaferus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not † for the king's profit to suffer them. 9 If it please the king, let it be written † and sealed with the king's sign; and let the king command all the rulers of his provinces, both of the Jews and the heathen, that they destroy such as shall be found, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries.

10 And the king † took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy. 11 And the king said unto Haman, The silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee.

12 ¶ Then were the king's scribes called; and on the thirteenth day of the first month, the scribes, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province, according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahaferus it was written, and sealed with the king's ring.

13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey.

14 ¶ The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, that they should be ready against that day.

15 The posts went out, being hasted by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city Shushan was perplexed.

CHAP. IV.

The great mourning of Mordecai and the Jews. 4 Esther sendeth to Mordecai to enquire the reason, is informed thereof, and advised by him to intercede with the king for the nation. 10 She at first excused herself, but being admonished of the confusions by Mordecai, 15 appointed a fast, and undertook the suit.

WHEN Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai * rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth * with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry; 2 And came even before the king's gate: for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.

3 And in every province, whithersoever...
Mordecai’s charge to Esther.

the king’s commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

4. ¶ So Esther’s maidens and her chamberlains came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and the king’s maidens and the maidservants of her chamber said unto her, Would to God for your soul that you had died under the roof of your house.

5. Then called Esther for Hattach, one of her king’s chamberlains, whom she had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it was, and why it was.

6. So Hattach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which was before the king’s gate.

7. And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king’s treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them.

8. Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.

9. And Hattach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

10. ¶ Again Esther spake unto Hattach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai;

11. All the king’s servants, and the people of the king’s provinces, do know, that whatsoever man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his put bim to death, except such as whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

12. And they told to Mordecai Esther’s words.

13. Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king’s house, more than all the Jews.

14. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place: but thou and thy father’s house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

15. ¶ Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer.

16. Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

17. So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

CHAP. V.

1. Esther, venturing to appear uncalled before the king in the inner court, was graciously received, and promised the grant of her request: she invited the king and Haman to a banquet. Being encouraged by the king to name her suit, she invited him and Haman to another banquet the next day. Haman, though proud of the distinctions shown him, repined at and complained to his friends of Mordecai’s neglect.

2. By the advice of his wife and friends be prepared for him a galling apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king’s house, over against the king’s house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.

3. And it was so, when the king saw Esther standing in the court, that the obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.

4. Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom.

5. And Esther answered, If it seem good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him.

6. Then the king said, Caufe Haman to make haste, that he may do as Esther hath said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

7. ¶ And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed.

8. Then answered Esther, and said, My petition and my request is:

9. ¶ Then went Haman forth that day.
Haman prepared a gallows for Mordecai. CHAP. VI, VII. Mordecai receiveth great honours.

Before CHRIST cir. 510.

Haman prepared a gallows for Mordecai. Before CHRIST cir. 510.

1 And Haman said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman thought in his heart, "To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?"

2 And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honour,

3 + Let the royal apparel be brought - which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head;

4 And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback through the streets of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

5 Then the king said to Haman, Make - haft, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken.

6 Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the streets of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

7 And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman fell on his face mourning, and having his head covered.

8 And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every thing that had befallen him. Then said his wife and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him.

9 And while they were yet talking with him, came the king's chamberlains, and hailed to bring Haman unto the banquet that Esther had prepared.

In that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king.

2 And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthan and Terech, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

3 And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him.

4 And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

5 And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court.

And the king said, Let him come in.

6 So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman thought in his heart, "To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?"

7 And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honour, 8 + Let the royal apparel be brought - which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head;

9 And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback through the streets of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

10 Then the king said to Haman, Make - haft, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken.

11 Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the streets of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

12 And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman fell on his face mourning, and having his head covered.

13 And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every thing that had befallen him. Then said his wife and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him.

14 And while they were yet talking with him, came the king's chamberlains, and hailed to bring Haman unto the banquet that Esther had prepared.
Esther's suit for herself and her people.  

ESTHER. The letters against the Jews reversed.

Before Christ cir. 510.

3 Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request:

4 For we are fold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been fold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage.

5 ¶ Then the king Ahasuerus answered and laid unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so?

6 And Esther said, The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen.

7 ¶ And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath went into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make requitement for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.

8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther was. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

9 And *Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon.

10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Esther having made known Mordecai's nearness of kin unto her, be is advanced in Haman's room. 2 Esther with tears maketh suit for the reversal of the letters gone forth against the Jews. 3 The king granteth authority to the Jews to stand upon their defence, and letters are issued out accordingly. 4 Mordecai's honours, and the joy of the Jews.

ON that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the Jews' enemy unto Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he was unto her.

2 And the king took off his ring which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

3 ¶ And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews.

4 Then *the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king.

5 And said, If it please the king, and if I have found favour in thy sight, and if I have found favour in the sight of my kindred, and in the sight of all the king's people; as I find favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let it be written for the king's charge, and let it be published among them.

6 For how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?

7 ¶ Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews.

8 Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring; for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse.

9 ¶ Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the third and twentieth day thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and to the deputies and rulers of the provinces which are from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred and twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language.

10 ¶ And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by posts on horseback, and riders on mules, camels, and young dromedaries:

11 Wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to caueth to perish, all the power of the people and province that would affront them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey.

12 Upon one day in all the provinces.
The Jews destroy their enemies.

CHAP. IX.

Haman's ten sons slain and hanged.

With the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them.

And in Shushan the palace the Jews flew and destroyed five hundred men.

And Parshandath, and Dalphon, and Apaitha, and Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha, and Parmaitha, and Ariai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha.

The ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, slew they, but on the spoil they laid not their hand.

On that day the number of those that were slain in Shushan the palace was brought before the king.

And the king said unto Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman; what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? now what is thy petition and it shall be granted thee: or what is thy request further? and it shall be done.

Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews which are in Shushan to do to morrow according unto this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows.

And the king commanded it to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons.

For the Jews that were in Shushan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day after of the month Adar, and flew three hundred men at Shushan; but on the prey they laid not their hand.

But the other Jews that were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and fasted for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and flew of their foes seventy and five thousand, but they laid not their hands on the prey.

On the thirteenth day of the month Adar; and on the fourteenth day of the month Adar, the Jews rejoiced and were glad.

But the Jews that were at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth day thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof, and on the fifteenth day of the month they rejoiced, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar, a day of gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of feasting portions one to another.
The days of Purim appointed.

ESTHER. Mordecai's greatness under Ahasuerus.

28 And that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed.

29 Then either the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim.

30 And he sent the letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and truth.

31 To confirm these days of Purim in their times appointed, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry.

32 And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

C H A P. X.

1 The greatness of Ahasuerus, and Mordecai's advancement under him.

AND the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and upon the isles of the sea.

2 And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king had advanced him, are not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia.

3 For Mordecai the Jew was next unto the king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

† The Book of JOB.

2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

3 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred of the staddies and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all men of the east.

4 And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and...
Satan is allowed to make trial of Job.

CHAP. II.

Job's afflications and patience.

1 And there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

2 And the LORD said unto Satan, Where comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

5 But hath not made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

6 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

8 And there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

9 And behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and fainted God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

10 And Satan said unto the LORD, 1

11 And Job the Adversary.

12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Where comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

13 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

14 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

15 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

16 And there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

17 And behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and fainted God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

18 And Satan said unto the LORD, 2

19 And Job the Adversary.

20 And the LORD said unto Satan, Where comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

21 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

22 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

23 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

24 And there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

25 And behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and fainted God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

26 And Satan said unto the LORD, 3

27 And Job the Adversary.

28 And the LORD said unto Satan, Where comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

29 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

30 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

31 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.
Job curseth the day of his birth.

10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

12 And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept, and rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.

13 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great.

CHAP. III.

Job curseth the day of his birth. 11 And emplcb he had been worse runed out of the quiet sleep of the grave: 20 be complainest of life because of his anguish.

AFTER this opened Job his mouth, and curfed his day.

2 And Job spake, and said, 3 * Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived.

4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.

5 Let darkness and the shadow of death fin it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.

6 As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.

7 Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein.

8 Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning.

9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let it see the dawning of the day:

10 Because it shut not up the doors of my mother's womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.

11 Why did I not die from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?

12 Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck?

13 For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest.

14 With kings and counsellors of the earth, which built desolate places for themselves;

15 Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver:

16 As an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants which never saw light.

17 There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest.

18 There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

19 The small and great are there; and the servant is free from his master.

20 Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter in soul;

21 Which is long for death, but it cometh not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures;

22 Which rejoiceth exceedingly, and is glad, when they can find the grave;

23 Why is light given to a man wherein is hid, and whom God hath hedged in;

24 For my fighting cometh before me, and my roarings are poured out like waters.

25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

26 I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

CHAP. IV.

Eliphaz reproveh Job. 1 For want of religious truth: 7 be reminded him that God's judgments are not for the righteous, but for the wicked. 12 His fearful vision, designed to humble the vain opinion of Man's excellency in the sight of his Maker.

THEN Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

2 If we affray + to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but who can withstand himself from speaking? 3 Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands.

4 Thy words have upheld him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened + the feeble knees.

5 But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.

6 Is not this thy fear, thy confidence, or thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways?

7 Remember, I pray thee, who ever + perished, being innocent? or where were + the righteous cut off?

8 Even as I have seen, + that they plow Gal. 6:7,
Man’s excellency vain in respect of God.

CHAP. V.

The happy end of God’s correction.

7 Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

8 And he vexeth God, and unto God he returneth not; as the smoke is vanquished by the breath of his nostrils, so they are consumed.

9 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken.

10 The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lion’s whelp is scattered abroad.

11 Now a thing was secretly brought to mine ear, and mine eye received a little thereof.

12 In thoughts of the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men, the fear of God standeth before the face of men.

13 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up.

14 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, and there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying,

15 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than he?

16 Behold, he putteth not trust in his servants; and his angels charged with folly:

17 How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, whichareth crushed before the morn?

18 They are destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever without any regarding it.

19 Doth not their excellency vanish in pieces?

CHAP. V.

1 Eliphaz proceedeth to show that the end of the wicked is certain misery: 8 that Man is born to trouble: 17 the happy end of God’s correction.

2 For wrath killeth the foolish man, and will not keep him alive in the days of his days.

3 I have seen the foolishing taking root: but suddenly I curbed his habitation.

4 His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither is there any to deliver them.

5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and the robber swalloweth up his substance.

6 Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;
But Job answered and said, 2 Oh that my grief were thoughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together! 3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea: therefore my words are swallowed up. 4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me. 5 Doth the wild ass bray when he hath no grass? or loweth the ox over his fodder? 6 Can that which is unprofitable be eaten without salt? or is there any taste in the white of an egg? 7 The things that my soul refused to touch are my drawforth meat. 8 Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant me the thing that I long for! 9 Even that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off! 10 Then should I yet have comfort; yea, I would harden myself in sorrow: let him not spare; for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.

Is there not an appointed time upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling? 2 As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as an hireling looketh for the reward of his work: 3 So am I made to pouf off months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me. 4 When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of terrors to come, and fro unto the dawn of the day. 5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome.

My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope. 7 O remember that my life is wind: mine eye shall see no more: mine ear shall hear no more; 8 The eye of him that hath feen me shall see me no more: thine eyes are upon me, and I am not. 9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. 10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more. 11 Therefore will I not refrain my mouth; I will complain in the anguish of my spirit; I will cry in the bitterness of my soul.
me, my couch shall ease my complaint;  
14 Then thou scarest me with dreams,  
and terrifiest me through visions:  
15 So that my soul chooseth strangeth,  
and death rather than my life.  
16 I loath it; I would not live alway:  
* let me alone; for * my days are vanity.  
17 What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?  
18 And that thou shouldest visit him every morning,  
and try him every moment?  
19 How long wilt thou not depart from me,  
nor let me alone till I swallow down my frite?  
20 I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself?  
21 And why dost thou not pardon my tranegrief, and take away mine iniquity?  
for now shalt I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.

**CHAP. VIII.**  
1 Bildad answered thee, Job; and the almighty pervert justice?  
3 * Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the almighty pervert justice?  
4 If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their tranegrief;  
5 * If thou wouldst seek unto God be- times, and make thy supplication to the almighty;  
6 If thou shew pert and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousnes prosperous.  
7 Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly prosper.

**CHAP. IX.**  
1 Job answered and said,  
2 I know that it is so of a truth: but how shall * man be just with God?  
3 If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.  
4 * He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardenethimself against him, and hath prospered?  
5 Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger;  
6 Which faketh the earth out of her place, and * the pillars thereof tremble;  
7 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars;  
8 Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and sreadeth upon the + waves of the sea.  
9 Which maketh Archarius, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the southe.  
10 Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.  
11 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not: he palleth on alo, but I perceive him not.  
12 Behold, he taketh away, * who can turn away?
hinder him? who will fay unto him, What doest thou?
13 If God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him.
14 How much less shall I answer him, and choose out my words to reason with him?
15 Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not anfwer, but I would make supplication to my judge.
16 If I had called, and he had anfwered me; yet would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice.
17 For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without caufe.
18 He will not suffer me to take my breath, but fill eth me with bitterness.
19 If I speake of strength, lo, he is strong; and if of judgment, who shall fet me a time to plead?
20 If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.
21 Though I were perfect, yet would I not know my soul: I would despife my life.
22 This is one thing, therefore I fay it, he destroueth the perfect and the wicked.
23 If the scourge flay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent.
24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked: he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if not, where, and who is he?
25 Now my days are swifter than a post: they fee away, they fee no good.
26 They are passed away as the flift fhips: as the eagle that faheth to the prey.
27 If I fay, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heavines, and comfort myself:
28 I am afraid of all my fowres, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.
29 If I be wicked, why then labour I in vain?
30 If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never fo clean;
31 Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes fhall abhor me.
32 For he is not a man, as I am, that fhould anfwerm, and we fhould come together in judgment.
33 Neither is there any dayfman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both.
34 Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me:
35 Then would I fpeak, and not fear him; but it is not fo with myself.

Job expoufulateth freely with God.

C H A P. X.

1 Embittered by his sufferings Job taketh more liberty in expoufulating with God. 18 he repineth as having been brought into being, and prayeth for a little respite from pain before his death.

M Y soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
2 I will fay unto God, Do not condemn me; thou knoweft wherefore thou contendest with me.
3 Is it good unto thee that thou shouldst oppress, that thou shouldst defpife + the work of thine hands, and fhine upon the counsel of the wicked?
4 Haft thou eyes of flefh? or feest thou as man feeth?
5 Are thy days as the days of man? are thy years as man's years?
6 That thou enquired after mine iniquity, and feareft after my fin?
7 + Thou knoweft that I am not wicked; and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand.
8 Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.
9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again?
10 Haft thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheefe?
11 Thou haft clothed me with fkin and flesh, and haft fended me with bones and finewes.
12 Thou haft granted me life and favour, and thy vfitation hath preferved my spirit.
13 And thefe things haft thou hid in thine heart: I know that this is with thee.
14 If I fin, then a thou markeft me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.
15 If I be wicked, + woe unto me; and if I be righteous, yet wilt thou lift up my head. I am full of confufion; therefore see thou mine affliction;
16 For it increafeth. Thou hunteft me as a fierce lion: and again thou shewest thyfelf marvellous upon me.
17 Thou renewest thy witness against me, and increafest thine indignation upon me; changes and war are againft me.
18 Wherefore then haft thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had feen me!
19 I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.
20 Are not my days few? cease then,

10 Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid; yea, many shall make fuit unto thee. Before CHRIST cir. 1500.
11 But the eyes of the wicked shall fall, and they shall not escape, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost.

Deut. 28. 65. Heb. fight shall perish from them. Prov. 11. 7. Or, a puff of breath.

C H A P. XII.

1 Job confuteth the arrogant pretensions of his friends so superior knowledge: 6 be shrewd that wicked men often proper under the hand of God, 13 be acknowledgeth the divine wisdom and omnipotency.

AND Job answered and said,

2 No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you.

3 But I have understanding as well as ye; I am not inferior to you: yea, who knoweth not such things as these?

4 I am as one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him: the upright man is laughed to scorn.

5 He that is ready to slip with his feet is as a lamp dashed in the thought of him that is at ease.

6 The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God are secure; into whose hand God bringeth abundantly.

7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.

8 Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?

9 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all man kind.

10 Doth not the ear try words? and the mouth taste his meat?

11 With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding.

12 With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding.

13 Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again; he shall stretch forth his wings, and shall be as the morning.

14 And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety.
Job reproveth his friends of partiality.

Before CHRIST cir. 1350.

19 He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overleth the mighty.

20 He removeth away the speech of the truth, and taketh away the understanding of the aged.

21 He poureth contempt upon princes, and weakeneth the strength of the mighty.

22 He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death.

23 He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and strengtheneth them again.

24 He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.

25 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger as a drunken man.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Job reproveth his friends of false reasoning and partiality: 14 though unable to account for his own afflictions, he professeth his confidence in God: 20 be intractable to know his fins, and the cause of his affliction.

O, mine ear hath seen all this, mine ear hath heard and understood it.

2 What ye know, the same do I know also: I am not inferior unto you.

3 Surely I would speak with the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

4 But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value.

5 O that ye would altogether hold your peace, and I should be your wisdom.

6 Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to my pleadings of my lips.

7 Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him?

8 Will ye accept his person? will ye contend for God?

9 Is it good that he should search you out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye so mock him?

10 He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons.

11 Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you?

12 Your remembrances are like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.

13 Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will.

14 Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand?

15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

16 He also shall be my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him.

CHAP. XIV.

1 Job intreateth God's forbearance in respect of the soreness and troubles of life, and of the certainty of death, which cutteth short man's hope: 13 be unwise for some place of flitter, where to wait his appointed change: 18 all created beings are subject to corruption.

MAN that is born of a woman is of time, few days, and full of trouble.

2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

3 And doth thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee?

4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.

5 Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass:

6 Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.

7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease:

8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground,
The diquietude of wicked men.

8 Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself? and what knowest thou, that thou knowest not what? wbet understandest thou, which is not in us? 9 With us are both the grayhaed and very aged men, much elder than thy father.

10 Are the consolations of God small with thee? is there any secret thing with thee? 11 Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what doth thy eyes wink at? 12 That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and leLEFT[f] words go out of thy mouth?

14 What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous? 15 Behold, he putteth no trust in his heart, nor is his spirit in the heavens. 16 How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water?

17 I will hewe thee, and make thee a broad place, and thou shalt be as the city of destruction, and thou shalt be a midst of wasting waters. 18 And I will make thee an astonishment, and an astonishment, and the eye of every one that seeth thee shall be turned away from thee. 19 Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them.

20 The wicked man travelleth with pain all his days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.

21 A dreadful found is in his ears; in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.

22 He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.

23 He wandereth abroad for bread, saying, Where is it? he knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.

24 Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.

25 For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty.

26 He runneth upon him, even on bis neck, upon the thick bones of his bucklers:

27 Because he covereth his face with his fatnesses, and maketh collops of fat on bis flanks.

28 And he dwelleth in desolate cities, and in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps.

29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth.

30 He shall not depart out of darkness;

1 Eliphaz reproved Job for justifying himself. CHAP. XV. 2 Auut the fuent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

3 But man dieth, and watheth away; yea, man useth up the ghost, and where is he? 4 And the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up;

5 So man lieth down, and riseth not; till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be roused out of their sleep.

6 O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thine wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!

7 If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

8 Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thy hands.

9 For now thou numberest my steps: do not thou lift up over my sin.

10 My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou seest it not in mine iniquity.

11 And surely the mountain falling cometh upon the downer, and the rock is removed out of his place.

12 The waters wear the stones: thou talkest against the things which grow out of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man.

13 Thou prevailst for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.

14 His fons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them.

15 But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

CHAP. XV.

1 Eliphaz reproved Job of impiety in justifying himself: 17 be proveft from tradition the diquietude of wicked men.

2 THEN answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,

3 Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind? 4 Should he reason with an unprofitable talk? or with speeches whereby he can do no good?

5 Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God.

6 For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou choosest the tongue of the crafty.

7 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

8 Art thou the first man that was born? or was thou made before the hills?
Job reproveth his friends of inhumanity.

14. He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a giant.
15. I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and spattered my horn in the dust.
16. My face is foul with weeping, and on my eyelids is the shadow of death.
17. Not for any injustice in mine hands; also my prayer is pure.
18. O earth, cover not thou my blood, and let my cry have no place.
19. Alfo now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is upon high.
20. My friends attributen me; but mine eye poureth out tears unto God.
21. O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbour!
22. When a few years are come, then shall I go the way where I shall not return.

My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are ready for me.
2. Are there no mockers with me? and doth not mine eye continue in their provocation?
3. Lay down now, put me in a surety with thee; who is he that will strike hands with me?
4. For thou hast hid their heart from understanding: therefore shalt thou not exalt them.
5. He that speaketh flattery to his friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail.
6. He hath made me also a byword of the people; and at a time I was as a tabret.
7. Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members are as a shadow.

8. Upright men shall be astonished at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite.
9. The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.
10. But as for you all, do ye return, and come now: for I cannot find one wise man among you.
15. My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart.
16. They change the night into day: the light sh verified short because of darkness.
17. If I wait, the grave is mine house:
18. I have said to corruption, Thou art
The inevitable calamities of the wicked.  CHAP. XVIII, XIX. Job sheweth the greatness of his misery.

Then Job answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 How long will it be ere ye make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak.

Wherefore are we counted as beasts, and reputed vile in thy sight?

Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him that knoweth not God.

Then Job answered and said,

2 How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?

3 These ten times have ye reproached me: ye are not ashamed that ye make yourselves strange to me.

4 And be it indeed that I have erred, mine error remaineth with myself.

5 If indeed ye will magnify yourselves against me, and plead against me my reproach:

6 Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net.

7 Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I cry aloud, and there is no answer.

8 He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my paths.

9 He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head.

10 He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone: and mine hope hath he removed like a tree.

11 He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and he counteth me unto him as one of his enemies.

12 His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle.

13 He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me.

14 My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.

15 They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight.

16 I called my servant, and he gave me no answer; I intreated him with my mouth.

17 My breath is strange to my wife, though I intreated for the children's sake of mine own body.

18 Yea, my young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against me.

19 All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me.
Job's belief of a future resurrection.

Before CHRIST

20 My bone cleaveth to my skin, and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.

21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me.

22 Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?

23 Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!

24 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!

25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; that mine eyes may behold him, and that mine heart may find comfort:

28 But ye should say, 'Why persecute we him, seeing the root of the matter is found in me?'

29 Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword, that ye may know there is a judgment.

30 Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword, that ye may know there is a judgment.

31 For in hope of the alive, I go about my business, and let the light of my presence be seen again.

32 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.

33 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me.

34 Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?

35 Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!

36 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!

37 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

38 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

39 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; that mine eyes may behold him, and that mine heart may find comfort:

40 But ye should say, 'Why persecute we him, seeing the root of the matter is found in me?'

41 Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword, that ye may know there is a judgment.

42 Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword, that ye may know there is a judgment.

43 For in hope of the alive, I go about my business, and let the light of my presence be seen again.

Chap. XXI.

Zophar speaketh the portion of the wicked.

Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

2 Therefore do I wander in my thoughts, and I form my purpose in my heart; I have heard the check of my reproof, and the spirit of my understanding cautions me to answer.

4 Knowest thou not this of old, since man was placed upon earth,

5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?

6 Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the clouds;

7 Yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung: they which have seen him shall say, Where is he?

8 He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.

9 The eye also which saw him shall see him no more; neither shall his place any more behold him.

10 His children shall seek to please the poor, and his hands shall restore their goods.

11 His bones are full of the sin of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust.

12 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, though he hideth it under his tongue;

13 Though he spares it, and forfaire it not; but keep it still within his mouth:

14 Yet his meat in his bowels is turned, it is the gall of asps within him.

15 He hath swallow'd down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly.

16 He shall fill the poise of asps: the viper's tongue shall flay him.

17 He shall not see the rivers, nor the floods, the brooks of honey and butter.

18 That which he laboured for shall he restore, and shall not swallow it down; according to his substance shall the restitution be, and he shall not rejoice therein.

19 Because he hath oppressed and hated the poor, because he hath violently taken away an house which he builded not.

20 Surely he shall not feel quietness in his belly, he shall not have of that which he desired.

21 There shall none of his meat be left; therefore shall no man look for his goods.

22 In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be strait in every hand of the wicked shall come upon him.

23 When he is about to fill his belly, God shall cast the fury of his wrath upon him, and shall rain it upon him while he is eating.

24 He shall flee from the iron weapon, and the bow of steel shall strike him through.

25 It is drawn, and cometh out of the body; yea, the glittering sword cometh out of his gall; terror is upon him.

26 All darknes shall be hid in his secret places: a fire not blown shall consume him: it shall go ill with him that is left in his tabernacle.

27 The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him.

28 The increase of his house shall depart, and his goods shall flow away in the day of his wrath.

29 This is the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed unto him by God.

Chap. XXII.

Job crawler to be patiently heard because of his strange calamities: 7 be shrewd that wicked men sometimes do so profess, that they are tempted to forget God: 16 though at other times their destruction is manifest: 23 The happy and unhappy are alike in this world.
Job: but that their lot is not always equal. CHAP. XXII. Eliphaz chargeth Job with divers sins.

Before CHRIST cir. 1310.

27 Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me.

28 For ye say, * Where is the house of the prince? and where are the dwelling places of the wicked? *

29 Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens?

30 * That the wicked is referred to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.

31 Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him what he hath done?

32 Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.

33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as there are innumerable before him.

34 How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth falsehood? *

CHAP. XXII.

1 Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

2 Can a man be profitable unto God as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself?

3 * Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or is it gain to him that thou makest thy ways perfect?

4 Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter into thee judgment?

5 * Is not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite?

6 For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing.

7 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink; and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry.

8 But as for the mighty man, he had the earth; and the honourable man dwelt in it.

9 Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.

10 Therefore * fearers are round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee.

11 Or darkness, that thou canst not see, and abundance of waters cover thee.

12 Is not God in the height of heaven? *
Eliphaz exhorteth Job to repentance.

Job longeth to appear before God.

Then Job answered and said,

2 Even to day is my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning.

3 Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat!

4 I would order my caufe before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

5 I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me.

6 Will he plead against me with bis great power? No; but he would put forth his strength in me.

7 There the righteous might dispute with him: fo should I be delivered for ever from my judge.

8 Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him:

9 On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold bim: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see bim:—

10 But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

11 'My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.

12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; and I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

13 But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what is his soul defirseth, even that he doeth.

14 For he performeth the thing that is appointed for me: and many fuch things are with him.

15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him.

16 For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me:

17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, neither hath he covered the darkens from my face.

C H A P. XXIV.

Job showeth that wicked men often go unpunished, and die as all other men.

WHY, seeing * times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?

2 Some remove the landmarks: they violently take away flocks, and feed thereof.

3 They drive away the asf of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

4 They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves together.

5 Behold, as wild asses in the desert, so they forth to their work; rising betimes for so.
Wicked men often go unpunished here. CHAP. XXV, XXVI. Bildad affirmeth God's sovereignty.

6 They reap every one his.yangcorn in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked.
7 They caufe the naked to lodge without clothing, that they have no covering in the cold.
8 They are wet with the flowers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter.
9 They pluck the fatherless from the breach, and take a pledge of the poor.
10 They cause him to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf from the hungry;
11 Which make oil within their walls, and tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst.
12 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly to them.
13 They are of those that rebel against the light: they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.
14 The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.
15 The eye alo of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and he distinguishes his face in secret.
16 In the dark they dig through houses, which they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light.
17 For the morning is to them even as the shadow of death: if one knoweth them, they are in the terrors of the shadow of death.
18 He is swift as the waters; their portion is curved in the earth: he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards.
19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters: so doth the grave those which have finned.
20 The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree. 
21 He evil entertaineth the barren that beareth not: and doeth not good to the widow.
22 He draweth alo the mighty with his power: he riseth up, and no man is sure of life.
23 Though it be given him to be in safety, whereas he refeth; yet his eyes are upon them.
24 They are exalted for a little while, but they are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all other, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.
25 And if it be not so now, who will

Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, 2 Dominion and fear are with him, he maketh peace in his high places.
3 Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light arise?
4 How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?
5 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not: yea, the stars are not pure in his sight.
6 How much less man, that is a worm; and the son of man, wherein is a worm?

CHAP. XXV.
1 Job reproueth Bildad: 5 but acknowledge God's power and wisdom to be infinite and unsearchable.

But Job answered and said,
2 How hast thou helped him that is without power? how savest thou the arm that hath no strength?
3 How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom? and how haft thou plenifully declared the thing as it is?
4 To whom hast thou uttered words? and what spirit came from thee?
5 Dead things are formed from under the waters; and the inhabitants thereof.
6 Hell is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.
7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.
8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.
9 He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it.
10 He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.
11 The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonisht at his reproof.
12 He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he stirreth through the proud.
13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.
14 Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

CHAP. XXVII.
1 Job protesteth his sincerity, and resolution to affer his innocence to the day, 8 seeing that

Q 2
Job's resolution to maintain his innocence.  

Before CHRIST

Moore ove Job continued his parable, and said,

1 As God liveth, I have taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul;

2 All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils:

3 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit:

4 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die will I not remove mine integrity from me:

5 My heart shall not reproach me so long as I live:

6 Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.

7 For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?

8 Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?

9 Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God?

10 I will teach you by the hand of God: that which is with the Almighty will I not conceal.

11 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it; why then are ye thus altogether vain?

12 This is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the inheritance of oppressors, which they shall receive of the Almighty.

13 If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword: and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.

14 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death: and his widows shall not weep.

15 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay;

16 He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.

17 He buildeth his house as a moth, and as a booth that the keeper maketh.

18 The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he is not.

19 Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night.

20 The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place.

21 For God shall cast upon him, and not spare: he would faint out of his hand.

22 Men shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

B. God's wisdom placed beyond the reach of man.

Before CHRIST

1 Job beweth that although man may by his ingenuity search deep into nature; yet is the wisdom and understanding of God's ways beyond his reach, 2 whereas his comprehension by God only. 28 Man's wisdom is to fear God and to depart from evil.

Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they find it.

2 Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass is molten out of the stone.

3 He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.

4 The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; even the waters forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men.

5 As for the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it was fire.

6 The stones of it are the place of sapphires: and it hath || duft of gold.

7 There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen:

8 The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.

9 He putteth forth his hand upon the rocks; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.

10 He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.

11 He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and the thing that is hid brings forth he forth to light.

12 But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?

13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

14 The depth faith, It is not in me; and the sea faith, It is not with me.

15 It cannot be got by gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.

16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for || jewels of fine gold.

18 No mention shall be made of coral, or pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.

19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

20 Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?

21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of || air.
JOB calleth to mind his former state, CHAP. XXXIX, XXX., and lamenteth the change of his fortunes.

CHRIST

22. Destruction and death fay, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.
23. God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.
24. For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and to the utmost parts of the heavens; 25. To make the weight for the winds; and he weighteth the waters by measure.
26. When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:
27. Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.
28. And unto man he said, Behold, * the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

CHAP. XXIX.

1. Job calleth to mind his former prosperity and honour, and the worthy wife he had made of it.

2. Oh that I were * as in months past, as in the days when God preferred me;
3. When his candle burned before my face, and when by his light I walked through darkness;
4. As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle;
5. When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me;
6. When * I washed my steps with butter, and * the rock poured me out rivers of oil;
7. When I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street!
8. The young men saw me, and hid themselves; and the aged arose, and stood up.
9. The princes refrained their question, and laid their hand on their mouth.
10. The nobles held their peace, and their tongues cleaved to the roof of their mouth.
11. When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witnesse to me:
12. Because * I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and them that had none to help them.
13. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
14. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.
15. I was * eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.
16. I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out.
17. And I brake * the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.

18. Then I said, * I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand.
19. * My root was spread out * by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch.
20. My glory was fresh in me, and * my hair was renewed in my hand.
21. Unto me men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel.
22. After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them.
23. And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.
24. If I laughed on them, they believed it not; and the light of my countenance they called not down.
25. I chose out their way, and fat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners.

CHAP. XXX.

1. Job lamenteth the change of his honour into extreme contempt; 15. and of his prosperity into the deepest distresses.

BUT now they that are younger than I, I have made in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have fet with the dogs of my flock.
2. Yea, where to might the strength of their hands profit me, in whom old age was perished?
3. For want and famine they were solitary; fleeing into the wilderness; in former time defolate and wafte.
4. Who cut up mallows by the bushess, and juniper roots for their meat.
5. They were driven forth from among men, (they cried after them as after a thief;)
6. To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, in caves of the earth, and in the rocks.
7. Among the bushess they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together.
8. They were children of fools, yea, children of * base men: they were viler than the earth.
9. And now am I their song, yea, I am their byword.
10. They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not * to spit in my face.
11. Because he hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me.
12. Upon my right hand they rise up: they push away my feet, and * they raise up against me the ways of their destruction.
13. They mar my path, they set forward my calamity, they have no helper.
14. They came upon me as a wide breaking in of waters: in the desolation they rolled themselves upon me.
Job makest a solemn protestation

15. Terrors are turned upon me: they pursue + my soul as the wind; and my welfare pafeth away as a cloud. 16 * And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me. 17 My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest. 18 By the great force of my disease is my garment changed; it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat. 19 He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes. 20 I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me not. 21 Thou art become cruel to me: with thy strong hand thou oppoest thyself against me. 22 Thou liftest me up to the wind; thou causest me to ride upon it, and dissolvest my substance. 23 For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living. 24 Howbeit he will not stretch out his hand to the grave, though they cry in his destruction. 25 Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? was not my soul grieved for the poor? 26 When I looked for good, then evil came upon me: and when I waited for light, there came darkness. 27 My bowels boiled, and rested not: the days of affliction prevented me. 28 I went mourning without the fune: I stood up, and I cried in the congregation. 29 I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls. 30 My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat. 31 My harp also is turned to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep.

CHAP. XXXI.

I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid? 2 For what portion of God is there from above? and what inheritance of the Almighty from on high? 3 Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity? 4 Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps? 5 If I have walked with vanity; or if my foot hath hasted to deceit;
Elihu is angry with Job and his friends:  

CHAP. XXXII, XXXIII. He sheweth his own zeal to speak.

29 If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him:
30 Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by witholding a curie to his soul.
31 If the men of my tabernacle said not, Of that we had of his flesh we cannot be satisfied.
32 The stranger did not lodge in the street: but I opened my doors || to the traveller.
33 If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:
34 Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, and went not out of the door?
35 That one would hear me! I hold my desire, that the Almighty would answer me, and that mine adversary had written a book.
36 Surely I would take upon my shoulders, and bind it as a crown to me.
37 I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near to him:
38 If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof complain;
39 If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life:
40 Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and thorns instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

C H A P. XXXII.

1 Elihu is angry with Job and his three friends.
6 He exalzeth the boldness of his youth, because wisdom doth not always come from age:
11 be complaineth of the weak reasonings of thine, why, instead of confusing Job, had been silenced by him: 16 be forebeath his own zeal to speak, which be presetteth to do without repsent of per son.

S O these three men ceased + anwer Job, because he was + righteous in his own eyes.

2 They was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel + the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.
3 Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no anwer, and yet had condemned Job.
4 Now Elihu had + waited till Job had spoken, because they were + elder than he.
5 When Elihu saw that there was no anwer in the mouth of thvse three men, then his wrath was kindled.
6 And Elihu the son of Barachel the Bu-

zite anwered and said, I am + young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you mine opinion.
7 I said, Days should speake, and multitude of years should teach widom.
8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty givevth them understanding.
9 Great men are not alwayes wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.
10 Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will shew mine opinion.
11 Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your + reason, whilste ye searched out + what to say.
12 Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, there was none of you that convinced Job, or that anwered his words:
13 Left ye should say, We have found out widom: God througheth him down, not man.
14 Now he hath not directed his words against me: neither will I anwer him with your speeches.
15 They were amazed, they anwered no more: + they left off speaking.
16 When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and anwered no more;) I said, I will anwer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion.
17 For I am full of + matter, + the spirit within me constraineth me.
19 Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles.
20 I will speak, + that may be refreshed: I will open my lips and anw first.
21 Let me not, I pray you, + accept any man's per son, neither let me give flattering titles unto man.
22 For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my maker would soon take me away.

C H A P. XXXIII.

1 Elihu affreeth himself instead of God to reason with Job in sinceritv without terrifying him:
8 he blameth him for insetting so much upon his innocense, and for his complaints against God, who is not accountable to man for his doing.
14 God intrusteth and calleth man to repentance by night visions, 19 by afflictions, 23 and by the agency of his ministers. 31 Elihu be speakseth Job's farther attention.

W Herefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words.
2 Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken + in my mouth.
3 My words shall be of the uprightness of
Elihu offereth to reason with Job in God's stead: O my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly. *The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

5 If thou canst answer me, set thy words in order before me, stand up.

6 Behold, I am according to thy with to God's stead: I also am formed out of the clay.

7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee.

8 Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of thy words, saying,

9 *I am innocent; neither is there iniquity in me.

10 Behold, he findeth occassions against me, 'he counteth me for his enemy,

11 He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths.

12 Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.

13 Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters.

14 *For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.

15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;

16 Then he openeth the ears of men, and fealeth their instruction,

17 That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.

18 He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

19 He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain:

20 So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat.

21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out.

22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

23 If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:

24 Then he is gracious unto him, and faith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a raiment.

25 His flesh shall be frether than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth:

26 He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall fee

his face with joy: for he will render unto man his rightcounfes.

27 If he looketh upon men, and if any savor,fay, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not;

28 *He will deliver his soul from going down into the pit, and his life shall fee the light.

29 Lo, all these things worketh God, and oftentimes with man.

30 *To bring back my soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will speak.

32 If thou haft any thing to say, answer me: I speake, for I desire to justify thee.

33 If not, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.

C H A P. XXXIV.

1 Elihu chargest Job with arraigning God's justice; to subdue foreign perfections suffer him not to be unjust.

2 Man ought toumble himself before God. 3 Job is blamed for his rash discourses.

Furthermore Elihu answered and said, 2 Hear my words, O ye wise men; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.

3 *For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat.

4 Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is good.

5 For Job hath said, *I am righteous; and *God hath taken away my judgment.

6 *Should I lie against my right? *My wound is incurable without transgression.

7 What man is like Job, *who drinketh upscorning like water?

8 Which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men.

9 For he hath said, It profetheth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.

10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: *far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.

11 *For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.

12 *Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

13 Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed of the whole world?

14 If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;
For he addeth rebellion unto his fin, he clappeth his hands among us, and multiplieth his words against God.

1 Elisha again reproved Job of setting up his own righteousness against God's, between whom and man there is no comparison. The good or evil actions of men extend not to God. 9 If God beareth not the cry of the afflicted, it is because they address him not as they ought. 14 The application of this doctrine to the case of Job.

For thou saidst, What advantage will it be unto thee? and, What profit shall I have, if I be cleansed from my fin? 4 I will not accept of the counsel of my enemies, nor be quiet with my oppressors. 13 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand? 8 Thy wickedness may hurt a man as thou art; and thy righteousness may profit the son of man.

Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth them in the night, so that they are destroyed. 26 He striketh them as wicked men; in the open sight of others; 27 Because they turned back from him, and would not understand any of his ways: 28 So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted.

29 When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only: 30 That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared. 31 Surely it is meet to be paid unto God, I have borne chafing labour, I will not offend any more: 32 That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more. 33 If it be according to the thy mind he will recompense it, whether thou refuse, or whether thou choose; and not I: therefore speak what thou knowest.

34 Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me.

Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom. 38 My desire is that Job may be tried unto the end because of his answers for wicked men.

37 For he addeth rebellion unto his fin, he clappeth his hands among us, and multiplieth his words against God.
The end of God's chastisements.

God's power uncontrollable. 24 His works are to be magnified, but cannot be comprehended.

† Ellicott also proceeded, and said,
1 Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee that I have yet to speak on God's behalf.
2 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will describe righteousness to my Maker.
3 For truly my words shall not be false: he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.
4 Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom.

† ch. 9. & 12. 15. 16. 17. 31.
† Heb. 15. 31.
† Heb. 31. 31.
† Or, afflicted.
† Heb. afflicted.
† Ps. 31. 31.
† Ps. 113. 31.
† Ps. 107. 31.
† sch. 131. 31.
† Is. 11. 31.
† Heb. they shall perish by the sword.
† Ps. 31. 31.
† Ps. 51. 31.
† Heb. Their soul.
† Or, judasits.
† Deut. 23. 31.
† Judg. 18. 31.
† Heb. 18. 31.
† Ps. 113. 31.
† Heb. 113. 31.
† Ps. 23. 31.
† Ps. 51. 31.
† Or, judgment and justice should uphold thee.
† Ps. 49. 31.
† Heb. turn away.
† Prov. 11. 31.
† Ps. 11. 31.
† Heb. See Heb. 11. 31.
† Ps. 46. 40.
† Ps. 11. 31.
† 15. 31.
† Rom. 11. 31.
† Cor. 13. 26.
† ch. 34. 31.
† ch. 36. 31.

‡ Job.

God is terrible in his great works.

24 Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold.
25 Every man may see it; man may behold it afar off.
26 Behold, God is great, and we know him not; neither can the number of his years be searched out.
27 For he maketh small the drops of water: he poureth down rain according to the vapour thereof:
28 Which the clouds do drop and distil upon man abundantly.
29 Also can any understand the spreadings of the clouds, or the noise of his tabernacle?
30 Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth the bottom of the sea.
31 For by them judgeth he the people; he giveth meat in abundance.
32 With clouds he covereth the light; and commandeth it not to shine by the cloud that cometh betwixt.
33 The noise thereof is heard concerning it, the cattle also concerning the vapour.

C H A P. XXXVII.

1 God is terrible in his great works: 15 bis wisdom is unsearchable in them: 23 the excellence of his perfections ought to impress men with lowly fear.

A T this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place.

† Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound that goeth out of his mouth.
3 He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth:
4 After it a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard.
5 God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.
6 For he faileth not the snow; he prayeth not; he lighteth not the darkness.
7 He maketh the hand of every man; that all men may know his work.
8 Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places.
9 Out of the south cometh the whirlwind: and cold out of the north.
10 By the breath of God frost is given, and the breadth of the waters is straitened.
11 He watereth heareth the thick cloud: he scattereth his bright cloud:
12 And it is turned round about by his counsellors: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth.
God answered Job out of the whirlwind; CHAP. XXXVIII. and by his works convinced him of ignorance.

13 He causeth it to come, whether for + correction, or + for his land, or + for mercy.

14 Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and + consider the wondrous works of God.

15 Doth thou know when God disposeth them, and causeth the light of his cloud to shine?

16 Doth thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of + his which is perfect in knowledge?

17 How thy garments are warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south wind?

18 Haist thou with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass?

19 Teach us what we shall say unto him; for we cannot order our speech by reason of darkness.

20 Shall it be told him that I speak? if a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up.

21 And now men see not the bright light which is in the clouds: but the wind passeth, and cleaneth them.

22 + Fair weather cometh out of the north: with God is terrible majesty.

23 Touching the Almighty, + we cannot find him out: + be he excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

24 Men do therefore + fear him: he receiveth not any that are + wife of heart.

C H A P. XXXVIII.

1 God out of the whirlwind challengeth Job to answer; and by an enumeration of his mighty works convinced Job of ignorance, 31 and of weakness.

2 + Who is this that darkeneth counsel by + words without knowledge?

3 + Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I demand of thee, and + answер thou me.

4 Where waist thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, + if thou hast understanding.

5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon are the + foundations thereof + fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

7 When the morning stars sang together, and all + the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 + Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, + as + if it had issued out of the womb?

9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddling-band for it,

10 And + brake up for it my decrees, and let bars and doors,

11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall + thy proud waves + be stayed?

12 Haist thou + commanded the morning since thy days; and causeth the day spring to know his place;

13 That it might take hold of the + ends of the earth, that + the wicked might be shaken out of it?

14 It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as + a garment.

15 And from the wicked their + light is witheld, and + the high arm shall be broken.

16 Haist thou + entered into the springs of the sea? or haist thou walked in the search of the depth?

17 Have + the gates of death been opened unto thee? or haist thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?

18 Haist thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.

19 Where is the way where light dwelleth? and + as for darkness, where is the place thereof;

20 That thou shouldest take it + to the end, bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof;

21 Knowest thou + it, because thou waist then born? or because the number of thy days is great?

22 Haist thou entered into + the treasures of the snow? or haist thou seen the treasures of the hail,

23 Which I have reserved against the + time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?

24 By what way is the light parted, + which scattereth the east wind upon the earth?

25 Who + hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder;

26 To cause it to rain on the earth, + where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man;

27 To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?

28 + Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew?

29 Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?

30 + The waters are hid as with + a stone, and the face of the deep + is + frozen.

31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of + + Pleiades, or lookest thou bands of + + Orion?
God knoweth man's weakness and ignorance

32 Canst thou bring forth || Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his lons?
33 Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?
34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?
35 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?
36 Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart?
37 Who can number the clouds in wilderness? or who can stay the bottles of heaven?
38 When the dust cometh into1 hardness, and the clods cleave fast together?
39 wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions?
40 When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait?
41 Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones crieth unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

1 God proceedeth to shew his own power, and man's weakness and ignorance, by instances from the animal creation: 1 of the wild goats and kinds; &c.

K Nowefth thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? or canst thou mark when the hind doth calve?
2 Canst thou number the months that they fulfil? or knowest thou the time when they bring forth?
3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young ones, they cast out their forrows.
4 Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up with corn; they go forth, and return not unto them.
5 Who hath sent out the wild ass free? or who hath loosed the bands of the wild ass?
6 Whose house have I made the wilderness, and the barren land his dwellings. He scorneth the multitude of the city, neither regardeth he the crying of the driver.
7 The range of the mountains is his pasture, and he searcheth after every green thing.
8 Will the 'unicorn be willing to serve thee, or abide by thy crib?
9 Canst thou bind the unicorn with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after thee?
10 Wilt thou trust him, because his strength is great? or wilt thou leave thy labour to him?
11 Wilt thou believe him, that he will bring home thy seed, and gather it into thy barn?
12 Givest thou the goodly wings unto the seagulls? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?
13 Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust,
14 And forgettest that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them.
15 She is 4 hardened against her young ones, as though they were not her's: her labour is in vain without fear;
16 Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding.
17 What time she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider.
18 Halst thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?
19 Canst thou make him afraid as a grahopther ? the glory of his nostrils is terrible.
20 He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength: he goeth on to meet the armed men.
21 He mocketh at fear, and is not afraid; neither turneth he back from the sword.
22 The quiver rattles against him, the glittering spear and the shield.
23 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet.
24 He faileth among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.
25 Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south?
26 Doth the eagle mount up || thy command, and make her nest on high? ||
27 She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place.
28 From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off.
29 Her young ones also suck up blood: and where the vain are, there is she.

CHAP. XL
1 God challengeth an answerer. 2 Job kumbled bimself. 6 God calleth upon Job to shew by instances of power that he is able to save bimself. 15 God's great power is seen in the behemoth.

Moreover the Lord answered Job, and said,
2 Shall he that contendeth with the Al-
CHAP. XLI. God's great power seen in the leviathan.

Canst thou draw out Leviathan with a hook? or is thy tongue with a cord

† Which thou lettest down?

2 Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn?

3 Will he make many supplications unto thee? or will he speak soft words unto thee?

4 Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a servant for ever?

5 Wilt thou play with him as with a bird? or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?

6 Shall thy companions make a banquet of him? shall they part him among the merchants?

7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears?

8 Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more.

9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not one be cast down even at the fight of him?

10 None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?

11 Who hath thereof knowledge, that the shield of heaven is mine.

12 I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.

13 Who can discover the face of his garment? or who can come to him? his double bridle?

14 Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth are terrible round about.

15 His scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal.

16 One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.

17 They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be moved.

18 By his necklings a light doth shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.

19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out.

20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron.

21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.

22 In his neck remaineth strength, and + forefront is turned into joy before him.

23 + The flakes of his flesh are joined one to another, they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved.

24 His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether millstone.

25 When he raiseth himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves.

26 The word of him that layeth at him.
The Book of Psalms

P S A L M S.

1 The happiness of the godly. 4 The unhappiness of the ungodly.

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of scoffers.

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
The kingdom of Christ.

6 For the Lord knoweth the way of
the righteous: but the way of the ungodly
shall perish.

P S A L M S.

7 Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God:
for thou hast smitten all mine enemies
upon the cheek bone: thou hast broken
the teeth of the ungodly.

8 Salvation belongeth unto the Lord:
thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.

P S A L M IV.

1 David prayeth God to bear him.

Hear me when I call, O God of my
righteousness: thou hast enlarged
me when I was in distress; I have mercy
upon me, and hear my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn
my glory into shame? how long will ye love
vanity, and seek after leaven? Selah.

3 But know that the Lord hath set his
apart him that is godly for himself: the
Lord will hear when I call unto him.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed,
and be still. Selah.

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
and put your trust in the Lord.

6 There be many that say, Who will shew
us good? the Lord, lift thou up the light
of thy countenance upon us.

7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
more than in the time that they their corn
and their wine increased.

8 I will both lay me down in peace,
and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest
me dwell in safety.

P S A L M V.

1 David prayeth, and professeth to be constant in prayer.

GIVE ear to my words, O Lord, con-
consider my meditation.

2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, O
my King, and my God: for unto thee
will I pray.

3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morn-
ing, O Lord; in the morning will I di-
rect my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

4 For thou art not a God that hath
pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil
dwell with thee.

5 The foolish shall not stand: in thy
fight; thou hast killed all workers of iniqui-

6 Thou shalt destroy them that
leaving: the Lord will ab-

bloody and deceitful man.
David's complaint in his sickness. Psalms. He prayeth against his enemies.

7 But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

8 Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wicked; their mouth is full of deceit.

10 Destroy thou them, O Lord; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

12 For thou, O Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

Psalms. VII.

1 David's complaint in his sickness. 8 By faith be triumphed over his enemies.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chafe me in thy hot displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am weak: O Lord, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O Lord, how long?

4 Return, O Lord, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

5 For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

6 I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

7 Mine eye is consumed because of grief: it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer.

10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and fore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

Psalms. VIII.

He prayeth against his enemies.

professing his innocence. 10 By faith be sith his defence, and the destruction of his enemies.

Shiggam of David, which he fang unto the Lord concerning the words of Cuth the Benjamite.

O Lord my God, in thee do I put my trust: fave me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me.

2 Left he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.

3 O Lord my God, if I have done this, if there be iniquity in my hands;

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy;)

5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah.

6 Arise, O Lord, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake me to the judgment that thou hast commanded.

7 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about; for their sakes therefore return thou on high.

8 The Lord shall judge the people: judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.

9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; and let the justification of the righteous be manifest.

10 My defence is of God, which fasheth the upright in heart.

11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

12 If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

15 He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made.

16 His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

17 I will praise the Lord according to his righteousnesses: and will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.
God's wondrous love to man.

PSALMS. David complaineth of the wicked.

1 The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.
2 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, art their high place, not forsaken them that seek thee.
3 Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.
4 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the poor.
5 Have mercy upon me, O Lord; consider my trouble, which hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:
6 That I may thrive forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.
7 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.
8 The Lord is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is cut off in the work of his own hands.
9 II Higgian, Selah. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.
10 For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.
11 Arise, O Lord; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.
12 Put them in fear, O Lord: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah.

PSALMS. IX.

1 David praished God for executing judgment on his enemies, and saving the godly: I will incite others to praise him: and prayeth that he may have like cause to praise him for his aid in some present distress.
2 For thou hast made me thy servant, O Lord, with my whole heart: I will praise thee of all thy marvellous works.
3 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.
4 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.
5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked: thou hast put their name out for ever and ever.
6 O thou enemy, destroyings are come to a perpetual end: and thy cities hast thou destroyed, etc.
7 But the Lord shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.
8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

PSALMS. X.

1 David complaineth to God of the outrages of the wicked: be prayeth for redress: be professeth his confidence.
2 The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.
3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesteth the covetous, whom the Lord abhorreth.
4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.
5 His ways are always grievous: they are a perpetual error, and his judgments are far above out of his sight:
6 He hath laid in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall not be in adversity.
7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceitfulness, under his tongue are iniquities.

S I S
Psalms. He complains of man’s perfidiousness.

1 David complaining of the perfidiousness of man, kind crueln. the help of God: 3 be comfort. ets. be in the assurance of God’s judgments on the wicked, and in the faithfulness of his promises to protect the righteous.

To the chief Musician upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David.

1 David encourages himself in God against his enemies. 4 The providence and justice of God.

To the chief Musiciant, A Psalm of David.

1 How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me? 3 Confederate and hear me, O Lord my God: I light mine eyes, I left I sleep the sleep of death.

4 Left mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

5 But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.
The proper character of a citizen of Zion.  

6 I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.  

P S A L M S.  

David appealeth to God for his innocence.  

P  

Referee me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.  

2 O my soul, thou hast faith unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord:  

3 But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.  

4 Their forrows shall be multiplied that haften after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.  

5 The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.  

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.  

7 I will blest the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night feaons.  

8 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.  

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.  

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.  

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy;  

P S A L M XVII.  

David appealeth to God for his innocence, and prayeth to be saved from his enemies: to be overweigh his pride and exalt the Lord:  

A Prayer of David.  

H E A R the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.  

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy preence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.  

3 Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night;  

4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.  

5 Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.  

6 I have called upon thee, for thou art not hid.
David's psalm of thanksgiving

Psalm XVIII.

David's psalm of thanksgiving for God's mighty deliverances and manifold benefits.

*Ps. 35:1-11.*

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, the servant of the Lord, who spake unto the Lord the words of this song in the day that the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said,

1 I will love thee, O Lord, my strength.

2 The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

3 I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

4 The forrows of death compassed me, and the floods of destruction took me in:

5 The snares of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

6 In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came even into his ears.

7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

8 There went up a smoke out of his mouth, and fire out of his lips, and devouring coals were kindled by it.

9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

10 He rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

12 At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire.

13 The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

14 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

15 Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the earth were discovered at thy rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

16 He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which oppressed me: for they were too strong for me.

18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the Lord was my stay.

19 He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

20 The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

21 For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

22 For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

23 I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

24 Therefore hath the Lord recompened me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands;

25 With the merciful thou shewest thy mercy; with an upright heart thou shewest thyself upright.

26 With the pure thou shewest thyself pure; and with the froward thou shewest thy froward.
and manifold blessings.

Psalms. God's works proclaim their maker's glory.

49 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.

50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

The works of God in the heavens proclaim their Maker's glory. The excellency of the divine law. David prayer for God's grace and acceptance.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth is from the end of the heavens, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandments of the Lord are pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold: yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins: let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, I will exalt, and my redeemer.

Psalm 22.

The Church prayeth for the king's good face in the day of trouble, and expreseth the satisfaction in God's favour.
A prayer for the king's good success.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

Send help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion.

Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice. Selah.

Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfill all thy counsel.

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfill all thy petitions.

Now know I that the LORD faveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.

Prov. 31. 31. Isai. 31. 4. * Chron. 52. 8.

PSALM XXI.

A thankfulsgiving for victory, with confidence of further success.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation thou shall rejoice!

Thou hast given him the desire of his heart, and hast not withheld any good thing of his lips. Selah.

Thou preventest him with the blessings of goodnes: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him; even length of days for ever and ever.

His glory is great in thy salvation: ho and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with gladness.

For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved.

Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

Thou shalt make them as fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.

For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischiefous device, which they are not able to perform.

Therefore shall thou make them turn their back, when thou shalt make thy ready thine arrow upon thy strings against the face of them.

Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.

David comainsteth and prayeth as one forly disstressed: be promised publik thanksgiving and prayes for mercy shown him.

To the chief Musician upon * Aijeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David.

My God, my God, why hast thou forfaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou heardest not; and in the night season, and art not silent.

But thou art holy: O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

But I am as a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

He trusted on the Lord that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, for if he delight in him.

But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.

Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have befit me round.

They have gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the durt of death.

their mouths against me. * Dan. 5. 6. * Or, sanded. * Job. 7. 5.

Psalm 23. God's sovereignty over the whole world.

16 For 'd dogs have compassed me: the affront of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.
17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.
18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.
19 But thou preparedst a table before me in the presence of my enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
20 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 24. God's sovereignty over the whole world.

1 The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.
2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.
3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?
4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Psalm 25. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Psalm 26. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Psalm 27. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Psalm 28. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Psalm 29. David's confidence in God's providential care and goodness.


Psalm 31. David's confidence in God's providential care and goodness.

Psalm 32. A Psalm of David.
David prayeth for pardon and help.

5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

6 Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercies remember thou me for thy good- nesses', O Lord.

8 Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

10 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

11 For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.

12 What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

13 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

14 The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

15 Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

19 Confide mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.

20 Keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

P S A L M S.

5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not fit with the wicked.

6 I will wash mine hands in innocency; so will I compass thine altar, O Lord:

7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

8 Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

9 Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:

10 In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.

11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

12 My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the Lord.

13 He satisfieth my soul with good things; my youth is renewed like the eagle.

14 Psalms.

T H E LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and mine foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3 Though an hound should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hid me; he shall set me upon a rock.

6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8 || When thou dialdest, seek ye my face; my heart faileth unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

9 Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast

A Psalm of David.

J U D G E me, O Lord; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore I shall not flite.

2 Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

3 For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.

4 I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.
GIVE unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and it sirion like a young unicorn.

7 The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire.

8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wildernefis: the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forest: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.

10 The LORD fitteth upon the flood: yea, the LORD fitteth King for ever.

11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

P S A L M S.  He exhorteth to give glory unto God.

1 David exhorteth princes to give glory to God, by reason of his power, and protection of his people.

A Psalm of David.
David's trust in God and prayer for help. P S A L M S. Remission of sins a great blessing.

9 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?
10 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: O Lord, be thou my helper.
11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness:
12 To the end that I my glory may sing praise to thee, and be not silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

I N thee, O Lord, do I put my trust;
let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.
2 How bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for a house of defence to save me.
3 For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.
4 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength.

Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the Lord.
7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;
8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast let me foot my foot in a large room.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly.

For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth, because of mine iniquity, and my bones are confounded.

I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance:

I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel.

For I have heard the flander of many: fear was on every side: while they

8
The faithful are called upon to praise God. P S A L M S.

The blessedness of godly trust and fear.

13 The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.
14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.
15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.
16 There is no king faved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.
17 An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.
18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy.
19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.
20 Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield.
21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.
22 Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

P S A L M S. XXXIV.

1 David praised God, and exhorteth others thereto from his own experience. 2 They are blessed that trust in God. 11 An exhortation to the fear of God. 15 The privileges of the righteous.

A Psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.

I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 My soul shall make him her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
3 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and delivered him out of all his troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.
8 Taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
9 O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no need to them that fear him.
10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.
11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the

T T t 2
The privileges of the righteous. **PSALMS.**

David complaineth against his enemies.

12 What man is he that despireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. Evil shall flay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be defoliated. The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants; and none of them that trust in him shall be defoliated.

18 John 19. 36. Or, shall be guilty. 2 Sam. 1. 29. Pf. 71. 9. & 103. 4. Lam. 3. 38.

**PSALMS.** XXXV.

David prayeth for safety to himself, and confusion to his enemies: 11 be complaineth of their calamity, ingratitude, and malice against him: 22 be mount God to do him right, and avenge him.

Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: 3 fight against them that fight against me. Take hold of the shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help. Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: lay unto my soul, I am thy salvation. Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt. Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the Lord chase them. Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the Lord percut them. For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul. Let destruction come upon him that is unaware; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall. And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord: it shall rejoice in his salvation. All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee, which delivereth the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him? False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not. They rewarded me evil for good to the spoil of my soul. But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I was humbled in my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom. I behaved myself as though I were bad, been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

But in mine adversary they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: 20 they the objects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did not tell me, and concealed not:

16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth. Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their deSTRUCTIONS, 24 my darling from the lions. I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land. They opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it. This thou hast seen, O Lord: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me.

Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, even unto my cause, my God, and my Lord.

Judge me, O Lord my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me. Let them not say, We have swallowed him up. Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion, with all that is delighted in iniquity. Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up. We have swallowed him up.

The excellency of the divine attributes.

Psalm XXXVI.

The falsehood and mischief of devices of the wicked: 5 the excellency of the divine mercy, righteousness, truth, and lovingkindness. 10 David prayeth God to continue his favour to the good, and to balance the designs of the wicked.

To the chief Musickian, A Psalm of David the servant of the Lord.

The transgression of the wicked is within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes. 2 For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good.

He devieth his mischievous upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil.

Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.

How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness unto the upright in heart.

Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

There are the workers of iniquity: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.
The different end of good and bad men. P S A L M S.

20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs; they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.

21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

22 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that are cursed of him shall be cut off.

23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

27 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.

28 For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preferred for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.

33 The Lord will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

34 Wait on the Lord, and keep his way; and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

35 I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green tree.

36 Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

40 And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

P S A L M. XXXVIII.

David imploreth God’s compassion.

David moveth God to take compassion of his sad condition, confessing his sins to have been the cause of it.

A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chauce me in thy hot displeasure.

2 For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presighest me.

3 There is no founds in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin.

4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

5 My wounds stink and are corrupt, because of my foolishness.

6 I am troubled; I am bowed down: I am gone from my strength.

7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome dis ease: and there is no founds in my flesh.

8 I am feeble and fore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from me: and my kindmen stand afar off.

12 They also that feck after my life lay snares for me: and they that seek my hurt speak mischiefous things, and imagine deceit all the day long.

13 But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.

14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

15 For Lord, do I hope: for thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, Hear me, left otherwife they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.

17 For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me.

18 For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

20 They also that render evil for good
His reflections on the vanity of human life. 

P S A L M S. Obedience the most acceptable sacrifice.

Benefit of trust in God. 6 Obedience the most acceptable sacrifice. 9 David's grateful return of praise: XL be prayer for salvation to himself, and confusion to his enemies.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

† Waited patiently for the Lord; and when he inclined unto me, and heard my cry, I waited. 2 He brought me up also out of the miry clay, and stablished my goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened; burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, yea, thy law is within my heart.

I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

Innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore do my heart faint.

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me: O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let them be confounded and ashamed, let them be driven to misery, that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that with me evil.

Let them be destroyed for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say thus continually, The Lord be magnified.
The recompense of the charitabla man.  

P S A L MS. The dejected soul encouraged to hope in God.

17 But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

1 P S A L. XLI.

1 The recompense of the charitabla man. 4 David prayed for mercy, complaining of the treachery of his enemies and apostate friends: 11 be acknowledged God’s favour, and bluffed him.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

Leeded is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blesseed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

I said, The Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

Mine enemies speak evil of me, when thou shalt die, and his name perish.

And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself: when he goeth abroad, he telleth it.

All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.

An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him: and now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.

Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

But thou, O Lord, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.

By this I know that thou favourdest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

And as for me, thou upholdedst me in mine integrity, and fittest me before thy face for ever.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

P S A L. XLII.

1 The psalmist longest after the service of God in the temple: 5 be encouraged his dejected soul to trust in God.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm, of the sons of Korah.

AS the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me?

6 Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praising him: for the help of his countenance.

7 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.

7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me?

Why hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

JUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

2 For thou art the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me?

Why hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.
The church complaineth to God.

The church, calling to mind former favour, complaint of present evils: 17 professing her integrity, 23 be fervently prayeth for succour. To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, Maclil.

We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

2 How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

3 For they had not the land in possess men by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

4 Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

5 Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that riseth up against us.

6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.

8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name forever. Selah.

9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies.

10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy; and they which hate us spoil for themselves.

11 Thou hast given us as sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.

12 Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase thy wealth by their price.

13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

14 Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.

15 My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me.

16 For the voice of him that reproach eth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way; 19 Though thou hast fore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god; 21 Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? our arisle, call us not off for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

26 Arise, help us and redeem us for thy mercies sake.

The majesty and grace of Christ's kingdom.

1 The majesty and grace of Christ's kingdom.

2 The duty of the church, and the benefits thereof.

To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, Maclil, A Song of Loves.

My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips; therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

5 Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee.

6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore hallowed God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

9 Kings' daughters are among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, u u u
The church confided in God's protection. P S A L M S.
The ornaments and privileges of the church.

The nations are exhorted cheerfully to entertain the kingdom of Christ.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
2 For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.
3 He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.
4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved.

Selah.

5 'God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: O sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
7 For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.
8 God reigneth over the heathen: God is exalted upon the throne of his holiness.
9 The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted.

Selah.

The ornaments and privileges of the church.
A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.
2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.
3 God is known in her palaces for refuge.
4 For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.
5 They saw it, and so they marveled; they were troubled, and hastened away.
6 Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail.
7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.
8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever.

Selah.

We have thought of thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.
10 According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.
11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.
12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.
The vanity of trusting in worldly wealth. P S A L M S.

13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, her palaces: that ye may tell it to the generation following.

14 For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

P S A L M. XLIX.

1 The Pсалмі д callet upon all the earth to join him in his meditations: 5 be the vanity of trusting in worldly wealth.

Or, or.

H E A R this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:

2 Both low and high, rich and poor, together.

3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

4 I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?

6 They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

7 None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

8 (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)

9 That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.

10 For he feareth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish perished,

11 Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.

12 Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.

13 This their way is folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings.

14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upper shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling;

15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me.

16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;

17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.

The majesty of God in the church. P S A L M. L.

1 The majesty of God in the church: 5 his command to gather his saints. 7 God delighteth not in sacrifice, 14 but in a pious heart.

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous about him.

4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy flocks.

10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most high:

15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or to take my law into account?

U u u 2
Psalm 8

He reproveth his enemy's malice.

1. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

2. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

3. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

4. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O Heav's.

5. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

6. For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

7. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

8. Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

9. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shalt they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

Psalm 51

1. David prayeth for remission of his sins, whereof he maketh a deep confession: 6 be praiseth God to justify him. 16 God delighteth not in sacrifices, but in contrition of heart. 18 David prayeth for the welfare of the church.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2. Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

4. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

5. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

6. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden parts thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

10. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
The general corruption of mankind.

PSALMS. David in prayer complaineth of his distress.

POET. LIV.

1 David complaining of the Ziphims prayeth for salvation: in confidence of God's help be promised sacrifice and prayer.

To the chief Musican on Neginoth, Machhil, A Psalm of David, when the Ziphims came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?

SAVE me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.

4 Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that upbraid my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.

6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O Lord; for it is good.

7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble; and mine eye hath seen his salvation upon mine enemies.

PSALMS. David in prayer complaineth of his distress.

2 Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn, I faint in my complaint, and make a noise;

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the opprobrium of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

4 My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

7 Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah.

8 I would haften my escape from the windy storm and tempest.

9 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violent and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and fowle are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her fivets.

12 * For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

13 But it was thou, ♦ a man mine equal, ♦ my guide, and mine acquaintance.

14 ♦ We took sweet counsel together, and ♦ walked unto the house of God in company.

15 Let death seize upon them, and let them ascend into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me.

17 ♦ Evening, and morning, and at noon, ♦ I will pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.

19 God shall hear, and afflict them; even he that abideth of old. Selah. ♦ Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

20 He hath * put forth his hands against me: I was sitten down in darkness, * and delivered him not.

21 * The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.
David complaineth of his enemies.

Psalm LVI.

David praying to God in confidence of his merits and of his enemies, 9 be prostrate in God's word, and promise to praise him.

To the chief Musician upon Jonath-elemrechekim, 2: Michntim of David, when the *Philistines took him in Gath.

BE merciful unto me, O God, for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.

2 Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most high.

3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust: I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Every day they write my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.

They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, while they wait for my soul.

Shall they escape by iniquity? in thine anger cast down the people, O God.

Thou hast left my wandrings: put thou my tears into thy bottle; *are they not in thy book?

When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.

In God will I praise his word: in the Lord will I praise his word.

In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver me from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

Psalm LVII.

David in prayer fleeting unto God complaineth of his dangerous case: 7 be encouragest himself to praise God.

To the chief Musician, 2: Al-tachith, Michntim of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings, will I make my refuge, *until these calamities be overpast.

I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me.

He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall forth his mercy and his truth.

My soul is among lions: and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.

They have prepared a net for my feet; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen; they fell upon me.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

Awake, my glory, awake, my psalter, and harp: I my self will awake early.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

Psalm LVIII.

David reproving wicked judges, describeth the nature of the wicked, 6 and devoureth them to God's judgments, 10 whereas the righteous shall rejoice.

To the chief Musician 2: Al-tachith, Michntim of David.

O ye indeed speak righteousness, O ye sons of men; ye weight the violence of your hands in the earth.

The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf: they adder that stoppeth her ear.

Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, *charming never so wisely.

Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth; break out the great teeth of the young lions, O Lord.

Let them melt away as waters which run continually: when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

As a snail which melteth, let every one of
PSALM LIX.

1 David in great danger prayer to be saved from his enemies: 6 be comfortless of their cruelty: 8 be trusteth in God: 11 be prayer for the destruction of his enemies: 16 be preserved to praise God continually.

To the chief Musician. *Psalm of David.* *When Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.*

Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: 7 defend me from them that rise up against me.

Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: 8 the mighty are gathered against me; 9 for my transgression, nor for my fin, O Lord.

They run and prepare themselves without my fault: 10 awake me to help me, and behold.

Thou therefore, O Lord God of hosts, 12 of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.

They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

Behold, they belch out with their mouth: 17 swords are in their lips: for who say they, doth hear? 18 But thou, O Lord, shalt laugh at them; 19 thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: 20 for God is my defence.

The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see mine desire upon mine enemies.

Slay them not, left my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

* For the fin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying they speak.

13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah.

14 And at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

15 Let them wander up and down, 16 meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.

PSALM LX.

1 David complaining to God of former judgments, now upon better hope prayer for deliverance: 6 comforting himself in God's promises, be trusteth that help wondrously be trusteth.

To the chief Musician upon Shushan-eduth, for the use of David, to teach; 2 when he sware with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, when Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the valley of salt twelve thousand.

God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast 3 scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.

Thou hast made the earth to tremble; 4 thou hast broken it: 5 heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

Thou shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

Thou hast given a banner to them that feared thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

Thy thy beloved may be delivered; 8 save with thy right hand, and hear me.

God hath spoken in his holiness: I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; 9 Judah is my lawgiver; 10 Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: 11 Philistia, 12 triumph thou because of me.

Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

Will not thou, O God, which hadst cast us off? and thou, O God, which didst not go out with our armies?

Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

Through God we shall do valiantly: for he is that shall tread down our enemies.
PSALMS. David's thirst after the temple service.

David was so hungry after the temple service that he went to the chief musician and asked for a drink of water from the temple. The chief musician gave him a bushel of flour and a measure of oil, which David used to make a cake. When he ate the cake, he became so thirsty that he asked for a drink of water. The chief musician gave him a bottle of wine, which satisfied his thirst. The story is a reminder of God's provision for those who seek him in faith.

In the balance, they are all together lighter than vanity.
10 Truth not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increaseth, let not your heart upon them.
11 God hath spake once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.
12 Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

To the chief musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.

Ps 42:6, 7. Thou wilt show me the heritage of the right hand of my God.
Ps 43:5. I shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.
Ps 44:8. When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.
Ps 45:1. They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes.
Ps 46:1. But thou art in the end of the earth; and thy right hand upholding me.
Ps 45:4. They shall make haste to fell the branches thereof; as the fire burneth.
Ps 45:6. For the Lord speaketh; for his voice is excellent: the voice of the Lord is full of power.

Ps 46:4. For God is our refuge; and in God is the rock of our salvation.
Ps 46:7. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be moved.
Ps 46:8. How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be as the exalted.
Ps 46:9. Only in God is my salvation: trusting in God is my defence.

Ps 47:3. Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are all together lighter than vanity.
Ps 47:6. Truth not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increaseth, let not your heart upon them.
Ps 47:11. God hath spake once, twice have I heard this: that power belongeth unto God.
Ps 47:12. Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

Ps 48:4. He shall make haste to fell the branches thereof; as the fire burneth.
Ps 48:6. For the Lord speaketh; for his voice is excellent: the voice of the Lord is full of power.
Ps 49:1. They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes.
Ps 50:11. But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

Ps 51:1. David prayed for deliverance, complaining of his enemies: 7 he promised himself to see such an evident destruction of his enemies, that the righteous shall rejoice at it.

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David.
The blessedness of God's chosen.

Psalm 50:1-13

David exhorteth to praise God for his works.

Psalm 113:1-9

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest corn, when thou hast provided for it.

Psalm 114:1-10

Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou fettlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blestest the springing thereof.

Psalm 115:1-11

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

Psalm 116:1-19

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David:

Praise ye the Lord, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5 By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou anfwer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:

6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:

7 Which filleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and even ing to rejoice.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest corn, when thou hast provided for it.

10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou fettlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blestest the springing thereof.

11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.

13 The pastures are clothed with flocks: the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

Psalm 117:1-7

To the chief Musician, A Song or Psalm.

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:

2 Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.

3 Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shalt thou thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name.

5 Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

6 He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.

7 He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

8 O blest our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

9 Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

10 For thou, O God, hast proved us; thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

11 Thou broughtest us into the net: thou laidst affliction upon our loins.

12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a + wealthy place.

13 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows,

14 Which my lips have uttered, and

X x x
A prayer for the enlargement of God's kingdom. 

PSALMS.

my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.
15 I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.

16 Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was exalted to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blest be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

P S A L. LXVII.

1 A prayer for the enlargement of God's kingdom, to the joy of the people, 6 and to the increase of God's blessings.

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm or Song.

GOD be merciful unto us, and blesse us; * and give his face to shine upon us. Selah.

2 That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall blesse us.

7 God shall blesse us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

P S A L. LXVIII.

1 A prayer at the removing of the ark. 4 An exhortation to praise God for his mercies, 7 for his former care of the church, and daily providence over it. 20 The church hath confidence in his future protection. 4 The magnificent pomp of bringing up the ark. 28 A prayer for the confirmation of God's goodness to his church. 32 An exhortation to all kingdoms to praise the God of Israel.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm or Song of David.

L E T * God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee from before him.

2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish in the presence of God.
The pomp of bringing up the ark.

David complainteth of his affliction.

no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

3 I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.

5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my + sins are not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

7 Because for thy fake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face.

8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother’s children.

9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

10 When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.

11 I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them.

12 They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the + drunkards.

13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of + the deep waters.

15 Let not the waters overtake me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit + shut her mouth upon me.

16 Hear me, O Lord; for thy loving-kindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

17 And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: + hear me speedily.

18 Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

19 Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my derision: mine adversaries are all before thee.

20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and + I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for + comforters, but I found none.

21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

X x x 2
David imploroeth God's speedy help.  P S A L M S.  The Psaлим's trust in God.

22 Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap.
23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.
24 Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.
25 Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.
26 For they persecute him whom thou hast hallowed; and they talk of the grief of thy people, and they consult my wrath.
27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into the house of the righteous.
28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.
29 But I am poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.
30 I will praise the name of God with a long psalm, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.
31 This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.
32 The humble shall see this, and be glad: and thy righteousness shall live that feeleth God.
33 For the Lord heareth the poor, and delighteth not in his prisoners.
34 Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein.
35 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.
36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

P S A L M S.

David prayeth for God's speedy help and deliverance to the confusion of his enemies, and triumph of the godly.

To the chief Muscian, A Psalm of David, to make haste to help me, O Lord.

1 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that declare my hurt.
2 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that fay. Aha, aha.
3 Let all them that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.
4 But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying.

P S A L M LXX.

1 The Psalim, declaring his trust in God founded on past experience, prayeth for the continuance of God's saving help, and the confusion of his enemies: 14 be primiteth abs of praise: 17 be pritimeth not to be abandoned in the decline of life: 19 be primiteth God, and primiteth to do it cheerfully.

IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

2 Deliver me in my righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

3 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.

4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

5 For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth.

6 By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou hast been the rock of my salvation, from the womb of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be continually of thee.

7 I am as a wonder unto many: but thou art my strong refuge.

8 Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy glory all the day.

9 Call me not off in the time of old age; for sake me not when my strength faieth.

10 For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul: take counsel together.

11 Saying, God hath forsaken him; he shall persecute and take him; for there is none to deliver him.

12 O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

13 Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul: let them be covered with reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof.

16 I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

18 Now also when I am old and grey-headed, O God, for sake me not: until I
A Prayer for Solomon.

P S A L M S. The prosperity of the wicked for a time.

12 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

13 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence; and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba; prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.

16 There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the yield thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grases of the earth.

17 His name and shall endure for ever; his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

P S A L M S. LXXIII.

1 The Psalmist foretold that his faith had almost failed him on seeing the prosperity of the wicked; but that, unwilling to give up the cause of goodness, he bad at length discovered their fearful end; 23 his trust in God's present support and future favour: 27 be concludeth it best to adhere to God.

A Psalm of * Abas.

T Ruly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.

2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

3 For I was envious at the foolish, yea and at the fool.

I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For there be no bands in their death: but their strength is firm.

5 They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men.

6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment.

7 Their eyes stand out with fatness; they have more than heart could wish.

8 They are corrupt, and peck wickedly concerning oppression: they peck loftily.

9 They let their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

10 Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them.

1 Or, Or, A Psalm for David.

2 Or, Or, A Psalm for David.

3 Or, Or, A Psalm for David.

4 Or, Or, A Psalm for David.

5 Or, Or, A Psalm for David.
The fearful end of the wicked.

Psalm LXIV.

1 The Psalms' complaints of the desolation of the sanctuary: 10 be very God to help in consideration of his power, 18 of the reproach of the enemies, 19 of his church and covenant.

Machiel of Asaph.

O God, why hast thou cast us off for ever? why dost thin evil anger smoke against the shepherd of thy pasture?

2 Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; even all the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

4 Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregation; they set up their ensigns for signs.

5 A man was famous according as he had lifted up axed upon the thick trees.

6 But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axed and hammers.

7 They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name to the ground.

8 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together; they have burned all the synagogues of God in the land.

9 We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.

10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?

11 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck it out of thy bosom.

12 For thy God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

14 Thou brakest the heads of Leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

15 Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: thou didst dry up mighty rivers.

16 The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.

18 Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O Lord, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

19 O deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.

20 Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habits of cruelty.

21 Let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause:...
sein judgment. Psalm 143-5. 2 I will remember the works of the Lord: the thousands of years of old. 11 * I will remember the works of the Lord: the thousands of years of old. 11 * I will remember the works of the Lord: the thousands of years of old. 11 * I will remember the works of the Lord: the thousands of years of old.
An exhortation to learn and preach God's law. P.S A L M S.

12 I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

13 Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

14 Thou art the God that doest wonders; thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

15 Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

Selah.

16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters faw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

17 The clouds poured out water: the fiesents out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

18 The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

19 Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

20 Thou didst lead thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

P.S A L M S.

1 LXXVIII.

1 An exhortation both to learn and to preach the law of God. 9 The story of God's wrath against the incredulous and disobedient. 67 The Israelites being rejected, God chose Judah, Zion, and David.

GIVE ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

2 Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide them from their children, lest the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:

6 That the generation to come might know them, even the children wherein should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children:

7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubbornd and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.

The story of Israel's rebellions.

9 The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.

10 They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;

11 And forgot his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.

12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap.

14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.

15 He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of a great depths.

16 He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most high in the wilderness.

18 And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lute.

19 Ye took spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

21 Therefore the Lord heard this, and was wroth: for a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel.

22 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:

23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven;

24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.

25 Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.

27 He rained flesh also upon them as the dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:

28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.

29 So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;

30 They were not estranged from their lute. But while their meat was yet in their mouths,
and of God's wrath against

PSALMS

the incredulous and disobedient.

31 The wrath of God came upon them, and flew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen men of Israel.

32 For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.

33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble.

34 When he gave them, then they sought him: and they retired and enquired early after God.

35 And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God: their redeemer.

36 Nevertheless they did flattering him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.

37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they steadfast in his covenant.

38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

39 For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert!

41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limit the Holy One of Israel.

42 They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy.

43 How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the midst of Zion.

44 And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they could not drink.

45 He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust.

47 He destru’d their vines with hail, and their fycamore trees with frost.

48 He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.

49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.

50 He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence;

51 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham:

52 But made his own people go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overlaid their enemies.

54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, even to this mountain, wch his right hand had purchased.

55 He cut out the heathen also before him, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tempted and provoked the high God, and kept not his testament:

57 But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.

58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

59 When God heard this, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:

60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent wch he placed among men;

61 And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy’s hand.

62 He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men, and their maidens were not given to marriage.

64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, and as a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder part: he put them to a perpetual reproach.

67 Moreover he refus’d the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:

68 But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.

69 And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which he hath established for ever.

70 He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:

71 From following the ewes great and young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

Y y y
The miseries of the church besieged.

I. The psalmist complaineth of the miseries of Jerusalem; 8 God’s former favours are turned into judgments: 14 A prayer for deliverance.

To the chief Musician upon Shushanim-Eduth, A Psalm of Asaph.

1 And when the fishermen arose, they found but one small fish in all their fishing nets; the rest were empty. 2 And they cried to the Lord, 3 "O Lord, why hast thou forsaken us?" 4 "Because of their oppression and their cruel treatment," said the Lord. 5 "I will send a deliverer to save them." 6 And the fishermen rejoiced, 7 and the Lord answered, 8 "I will send my angel to protect you." 9 And the fishermen were saved.

2 I am a stranger in a strange land; 3 O Lord, remember me. 4 "You have promised to be our deliverer," said the Lord. 5 "I will send my angel to protect you." 6 And the fishermen rejoiced, 7 and the Lord answered, 8 "I will send my angel to protect you." 9 And the fishermen were saved.

3 I will not be ashamed, 4 I will not be dismayed. 5 I will not fear the evil spoken of men, 6 for I know that the Lord is with me. 7 And the fishermen rejoiced, 8 and the Lord answered, 9 "I will send my angel to protect you." 10 And the fishermen were saved.

4 I will not fear, 5 for thou art with me. 6 I will not fear my enemies, for thou art with me. 7 And the fishermen rejoiced, 8 and the Lord answered, 9 "I will send my angel to protect you." 10 And the fishermen were saved.

5 I have delivered thee, 6 I will deliver thee. 7 I will deliver thee, 8 and I will deliver thee. 9 And the fishermen rejoiced, 10 and the Lord answered, 11 "I will send my angel to protect you." 12 And the fishermen were saved.

6 I will deliver thee from the power of the wicked, 7 and from the power of the enemy. 8 And the fishermen rejoiced, 9 and the Lord answered, 10 "I will send my angel to protect you." 11 And the fishermen were saved.

7 I will deliver thee from the power of the wicked, 8 and from the power of the enemy. 9 And the fishermen rejoiced, 10 and the Lord answered, 11 "I will send my angel to protect you." 12 And the fishermen were saved.

8 I will deliver thee, 9 I will deliver thee. 10 I will deliver thee, 11 and I will deliver thee. 12 And the fishermen rejoiced, 13 and the Lord answered, 14 "I will send my angel to protect you." 15 And the fishermen were saved.

1 I am a stranger in a strange land; 2 O Lord, remember me. 3 "You have promised to be our deliverer," said the Lord. 4 "I will send my angel to protect you." 5 And the fishermen rejoiced, 6 and the Lord answered, 7 "I will send my angel to protect you." 8 And the fishermen were saved.

2 I will not be ashamed, 3 I will not be dismayed. 4 I will not fear the evil spoken of men, 5 for I know that the Lord is with me. 6 And the fishermen rejoiced, 7 and the Lord answered, 8 "I will send my angel to protect you." 9 And the fishermen were saved.

3 I will not fear, 4 for thou art with me. 5 I will not fear my enemies, for thou art with me. 6 And the fishermen rejoiced, 7 and the Lord answered, 8 "I will send my angel to protect you." 9 And the fishermen were saved.

4 I have delivered thee, 5 I will deliver thee. 6 I will deliver thee, 7 and I will deliver thee. 8 And the fishermen rejoiced, 9 and the Lord answered, 10 "I will send my angel to protect you." 11 And the fishermen were saved.

5 I will deliver thee from the power of the wicked, 6 and from the power of the enemy. 7 And the fishermen rejoiced, 8 and the Lord answered, 9 "I will send my angel to protect you." 10 And the fishermen were saved.

6 I will deliver thee from the power of the wicked, 7 and from the power of the enemy. 8 And the fishermen rejoiced, 9 and the Lord answered, 10 "I will send my angel to protect you." 11 And the fishermen were saved.

7 I will deliver thee, 8 I will deliver thee. 9 I will deliver thee, 10 and I will deliver thee. 11 And the fishermen rejoiced, 12 and the Lord answered, 13 "I will send my angel to protect you." 14 And the fishermen were saved.

8 I am a stranger in a strange land; 9 O Lord, remember me. 10 "You have promised to be our deliverer," said the Lord. 11 "I will send my angel to protect you." 12 And the fishermen rejoiced, 13 and the Lord answered, 14 "I will send my angel to protect you." 15 And the fishermen were saved.
An exhortation to praise God.

PSALMS. A complaint against the enemies of Israel.

1 SING aloud unto God our strength;
2 Take a psalm, and bring bither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.
3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, upon our solemn feast day.
4 For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.
5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: *where I heard a language that I understood not.
6 I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands † were delivered from the pots.
7 Thou callest in trouble, and I delivered thee; I † answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I † proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah.
8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;
9 There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.
10 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: * open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would be none of me.
12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.
13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways!
14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.
15 The hater of the LORD should have † submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.
16 He should † have fed them also † with the finest of the wheat: and with honey † out of the rock should I have satisfed thee.

PSALM LXII.

1 The psalmist having exhorted the judges, 5 and reproved their misconduct, 8 psalmed God to his heart.

PSALM LXXXIII.

A Psalm || of Asaph.

GOD standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.
2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.
3 † Defend the poor and fatherless: † do justice to the afflicted and needy.
4 † Deliver the poor and needy: † rid them out of the hand of the wicked.
5 They † know not, neither will they understand; they walk in darkness: † all the foundations of the earth are † out of course.
6 † I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most high.
7 † But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.
8 † Arise, O God, judge the earth: † for thou shalt inherit all nations.

A Song or Psalm || of Asaph.

KEEP not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.
2 For lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they † hate thee have lifted up the head.
3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.
4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.
5 For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:
6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;
7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amaleck; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;
8 Ashur also is joined with them: † they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.
9 Do unto them as unto the children of Lot: as to † Sithon, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kishon:
10 Which perished at En-dor: † they became as dung for the earth.
11 Make their nobles like Orc, and like Zeeb, yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:
12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.
13 O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.
14 As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame † setteth the mountains on fire;
15 So persecute them † with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.‡
16 † Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek thy name, O LORD:
17 Let them be confounded and troubled

Y E Y 2
The psalms' longing for the temple worship. Psalms

His confidence in the divine goodness.

Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease. Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? Wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations? Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation. I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly. Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Turn ye, O ye prisoners of hope; ye that were so full of pride: we beseech you to consider the rock from whose face theIsraelis were spread abroad; by these was Jacob a mother to us; he was the king of his children. The rock's shade covered us in the day of our trouble. He routed the nations, he filled the earth with our joy. Turn us again, we beseech thee, O Lord: let thine anger and thy wrath depart from us. Take us not away with sinners: nor with the bloody sinners, lest thou make us the reproach of all the people. Turn us again, O God of hosts, look from heaven, and visit this house, which is called by thy name, for it is desolate. This also comes from the Lord; it is wonderful in our eyes. Surely he has lifted up his countenance upon us; we shall be saved. O Lord, do not confide in Egypt, do not rely on S either. For the Lord your God will forgivethis whole evil, and will have compassion on you, and will bring you again to the land which your fathers possessed. Do not make heavy work for thyself, nor do you say, These are too heavy for me; for it is not I who spoke of them, to give them a charge. Turn us again, O God of hosts, look from heaven, and visit this house, which is called by thy name, for it is desolate. This also comes from the Lord; it is wonderful in our eyes. Surely he has lifted up his countenance upon us; we shall be saved. O Lord, do not confide in Egypt, do not rely on S either. For the Lord your God will forgivethis whole evil, and will have compassion on you, and will bring you again to the land which your fathers possessed. Do not make heavy work for thyself, nor do you say, These are too heavy for me; for it is not I who spoke of them, to give them a charge.
The seat and glory of the church.

PSALMS.

A grievous complaint to God.

11 Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

12 I will praise thee, O Lord, my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

13 For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

14 O Lord, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have fought after my soul; and have not fet thee before them.

15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me: give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

17 Shew me a token for good: that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, O Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

P S A L. LXXXVII.

The seat and glory of the church: the honourable dispensation of its members.

P S A L. LXXXVIII.

A Psalm or Song for the sons of Korah.

Is foundation is in the holy mountains.

2 The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.

4 I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there.

5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall exalt her.

6 The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah.

7 As well the fingers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee.

P S A L. LXXXVIII.

A prayer containing a grievous complaint.

A Song or Psalm for the sons of Korah, to the chief Musicians upon Mahalath Leannah, to Machiel of Heman the Ezrahite.

Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee:

2 Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

3 For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength:

5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand.

6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Selah.

8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.

9 Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: Lord, I have called daily upon thee; I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee? Selah.

11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction?

12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousnes in the land of forgetfulness?

13 But unto thee have I cried, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.

14 Lord, why castest thou off my soul? why hidest thou thy face from me?

15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.

16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terror hath cut me off.

17 They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.

18 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness.

P S A L. LXXXIX.

The psalmist praiseth God for his covenant mercies to David: 5 for his mighty power, and moral perfections: 15 for his care of his people: 19 for his promised favour to the kingdom of David: 38 then complaining of contrary events, 46 be expostulateth, prayeth, and in the end blesteth God.

I Machiel of Ethan the Ezrahite.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

3 I have made a covenant with my chosen; I have sworn unto David my servant.

4 Thy seed will I establish for ever, and shall build up thy throne for generation and generation: Selah.
God's promised favour to David.

PSALMS.

A complaint of contrary events.

26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and I the rock of my salvation.
27 Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.
28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
29 His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.
30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;
31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;
32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.
33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.
34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.
35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.
36 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.
37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven.

Selah.

28 But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.
29 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown by calling it to the ground.
30 Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.
31 All that passes by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbours.
32 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.
33 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him stand in the battle.
34 Thou hast made his glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground.
35 The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame.
36 How long, Lord? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire?
37 Remember how short my time is:
38 Wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?
39 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?
40 LORD, where art thy former lovingkindness?
kindness, which thou didst bestow unto David in thy truth? 31 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

59 Remember, O Lord, the reproach of thy servants; how I bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty peoples.

51 Wherein thine enemies have reproached, O Lord; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.

52 Blessed be the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

P S A L M . XC.

The security and happiness of the godly. 60 Let them that are thy servants look unto the strength of the Lord, and the goodness of his kindness.

90 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisom pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust:

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that waiteth at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

9 Because thou hast made the Lord which is my refuge, even the most high, my habitation;

10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and the adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and I will honour him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

P S A L M . XCII.

The prophet exhorted to praise God, for his great works, and for his judgments on the wicked, and for his goodness to the godly.

A Psalm or Song for the sabbath day.
The majesty of Christ's kingdom.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most high, every morning, and every night.

1 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the harp; 2 upon the timbrel; 3 upon the sheepskins; and upon the cornet.

4 For thou, O Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

5 O Lord, how great are thy works! and how thou thy thoughts are deep.

6 A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

7 When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever.

8 But thou, O Lord, art most high for evermore.

9 For, lo, thine enemies, O Lord, and thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

11 Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 That the righteous that is planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing.

15 To shew that the Lord is upright: be he my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

The majesty, stability, power, and holiness of Christ's kingdom.

The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, whereby he hath girded himself; the world also is his habitation: that it cannot be moved.

2 Thy throne is as established of old: thou art from everlasting.

3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

4 The Lord on high is mighty; more than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

5 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever.

The blessedness of affliction.

1 The psalmist calling for justice complainteth of the tyranny and impiety of the wicked: be he bewept God's providence; 2 that the blessedness of the afflicted. 16 God is the defender and avenger of the afflicted.

O Lord, God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, I will shew myself thy pleasure.

2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

3 Lord, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

5 They break in pieces thy people, O Lord, and afflict thine heritage.

6 They flay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

7 Yet they say, The Lord shall not see; he will not see; and they shall not be moved.

8 Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye love wisdom?

9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, shall he not be known?

11 The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.

12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law;

13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

14 For the Lord will not cast off his nation, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

17 Unleas the Lord had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

18 When I said, My foot slippeth: my soul is overthrown, thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.

19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.

20 Shalt thou of inequity have fellowship with thee, which framest mischief by law?

21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.
Psalms

The majesty of God's kingdom.

1. An exhortation to celebrate the greatness and majesty of God, 10 and to rejoice in his righteous government of the world.

Sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

2. Sing unto the Lord, blest his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

4. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

5. For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before him:

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary,

7. Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

9. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

10. Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

12. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice.

13. Before the Lord: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

Psalm XCVI.

1. An exhortation to praise God for his greatness, and for creating and preserving us: and not to tempt him as did Israel in the wilderness.

2. Come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

3. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

4. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

6. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

7. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9. When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and i saw my work.

10. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

Unto whom I sware in my wrath, that they should not enter into my rest.

Psalm XCVII.

The majesty of God's kingdom.

1. The church rejoiceth at God's judgments against idolaters, and his universal sovereignty. An exhortation to godliness and joy in the Lord.

The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

2. Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

3. A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.

4. His lightnings enlighten the world: the earth faw, and trembled.

5. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the whole earth.

6. The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

7. Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods.

8. Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O Lord.

9. For thou, Lord, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preferveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

11. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

12. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Psalm L. XC VIII.

1 The psalmist celebarateth God's salvation toward Israel: 4 be exalted the whole world to join in acclamation of praise because of God's righteous judgment.

Psalm C.

3 An exhortation to serve God joyfully as our creator and preserver, and to praise him for his goodness, mercy, and truth.

Psalm L. C.

David's vow of godliness.

God: * thou waft a God that forgaveth them, though * thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

* Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.

Psalm L. CII.

1 The prophet complaineth bitterly of his affliction.
A prayer of the afflicted.  

PSALMS. An exhortation to bless God for his mercies.

mercy of God. 18 The mercies of God are worthy to be recorded. 23 The prophet, sifting of his own weakness, reflect his hopes on the unchangeable nature of God.

A prayer of the afflicted, * when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the Lorp.

Hear my prayer, 0 Lorp, and let my cry come unto thee. 2 Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

3 * For my days are consumed like smokes, and my bones are burned as an heart.

4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grafts; so that I forget to eat my bread. 5 By reason of the voice of my groaning, my bones cleave to my flesh.

6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.

7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.

8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping. 10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

11 * My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grafts. 12 But thou, 0 Lorp, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, and * have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come. 14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.

15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lorp, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

16 When the Lorp shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory. 17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lorp.

19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the Lorp behold the earth; 20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loote those that are appointed to death; 21 To declare the name of the Lorp in Zion, and his praise in Jerufalem;

22 When the people are gathered togeth

ther, and the kingdoms, to serve the Lorp.

23 He † weakened my strength in the way; he † shortened my days:

24 * I said, 0 my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: k thy years are throughout all generations.

25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

27 But † thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

28 The children of thy fervants shall continue, and their feed shall be established before thee.

P S A L. CIII.

1 An exhortation to bless God for his mercy, and for the confiuity thereof. 1 A Psalm of David.

BLESS † the Lorp, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the Lorp, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3 † Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who † healeth all thy diseases;

4 † Who † redeemeth thy life from destruction; † who † crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that † thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

6 The Lorp executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

7 He † made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

8 The Lorp is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and † plentiful in mercy.

9 † He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.

10 † He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11 † For † as the heaven is high above the earth, † so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, † so far hath he † removed our transgressions from us.

13 † Like as a father pitieth his children † so the Lorp pitieth them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth our frame; † he † remembereth that we † are dust.

15 † As for man, † his days are as grass; † as a flower of the field, † so he flourishteth.

16 For the wind passeth over it, and † it

† Heb. afflicted.

† Heb. is not.

Z 2 Z 2
A meditation upon the majesty, power, and providence of God.

17 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

19 The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

21 Bless ye the Lord, all ye ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

22 Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

1 PSALMS. CIV.

A meditation upon the majesty, power, and wonderful providence of God. 31 God's glory is eternal. 33 The prophet voweth to praise God perpetually.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

6 Who coverest it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hastened away.

8 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

10 He sendeth the springs into the valleys, whereby run among the hills.

11 They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild ass quenches their thirst.

12 By them (hail the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, whereby sing among the branches.

13 He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

15 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

16 The trees of the Lord are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;

17 Where the birds make their nests: as for the rick, the fir trees are her house.

18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies.

19 He appointed the moon for feasts; the sun knoweth his going down.

20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of (the forest do creep forth.

21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

22 The fun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth unto his work, and gen. 59. to his labour until the evening.

24 O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

25 So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.

27 These wait all upon thee: that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

28 Thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath; they die, and return to their dust.

30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

31 The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

32 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

33 I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

34 My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord.

1 Job 7. 10. 20. 9. 
2 Exod. 6. 
3 Deut. 9. 
4 Ps. 47. 8. 
5 Dan. 4. 35. 
6 Ps. 144. 5. 
7 Heb. mighty in strength. 
8 See Ps. 78. 
9 Ps. 6. 3. 
10 Ps. 9. 1. 
11 Ps. 47. 1. 
12 Ps. 47. 1. 
13 Ps. 47. 1. 
14 Ps. 144. 5. 
15 Ver. 1.
An exhortation to praise God

Psalm 146

21 He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance.
22 He bound his princes at his pleasure; and taught his senators wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
24 And he increaseth his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.
25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtly with his servants.
26 He sent Moses his servant; and Aaron whom he had chosen.
27 They shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.
29 He turned their waters into blood, and fleth their fish.
30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.
31 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts.
32 He gave them hail for rain, and burning fire in their land.
33 He smote their vineyards also, and their fig trees; and brake the trees of their coasts.
34 He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillers, and that without number.
35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.
36 He smote also all the firstborn in their land, the chief of all their strength.
37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.
38 Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.
39 He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.
40 The people asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river.
42 For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.
43 And he brought forth his people with joy, and his choosen with gladness:
44 And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people:
45 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm 147

1 The psalmist exhorteth to praise God for his goodness: be ye joyful in his people's
The story of Israel's rebellions, and of God's mercies.

PRAISE ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for be is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? who can shew forth all his praise?

3 Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favour that thou bestowest upon thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;

5 That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies: but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea.

8 Nevertheless he faved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.

9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

10 And he led them by the right way, that they might go not astray; he was to them a thing of wonder:

11 And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.

12 Then believed they his words; they sware to his præfate.

13 They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:

14 But lifted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

15 And he gave them their request; but leant ensnared into their soul.

16 They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the faint of the Lord.

17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abdram.

18 And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.

19 They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

20 Thus changed they their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.

21 They forgot God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea.

23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

24 Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word:

25 But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord.

26 Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:

27 To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.

30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

32 They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:

33 Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the Lord commanded them:

35 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

36 And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.

37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,

38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus were they defiled with their works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

40 Therefore the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

41 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.
Psalm 14
He brought them out of darkness, and the shadow of death, and brake their bonds in sunder.

Psalm 15
Oh that men would praise the Lord, for his goodnes, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Psalm 16
For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the gates of iron in sunder.

Psalm 17
Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

Psalm 18
Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

Psalm 19
Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saveth them out of of their distresses.

Psalm 20
He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Psalm 21
Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodnes, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Psalm 22
And let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm 23
I am the Lord your God, and I have redeemed you from the hand of the enemy.

Psalm 24
GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 25
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

Psalm 26
And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, north, and south.

Psalm 27
They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

Psalm 28
Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

Psalm 29
Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

Psalm 30
And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

Psalm 31
Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodnes, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Psalm 32
For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodnes.

Psalm 33
Such as fit in darknesses and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron.

Psalm 34
Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:

Psalm 35
Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help.

Psalm 36
Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saveth them out of of their distresses.
David encourageth himself to praise God. P S A L M S.

And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increas.

He bleffeth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

Again, they are diminished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.

Let them be poor on high from affliction, and make them families like a flock.

The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

Who is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord.

GOD, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth.

That thy beloved may be delivered: save with thy right hand, and answer me.

God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver.

Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph.

Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hofts?

Give us help in trouble: for vain is the help of man.

Through God we shall do valiantly: for he is that shall tread down our enemies.

A prayer against the wicked.

David complaining of the flunders and ingratitude of his enemies devoteth them to destruction, and complaining of his own misery beseekest for help, that he may be comforted.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

OLD not thy peace, O God of my praise;

For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause.

For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer.

And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

Set thou a wicked man over him: and let him be condemned: and let his prayer become fin.

Let his days be few; and let another take his office.

Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.

Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their defolate places.

Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labour.

Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to say unto his fatherless children.

Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the Lord; and let not the fin of his mother be blotted out.

Let them be before the Lord continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.

Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but percieved the poor and needy man, that he might even play the *broken in heart.

As he loved curving, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blesing, so let it be far from him.

As he clothed himself with curving like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

This be the reward of mine adver-
A prediction of Christ's kingdom.

THE Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The Lord shall fend the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness; from the womb of the morning: thou haft the dew of thy youth.

4 The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the place with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

PSALMS.

Psalm CX.

The blessedness of the godly.

1 The psalmist by his example inciteth others to praise God for his glorious and gracious works.

2 The fear of God is the source of true wisdom.

Psalm CXI.

1 I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

2 The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3 His work is honourable and glorious; and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption unto his people; he hath commanded his covenant for ever.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: || a good understanding have all they that do bis commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

16. || Or, good success. Prov. 3. 4. \heb. that do them.

Psalm CXII.

1 The blessedness and security of the godly: || The wicked shall repine thereat.

Psalm CXIII.

1 Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house; and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: || the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

8 His heart is established, he shall not
An exhortation to praise God.  


Ps. Cor. 9:9.

Deut. 4:3.

Ps. 75:10.


Ps. 33:13.

Prov. 10:32.

Ps. 117:17.

Ps. 128:17.

Ps. 129:17.

Ps. 130:17.

Ps. 131:17.

Ps. 132:17.

Ps. 133:17.

Ps. 134:17.

Ps. 135:17.

Ps. 136:17.

Ps. 137:17.

Ps. 138:17.

Ps. 139:17.

Ps. 140:17.

Ps. 141:17.

Ps. 142:17.

Ps. 143:17.

Ps. 144:17.

Ps. 145:17.

Ps. 146:17.

Ps. 147:17.

Ps. 148:17.

Ps. 149:17.

Ps. 150:17.

---

**Ps. 131.**

The vanity of idols.

1 God is called upon to affect his own honour against the reproaches of the heathen. 2 The vanity of idols. 3 An exhortation to trust in God, who will not fail to bless and preference his church.

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

3 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God? 4 But our God is in the heavens; he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. 5 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. 6 They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:

7 They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:

8 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

9 They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them. 10 O Israel, trust thou in the Lord: he is his help and his shield. 11 O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord: he is his help and his shield. 12 The Lord hath been mindful of us; he will bless us: he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.

13 He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small + and great. 14 The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

15 Ye are blessed of the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

16 The heavens, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence. 18 But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the Lord.

---

**Ps. 132.**

The psalmist professeth love and dutiful service to God in return for his deliverance: 12 be studious to express his thankfulness.

I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. 2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him + as long as I live.

3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell + got hold upon me:

4 Then called I upon the name of the
Exhortations to praise God.

Psa. 103. 8.

Ps. 104. 1.

Ps. 118. 1.

Ps. 119. 17.

Ps. 121. 1.

Ps. 122. 1.

Ps. 124. 1.

Ps. 125. 1.

Ps. 126. 1.

Ps. 127. 1.

Ps. 128. 1.

Ps. 129. 1.

Ps. 130. 1.

Ps. 131. 1.

Ps. 132. 1.

Ps. 133. 1.

Ps. 134. 1.

Ps. 135. 1.

Ps. 136. 1.

Ps. 137. 1.

Ps. 138. 1.

Ps. 139. 1.

Ps. 140. 1.

Ps. 141. 1.

Ps. 142. 1.

Ps. 143. 1.

Ps. 144. 1.

Ps. 145. 1.

Ps. 146. 1.

Ps. 147. 1.

Ps. 148. 1.

Ps. 149. 1.

Ps. 150. 1.

Ps. 151. 1.

Ps. 152. 1.

Ps. 153. 1.

Ps. 154. 1.

Ps. 155. 1.

Ps. 156. 1.

Ps. 157. 1.

Ps. 158. 1.

Ps. 159. 1.

Ps. 160. 1.

Ps. 161. 1.

Ps. 162. 1.

Ps. 163. 1.

Ps. 164. 1.

Ps. 165. 1.

Ps. 166. 1.

Ps. 167. 1.

Ps. 168. 1.

Ps. 169. 1.

Ps. 170. 1.

Ps. 171. 1.

Ps. 172. 1.

Ps. 173. 1.

Ps. 174. 1.

Ps. 175. 1.

Ps. 176. 1.

Ps. 177. 1.

Ps. 178. 1.

Ps. 179. 1.

Ps. 180. 1.

Ps. 181. 1.

Ps. 182. 1.

Ps. 183. 1.

Ps. 184. 1.

Ps. 185. 1.

Ps. 186. 1.

Ps. 187. 1.

Ps. 188. 1.

Ps. 189. 1.

Ps. 190. 1.

Ps. 191. 1.

Ps. 192. 1.

Ps. 193. 1.

Ps. 194. 1.

Ps. 195. 1.

Ps. 196. 1.

Ps. 197. 1.

Ps. 198. 1.

Ps. 199. 1.

Ps. 200. 1.

Ps. 201. 1.

Ps. 202. 1.

Ps. 203. 1.

Ps. 204. 1.

Ps. 205. 1.

Ps. 206. 1.

Ps. 207. 1.

Ps. 208. 1.

Ps. 209. 1.

Ps. 210. 1.

Ps. 211. 1.

Ps. 212. 1.

Ps. 213. 1.

Ps. 214. 1.

Ps. 215. 1.

Ps. 216. 1.

Ps. 217. 1.

Ps. 218. 1.

Ps. 219. 1.

Ps. 220. 1.

Ps. 221. 1.

Ps. 222. 1.

Ps. 223. 1.

Ps. 224. 1.

Ps. 225. 1.

Ps. 226. 1.

Ps. 227. 1.

Ps. 228. 1.

Ps. 229. 1.

Ps. 230. 1.

Ps. 231. 1.

Ps. 232. 1.

Ps. 233. 1.

Ps. 234. 1.

Ps. 235. 1.

Ps. 236. 1.

Ps. 237. 1.

Ps. 238. 1.

Ps. 239. 1.

Ps. 240. 1.

Ps. 241. 1.

Ps. 242. 1.

Ps. 243. 1.

Ps. 244. 1.

Ps. 245. 1.

Ps. 246. 1.

Ps. 247. 1.

Ps. 248. 1.

Ps. 249. 1.

Ps. 250. 1.

Ps. 251. 1.

Ps. 252. 1.

Ps. 253. 1.

Ps. 254. 1.

Ps. 255. 1.

Ps. 256. 1.

Ps. 257. 1.

Ps. 258. 1.

Ps. 259. 1.

Ps. 260. 1.

Ps. 261. 1.

Ps. 262. 1.

Ps. 263. 1.

Ps. 264. 1.

Ps. 265. 1.

Ps. 266. 1.

Ps. 267. 1.

Ps. 268. 1.

Ps. 269. 1.

Ps. 270. 1.

Ps. 271. 1.

Ps. 272. 1.

Ps. 273. 1.

Ps. 274. 1.

Ps. 275. 1.

Ps. 276. 1.

Ps. 277. 1.

Ps. 278. 1.

Ps. 279. 1.

Ps. 280. 1.

Ps. 281. 1.

Ps. 282. 1.

Ps. 283. 1.

Ps. 284. 1.

Ps. 285. 1.

Ps. 286. 1.

Ps. 287. 1.

Ps. 288. 1.

Ps. 289. 1.

Ps. 290. 1.

Ps. 291. 1.

Ps. 292. 1.

Ps. 293. 1.

Ps. 294. 1.

Ps. 295. 1.

Ps. 296. 1.

Ps. 297. 1.

Ps. 298. 1.

Ps. 299. 1.

Ps. 300. 1.

Ps. 301. 1.

Ps. 302. 1.

Ps. 303. 1.

Ps. 304. 1.

Ps. 305. 1.

Ps. 306. 1.

Ps. 307. 1.

Ps. 308. 1.

Ps. 309. 1.

Ps. 310. 1.

Ps. 311. 1.

Ps. 312. 1.

Ps. 313. 1.

Ps. 314. 1.

Ps. 315. 1.

Ps. 316. 1.

Ps. 317. 1.

Ps. 318. 1.

Ps. 319. 1.

Ps. 320. 1.

Ps. 321. 1.

Ps. 322. 1.

Ps. 323. 1.

Ps. 324. 1.

Ps. 325. 1.

Ps. 326. 1.
Sundry prayers, praises.

Psalm CXIX.

This psalm containeth sundry prayers, praises, and professions of obedience.

A L E P H.

Blessed are the [I] undeceived in the way, who walk in the way of the Lord.

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

8 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

B E T H.

9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

11 Thine word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.

15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

G I M E L.

17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

19 I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

20 My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

21 Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do err from thy commandments.

22 Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies.

23 Princes also did fit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

24 Thy testimonies also are my delight, and thy counsellors.

D A L E T H.

25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.

27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

28 My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

29 Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.

30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.

31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O Lord, put me not to shame.

32 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

H E.

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein do I delight.

36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

38 Stabiliz thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

39 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good.

40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteounesses.

V A U.

41 Let thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord, even thy salvation, according to thy word.

42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

44 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.

45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.
47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.
48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

† ZAIN.
49 Remember the word unto thy servant, upon whom thou hast caused me to hope.
50 This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.
51 The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law.
52 I remembered thy judgments of old, O Lord; and have comforted myself.
53 Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forake thy law.
54 Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.
55 I have remembered thy name, O Lord, in the night, and have kept thy law.
56 This I had, because I kept thy precepts.

† CETH.
57 Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have said that I would keep thy words.
58 I intreated thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.
59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.
60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.
61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law.
62 At midnight will I rise to give thanks unto thee, because of thy righteous judgments.
63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.
64 The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

† TETH.
65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O Lord, according unto thy word.
66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.
68 Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.
69 The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.
70 Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law.

† LAMED.
71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.
72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.
73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.
74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.
75 I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.
76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be unto my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.
77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.
78 Let the proud be ashamed: for they dealt perverely with me without a cause; but I will meditate in thy precepts.
79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.
80 Let my heart be found in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

† KAPH.
81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.
82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?
83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes.
84 How many are the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?
85 The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after thy law.
86 All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help me.
87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.
88 Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

† TETH.
89 For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.
90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.
92 Unless thy law had been my delight, I should then have perished in my affliction.
The excellency of God's judgments.

Psalm 111, verses 1-16.

93 I will not forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.
94 I am thine, O Lord; I seek thy with thee.
95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me; but I will consider thy testimonies.
96 * I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

97 O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.
98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies:
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers:
100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.
101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.
102 I have not departed from thy judgments:

103 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

105 * Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
106 * I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.
107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O Lord, according unto thy word.
108 Accept, O accept, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me thy judgments.
109 * My soul is continually in my hands: yet I do not forget thy law.
110 * The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.
111 * Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.
112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, even unto the end.

Psalm 112, verses 1-9.

113 I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.
114 * Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.
115 * Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.
116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.
117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.
118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.
119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.
120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.
The psalmist's delight in God's word.

P S A L M S.

David's prayer against a lying enemy.

164. Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteousness.

165. Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them.

166. LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

167. My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

168. I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies; for all my ways are before thee.

N T A U.

169. Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.

170. Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

171. My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

172. My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteous.

173. Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.

174. I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law is my delight.

175. Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.

176. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

P S A L M. CXX.

1. David prayeth against his enemy, by whose calumnies he had been driven to reside among strangers.

A Song of degrees.

1. * My distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.

2. Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.

3. What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?

4. Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.

5. Woe is me, that I dwell in Mesech, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar!

6. My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.

7. I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.

P S A L M. CXXI.

The great safety of the godly, who put their trust in God's protection.

A Song of degrees.

1. Will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
The Safety of the godly.

Ps. 144:8.

1. My help cometh from the Lord, which hath made heaven and earth.
2. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
3. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
4. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
5. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
6. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
7. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Ps. 121.

3. Jerusalem is built as a city that is compact together.
4. Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.
5. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
7. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.
8. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now pay, Peace be within thee.
9. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

Ps. 122.

1. The godly profess their confidence in God, and pray to be delivered from contempt.
2. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us.
3. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.
4. Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorn of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.

Ps. 123.

The church believeth God for a miraculous deliverance.
The blessings of them that fear God.

Psalm CXXVII.

1 The vanity of human endeavours without God's blessing. 3 Children are God's good gift.
A Song of degrees for Solomon.

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain, that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh in vain.

2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to set up late, to eat the bread of sorrow: for he giveth his beloved sleep.

3 Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is His reward.

4 As arrows are in the hand of the mighty man; so are children of the youth.

5 Happy is the man that is quick to receive his quiver full of them: who shall be neither ashamed, neither shall he be put to shame in the gate.

Psalm CXXVIII.

The sundry blessings which follow them that fear God.

A Song of degrees.

Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord, that walketh in His ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blest that feareth the Lord.

5 The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

6 Yea, thou shalt flee thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

Psalm CXXIX.

God's goodness in saving Israel out of their great afflictions. 5 Prayer against the enemies of the church.

A Song of degrees.

Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: may Israel now say:

2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.

3 The plowmen plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows.

4 The Lord is righteous: he hath cut afinder the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.

Psalm CXXX.

Let them be as the grass upon the rooftops, which withereth afore it groweth up:

7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.

8 Neither do they which go by say, 4 The blessing of the Lord be upon you: we bless you in the name of the Lord.

Psalm CXXX.

The psalmist in distress prays to God, trusting in His mercy for pardon: 5 His own patience in hope: 7 be exorbitant Israel to hope in God.

A Song of degrees.

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

3 If thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

5 I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope.

6 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: 7 I wait for the Lord, more than they that watch for the morning.

7 Let Israel hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Psalm CXXXI.

David professing his humility, 3 exhorteth Israel to hope in God.

A Song of degrees of David.

Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exalt myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

2 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child.

3 Let Israel hope in the Lord; from henceforth and for ever.

Psalm CXXXII.

David in prayer commendeth unto God his zeal to provide a place for the ark: 8 His prayer at the removing of the ark. 11 God's promises to David.

A Song of degrees.

Lord, remember David, and all his afflictions:

2 How he sware unto the Lord, and vowed unto him the mighty God of Jacob;

3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;

4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids,

5 Until I find out a place for the Lord, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

4 B
Psalms

The vanity of idols.

1. Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the name of the Lord; praise him, O ye servants of the Lord.
2. Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.
3. Praise the Lord; for the Lord is good: singing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.
4. For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel, for his peculiar treasure.
5. For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.
6. Whatsoever the Lord pleaseth, that did he in heaven, and in the earth, in the seas, and all deep places.
7. He caueth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries.
8. Who smiteth the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast.
9. Who sendeth floods of waters into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.
10. Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings;
11. Sion king of the Amorites, and Og, king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan:
12. And gave their land for an heritage, an inheritance unto Israel his people.
13. Thy name, O Lord, endureth for ever; and thy memorial, O Lord, throughout all generations.
14. For the Lord will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants.
15. The idols of the heathen are silver, and gold, the work of men's hands.
16. They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not;
17. They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths.
18. They that make them are like unto them: so is every one that trusteth in them.
19. Blest be the Lord, O house of Israel; blest be the Lord, O house of Aaron:
20. Blest be the Lord, O house of Levi: ye that fear the Lord, blest be the Lord.
21. Blessed be the Lord, out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

An exhortation to praise God for his mercies particularly enumerated.
An exhortation to thanksgiving.

By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that hated us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the fongs of Zion.

4 How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.

6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

7 Remember, O Lord, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rafe it, rafe it, even to the foundation thereof.

8 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy shall be he, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

9 Happy shall he be, that taketh and daffeth thy little ones against the stoves.

PSALMS. The cantant affettion of the Jews in captivity.

1 The constant affettion of the Jews in captivity to their defolate country. 2 Edom and Babylom are curst.

P S A L M S. CXXXVII.

1 David praiseth God for the truth of his word:

2 He propheith that the kings of the earth shall praiseth God for bis reple unto the lowly:

3 be praiseth his confidence in God.

A Psalm of David.

I Will praiseth thee with my whole heart:

* before the gods will I sing praiseth unto thee.

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praiseth thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

3 In the day when I cried thou anwered me, and strengthened me with strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praiseth thee, O Lord, when they hear the words of thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: for great is the glory of the Lord.

6 Though the Lord be high, yet hath he reple unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever: for faketh not the works of thine own hands.

4 B 2
God's allseeing providence.

P S A L M S.

David's prayer for deliverance.

Psalm CXXXIX.

1 David acknowledgeth God's all seeing providence: 14 be praised unto him for the wonders of his formation; 17 and for his infinite mercies; 19 his confidence in the destruction of the wicked: 21 his preserved saved of them: 23 be praised for God's instruction and guidance.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

O LORD, * thou hast searched me, and known me.

2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, and understandest my thought afar off.

3 Thou compasst my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, * thou knowest it altogether.

5 Thou hast beheld me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me about,

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thin eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, whereof in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

17 How precious art thou thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am filled with thee.

19 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O LORD, * for they hate me, and are not I feared with those who rise up against me?

20 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm CXLI.

1 David prayed to God to deliver him from the mischief of his enemies. 8 to frustrate their devices, and turn their evil upon them selves: 12 his confidence in God's vindication of the poor man's cause.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: * for he is against me, being a violent man.

2 Which imagine mischief in their heart; * continually are they gathered together for war.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; * they are full of helical poison under their lips.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked: * for he will slay me, and every morrow he will persecute me.

5 The proud have sinned against me, and the wicked, against my soul.

6 I said unto the LORD, Thou art my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.

7 O God the LORD, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

8 Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; * let them exalt themselves. Selah.

9 For the head of a house of those that compass me about, * let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

10 Let burning coals fall upon them: * let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

11 Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: let him be hastened to the overthrow.

12 I know that the LORD will maintain
David prayeth acceptance of his suit: David prayeth to be considered with favour in judgment.

Psalms. and to be considered with favour in judgment. 1 I cried unto thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living. 2 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I. 3 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about: for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

Psalms. Cxliii. 1 David prayeth to be considered with favour in judgment: 3 his griefs caused by his enemies' persecution: 5 be strengthened his faith by meditation and prayer: 7 be prayeth for speedy help and deliverance, 10 for God's guidance and support, 12 and destruction of his enemies.

A Psalm of David.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted me, and mine only one hath filled my mouth to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the days of old, I meditate on all thy works, I muse on the work of thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land, Selah.

7 Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust:

9 Teach me to do my will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

10 Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness sake bring my soul out of trouble.

11 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict me: for I am thy servant.

Psalms. Cxliv. 1 David blesseth God for his merciful protection: 3 be admired his care for vain man: prayeth God by power to comelt his
Psalm 119:1-17

BLESSED be the LORD my strength, and my strength and my Song, my high tower, and my deliverer, my shield, and in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

2 Lord, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him? or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

3 Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away.

4 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

5 Castriforthe lightnings, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.

6 Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children.

7 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

8 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

9 It is he that giveth salvation unto kings; who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.

10 He rideth on a cloud, and saith, I will go up to the height of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.

11 He sitteth also among the stars, and covereth himself with the wings of the air.

12 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace.

13 That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets.

14 Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.
Tryst not to be put in man, but in God. P S A L M S. All creatures are exorted to praise God.

2. While I live will I praise the Lord:
I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

3. Put not thy trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.
4. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

5. Happy is he that bith the bath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God:
6. Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:
7. Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry.
8. The Lord loseth the prisoners:
9. He openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous:
10. He preferveth the strangers: he relieth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

11. The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.
Praise ye the Lord.

P R A I S E ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.
2. The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.
3. He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.
4. He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.
5. Great is our Lord, and of great power; and of his understanding is infinite.
6. The Lord lifteth up the meek: he causeth the wicked to come down to the ground.

7. Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; with praise upon the harp unto our God:
8. Whosoever the heavens with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.
9. He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

10. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.
11. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.
12. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.
13. For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.
14. He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.
15. He bendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.
16. He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.
17. He causeth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?
18. He bendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters to flow.
19. He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

20. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord.

P R A I S E ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.
2. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise him, all his hosts.
4. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.
5. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.
6. He hath also established them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.
7. Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:
8. Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word.
9. Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:
10. Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:
11. Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:
12. Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:
Exhortations to praise God

Psalms

PRAISE ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.

Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two edged sword in their hand.

To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people.

To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron.

To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints.

Praise ye the LORD.

An exhortation to praise God with all kinds of musical instruments.

The Proverbs

The use of the proverbs. An exhortation to fear God, and regard the advice of parents: and to avoid the enticings of sinners. Wisdom complainteth of the contempt of learned: She strengtheneth them.

The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

To know wisdom and understanding; to perceive the words of understanding;

3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

4 To give utterance to simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

5 A wife hath, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

9 For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consider thou not.

11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privy for the innocent without cause:

12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit.

13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill all our houses with spoil:

14 Cut in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse.

15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:

16 For their feet run to evil, and their harts to shed blood.

17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.

18 And they lay wait for their own blood: they lurk privily for their own lives.

19 So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

20 Wifdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:
Wisdom threateneth those that despise her. CHAP. II, III.

Before Christ cir. 1000.

1. 21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying,

2. 22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

3. 23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

4. 24. * Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

5. 25 But ye have set at nought my counsel, and would none of my reproof; 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

6. 27 When your fear cometh as defoliation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when itteth and anguith cometh upon you:

7. 28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer thee; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

8. 29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord:

9. 30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

10. 31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

11. 32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

12. 33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

C H A P. II.

1. The study of wisdom tendeth to promote godliness, 10 to guard against the seducing of sinners, 20 and to direct men in good and salutary ways.

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

2. So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding:

3. Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;

4. If thou seekst her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;

5. Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

6. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

7. He layeth up wisdom for the righteous: 8 be it a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

8. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.

9. Then shalt thou understand righteou-

10. ¶ When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;

11. Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

12. To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh flou-

13. Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;

14. Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked;

15. Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:

16. To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words;

17. Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.

18. For her house is in the way of life, and her paths unto the dead.

19. None that go up to her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.

20. ¶ That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.

21. ¶ For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.

22. ¶ But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

C H A P. III.

1. An exhortation to obedience; 5 faith in God,

2. 7 humility and godly fear; 9 religious obli-

3. 11 patience under affliction. 13 The excel-

4. 27 An exhortation to beneficence; 29 peace-

5. 33 The curse of the wicked, and blessing of the upright.

My son, forget not my law; 1 but let thine heart keep my commandments.

2. For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

3. Let not mercy and truth forfake thee:

4. So shal thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

5. ¶ Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own under-

4 C
The benefit of getting wisdom. PROVERBS. The instructions of Solomon's father.

Before CHRIST cir. 1000. 6 * In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 || Be not wise in thine own eyes: * fear the Lord, and depart from evil. 8 It shall be health to thy navel, and * marrow to thy bones. 9 * Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: 10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. 11 * My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: 12 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. 13 * Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. 14 * For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. 16 * Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. 17 * Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her. 19 * The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. 20 * By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew. 21 || My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion. 22 So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck. 23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. 24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid; yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. 25 * Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. 26 For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken. 27 * Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. 28 * Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee. 29 || Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee. 30 * Strive not with a man without cause, lest he do thee harm. 31 * Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways. 32 For the froward is abomination to the Lord: * but his secret is with the righteous. 33 * The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked: but he bleeddeth the habituation of the just. 34 * Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly. 35 * The wife shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

CHAP. IV.

1 Solomon to persuade obedience whereof what benefit is be received from his parents. 5 to study wisdom, and to shun the path of the wicked: 20 be entrusted to regard his admonitions. 23 and to keep a guard upon the heart, and to be circumspect in all our ways.

Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. 2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. 3 For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. 4 He taught me also, and paid unto me. Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. 5 || Get wisdom, get understanding; forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. 6 Forsetheher not, and she shall preserve thee: * love her, and she shall keep thee. 7 * Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. 8 * Exalt her, and the slall promote thee: * the shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. 9 She shall give to thine head * an ornament of grace: || a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee. 10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; * and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

13 Take fair hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.
The mischief of idleness.

CHAP. V, VI.

The danger of idleness.

4 And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,
5 And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;
6 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to that which instructed me!
7 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.
8 Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.
9 Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.
10 Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.
11 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.
12 Let her be as the loving kind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and let her ravish always with her love.
13 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embraze the bosom of a stranger?
14 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings.
15 His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his fins.
16 He shall die without instruction; and the goings in the greatness of his folly shall go astray.

My son, attend unto my wisdom, and let thine ears consider my words.
2 That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.
3 For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:
4 But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two edged sword.
5 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.
6 Left thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them.
7 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.
8 Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:
9 Left thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:
10 Left strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger;
Seven things hateful to God.

Before CHRIST.
CHRIST.
cir. 1000.

9 'How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when thou wouldest arise out of thy sleep? 10 'A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: 11 'So shall poverty come as one that travelleth, and riches as one that lieth against a man: 12 'A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.

13 'He waketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers; 14 Frowardness is in his heart, so he deviseth mischief continually; 15 Therefore shall calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.

16 ¶ These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood; 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, 19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that speaketh lies to his neighbour: 20 ¶ 'My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck; 22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

23 'For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light, and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

24 'To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange tongue: 25 'Lo, a woman without discretion is a snare; she is he whom he that is simple loveth.

26 For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought into a pitiful, and into the net of wickedness. 27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? 28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? 29 So he that goeth into his neighbour's wife; whoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.

30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; 31 But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

32 But who so committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: 33 A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

34 For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore will he not spare in the day of vengeance.

¶ He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

CHAP. VII.

1 Solomon recommendeth obedience to his precepts, and such a familiarity with wisdom as may prove a guard to chastity. 6 In a recital of what had passed under his own eye he bespeaks the cunning and impiety of a lewd woman, and the desperate folly of a youth seduced by her: 24 He diffuseth from such dangerous courses.

My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.

¶ Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

3 Bind them upon thine fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman:

5 That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.

6 ¶ For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,

7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,

8 Passing through the street near her corner, and he went the way to her house,

9 In the twilight, in the evening of the day, in the black and dark night:

10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtle of heart.

11 ('She is loud and stubborn; her feet are not abideth not in her house:

12 Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)

13 So she caught him, and kissed him, and put an impudent face upon him, and said, I have paid my vows.

¶ I have peace offerings with me; this day have I paid my vows.

15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and have found thee.

16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt.
VIII. The benefits and eternity thereof.

1. Wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.
2. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: and the froward mouth, do I hate.
3. Counsel is mine, and found wisdom: I am understanding: I have strength.
4. By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.
5. Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousnes.
6. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.
7. I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:
8. That I may cause thee that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.
9. The Lord poffed me in the beginning of my way, before his works of old.
10. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.
11. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.
12. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:
13. While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the f fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.
14. When he prepared the heavens, I was the chief part.
15. When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:
16. When he gave to the sea his decrees, that the waters shoul not pass over his commandments: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:
17. Then was I by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.
18. Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.
19. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.
20. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the pofts of my doors.
21. For whose findeth me: findeth life,
The discipline and doctrine of wisdom.

Proverbs. Moral virtues, and their contrary vices.

The proverbs of Solomon. * A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.

3 The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he cutteth away the substantia of the wicked.

4 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

5 He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.

6 Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

7 The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

8 The wife in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.

9 He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

10 * He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.

11 The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but the violent covereth the mouth of the wicked.

12 Hatred stirreth up strife: but love covereth all sins.

13 In the lips of him that hath understanding widom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.

14 Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city: the destruction of the poor is their poverty.

16 The labour of the righteous tendeth to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.

17 He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof perisheth.

18 He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a fable, is a fool.

19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refrains his lips is wise.

20 The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth.

21 The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.

22 The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

23 It is as sport to a fool to do mischief.

From this chapter to the fove and twentieth are sundry observations of moral virtues and their contrary vices.
Moral virtues,

but a man of understanding hath wisdom.

24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.

25 As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.

26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him.

27 The fear of the Lord + prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

28 The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

29 The way of the Lord is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the wicked.

30 The righteous shall never be moved: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

31 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.

32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked speaketh + frowardness.

A.

* Fals balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight.

2. When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

3. The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

4. Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.

5. The righteousness of the perfect shall + direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

6. The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtines.

7. When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjuft men perisheth.

8. The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

9. An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

10. When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, there is shouting.

11. By the blesting of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

CHAP. XI.

and their contrary vices.

12 He that is + void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

13 A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

14 Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

15 He that is surety for a stranger + shall smart for it: and he that hateth + foretelleth is sure.

16 A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong men retain riches.

17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troublideth his own flesh.

18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but he that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.

19 As righteousness tendeth to life: so he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death.

20 They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the Lord: but such as are upright in their way are his delight.

21 Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the feed of the righteous shall be delivered.

22 As a jewel of gold in a swine’s snout, + Heb. separate from.

so is a fair woman which + is without discretion.

23 The desire of the righteous is only good: but the expectation of the wicked is wrath.

24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

25 + The liberal soul shall be made fat: + he and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

26 He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but he that feareth + experieth, it shall come unto him.

27 He that delighteth in feeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

29 He that troublideth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.

30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life: and he that + winneth souls is like a wise wife.

31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the froward.
PROVERBS.

CHAP. XII.

WHSO loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.

2 A good man obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

3 A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ahath is as rottenness in his bones.

5 The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.

6 The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

7 The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.

8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is full of peradventure shall be despised.

9 He that is despised, and hath a servant, is better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.

10 A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.

11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding.

12 The wicked defiranch: but the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit.

13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.

14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth: and the recom pense of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

16 A fool's wrath is full of folly: but a prudent man covereth his shame.

17 He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceiveth.

18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

20 Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace is joy.

21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

22 Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.

23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.

26 The righteous is more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.

27 The slothful man roosteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.

28 In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.

A Wife for a heart's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

4 The soul of the sluggard drieth, and batheth nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

5 A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame.

6 Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way: but wickedness overthrows the sinner.

7 There is that maketh himself rich yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet batheth great riches.

8 The ronorm of a man's life are his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke.

9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the sinners shall be put out.

10 Only by pride cometh contention: and with the well advised is wisdom.

11 Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increaf.

12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desirè cometh, it is a tree of life.

13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.
Moral virtues, and their contrary vices.

CHAP. XIV.

15 Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.
16 Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly.
17 A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health.
18 Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.
19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil.
20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.
21 Evil pursueth sinners: but the righteous good shall be repayed.
22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.
23 Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment.
24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.
25 The righteous eateth to the satiety of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

CHAP. XIV.

26 Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.
27 He that walketh in uprightness feareth the Lord: but he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him.
28 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.
29 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean: but much increaseth is by the strength of the ox.
30 A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.
31 A corner fecketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.
32 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.
33 The widows of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit.
34 Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.
35 The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his soul.
36 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.
37 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.
38 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and he that laugheth shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.
39 The fimple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going.
40 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is contemptible.
41 He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.
42 The fimple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
43 The evil bow before the good: and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
44 The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but the rich hath many friends.
45 He that despiseth his neighbour is given to hate: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.
46 Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good.
47 In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.
48 The crown of the wise is his riches: but the foolishness of fools is folly.
49 A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful witness speaketh lies.
50 In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.
51 The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.
52 In the multitude of people is the king's honour: but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.
53 He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.
54 A found heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.
55 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth him: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.
56 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death.
57 Wisdom fitteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but that which is in the midst of fools is made known.
58 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is reproach to any people.

D
PROVERBS.

CHAP. XV.

A Soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

2. The tongue of the wise knoweth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

3. The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

4. A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.

5. A fool despiseth his father’s instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

6. In the house of the righteous is much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

7. The lips of the wise diffuse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish doeth not go.

8. The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

9. The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

10. Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the word: and he that hateth reproof shall die.

11. Hell and destruction are before the Lord; they are the storehouses of them that sinneth.

12. The heart of the children of men is full of mischief: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

13. All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is merry maketh a cheerful countenance.

14. The heart of him that hath understanding feeleth knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

15. Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith.

16. Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

17. A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

18. The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain.

19. A wife for maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

20. Folly is joy to him that is deftute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.

21. He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house: but he that hateth gifts shall live.

22. The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

23. The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

24. The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: and a good report maketh the bones fat.

25. The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.

26. He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

27. The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom: and before honour is humility.

CHAP. XVI.

The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord.

2. All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the Lord weigheth the spirits.

3. & Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

4. The Lord hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

5. Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord: though hand join in hand, shall not be unpunished.

6. By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.

7. When a man’s ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

8. & Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

9. & A man’s heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps.

10. Before CHRIST.

Before ch. 1:5. & ch. 10:13.
Before ch. 8:34. & 3:10.
Before ch. 1:11. & 1:16.
Moral virtues, 

CHAP. XVII. and their contrary vices.

10 A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.
11 A just weight and balance are the Lord's; and all the weights of the bag are his work.
12 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is exalted by righteousness.
13 Righteousness are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.
14 The wrath of a king is as meffengers of death: but a wise woman will pacify him.
15 In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain.
16 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold? and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver?
17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.
18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.
19 Better is it to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.
20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and who so trusteth in the Lord, happy is he.
21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.
22 Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly.
23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.
24 Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.
25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.
26 He that laboureth laboureth for himself; for his mouth craveth of him that laboureth.
27 An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire.
28 A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.
29 A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way that is not good.
30 He fretteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.
31 The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.
32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit before he that taketh a city.
33 The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord.

CHAP. XVII.

BEetter is a dry morrow, and quiet-ness therewith, than an house full of offerings with strife.
2 A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.
3 The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the Lord trieth the hearts.
4 A wicked doer giveth heed to falsé lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.
5 Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at his calamities shall not be unpunished.
6 Children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.
7 Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.
8 A gift is as a precious stone: in the eyes of him that hath it: whitherover it goeth, it turneth, it prospereth.
9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.
10 A reprover entereth more into a wise man than an hundred fripes into a fool.
11 An evil man seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.
12 Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.
13 Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.
14 The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.
15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, he that abominieth abomination to the Lord.
16 Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom; seeing be bath no heart to it?
17 A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.
18 A man void of understanding striketh hands, and becomest surety in the presence of his friend.
19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife: and he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.
20 He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.
21 He that begettest a fool doeth it to
Moral virtues, PROVERBS. and their contrary vices.

Before Christ, cir. 1000.

15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

17 He that is first in his own cohe see meth just; but his neighbour cometh and feareth him.

18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.

19 A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and their contentions are like the bars of a castle.

20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

22 A wise man findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord.

23 The poor utterintreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.

24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

CHAP. XVIII.

Through delight a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom.

2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.

3 When the wicked cometh, then cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.

4 The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook.

5 It is not good to accept the perfon of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.

8 The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innombrum parts of the belly.

9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great walter.

10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as high wall in his own conceit.

12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.

13 He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.

14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

CHAP. XIX.

Betar is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than be that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

2 Alfo, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hatheth with his feet finneth.

3 The foolishnes of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the Lord.

4 Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.

5 A false witness shall not be upheld, and be that speaketh lies shall not escape.

6 Many will intreat the favour of the prince; and every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.

7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he purvalueth them with words, yet they are wanting to him.

8 He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and be that speaketh lies shall perish.

10 Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

11 The lord discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.
Moral virtues.

12. The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his favour is as dew upon the grass.
13. A foolish son is the calamity of his father; and the contention of a wife are a continual dropping.
14. House and riches are the inheritance of fathers; and a prudent wife is from the Lord.
15. Slothfulness entereth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.
16. He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; but he that despiseth his ways shall die.
17. He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and he that hath given will he pay again.
18. Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.
19. A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment for if thou deliver him, yet thou must do it again.
20. Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in the latter end.
21. There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless, the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand.
22. The desire of man is kind; and a poor man is better than a liar.
23. The fear of the Lord tendeth to life: and he shall not be visited with evil.
24. A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
25. Smite a scorners and the simple will be aware: and reproves one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge.
26. He that wasteth his father, and chafeth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.
27. Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.
28. An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devourer iniquity.
29. Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.

C H A P. XX.

WINE is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.
2. The fear of a king is as the roaring of a lion: and a scolding provoketh him to anger.
3. It is an honour for a man to cease from strife; but every fool will be meddling.

WINE is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.
2. The fear of a king is as the roaring of a lion: and a scolding provoketh him to anger.
3. It is an honour for a man to cease from strife; but every fool will be meddling.

The flaggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.
5. Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.
6. Moit men will proclaim every one his own goodness; but a faithful man who can find?
7. The just man walketh in his integrity, and his children are blessed after him.
8. A king that filleth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes.
9. Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?
10. + Divers weights, and + divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the Lord.
11. Even a child is known by his doings; whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.
12. The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them.
13. Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.
14. It is naught, it is naught, faith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.
15. There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.
16. Take his garment that is surety for a stranger: and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.
17. + Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.
18. Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.
19. He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.
20. Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.
21. An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning: but the end thereof shall not be blessed.
22. Say not thou, I will recompense evil:
23. Divers weights are an abomination unto the Lord; and a false balance is not good.
24. Man's goings are of the Lord; and he shall have respect thereunto.
Moral virtues,

PROVERBS.

and their contrary vice.

Before CHRIST cir. 1000.


16. The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

17. He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man; he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

18. 4. * The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

19. * It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

20. * There is treaure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

21. He that followeth righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

22. A wise woman buildeth her city, and diligently setteth forth the strength of the confidence thereof.

23. Who so keepeth his mouth and his tongue, the same hath hold of his soul from troubles.

24. Proud and haughty woman is his name, who deleth in proud wrath.

25. The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

26. He coveteth greedily all day long; but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

27. The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it + with a wicked mind?

28. * A falle witness shall perish; but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.

29. A wicked man hardeneth his face; but as for the upright, he directeth his way.

30. * There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the Lord.

31. The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the Lord.

32. A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and + loving favour rather than silver and gold.

33. The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all.

34. * A prudent man foreseth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple paseth on, and are punished.

35. * || By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honour, and life.

36. Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

37. || Train up a child + in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

16. The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

17. He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man; he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

18. * The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

19. * It is better to dwell + in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

20. * There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

21. He that followeth righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

22. A wise woman buildeth her city, and diligently setteth forth the strength of the confidence thereof.

23. Who so keepeth his mouth and his tongue, the same hath hold of his soul from troubles.

24. Proud and haughty woman is his name, who deleth in proud wrath.

25. The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

26. He coveteth greedily all day long; but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

27. The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it + with a wicked mind?

28. * A falle witness shall perish; but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.

29. A wicked man hardeneth his face; but as for the upright, he directeth his way.

30. * There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the Lord.

31. The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the Lord.

32. A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and + loving favour rather than silver and gold.

33. The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all.

34. * A prudent man foreseth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple paseth on, and are punished.

35. * || By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honour, and life.

36. Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

37. || Train up a child + in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

16. The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

17. He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man; he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

18. * The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

19. * It is better to dwell + in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

20. * There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

21. He that followeth righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

22. A wise woman buildeth the city of the mighty, and caleth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

23. Who so keepeth his mouth and his tongue, the same hath hold of his soul from troubles.

24. Proud and haughty woman is his name, who deleth in proud wrath.

25. The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

26. He coveteth greedily all day long; but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

27. The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it + with a wicked mind?

28. * A falle witness shall perish; but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.

29. A wicked man hardeneth his face; but as for the upright, he directeth his way.

30. * There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the Lord.

31. The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the Lord.

32. A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and + loving favour rather than silver and gold.

33. The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all.

34. * A prudent man foreseth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple paseth on, and are punished.

35. * || By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honour, and life.

36. Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

37. || Train up a child + in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

16. The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

17. He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man; he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

18. * The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

19. * It is better to dwell + in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

20. * There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

21. He that followeth righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

22. A wise woman buildeth the city of the mighty, and caleth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

23. Who so keepeth his mouth and his tongue, the same hath hold of his soul from troubles.

24. Proud and haughty woman is his name, who deleth in proud wrath.

25. The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

26. He coveteth greedily all day long; but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

27. The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it + with a wicked mind?

28. * A falle witness shall perish; but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.

29. A wicked man hardeneth his face; but as for the upright, he directeth his way.

30. * There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the Lord.

31. The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the Lord.

32. A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and + loving favour rather than silver and gold.

33. The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all.

34. * A prudent man foreseth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple paseth on, and are punished.

35. * || By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honour, and life.

36. Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

37. || Train up a child + in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

16. The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

17. He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man; he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

18. * The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

19. * It is better to dwell + in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

20. * There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

21. He that followeth righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

22. A wise woman buildeth the city of the mighty, and caleth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

23. Who so keepeth his mouth and his tongue, the same hath hold of his soul from troubles.

24. Proud and haughty woman is his name, who deleth in proud wrath.

25. The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

26. He coveteth greedily all day long; but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

27. The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it + with a wicked mind?

28. * A falle witness shall perish; but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.

29. A wicked man hardeneth his face; but as for the upright, he directeth his way.

30. * There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the Lord.

31. The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the Lord.

32. A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and + loving favour rather than silver and gold.

33. The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all.

34. * A prudent man foreseth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple paseth on, and are punished.

35. * || By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honour, and life.

36. Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

37. || Train up a child + in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Moral virtues, and their contrary vices.

CHAP. XXIII.

7. The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.
8. He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity; and the rod of his anger shall fail.
9. He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.
10. Cast out the scorners, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.
11. He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.
12. The eyes of the Lord preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressors.
13. The slothful man faileth not; he that despiseth reproof shall be destroyed.
14. The mouth of an upright man is knowledge, and the lips of his speech shall be opened.
15. A fool and a fool is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.
16. He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.
17. Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.
18. For it is a pleasant thing if thou seest them thyself; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.
19. That thy trust may be in the Lord, have made known to thee this day, even to thee.
20. Have not I written thee excellent things in counsel and knowledge.
21. That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that fend unto thee?
22. Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate.
23. For the Lord will plead their cause, and will spoil the soul of them that spoil them.
24. Make no friendship with an angry man, and with a furious man shalt thou not go.
25. Left thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.
26. Be not thou one of them that striketh hands, or of them that are sureties for debts.
27. If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thy head?
28. Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.

29. Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

W H E N thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee:
2. And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite.
3. Be not desirous of his dainties; for they are deceitful meat.
4. Labour not to be rich; cease from thine own wisdom.
5. Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.
6. Eat thou not the bread of him that hath the evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:
7. For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he; Eat and drink, for to thee; but his heart is not with thee.
8. The rich man shal eat till satisfied, and he shall be before kings; and he shall feed on athe lardset.
9. Speak not in the ears of a fool; for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.
10. Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:
11. For their redeemer is mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.
12. Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.
13. Withhold not correction from the child; for if thou beast him with the rod, he shall not die.
14. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and he shall deliver his soul from hell.
15. My son, if thou beast wife, be as thy heart; and he shall rejoice, even the poor.
16. Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.
17. Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long.
18. For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.
19. Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.
20. Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:
21. For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and their soul shall clothe a man with rags.
22. Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old;
23. Buy the truth, and sell it not; else wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.
Moral Virtues.

Proverbs.

Before Christ.

C. 10.

Job 5:6.

Ps. 62:12.

Ps. 149:10.

Ps. 1.

Ps. 126:1.

Ps. 119:31.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:111.

Ps. 119:167.

Ps. 119:41.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:167.

Ps. 119:41.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:167.

Ps. 119:41.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:167.

Ps. 119:41.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:167.

Ps. 119:41.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:167.

Ps. 119:41.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:167.

Ps. 119:41.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:167.

Ps. 119:41.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:167.

Ps. 119:41.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:167.

Ps. 119:41.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:167.

Ps. 119:41.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:167.

Ps. 119:41.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:167.

Ps. 119:41.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:167.

Ps. 119:41.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:167.

Ps. 119:41.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:167.

Ps. 119:41.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:167.

Ps. 119:41.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:167.

Ps. 119:41.

Ps. 119:127.

Ps. 119:167.
Sundry maxims

Before Christ cir. 1000.

1. Jud. ch. 6. 9. &c.
2. Heb. a man of

thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

3. Then I saw, and considered it well:
I looked upon it, and received instruction.

4. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber,

5. So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth;
and thy want as + an armed man.

CHAP. XXV.

In this and the four following chapters are contained sundry maxims and observations of Solomon, collected by the men of Hezekiah, about kings, and other subjects of both private and publick concern.

1. These are also proverbs of Solomon,
which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

2. It is the glory of God to conceal a thing:
but the honour of kings + to search out a matter.

3. The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings + is unsearchable.

4. Take away the dross from the silver,
and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.

5. Take away the wicked from before the king,
and + his throne shall be estableished in righteousness.

6. Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king,
and stand not in the place of great men.

7. For better it is that it be paid unto thee, Come up hither; that thou mayest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.

8. Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

9. Debate thy cause with thy neighbour bimself; and discover not a secret to another:

10. Left he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

11. A word + fitly spoken is as apples of gold in pictures of silver.

12. As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprove upon an obedient ear.

13. As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.

14. Whoso boasteth himself + of a false gift is like * clouds and wind without rain.

15. By long forbearance is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.
PROVERBS.

10 The great God that formed all things both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors.

11 As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.

12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? There is more hope of a fool than of him.

13 The slothful man faith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets.

14 At the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.

15 The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.

16 The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

17 He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.

18 As a mad man who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death.

19 So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, and faith. * Am not I in sport?

20 Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

21 As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.

22 The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

23 Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a pottering covered with silver drops.

24 He that hateth dillembs with his lips, and layeth up deception within him;

25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.

26 Whose hatred is covered with deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation.

27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

28 A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

29 It is heavy, and the sand weigheth ty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both.

30 Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before it?

31 Open rebuke is better than secret love.

32 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

33 The full soul looatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

34 As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place.

35 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetnesh of a man's friend by hearty counsel.

36 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, for sake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: for better is a neighbour that is near than brethren that are far off.

37 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer them that reproach me.

38 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pas on, and are punished.

39 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

40 He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, riseth early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.

41 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

42 Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, which bewrayeth itself.

43 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

44 Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.

45 As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man.

46 Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

47 As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his prayer.

48 Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

49 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.

50 For riches are not for ever: and doth the crown endure for every generation?

51 The hay appeareth, and the tender
Sundry maxims

Before CHRIST 700.

26. The lambs are for thy clothing, and the goats are the price of the field.
27. And thou shalt have goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy houhold, and for the maintenance for thy maidens.

C H A P. XXVIII.

The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.
2. For the transgression of a land many princes thereof; but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged.
3. A poor man that oppresseth the poor is like a sweaping rain which leaveth no food.
4. They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.
5. Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all things.
6. Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.
7. Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son: but he that despiseth his father, is base.
8. He that by usury and increase taketh away his neighbour's substance, he shall pay it again for this is altogether vanity.
9. He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.
10. Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in perfection.
11. The rich man is wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.
12. When righteous men do rejoice, there is great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is hid.
13. He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.
14. Happy is the man that feareth always: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.
15. As a roaring lion, and a raging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.
16. The prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor: but he that hath covetousnes shall prolong his days.
17. A man that doeth violence to the blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.
18. Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.
19. He that tilleth his land shall have plentiful of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough.
20. A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.
21. To have respect of persons is not good: for a piece of bread that man will transgress.
22. He that hath a rich eye is an evil eye: and considereth not that poverty cometh upon him.
23. He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.
24. Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is my hire: he shall be the companion of a destroyer.
25. He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.
26. He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.
27. He that giveth unto the poor shall lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.
28. When the wicked rife, they hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increaseth.

C H A P. XXIX.

He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.
2. When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.
3. Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.
4. The king by judgment establisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.
5. A man that dasheth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.
6. In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare: but the righteous doth deliver himself and rejoin.
7. The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: but the wicked regardeth not to know it.
8. Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise men turn away wrath.
9. If a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, there is no reft.
10. The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.
PROVERBS.

Agr's confession and prayer.

1. Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man.

2. I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.

3. Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

4. Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

5. Add thou not unto his words, lest thou be reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

6. Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die:

7. Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:

8. Left I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or left I be poor, and beg, and take the name of my God in vain.

9. Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.

10. There is a generation that cursed their father, and doth not bless their mother.

11. There is a generation, that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.

12. There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.

13. There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.

14. The horfeleach hath two daughters crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough:

15. The grave; and the barren womb; and the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that fail not, It is enough.

16. The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ra
dens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

17. There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not:

18. The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.
Lemuel's lesson of temperance and chastity. CHAP. XXXI.

20 Such is the way of an adulterous woman; the eath, and wipeth her mouth, and faith, I have done no wickedness.

21 For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear:

22 For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat;

23 For an odious woman when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

24 ¶ There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wife:

25 The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;

26 The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;

27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth upon the face of the earth;

28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings palaces.

29 ¶ There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going:

30 A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any;

31 A lion, a bear; an he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up.

32 ¶ If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay thine hand upon thy mouth.

33 Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 Lemuel's lesson of temperance and chastity.
6 The afflicted are to be comforted, and the poor defended. 10 The praise and properties of a virtuous woman.

T HE words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.
2 What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?

3 ¶ Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.

4 ¶ It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:

5 Left they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

6 ¶ Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.

7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

8 ¶ Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.

9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

10 ¶ Who can find a virtuous woman for her price is far above rubies.

11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

15 ¶ She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

18 ¶ She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

20 ¶ She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

23 ¶ Her husband is known in the gates, when he lieth among the elders of the land.

24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praifeth her.

29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praifed.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.
ECCLESIASTES;

CHAP. I.

1. The preacher saw that all things here below are vain, because the creatures are restless in their courses: yea, and there is nothing new under the sun, but the old things are forgotten.

2. He perceived by his own experience to be so in the studies of wisdom.

3. Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

4. What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?

5. One generation pasleth away, and another generation cometh; but the earth abideth for ever.

6. The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose.

7. The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirlleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.

8. All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

9. The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is nothing new under the sun.

10. Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.

11. There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are come to pass of those that shall come after.

12. I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

CHAP. II.

1. The vanity which the Preacher found in the pursuits of pleasure. Wisdom excelleth folly, yet a little event happeneth to both.

2. The vanity of human labour, the fruit of which must soon be left to a man knoweth not whom.

3. Nothing better than a cheerful use of what a man hath gotten; but that is the gift of God to the good only.

4. I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity.

5. I said of laughter, Laughter is mad: and of mirth, What doeth it?

6. I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that was good for the fons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

7. I made me great works; I builded houses; I planted me vineyards;

8. I made me gardens and orchards, and planted trees in them of all kinds of fruits.

9. I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees:

10. I got me servants and maidsens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of gold and silver:

11. And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this foretold hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith.

12. I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

13. That which is crooked cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered.

14. I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem:

yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.

17. And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly; I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.

18. For much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.
The vanity of all things here below.

CHAP. II. III.

A season for all things.

Before CHRIST cir. 977.

12 ¶ And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what can the man do that cometh after the king? even that which hath been already done. 13 Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness.

14 ¶ The wife's eyes are in her head; but the fool walketh in darkness: and I myself perceived also that one event happeneth to them all.

15 Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me; and why was I then more wise? Neither said I in my heart, That which shall happen to the fool shall happen to me; and why I was not wiser than he that is before me.

16 For there is no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now is in the days of peace shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise man? as the fool.

17 Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

18 ¶ Yea, I hated all my labour which I took under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me.

19 And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed myself wise under the sun. This is also vanity.

20 Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labour which I took under the sun.

21 For there is a man whose labour is in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity; yet hath a man that hath not laboured therein shall he leave it for his portion. This also is vanity and a great evil.

22 ¶ For what hath man of all his labour, of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun?

23 For all his days are sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity.

24 ¶ There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I faw, that it was from the hand of God.

25 For who can eat, or who can drink, or who can have contentment, more than I? 26 For God giveth to a man that is good in his own time, and even in his estate who he giveth, to gather, and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God. This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

Before CHRIST cir. 977.

1 By the necessary change of times vanity is added to human travail. 11 There is a fitness in God's works, which man cannot thoroughly find out. 22 Man's object is to enjoy present good, so far as God allows, whose counsels are immutable. 16 From the abodes of human judicatures God's judgment is inferred. 18 Men and Beasts are visibly alike in their mortal bodies; 21 their spirits, which go different ways, are unknown.

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; 8 A time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 9 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

9 What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth? 10 ¶ I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.

11 ¶ He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

12 ¶ I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life.

13 And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.

14 I know that whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. 15 That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requir eth that which is past.

16 ¶ And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there.
Men and beasts wherein alike.

ECCELESIASTES.

Against abuse in divine service.

17 I said in mine heart, *God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.

18 ¶ I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts.

19 ¶ For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity.

20 All go unto one place; *all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

21 ¶ Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the breath that goeth downward to the earth?

22 ¶ Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for *that is his portion: *for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

CHAP. IV.

1 The vanity of human life increased by oppression; 2 and by envy. 3 The abridgment of idleness. 4 The good of contentment. 5 The folly and misery of covetousness. 6 The advantages of society. 7 The throne of kings is not exempt from vanity and vexation.

2 So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter.

3 Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive.

4 ¶ Again, I considered all travail, and every right work, that *for this a man is envied of his neighbour. This is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

5 ¶ The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh.

6 ¶ Better is an handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit.

7 ¶ Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun.

8 There is one alone, and there is not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet is there no end of all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither faith be, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This is also vanity, yea, it is a fore travail.

9 ¶ Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

10 ¶ For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath no one to help him up.

11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?

12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

13 ¶ Better is a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, + who will no more be admonished.

14 For out of prison he cometh to reign; whereas also be that is born in his kingdom cometh poor.

15 ¶ I considered all the living which walk under the sun, with the second child that shall stand up in his stead.

16 There is no end of all the people, even of all that have been before them: they also that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

CHAP. V.

1 Cautions against abuses in divine service. 2 Against murmuring at oppression. 3 The vanity of riches. 4 The cheerful enjoyment of what a man hath is good, and the gift of God, and a blessing to him that hath it.

KEEP thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and + a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.

4 ¶ When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for + be bath no pleasure in fools: they pay that which thou hast vowed.

5 ¶ Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; + neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but + fear thou God.
The vanity of riches.

CHAP. VI, VII.

Remedies against the vanity of life.

There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men:

1 A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, and yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this is vanity, and it is an evil diseased.

2 If a man beget an hundred children, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and so that he hath no burial; I say, that an untimely birth is better than he.

3 For he cometh in with vanity, and departs in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness.

4 Moreover he hath not seen the sun, nor known any thing: this hath more reft than the other.

5 Yea, though he live a thousand years twice told, yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place?

6 All the labour of man is for his mouth, and yet the is not filled.

7 For what hath the wisdom of the fool? what hath the poor, that knoweth to walk before the living?

8 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

9 That which hath been is named already, and it is known that it is man: neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he.

10 Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what is man the better?

11 For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

CHAP. VII.

1 Remedies against the vanity of life are, a good name, 2 mortification, 7 patience, 11 wisdom, or a considerate and prudent conduct.

2 The difficulty of getting wisdom. 25 The result of the Preacher's researches.

A Good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

1 The vanity and misery of riches to one that wanteth an heart to use them; 3 to whom, although he hath many children and long life, an untimely birth is preferable. 7 The vanity of inestimable desires. 10 From the path, which is known, the vanity of man is seen; the future is unknown.

C H A P. VI.

1 For he shall not much remember the days of his life: because God answereth him in the joy of his heart.

4
The benefit of wisdom.

ECCLESIASTES.

Kings are to be resisted.

"If all this have I proved by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me:
24. That which is far off, and exceeding deep, who can find it out?
25. If I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness:
25. And I find more bitter than death, the woman whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: who is a lover? God shall escape from her; but the fainthearted shall be taken by her.
27. Behold, this have I found, saith the preacher, counting one by one, to find out the account:
28. Which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found.
29. Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

CHAP. VIII.

1. True wisdom inspirith me: and, 2. Kings are to be resisted. 6. Man's ignorance of futurity; 8. his inability in the day of death. 11. The common abuse of God's forbearance. 12. Good and bad men will surely meet with their deserts in the end, though they fall out otherwise for a time. 15. Cheerful enjoyment of present good committed. 16. God's work is unfearable.

WHO is as the wife man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.
2. If counsel be to keep the king's commandment, and that in regard of the oath of God.
3. Be not hafty to go out of his fight: stand not in an evil thing; for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him.
4. Where the word of a king is, there is power; and who may say unto him, What dost thou?
5. Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wife man's heart is labour both time and judgment.
6. Because every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the mischief of man is great upon him.

There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither is there power of life in man.
Like things happen to good and bad.

1 Like things happen on earth to good and bad men. With the living is hope, but the dead have no more concern with this world. An exhortation cheerfully to enjoy the goods of life, and to eat with vigour, while the time serveth. 11 Human probabilities are not always justified by the event. 13 Wisdom is better than strength.

FOR all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wife, and their works, are in the hand of God: no man know-

4 F 2
Observations on wisdom and folly.

wife man, and he by his wisdom delivered
the city; yet no man remembered that
fame poor man.
16 Then said I, Wisdom is better than
strength; nevieretheless, the poor man's
wisdom is despised, and his words are not
heard.
17 The words of wise men are heard
quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth
among fools.
18 Wisdom is better than weapons of
war; but one sinner destroyeth much
good.

Chap. X.
1 Observations on wisdom and folly: 16 on the
defects and virtues of governors; 18 on
follyfulness; 19 on money. 20 Men's thoughts of
kings ought to be reverent.

Dead flies cause the ointment of the
apothecary to stink; and the little folly that is in
reputation for wisdom and honor.
2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand,
but a fool's heart at his left.
3 Yea also, when he that is a fool walketh
by the way, his wisdom faileth him,
and he faileth to every one that he is a fool.
4 If the spirit of the ruler rife up against
thee, leave not thy place; for yielding
pacificeth great offences.
5 There is an evil which I have seen under
the sun, as an error which proceedeth
from the ruler;
6 Folly is fet in great dignity, and
the rich sit in low place.
7 I have seen servants upon horses, and
princes walking as servants upon the earth.
8 He that diggeth a pit shall fall into
it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a fer-
ment shall bite him.
9 Whoso removeth stones shall be hurt
therewith; and he that cleaveth wood
shall be endangered thereby.
10 If the iron be blunt, and he do not
wet the edge, then muft he put to more
strength; but wisdom is profitable to direct.
11 Surely the ferment will bite without
enchantment; and a babbler is no better.
12 The words of a wise man's mouth
are gracious; but the lips of a fool will
swallow up himself.
13 The beginning of the words of his
mouth is foolishness; and the end of his
talk is mischiefous madness.
14 A fool also is full of words; a man
cannot tell what shall be; and what
shall be after him, who can tell him?
15 The labour of the foolish inheriteth
every one of them, because he knoweth
not how to go to the city.

Chap. XI.
1 Exhortations to charitablenes.
2 Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.
3 Give a portion to seven, and also to
eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.
4 If the clouds be full of rain, then empty themselves upon the earth: and if the
tree fall toward the south, or toward the
north, in the place where the tree
cadeth, there it shall be.
5 He that observeth the wind shall not
fow; and he that regardeth the clouds
shall not reap.
6 As thou knowest not what is the way
of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow
in the womb of her that is with child:
even so thou knowest not the works of
God who maketh all.
7 In the morning thou feed, and in the
evening withhold not thine hand: for thou
knowest not whether shalt prosper,
either this or that, or whether both
shall be alike good.
8 Truly the light is sweet; and a plea-
 sant thing is for the eyes to behold the
clear.
9 But if a man live many years, and
rejoice in them all; yet let him remember
the days of darkness; for they shall be
many. All that cometh is vanity.
9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth,
and let thy heart cheer thee in the days
of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine
heart, and in the light of thine eyes:
but know thou, that for all these
things God will bring thee into judgment.
10 Therefore remove sorrow from thy
The Creator to be remembered in due time.  

CHAP. XII.

1 Or ever the silver cord be loosed,  
2 or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

2 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was;  
3 and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

8 All vanity, vanities, saith the preacher;  
9 and all is vanity.

9 And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he had taught the people knowledge;  
10 he gave good heed, and sought out, and fet in order many proverbs.

10 The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth.

11 The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.

12 And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

The SONG of SOLOMON.

CHAP. I.

1 The church's love unto Christ:  
2 for confessed her deformity, and prayed to be directed to his flock.  
3 Christ directed her to the shepherds' tents:  
4 and burned her love to her,  
5 glorified her gracious promises.  
6 The church and Christ congratulate one another.

The song of songs, which is Solomon's.

2 Let him kiss me with the kisst of his mouth:  
3 Because of the favour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.

4 Draw me,  
5 we will run after thee:  
6 the king hath brought me into his chambers:  
7 we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine:  
8 if the upright love thee.

9 I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.

10 Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me keeper of the vineyards;  
11 but mine own vineyard have I not kept.

12 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon:  
13 for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?

14 If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.

15 I have compared thee, O my love,  
16 to a company of harpies in Pharaoh's chariots.

17 Thy cheeks are comely with rows of jewels, thy neck with chains of gold.

18 We will make thee borders of gold with fringes of silver.

19 While the king sat at his table, my epikxor fendeth forth the smell thereof.

20 A bundle of myrrh is my well-be-
The mutual love of Christ and the church. SOLOMON's SONG.

14 My beloved is unto me as a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of En-gedi. 15 Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou art as the dove's eyes.
16 Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed is green.

17 The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters of fir.

CHAP. II.

1 The mutual love of Christ and his church.
2 The hope, and calling of the church.
3 Christ's care of the church.
4 The profession of the church, her faith and hope.
5 AM the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.
6 As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.
7 As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons.
8 I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.
9 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.
10 Stay me with flagons, and comfort me with apples: for I am sick of love.
11 His left hand is under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me.
12 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please.
13 My beloved is like a roe, or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, and sheweth himself through the lattice.
14 My beloved spake, and said unto me, Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
15 For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;
16 The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
17 O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.
18 Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes.
19 My beloved is mine, and I am his; he feedeth among the lilies.
20 Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bethel.

CHAP. III.

1 The church's sport and victory in temptation.
2 The church glorified in Christ.

BY night on my bed I sought him, whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.
2 I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.
3 The watchmen that go about the city found me: to whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?
4 It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.
5 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please.
6 Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness as pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant?
7 Behold his bed, which is Solomon's; three score valiant men are about it, of the valiant of Israel.
8 They all hold swords, being expert in war: every man hewn his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night.
9 King Solomon made himself a chariot of the wood of Lebanon.
10 He made the pillars thereof of silver, the bottom thereof of gold, the covering of it of purple, the midst thereof being paved with love, for the daughters of Jerusalem.
11 Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold King Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

CHAP. IV.

1 Christ setteth forth the graces of the church:
2 Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou art the dew of thy locks: thy hair is as a flock of

B
The graces of the church. CHAP. V. A description of Christ by his graces.

I AM come into my garden, my foster, my espousle: I have gathered my myrrh with my spicel; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O my lovers; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.

2 ¶ I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my foster, my love, my dove, my undecifered: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?

4 My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him.

5 I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with white firment myrrh, upon the handles of the lock.

6 I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

7 The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me.

8 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, t that ye tell him, that I am sick of love.

9 ¶ What is thy beloved more than another beloved, O thou fairest among women? what is thy beloved more than another beloved, that thou dost to charge us?

10 My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand.

11 His head is as the most fine gold, his locks are as ruddy, and black as a raven.

12 ¶ His eyes are as the eyes of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, and as the head of snow.

13 His cheeks are as a bed of spices, as aloes, that bring forth the sweet flowers: his lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh.

14 His hands are as gold rings set with beryls; his belly is as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires.

15 His legs are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: his countenance is as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.

16 His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.
SOLOMON's SONG.

The love of the church to him.

1 Thy neck is as a tower of ivory; thine eyes like the fishpools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-rabbim; thy nose is as the tower of Lebanon which looketh toward Damascus.

2 Thine head upon thee is like Carmel, and the hair of thine head like purple; the king's daughter is all admirable within the chambers.

3 How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights!!

4 This thy stature is like a palm tree, and thy breasts do flourish like clusters of grapes.

5 I laid, I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof: now thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the smell of thy nose like apples; and the roof of thy mouth like the best wine for mine使用, that goeth down sweetly, causing the lips of them that are asleep to speak.

6 ¶ I am my beloved's, and his delight is toward me.

7 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.

8 Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourished, whether the tender grape appear; and the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my love.

9 The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates are all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The love of the church to Christ. 6 The vehemency of love. 8 The calling of the Gentiles. 14 The church prayeth for Christ's coming.

O That thou wert as my brother, that thine breasts were as clusters of field. when I should take thee without, I would lead thee, yea, I should not despise thee.

2 I would lead thee, and bring thee into my mother's house, and my lovers with me. I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate.

3 His left hand should be under my head, and his right hand should embrace me.

4 ¶ I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, until he pleases.

5 ¶ Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I raised thee up under the apple tree: there thy mother brought thee forth: there she brought thee forth that bare thee.

6 ¶ Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave;
The BOOK of the Prophet ISAIAH.

CHAP. I.

1 Isaiah complaints of Judah's rebellion: 5 their universal corruption and defoliation: 10 their whole religious service unacceptable because of their sins. 16 An exhortation to repentance enforced by promises and threatenings. 21 The prophet bewailing their wickedness denounces God's judgments, mixed with promises of mercy, and threateneth destruction to the wicked.

2 But, Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken: I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.

4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corruptors: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

5 Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it: but wounds, and bruises, and putrid sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

7 Your country is deolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is deolate, as overthrown by strangers.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

9 Except the Lord of hosts hath left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

10 Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers thereof of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of calves of goats.

12 When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

13 Bring no more vain oblations: incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to hear them.

15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doing from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

The calling of the Gentiles.

CHRIST's coming prayed for.

CHAP. VIII.

12 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon; he let out the vineyard unto keepers; every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thousand pieces of silver.

13 Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice: cause me to hear it.

14 Make haste, O my beloved, and be thou like to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices.
The degeneracy of Zion.

ISAIAH.

A prophecy of Christ's kingdom.

Before 19. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

20 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

21 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the fowls: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water:

23 Thy princes are rebellious, and thy companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

24 Therefore saith the LORD, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and take vengeance of mine enemies:

25 And I will turn my hand upon thee, and utterly purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:

26 And I will reprove thee, saith the LORD, and thy counsellors, as at the beginning: afterward shall I be called, The city of righteous ones, the faithful city.

27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.

28 And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be consumed:

29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.

30 For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water.

31 And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.

CHAP. II.

1 Isaiah prophesied the coming of Christ's kingdom.

1. Wickedness is the cause why God hath forsaken his people. 10 The prophet forewarneth them of the terrible day of the LORD.

THE word that Isaiah the son of Amoz faw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

6 Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and are of the children of strange nations.

7 Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots.

8 Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made:

9 And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not.

10 Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty.

11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

12 For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

13 And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,

14 And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up,

15 And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall,

16 And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all the pleasant pictures.

17 And the loftiness of men shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

18 And they shall utterly abominate the idols.

The calamities coming upon Judah, CHAP. III.

the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

20 In that day shall Calah fall, and all his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the mole and to the bath;

21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be account of?

CHAP. III.

1 The calamities coming upon Judah because of sin. 10 The different reward of the righteous and the wicked. 12 The oppression of the rulers. 16 The punishment of the women for their pride. 25 The general desolation.

For behold, the Lord of hosts, doth descend from heaven, and from J e r u s a l e m, and from Judah, the high and the stately, the whole flesh of bread, and the whole flesh of water,

2 The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient,

3 The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator.

4 And I will give children to be their princes, and babies shall rule over them.

5 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the bafe against the honourable,

6 When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand:

7 In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an an healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.

8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the Lord, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

9 The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not.

Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.

10 Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

III, IV.

because of oppression and pride.

11 Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

12 ¶ As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, what have I seen upon Jerusalem; what I do see among the daughters of Jerusalem;

13 The Lord standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.

14 The Lord will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses.

15 What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord God of hosts.

16 Moreover the Lord faileth, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet;

17 Therefore the Lord will make a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the Lord will discover their secret parts.

18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their caul, and their round tires like the moon,

19 The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers,

20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings,

21 The rings, and nose jewels,

22 The changeable fuits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the craving pins,

23 The gaiters, and the great linen, and the hoods, and the vails.

24 And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a frotcher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.

25 ¶ Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war.

26 And her gates shall lament and mourn; and the being shall be defoliated shall be upon the ground.

CHAP. IV.

1 The disfress of the times. 2 The succeeding blessings and security of Christ's kingdom.

AND in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own.
The blessings of Christ's kingdom.

ISAIAH.

God's judgments upon his people's sins.

Before CHRIST cir. 700.
† Heb. let thy name be called upon us, or take thou away.
Jer. 33: 5.
Zech. 3: 8 & 6: 12.
† Heb. beauty and glory.
† Heb. for the escaping of Israel.
† Heb. for Jerusalem.
† Heb. or, to lift.
† Heb. or, to lift.
† Exod. 25: 40.
† Zech. 8: 1.
† Or, amidst.
† Heb. answering.
ch. 6: 4.
ch. 25: 4.

N OW will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: and he hath fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, twixt me and my vineyard. What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down:

And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!

† In mine ears said the Lord of hosts, of a truth many houses shall be desolate, even great and fair, without inhabitant.
† Ye, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and the feed of an homer shall yield an ephah.
† Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; which continue until night, till wine inflame them!
† And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their midst: but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands.
† Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge; and they are familiar, and their multitude dried up with thirst.
† Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.
† And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled:
† But the Lord of hosts shall exalt in judgment, and he that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.
† Then shall the lamb feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat.

Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and fin as it were with a cart rope:

That say, Let him make speed, and haften his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it!

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Woe unto them that are wise in
The executioners of God's judgments.

CHAP. VI.

ISAIAH'S VISION OF GOD'S GLORY.

1 Isaiah's vision of the Lord in his glory: 5 He is a terror, an angel of the most high, and is sent to shew the obinacy of the people unto their destruction. 13 A remnant shall be saved.

CIR. 758.

ISAIAH'S VISION OF GOD'S GLORY.

1 Ahaz being troubled with fear of Rezin and Pekah is comforted by Isaiah. 10 Ahaz having liberty to choose a sign, and refusing it, Christ is promised for a sign. 17 God's judgments prophibited to come upon Judah by the hand of the Assyrians.

AND it came to pass in the days of

Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of

Uziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the king of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem.
Christ promised for a sign.

ISAIAH

Before CHRIST
ch. 746.

Before CHRIST
ch. 746.

And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

3 Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou and Shear-jashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field;

4 And say unto him, Take heed, be quiet; fear not, neither be faint hearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying,

6 Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, even the son of Tabeal:

7 Thus faith the Lord God. It shall not stand, neither shall it pass to pafs.

8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within three-score and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people.

9 And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son.

10 ¶ Moreover the Lord spake again unto Isaiah, saying,

11 Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.

12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord.

13 And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David? Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

16 For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be foraken of both her kings.

17 ¶ The Lord shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah;

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall hsh for the flay that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.

19 And they shall come, and shall reft all of them in the deolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bulbes.

20 In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, namely, by them that are beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep.

22 And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give that he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land.

23 And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, it shall even be for briers and thorns.

24 With arrows and with bows shall men come thither; because all the land shall become briers and thorns.

25 And on all hills that shall be digged with the mattock, there shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns: but it shall be for the fending forth of oxen, and for the treading of leifer cattle.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Isaiah prophesied under a type the spoiling of Syria and Israel by the king of Assyria; and that Judah also shall be overrun by him.

9 God's purposes irrefiable. 11 Comfort shall be to them that fear God, and trust in him, but mischief to idolaters.

M,Over the Lord said unto me, Take thee a roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning Machaiah-shalal-hahbaz.

2 And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jechoreiah.

3 And I went unto the prophetesses; and they, and the conceiued, and bare a son. Then said the Lord to me, Call his name Machaiah-shalal-hah-baz.

4 For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

5 ¶ The Lord spake also unto me again, saying,
The church's joy in Christ's birth.

6 Forasmuch as this people refruseth the waters of Shiloh that go softly, and rejoiceth in Rezin and Remaliah's son;

7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many; even the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come, up over all his channels, and go over all his banks:

8 And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, "he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.

9* Affright yourselves, Ye people, and shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces.

10 *Take counsel together, and let it come to nought; speak the word, "and it shall not stand: for God is with us.

11 For the Lord spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,

12 Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

13 *Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your dread.

14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.

17 And I will wait upon the Lord, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

18 *Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

19 And when they shall lay upon you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead.

20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

21 And they shall pass through it, hardly bested, and hungry: and it shall come to pass, when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward.

22 And they shall look unto the earth, and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness.

1 The joy of the church in the birth and kingdom of Christ. 8 God's judgments upon Israel for their pride, 13 impenitency, 18 wickedness.

Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun, and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

2 *The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4 For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

5 For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called "Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

8 ¶ The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel.

9 And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that I am the Lord.

10 The bricks are fallen down, but we lay in the pride and stoutness of heart; the sycamores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars.

11 Therefore the Lord shall set up the adversary of Rezin against him, and join his enemies together;

12 The Syrians before, and the Philis-
God's judgments upon Israel.

ISAIAH. The Assyrian for his pride shall be broken.

1. God's judgments for injustice and oppression.
   a. Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed;
   b. To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless!
   c. And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory?

2. Without me they shall bow down under the prizers, and they shall fall under the slanders.
   a. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.
   b. Therefore the Lord will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day.
   c. The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.

3. For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed.
   a. Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall there have mercy on their fatherless and widows; for every one is a hypocrite and an evil doer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

4. For wickedness burneth as the fire: it shall devour the briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up like the lifting up of smoke.

5. Through the wrath of the Lord of hosts is the land darkened, and the day is as the fuel of the fire: no man shall spare his brother.

6. And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied; they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm:

7. Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh: and they together shall be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

CHAP. X.

1. God's judgments for injustice and oppression.

2. The Assyrian, the instrument of God's vengeance, for his pride shall be broken. The remnant of Israel shall return after the determined desolation. 24. Judah is comforted with a promise of deliverance from Assyria. 25. The approach of the Assyrian to Jerusalem, and his destruction.
A remnant of Israel shall be saved.  

CHAP. XI.  The peaceable kingdom of the Messiah.

Before the Heavens and Earth shall pass away, there shall be a remnant of Israel saved, who shall be called the remnant of the house of Jacob, and the remnant of the house of Israel.  

2 And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and His Holy One for a lamp.  
3 And He shall set up the tabernacle of His beauty, and He shall exalt the splendor of His tabernacle.  
4 And He shall set the sun as a cloud, and He shall make the land as a great sea; and He shall cause the light to shine out of Jacob, and the glory to be upon Israel.  

5 And there shall be no more sun, nor moon, nor stars, in that day; for the light of the sun shall be upon them, and the glory of the Lord shall be in them, and the sun shall not be lighted, nor the moon, nor the stars.  

6 And it shall come to pass, that on that day, the Lord shall be King over the whole earth, and the world shall be the Lord's.  

7 Behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, shall break the bow of the bowmen, and shall break the spear of the spearmen, and shall destroy the chariot in the day of battle, and the sword shall perish in the fire.  

8 And He shall sit as a king upon the throne of peace, and His kingdom shall be a kingdom of righteousness and peace.  

9 And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the bear shall lie down with the kid; and the leopard shall eat grass like the ox.  

10 And they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.  

11 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.  

12 And it shall come to pass, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cuth, and from Elam, and from Ish.  

And when the Messiah shall come, there shall be a peaceable kingdom, wherein the lion and the lamb shall lie down together, and the bear shall eat straw like the ox.  

And when the Messiah shall come, there shall be a peaceable kingdom, wherein the lion and the lamb shall lie down together, and the bear shall eat straw like the ox.  

And when the Messiah shall come, there shall be a peaceable kingdom, wherein the lion and the lamb shall lie down together, and the bear shall eat straw like the ox.
A thanksgiving for God's mercies.

ISAIAH.

Babylon threatened with destruction.

12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

13 The envoy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: † they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; † and the children of Ammon shall he them.

15 And the Lord shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall divide it in the seven streams, † and make men go over dryshod.

16 And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; † like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

CHAP. XII.

A joyful thanksgiving for the faithful mercies of God.

AND in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, † call upon his name, † declare his doings among the people, † make mention that his name is exalted.

5 Sing unto the Lord; † for he hath done excellent things: † this is known in all the earth.

6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is † the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

CHAP. XIII.

1 God will execute the armies of his wrath; † He threateneth to destroy Babylon by the Medes: † Her utter degradation.

THE burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did write.

2 Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, that may go into the gates of the nobles.

3 I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, even them that rejoice in my highnesses.

4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, † like as of a great people; † a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the Lord of hosts mustereth the hoft of the battle.

5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the Lord, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

6 Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; † it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

8 And they shall be afraid: † pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: † they shall † be amazed † one at another; their faces shall be as † flames.

9 Behold, † the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the slainners thereof out of it.

10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: † the sun shall be † darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; † and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtinesses of the terrible.

12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; † even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, † Hag. 2.6. and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

14 And it shall be as the chafed roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: † they shall flay every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land.

15 Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword.

16 Their children also shall be † dafhed to pieces before their eyes; † their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.

17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; † Jer. 51.11, and as for gold, they shall not delight in it.

18 Their bows also shall daff the young men.
God's merciful restoration of Israel.

CHAP. XIV. Their triumph over the king of Babylon.

men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

19 ¶ And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of Chaldea's excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and fowls of the heavens shall walk there.

22 And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate housetops, and draw out their cry from their vain palaces: and from her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

CHAP. XIV.

1 God's merciful restoration of Israel. 2 Their triumph in the fall of the king of Babylon. 24 God's purpose against Assyria. 29 Palestine is threatened.

FOR the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and let them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. 2 And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the Lord for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whom they captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

3 And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve, that thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city is broken down!

5 The Lord hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers.

6 He that smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, pernicius, and none hindereth.

7 The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing.

8 Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.

9 ¶ Hell beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

10 All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become as weak as we? art thou become like unto us?

11 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, ¤ O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast sinned in thine heart, ¤ I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will enwrap upon the mount of the congregation, in the fides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the fides of the pit.

16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms?

17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

18 All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are full, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the fides of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.

20 Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowed.

21 Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

22 For I will rise up against them, faith the Lord of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, faith the Lord.

23 I will also make it a possession for the bittner, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the becom of destruction, faith the Lord of hosts.

24 ¶ The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

25 That I will break the Assyrian in my
The lamentable state of Moab.

ISAIAH.

Moab is exorted to obedience.

Before

CHRIST

cir. 713.

ch. 10. 37.

26 This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

27 For the Lord hath purposed against Moab: he will disorder the borders of Moab; and will destroy Moab, and set them up no more.

26 In the year that king Ahaz died this was the burden.

29 ¶ Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because of the rod of him that smote thee is broken; for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice: and his fruit shall be a fiery serpent.

30 And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety: and I will open thy right hand to the poor; and thine hand shall be bound no more.

32 What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the Lord hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.

CHAP. XV.

The lamentable state of Moab.

1 The Moabite is exorted to yield obedience to the throne of David. 6 He is threatened with lamentable judgments, and that within three years.

7 Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away to the brook of Or, unto the borders of Eglaim, and the howling thereof unto Beer-elim.

9 For the cry is gone round about the waters of Dimon; shall be full of blood: for I will bring more upon Moab, lions upon him that escapeth of Dimon, and upon the remnant of the land.

CHAP. XVI.

SEND ye the lamb to the ruler of the land; from to the wilderness; unto the mount of the daughter of Zion.

2 For it shall be, that when the flocks and herds get fat; then they shall say, set me a king to ride upon the sheep; and it shall be, when they shall say, set me a king to ride upon the oxen; and they shall ride upon the oxen, and shall draw the bow of Arnon.

3 ¶ Take counsel, execute judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts, and bewray not him that wandereth.

4 Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the spoiler is at an end, the spoiler ceased; the oppressors are consumed out of the land.

5 And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall set upon it in truth the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasteing righteousness.

6 ¶ We have heard of the pride of Moab, he is very proud: even of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath: but his days shall not be.

7 Therefore shall Moab howl over Nebo, and over Medeba; on all their heads shall be baldness, and all their beard wither away.

8 And Hebron shall cry, and Elealeh; their voice shall be heard even unto Jahaz: therefore the armed fencers of Moab shall cry out; his life shall be grievous unto him.

5 ¶ My heart shall cry out for Moab; all his fugitives shall flow unto Zoor, an heifer of three years old: for by the mounting up of Luhith with weeping shall they go it up; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of destruction.

6 For the waters of Nimrim shall be dry: for the hay is withered away, the grass faileth, there is no green thing.

9 And gladness is taken away; and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards shall be no singing, neither shall
Syria and Israel are threatened.  

CHAP. XVII, XVIII. Ethiopia threatened with destruction.

Before CHRIST

786

there be shouting: the treders shall tread out no wine in their presses: I have made their vintage shouting to cease.

& ch. 15. 5. 6. 7. 11 Wherefore my bowels shall found like an harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kir-hareseth.

Jer.48. 36.

12 And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not prevail.

13 This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning Moab since that time.

& ch. 21. 16. 17. Within three years, as the years of an hirpling, and the glory of Moab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and feeble.

10 Or, not many.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Syria and Israel are threatened. 6 A remnant of Israel shall for sake idolatry. 9 The defoliation of the reft. 1 The rebuke of the enemies of Israel.

THE burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

2 The cities of Aroer are for saken: they shall be for flocks, which shal lie down, and none shall make them afraid.


3 The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, faith the Lord of hosts.

4 And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.

Jer. 51. 15.

5 And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of Rephaim.

& ch. 10. 16.

6 Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, the Lord God of Israel.

Mic. 7. 7.

7 At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel.

8 And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall they respect that which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the images.

Or, fan imagers.

9 In that day shall his strong cities be as for saken bough, and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Israel: and there shall be defolation.

Ps. 68. 19.

10 Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and shalt set it with strange slips:

11 In the day shalt thou make thy plant to grow, and in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish: but the harvest shall be in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

12 Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the sea; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!

13 The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and the hall be divided as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

14 And behold at evening tide trouble; and before the morning he is not. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 God threateneth to destroy the Ethiopians. 7 An accuss will from thence be made to the church.

WOE to the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia:

2 That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in yefells of bulrushes upon the waters, saying, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation a scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto;

3 A nation meted out and trodden down, the whole land the rivers have spoiled!

4 All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye.

5 For so the Lord said unto me, I will take my reft, and I will regard in my foot the dwelling place like a clear heat upon the herbs, and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.

6 For afore the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the four grape is ripening in the flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away and cut down the branches.

7 They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the fowls shallsummer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

8 In that time shal the present be brought unto the Lord of hosts of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto;

See ver. 2.
The confusion of Egypt.

The confusion of Egypt. 11 The foolishness of her princes. 18 The calling of Egypt into the church: and God's blessing upon her in being brought into the church with Israel and Assyria.

The burden of Egypt. Behold, the Lord's ride upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. 2 And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom.

3 And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards. 4 And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, faith the Lord, the Lord of hosts.

5 And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be cut off and dried up. 6 And they shall turn the rivers far away; and the brooks of defence shall be emptied and dried up: the reeds and flags shall wither. 7 The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and every thing fown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and be no more.

8 The fitches also shall mourn, and all they that cast angle into the brooks shall lament, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish. 9 Moreover they that work in fine flax, and they that weave networks, shall be confounded. 10 And they shall be broken in the purposes thereof, all that make sluices and ponds for fish.

11 Surely the princes of Zion are fools, the counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh is become brutish: how say ye unto Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?

12 Where are they: where are thy wise men? and let them tell thee now, and let them know what the Lord of hosts hath purposed upon Egypt.
The captivity of Egypt and Ethiopia. CHAP. XX, XXI, XXII. The fall of Babylon foretold.

In the year that Tartan came unto Ashdod, (when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him,) and fought against Ashdod, and took it;

2 At the same time spake the Lord by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did fo, walking naked and barefoot.

3 And the Lord said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia:

4 So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoner, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

5 And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory.

6 And the inhabitant of this isle shall say in that day, Behold, such is our expectation to which we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria: and how shall we escape?

CHAP XXI.

The burden of the defret of the sea.

The burden of the defret of the sea.

As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the defret, from a terrible land.

2 A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the fighting thereof have I made to cease.

3 Therefore are my loins filled with pain: my pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth; I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it.

4 My heart panted, fearfulnes affrighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me.

5 Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink, arise, ye princes, and anoint the shield.

6 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.

7 And he saw a chariot with a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, and a chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed.

8 And he cried, A lion: My lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole nights:

9 And behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

10 O my threshing, and the horn of my floor: that which I have heard of the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you.

11 If the burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?

12 The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come.

13 The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedan.

14 The inhabitants of the land of Tema shall bring water to him that was thirsty, and from the face of the grievousness of war.

15 For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the arrows of war.

16 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of an hireling, all the glory of Keedar shall fall:

17 And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminishing: for the Lord God of Israel hath spoken it.

CHAP. XXII.

The prophet lamenteth the invasion of Jevvry;

8 he reproves their trust in human means, and not in God, and their desperate rising, when the times called for humiliation. 15 He propheseth the downfall of Shilhna, 20 and Eliakim's advancement in his room.

The burden of the valley of vion.

What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the housetops?

2 Thou that art full of stirs, a tumultuous city: a joyous city: thy plain men are not flain with the sword, nor dead in battle.

3 All thy rulers are fled together, they are bound by the archers: all that are found in thee are bound together, which have fled from far.

4 Therefore said I, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly, labour not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people.

5 For it is a day of trouble, and of perplexity by the Lord God of hofts in the valley of vion,
ISAIAH.

The miserable overthrow of Tyre.

Before CHRIST Cir. 712.

6 And Elam bare the quiver with chariots of men and horsemen, and Kir 
uncovered the shield.

7 And it shall come to pass, that they of the choice 
of thy waf-

ter, shall be full of chariots, and the horsemen shall set themselves in 
array at the gate.

8 ¶ And he discovered the covering of 
Judah, and thou didst look in that day to 
the armour of the house of the forest.

9 Ye have seen also the breaches of the city of David, that they are many: 
ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool.

10 And ye have numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses have ye broken 
down to fortify the wall.

Neh. 3.16.

11 ¶ Ye made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool: 
but ye have not looked unto the maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago.

12 And in that day did the LORD God of 
holts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with 
fackcloth:

13 And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and 
drinking wine: let us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die.

14 ¶ And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of holts, Surely this iniquity 
shall not be purged from you till ye die, faith the LORD God of holts.

15 ¶ Thus saith the LORD God of holts,
Go, get thee unto this treasurer, even unto 
Sheba, which is over the house, and say,

16 What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou haft hewed thee out a 
sepulchre here, as he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, and that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock?

17 Behold, the LORD will carry thee away with a mighty captivity, and will 
fully cover thee.

18 He will surely violently turn and tost thee like a ball into a large country: 
there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house.

19 And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down.

20 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim 
the son of Hilkiah:

21 And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I

will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants 
of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.

22 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall 
open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

23 And I will shatter him as a nail in a 
secure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.

24 And they shall hang upon him all the 
glory of his father's house, the offspring 
and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, 
from the vessels of cups, even to all the 
vessels of flagons.

25 In that day, faith the LORD of holts, 
shall the nail that is fastened in the sure 
place be removed, and be cut down, and 
fall; and the burden that was upon it shall 
be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken it.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 The miserable overthrow of Tyre. 15 Her re-

fashion after seventy years, and her sub-


THE burden of Tyre. Howl, ye ships 
of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that 
there is no house, no entering in: from 
the land of Chittim it is revealed to them.

2 Be still, ye inhabitants of the isle; 
thou whom the merchants of Zidon, that 
pas over the sea, have replenished.

3 And by great waters the seed of Sihor, 
the harvest of the river, is her revenue; 
and she is a mart of nations.

4 Be thou ashamed, O Zidon: for the 
sea hath spoken, even the strength of the 
sea, saying, I travail not, nor bring forth 
children, neither do I nourish up young men, nor bring up virgins.

5 ¶ As at the report concerning Egypt, 
so shall they be sorely pained at the report 
of Tyre.

6 Pas into ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye 
inhabitants of the isle.

7 Is this your joyous city, whose anti-
quity is of ancient days? her own feet shall 
carry her afar off to the harlots.

8 Who hath taken this counsel against 
Tyre, the crowning city, whose mer-
chants are princes, whose traffickers are

the honourable of the earth?

9 The Lord of holts hath purposed it, 
+ to staine the pride of all glory, and to + Heb.

bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.

10 Pas through thy land as a river, O 
daughter of Tarshish: there is no more + strength.

11 He stretched out his hand over the 
sea, he shook the kingdoms: the LORD

+ Heb.

girdle.
CHAP. XXIV.

A remnant shall joyfully praise him.

5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate; therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

7 The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merryhearted do f市场主体.

8 The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth.

9 They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it.

10 The city of confusion is broken down; every house is shut up, that no man may come in.

11 There is a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.

12 In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction.

13 Wherein shall I bring the Gentiles unto the midst of the land among the people, that they may know that I am the Lord?

14 And thus shall the Lord be holy in Israel in the eyes of the heathen; even the name of the Lord God of Israel shall be one.

15 From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous. But I said, My leanness, my leanness, wo unto me! the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.

16 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.

17 And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare; for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.

18 The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.

19 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the Canaanites.
CHAP. XXV.

The prophet praiseth God for his past judgments, and for his future salvation of his people, and overthrow of their enemies.

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithful and true.

2 For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers shall be no city; it shall never be built.

3 Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.

4 For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress.

5 Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible nations shall be brought low.

6 And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering, and the vail that is spread over all nations.

8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath visited it.

9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will give us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him; we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

10 For in this mountain shall the hand of the Lord rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill.

11 And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his bands to swim: and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands.

12 And the forts of the high fort of the wall shall he bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dunt.

13 And the 'moon shall be confounded,' and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

14 A song inciting to confidence in God, for his past judgments upon his adversaries, and favour to his people.

15 That day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

16 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

17 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

18 Trust ye in the Lord for ever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

19 For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust.

20 The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.

21 The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost uphold the path of the just.

22 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.

23 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

24 Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord.

25 LORD, when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see: but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy at the people; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them.

26 LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

27 O Lord our God, other lords beside thee have had dominion over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

28 They are dead, they shall not live; they
God's care over his vineyard.

CHAP. XXVII, XXVIII.

Ephraim threatened.

Before Christ cir. 712.

are deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.

15 Thou hast increased the nation, O Lord, thou hast increased the nation: thou art glorified; thou hast removed it far and all the ends of the earth.

16 Lord, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thou chastening was upon them.

17 Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O Lord.

18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

19 Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

21 For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her filth.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 God's judgment upon the Leviathan; 2 bis care over his vineyard; 7 bis chastisements are in measure, and with a view to reformation.

10 Destitution threatened for want of knowledge.

12 The reformation of the disperseth.

IN that day shall the Lord with his sore and strong sword punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

2 In that day shall the Lord keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

4 Fury is not in me: who would set the briers and thorns against me in battle? I would go through them, I would burn them together.

5 Or let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me.

6 He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

7 Hath he smitten him, as he smote those that smote him? or is he slain according to the slaughter of them that are slain by him?

8 In measure, when it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it: thou shalt smite it through with the head:

9 By thy presence shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this is all the fruit to take away his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalke stones that are beaten in funder, the groves and images shall not stand up.

10 Yet the fenced city shall not be defoliated, and the habitation forlorn, and left alone: the wilderness shall be their calf, feed, and there shall he lie down, and confunde the branches thereof.

11 When the bougs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off: the women come, and let them on fire: for it is a people of no understanding: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them shall shew them no favour.

12 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel.

13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Ephraim threatened for pride and drunkenness.

5 God will be the glory and strength of the residue.

7 They be also rebuked for their excess, 9 unto wanderers to learn, 14 and carnel security.

16 Christ, the sure foundation, promised.

17 The security of the sinner shall end in destruction.

23 The wisdom of God's providence is seen in the diverse labours of the husbandman.

WOE to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!

2 Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, as which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.

3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet: and the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading

4 1 2
Christ, the sure foundation, promised.  ISAIAH.

Christ. Before cir. 725.

flower, and as the hafty fruit before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it feeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up.

5 ¶ In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people,
6 And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.

7 ¶ But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; that the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.
8 For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.

9 ¶ Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.
11 For with foolishness is the mouth of the unwise, and with stammering lips and another tongue shall he speak to this people.
12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherein ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

14 ¶ Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem.

15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:
16 ¶ Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

17 ¶ Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing

woe to Ariel, to Ariel, city dwelt on a mountain high; let them all 
17 judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.
18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing

woe to Ariel, to Ariel, city dwelt on a mountain high; let them all 
17 judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.
18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing

woe to Ariel, to Ariel, city dwelt on a mountain high; let them all 
17 judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.
18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing

woe to Ariel, to Ariel, city dwelt on a mountain high; let them all 
17 judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.
18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing

woe to Ariel, to Ariel, city dwelt on a mountain high; let them all 
17 judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.
18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing
The Jews reproved for insensibility, &c.  

CHAP. XXX.  

Their trust in Egypt reproved.

Before CHRIST  
cir. 710.  

15 Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and * they say, * Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?  

16 Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the * work of thy hand make it void? It made me not? or shall the thing framed of thy hand that framed it? He had no understanding?  

17 ¶ Is it not yet a very little while, * and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?  

18 And * in that day shall the deaf hear * the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.

19 * The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and * the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and * the corner is consumed, and all that * watch for iniquity are cut off:

21 That make a man an offender for a word, and * lay a snare for him that repenteth in the gate, and turn aside the just * for a thing of nought.  

22 Therefore thus saith the LORD, * who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.

23 But when he feedeth his children, * the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

24 They also * that err in spirit * shall come to understanding, and they that murmur shall learn doctrine.  

CHAP. XXX.  

1 The people threatened for their confidence in Egypt, and contempts of God's word.  

2 God's mercies toward his church.  

27 God's wrath, and the people's joy, in the destruction of Assyria.

WOE to the rebellious children, faith not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, * that they may add sin to sin:  

2 * That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!  

3 * Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion.  

4 For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes.

5 * They were all ashamed of a people that
God's mercies toward his church.

ISAIAH.

God's wrath, and the people's joy.

10 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem; thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

20 And though the Lord give you + the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not + thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers:

21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

22 + Ye shall defile also the covering of + thy graven images of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold:

23 + Then shall he give the rain of thy seed, and the bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous: in that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures.

24 The oxen likewise and the young as before, that the earth shall eat shall + be clean provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan.

25 And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every + hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.

26 Moreover + the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the Lord bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

27 Behold, the name of the Lord cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is + heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire:

28 And + his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to lift the nations with the stroke of a vanity: and there shall be + a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err.

29 Ye shall have a long, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the Lord, to the + mighty One of Israel.

30 + And the Lord shall cause + his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, + and hailstones.
CHA. XXXII. The blessings of Christ's kingdom.

1 The blessings of Christ's kingdom. 9 Defoliation is
foreboun. 15 Restoratton is promised to succeed.

B Ehold, a king shall reign in righteousness,
and princes shall rule in judgment.

2 And a man shall be as an hiding place
from the wind, and a covert from the tempest;
as rivers of water in a dry place, as
the shadow of a great rock in a weary
land.

And the eyes of them that see shall
not be dim, and the ears of them that hear
shall hearken.

4 The heart also of the rash shall un
derstand knowledge, and the tongue of
b coarse

5 The vile person shall be no more called
liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.

6 For the vile person shall speak villany,
and his heart shall work iniquity, to prac
hypocrisy, and to utter error against the
poor, to make empty the soul of the
hungry, and he will cause the drink of the
thirsty to fail.

7 The instruments also of the churl are
evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy
the poor with lying words, even when
the needy speaketh right.

8 But the liberal deviseth liberal things;
and by liberal things shall he stand.

9 ¶ Rise up, ye women that are at ease;
hear my voice, ye careles daughters; give
ear unto my speech.

10 ¶ Many days and years shall ye be
troubled, ye careles women: for the vin
tage shall fail, the gathering shall not come.

11 Tremble, ye women that are at ease;
be troubled, ye careles ones: strip you,
and make you bare, and gird jackestabs upon
your loins.

12 They shall lament for the tents, for
the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.

13 Upon the land of my people shall
come up thorns and briers; there shall
be houses of joy in the joyous city.

14 Because the palaces shall be forsaken;
the multitude of the city shall be left; the
forts and towers shall be for dens for ever,
or a joy of wild ass, a pasture of flocks.

15 ¶ Until the spirit be poured upon us
from on high, and the wilderness shall be a
fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be
counted for a forest.

16 Then judgment shall dwell in the
wilderness, and righteousness remain in the
fruitful field.
God's judgments upon the enemies of Zion. ISAIAH.

17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.
18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;
19 When it shall hail, coming down on the forest; and the city shall be low in a low place.
20 Blessed are ye that lose before all waters, that fend forth shotter the feet of the ox and the ass.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

1 God's judgments against the enemies of Zion.
13 The conformation of sinners, and privileges of the godly.

WOE to thee that spoileth, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealtest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.

2 O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.
3 At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of thyself the nations were scattered.

4 And your spoil shall be gathered like the gathering of the caterpillar: as the running to and fro of locusts shall he run upon them.

5 The LORD is exalted: for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.
6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.
7 Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without; the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly.
8 The highways lie waste, the way-faring man ceaseth: he hath broken the covenant, he hath defied the cities, he regardeth no man.
9 The earth mourneth and languiseth: Lebanon is ashamed and hewn down: Sharon is like a wilderness; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their fruits.
10 Now will I rise, faith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.
11 Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath, as fire, shall devour you.
12 And the people shall be as the burning

ings of lime: as thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire.
13 Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and, ye that are near, acknowledge my might.
14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprized the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?
15 He that walketh uprightly, and speaketh righteously, and forspaketh uprightly, he that despiseth the gain of transgressions, that killeth the hand of a poor man, from holding of bribes, that keepeth his ears from hearing of a blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil:
16 He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the mounitions of rocks; his bread shall be given him; his waters shall be pure.
17 Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.
18 Thine heart shall meditate terror: Where is the scribe? where is the receiver? where is he that counted the towers?
19 Thou shalt not see a fierce people, a people of deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a 'flaming tongue, that thou canst not understand.
20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem: a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; *not one of the staked thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.
21 But there the glorious LORD will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.
22 For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, *the LORD is our king; he will save us.
23 Thy tabernacles are loosed; they could not well strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail: then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey.
24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick; the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

1 The indignation wrought by God against his church of her enemies to their utter destruction.
16 The certainty of the prophecy.

COME near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people; let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.
God's indignation in avenging his church. C H A P. XXXV.

2 For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

3 Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcases, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

4 And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

5 For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

6 The sword of the Lord is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the Lord hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.

7 And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.

8 For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

9 And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the ditch thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.

10 It shall not be quenched night nor day, the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste: none shall pass through it for ever and ever.

11 But the corromptor and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it; and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness.

12 They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing.

13 And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be an habitation of dragons, and a court for owls.

14 The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the fatyr shall cry to his fellow; the fitches shall rest there, and everyone of them shall find for herself a place of rest.

15 There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: there shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate.

16 ¶ Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read: one of these shall fall, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

17 And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

C H A P. XXXV.

1 The joyful and flourishing state of Christ's kingdom. 3 The weak are encouraged with a view of the blessings of the gospel.

2 ¶ And it shall be as a rest from the Heat of the wilderness, and as the [holy] fire of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the ex-

3 * Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstoppered.

6 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy in the wilderness: waters break out, and streams in the desert.

7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of wa-

8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called, The way of holiness; * the unclean shall not pass over it; but but it shall be for them: the way-faring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there.

10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing, and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

11 K
Sennacherib's invasion of Judah.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 Sennacherib invadest Judah. 2 He sendeth Rabshakeh, who infliteth Hezekiah, 13 and in a blasphemous speech solliciteth the people to revolt.

NOW it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up again against all the defended cities of Judah, and took them.

2 ¶ And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fullers' field.

3 Then came forth unto him Eliakim, Hilkiah's son, which was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, Azaph's son, the recorder.

4 ¶ And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus faith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?

5 I say, thou hast spoken well: but thou believest not in whom thou comest to: 6 Lo, thou trustest in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt, whereof if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him.

7 But if thou say to me, We trust in the Lord our God: is it not he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar?

8 Now therefore give me pledges, I pray thee, of the matter of the king of Assyria. And I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.

9 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the leaft of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemens?

10 And am I now come up without the Lord against this land to destroy it? the Lord said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

11 ¶ Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it, and speak not to us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people that are on the wall.

12 But Rabshakeh said; Hath my master sent me to thy master and to thee to speak these words? 13 ¶ Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

14 ¶ Thus spake the king, saying, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you.

15 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord, saying, The Lord will Surely deliver us: this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

16 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus faith the king of Assyria, I will make a covenant with thee, and make an agreement with thee: and I will set a king over thy house, even over thy father's house; and the covenant wherewith I have set a king over thee shall I change not.

17 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

18 Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, The Lord will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

19 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?

20 Who are they among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the Lord should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

21 But they held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

22 Then came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, that was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Azaph, the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 Hezekiah in deep affliction sendeth to depose Jaiab's prayers. 6 Jaiab returneth an answer of comfort. 8 Sennacherib, being called away to oppose the king of Ethiopia, sendeth a blasphemous letter to Hezekiah. 14 Hezekiah's prayer upon the receipt of it. 21 Jaiab's prophecy concerning the pride and overblown of Sennacherib, and the prosperity of Zion. 36 An angel destroyeth the Assyrian army: 37 Sennacherib is slain at Nineveh by his own sons.

AND it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sack-
Sennacherib's blasphemous letter.

Before CHRIST

1. And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.

2. And they said unto him, Thus faith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.

3. It may be the Lord thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the Lord thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left.

4. So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

5. And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus faith the Lord, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

6. Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

7. So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

8. And he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

9. Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered?

10. Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which were in Telassar?

11. Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

12. And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord.

13. And Hezekiah prayed unto the Lord, saying,

O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.

14. Incline thine ear, O Lord, and hear; open thine eyes, O Lord, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God.

15. Of a truth, the Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations, and their countries,

16. And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

17. Now therefore, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the Lord, even thou only.

18. Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus faith the Lord God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria:

19. This is the word which the Lord hath spoken concerning him: The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath flaken her head at thee.

20. Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed, and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel.

21. By thy servants hast thou reproached the Lord, and hast said, By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the height of his border, and the forest of his Carmel.

22. I have digged, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of the besieged places.

23. Haft thou not heard long ago, how I have done it; and of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be lain wafe, and all thy defended cities into ruinous heaps.

24. Therefore their inhabitants were as small power, they were dismayed and confounded: they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up.

25. But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.

26. Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, there-
The Assyrian army destroyed by an angel. ISAIAH.

4 Then came the word of the Lord to Isaiah, saying,
5 Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus shall the Lord, the God of David thy father, have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.
6 And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city.
7 And this shall be a sign unto thee from the Lord, that the Lord will do this thing that he hath spoken.
8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the fist fun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.
9 ¶ The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness:
10 I said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the graves of the living: I am deprived of the residue of my years.
11 I said, I shall not see the Lord, even the Lord, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitant of the world.
12 Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: I have cut off like a weaver my life: he will cut me off with pining sicknesses: from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me.
13 I reckoned till morning, that, as a lion, so will he break all my bones: from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me.
14 Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter: I did dunn my dove: mine eyes fail with looking upward: O Lord, I am oppressed; I undertake for me.
15 What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done it: I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul.
16 O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live.
17 Behold, ¶ for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou haft cast all my fins behind thy back.
18 For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.
19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.
20 The Lord was ready to save me: therefore will I sing songs to the living: strung instruments all the days of our life in the house of the Lord.
The Babylonish captivity foretold. CHAP. XXXIX, XL.

The promulgation of the gospel.

21 For "Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay it for a plaster upon the boil, and he shall recover."

22 "Hezekiah also had said, What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?"

CHAP. XXXIX.

Merodach-baladan sendeth ambassadors to Hezekiah upon his recovery, who ostentatiously sheweth them his treasures. 3 Isaiah bearing thereof foretelleth the Babylonish captivity.

AT that time Merodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered.

2 And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

3 ¶ Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, even from Babylon.

4 Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

5 ¶ Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD of hosts: 6 Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have hoarded up shall be taken away; and thou shalt be left nothing; because thine iniquity is found in thee, saith the LORD.

7 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

8 ¶ Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

CHAP. XL.

1 God sendeth comfort to his people in the remission of sins. 2 The preaching of John Baptist. 3 The glad tidings of the gospel. 4 God's infinite power and wisdom. 5 The vanity of likening him to any other being. 6 A demonstration of truth in God's power and providence without depending.

C Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, faith your God.
God is not to be likened to any other being.

ISAIAH.

CHAP. XLI.

1 God dispTYeth his merciful providence in regard of his church: nor which be exorbitant to truth in him without fear: 21 and challenging the idols to produce like proofs of power and knowledge, be beneath their vanity.

Kslience before me, Oislands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment.

2 Who railed up + the righteous man from the earth, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the duff to his sword, and as driven subtle to his bow.

3 He pursued them, and past safely; even by the way that he had not gone with his feet.

4 Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? the Lord, the first, and with the last; I am he.

5 The isles saw it, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came.

6 They helped every one his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage.

7 So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with the hammer him that fitteth the anvil, saying, It is ready for the fodering: and he fainted it with nails, that it should not be moved.

8 But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend.

9 Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief of men thereof, and paid unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.

10 For I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

11 Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.

12 Thou shalt feck them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

13 For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the Lord thy God and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.
The vanity of idols.

CHAP. XLII. The mission of Christ to the Gentiles.

15 Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having ἄνακτοις: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

16 Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

17 When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not for sake them.

18 I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

19 I will plant the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will let in the desert the fir tree, and the pine tree, and the box tree together.

20 That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

21 Produce your caufe, faith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, faith the King of Jacob.

22 Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may confirm them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.

23 Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together.

24 Behold, ye are the work of nothing, and your work is of nought: an abomination is that chooseth you.

25 I have raised one from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun he shall call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon morter, and as the potter treadeth clay.

26 Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforehand, that we may say, He is righteous? yea, there is none that knoweth, yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that heareth your words.

27 The first shall call upon Zion, Behold, behold them; and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.

28 For I beheld, and there was no man; even among them, and there was no counsellor, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word.

29 Behold, they are all vanity: their works are nothing: their molten images are wind and confusion.

CHAP. XLII.

1 The mission of Christ to the Gentiles: his meekness and conffancy. 5 God's promise to him. 10 An exhortation to praise God for his gospel. 13 God will no longer bear to manifest himself, and check idolatry. 18 Israel reprieved and punished for their incredulity.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the dim smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

5 Thus faith the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spreadeth forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousnes, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that fit in darkness out of the prison house.

8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

10 Sing unto the LORD a new song, and upon the strings of a pleasant sound:

11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Keedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.

12 Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands.

13 The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.

14 I have long time held my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once.
God comforteth his church

ISAIAH

Before CHRIST

Before CHRIST

15 I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.

16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forfake them.

17 They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that fay to the molten images, Ye are our gods.

18 ¶ Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.

19 Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as that is perfect, and blind as the Lord's servant?

20 Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but heareth not.

21 The Lord is well pleaseth for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable.

22 But this is a people robbed and spoiled, all the young men are captured: they are hid in prision houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for I spoil, and none faileth, Restore.

23 Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken, and hear for the time to come?

24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the Lord, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.

25 Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

CHAP. XLIII.

1 God comforteth the church with gracious promises: 8 be calleth the people to witnes his omnipotency: 14 be foretell the destruction of Babylon, 18 and his wonderful deliverance of his people: 22 be reprovest his neglect of his service.

BUT now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have calleth thee by thy name; thou art mine.

2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

3 For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

5 Fear not: for I am with thee; I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;

6 I will also say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth.

7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory: I have formed him; ye have made him.

8 ¶ Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.

9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth.

10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

11 I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour.

12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God.

13 ¶ Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

14 ¶ Thus saith the Lord, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, For your sake I have fainted to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.

15 I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

16 Thus saith the Lord, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters:

17 Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow.

18 ¶ Remember ye not the former things; neither consider the things of old.

19 Behold, I will do a new thing: now
God's gracious promises to his church.  

CHAP. XLIV.  

The folly of the makers of idols.

...it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it?  
I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.  

20 The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragon, and the great worm: beauteous I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.  

21 * This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.  

22 ¶ But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel.  

23 Thou hast not brought me the small casket of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with thine incense.  

24 Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou paid me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy fins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.  

25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.  

26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.  

27 Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me.  

28 Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.

CHAP. XLIV.  

1 God again comforteth his church with gracious promises.  

2 The folly of the makers of idols.  

21 God exhorteth Israel to trust in his mercy, and promiseth reformation by Cyrus.

YET now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen:  

2 Thus saith the Lord that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, * whom will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jezurun, whom I have chosen.  

3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground.  

4 And they shall spring up among the grases, as willows by the water courses.  

5 He shall say, I am the Lord's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel.  

6 Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts, I am

Before  
CHRIST  
cir. 714.  
17. 6.  
Numb. 50.  
Deut. 8.  
Joel 2. 16.  
Jer. 1. 25.  
Isa. 44. 6.  
& 48. 12.  
| Or,  
| b Heb.  
| daughters  
of the soul.  
| ch. 48. 81.  
| ch. 3. 7.  
| 26.  
| Eph. 1. 15.  
| Mal. 3. 5.  
| Amos 5.  
| Heb.  
| Amos, or  
kids.  
| Heb. made  
dead, or  
abundantly  
weighed.  
| b ch. 6. 14.  
| Mal. 1. 14.  
| 1 Chr. 34. 32.  
| Jer. 20. 10.  
| Acts 1. 19.  
| Exek. 34.  
| 66. 6c.  
| ch. 1. 18.  
| Jer. 51. 54.  
| Heb. in  
interpreter.  
| Mal. 3. 7.  
| 1 Chr. 47. 6.  
| Zec. 6. 5.  
| Or, holy  
princ.  
| ch. 34. 7.  
| Jer. 9. 11.  
| Dan. 8. 13.  

Before  
CHRIST  
cir. 714.  
42. 6a.  
116. 17.  
Isa. 63.  
& 47. 15.  
& 48. 13.  
| Or,  
| Heb.  
| deformed.  
| Pf. 115.  
| Ecc. 7. 10.  
| Jer. 10. 5.  
| Hab. 3. 18.  
| Pf. 97. 7.  
| ch. 1. 9.  
| 44. 7.  
| & 44. 6.  
| ch. 40. 19.  
| Prov. 10. 5.  
| Gen. 13. 11.  
| Or, taketh  
courage.
Reformation by Cyrus promised.

ISAIAH.

God asserveth his own omnipotency.

Before CHRIST

CHRIST cir. 713.

† Heb. jetheth to his heart.

ch. 44. 8.

† Heb. that nourished comes of a tree.

† Heb. Rom. 13. 11.

† Thes.

† 11.

Enquiring of thine own heart, and in the heart of thy beast, shall I do it? shall I do this great thing without thee? Acts 13. 32.

† Heb. that nourished comes of a tree.

† Heb. Rom. 13. 11.

† Thes.

† 11.

20 He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?

21 ¶ Remember the Lord, O Jacob, and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.

22 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

23 Sing, ye heavens; for the Lord hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

24 Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself:

25 That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish.

26 That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers: that faith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:

27 That faith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers: That faith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

CHAP. XLV.

1 God calleth Cyrus for his church's sake: 5 he asserveth his own omnipotency, and promiseth salvation thereby to Israel. 20 Idols convinced of vanity. 22 God's salvation will extend unto all nations.

Before CHRIST cir. 713.

† Heb. ch. 41. 13.

† Or. strengthened ed.

† Heb. ch. 41. 2.

Dan. 5. 30.

† Heb. that nourished comes of a tree.

† Heb. Rom. 13. 11.

† Thes.

† 11.

† Heb. that nourished comes of a tree.

† Heb. Rom. 13. 11.

† Thes.

† 11.

They cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand.

19 And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the flock of a tree?

20 He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?

21 ¶ Remember the Lord, O Jacob, and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.

22 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

23 Sing, ye heavens; for the Lord hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

24 Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself:

25 That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish.

26 That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers: that faith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:

27 That faith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers: That faith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

THUS faith the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him; and I will looke the loins of kings, to open be-
God's salvation will be universal. CHAP. XLVI, XLVII. Idols not to be compared with God.

15 Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour. 16 They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols. 17 But Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

18 For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.

19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.

21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the Lord? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

24 Surely, shall one say in the Lord have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

25 In the Lord shall all the ends of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

CHAP. XLVI.
1 The idols of Babylon could not save themselves from captivity. 2 God savieth his people to the end. 3 Idols are not to be compared with God, who declareth beforehand the purposes which be executable. 4 His salvation is near at hand.

Bel boweth down, Nebo stooppeth, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages were heavy laden; they are a burden to the weary beast.

2 They slop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity.

2 £ Hearken unto me, O Houfe of Jacob, and all the remnant of the houfe of Israel, which are borne by me from the belly, which are carried from the womb:

4 And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

5 ¶ To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?

6 They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a smith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship.

7 They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, one shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

8 Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors.

9 Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is none else: I am God, and there is none like me.

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsellor shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east; the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, and I will also do it.

12 ¶ Hearken unto me, ye frowardhearted, that are far from righteousness:

13 I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation tarry; and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

CHAP. XLVII.

1 God's judgments upon Babylon for her unmerci-

fulness and pride shall be irreproachable. 2 All her forserices will not avail her.

C O M E down, and fit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, fit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.

2 Take the miltines, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers.

3 Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man.

4 L 2
God's judgments upon Babylon.

ISAIAH.

The intent of prophecy.

As for our redeemer, the Lord of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.

Sit thou still, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.

I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient haft thou very heavily laid thy yoke.

And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it.

Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that fottest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the los of children:

But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the los of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy forceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, I shall not be moved; I shall never be put to shame, neither shall I see affliction.

Therefore shall evil come upon thee, thou shalt not know from whence it riseth; and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know.

Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy forceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.

Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the fottagers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and thee shall deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to fit before it.

Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, even thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee.

CHAP. XLVIII.

1 God revealed himself by prophecy, that his works might not be ascribed to idols: 9 be

suffereth his people for his own sake; 12 be ex-
C H A P. XLIX.

He is sent to the Gentiles.

will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans.

15 I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

16 Behold ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning: from the time that it was there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

17 Thus faith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldst go.

18 O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thine peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

19 Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.

20 Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say ye, The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob.

21 And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts; he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed forth.

22 There is no peace, faith the Lord, unto the wicked.

C H A P. XLIX.

Christ's unsuccessful mission to the Jews.

And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts; he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed forth.

22 Therefore shall my name be called of the nations and kings, and of all people: a name which is wonderful in the sight of all people.

23 Thou shalt also take glory upon the sea in the sight of the kings of the Gentiles.

24 When therefore I shall gather you, o ye lame, and shall heal you, I will make my flesh to mount as an hill, and my tent as the tabernacle of David.

25 I will also make the lame to walk, and them that are driven with strong winds shall I gather together; they that are pouring out their soul under the burden and in the heat of theง" validated by Google

Digitized by Google
The church's restoration and enlargement. ISAIAH.

Before CHRIST

9 For thy vail and thy desolate places,
and the land of thy destruction, I shall even
now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants,
and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.

21 Then shalt thou say in thine heart,
Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have
loft my children, and am desolate, a captive,
and removing to and fro? and who hath
brought up these? Behold, I was left alone;
these, where bad they been?

22 Thus faith the Lord God, Behold, I
will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and
set up my standard to the people: and they
shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy
daughters shall be carried upon their
shoulders.

23 And kings shall be thy nursing
fathers, and thy queens thy nursing
mothers: they shall bow down to thee with
their face toward the earth, and "lick up
the dust of thy feet;" and thou shalt know
that I am the Lord: for thou shalt not be
ashamed that wait for me.

24 Shall the prey be taken from
the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

25 But thus faith the Lord, Even the
captives of the mighty shall be taken
away, and the prey of the terrible shall be
delivered: for I will contend with him that
contendeth with thee, and I will save thy
children.

26 And I will feed them that oppress
thee with their own flesh; and they shall be
drunken with their own blood, as with
sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that
I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy
Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

1 The delerelion of the Jews to be imputed
to their own sins, and not to God's
disability to save. 4 Christ's commission to speak comfort to the
warthy: 5 his patient suffering of indignities,
and confidence in God's help. 10 An exhortation
to trust in God, and not in human resources.

THUS faith the Lord, Where is the
bill of thy mother's divorcement,
whom I have put away? or which of my
creditors is it to whom I have sold you?
Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold
yourfelves, and for your transgressions is
your mother put away.

2 Wherefore, when I came, was there
no man? when I called, was there none to
answer? * Is my hand shortened at all, that
it cannot redeem? or have I no power to
deliver? behold, * at my rebuke I dry up
the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness:
their flood stinketh, because there is no
water, and dieth for thirst.

3 I clothe the heavens with blackness,
and I make sackcloth their covering.

4 * The Lord God hath given me the
tongue of the learned, that I should know
how to speak a word in season to him that
is weary: he waketh morning by morning,
he waketh mine ear to hear as the
learned.

5 The Lord God hath opened mine
ear, and I was not rebellious, neither
turned away back.

6 I gave my back to the fitters, and
my cheeks to them that plucked off
the hair: I hid not my face from shame
and spitting.

7 For the Lord God will help me;
therefore shall I not be confounded:
therefore have I let my face as a flint, and I
know that I shall not be ashamed.

8 He is near that judgeth me; who is
my redeemer: let me not be confounded
amongst the Gentiles: who is he that
admonisheth me? let himcome near to me.

9 Behold, the Lord God will help me;
who is he that shall condemn me? let
they all wax old as a garment; the
mortal shall be consumed.

10 Who is among you that feareth
the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his
servant, that walketh in darknes, and hath
no light? * let him trust in the name of
the Lord, and stay upon his God.

11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that
complaceth yourselves about with sparks: walk
in the light of your fire, and in the sparks
that ye have kindled. * This shall ye have
of mine hand; ye shall lie down in forrow.

CHAP. LI.

1 The righteous are exalted by the example of
Abraham to trust in God, who will confirm his
church. 4 The certainty of his salvation. 7 The
reproach of men should not be feared by the
righteous. 9 A call upon God's arm to exert
itself as of old in redeeming his church. 12 The
vanity of fearing man, and disfrusting his
Maker's power. 17 The prophet bewaitheth the
affirmations of Jerusalem, 21 and promiseth
deliverance.

Hearken to me, * ye that follow after: * ver. 7.
righteousnes, ye that seek the Lord: * ver. 9.
look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and
to the hole of the pit whence ye are * digged.

2 Look unto Abraham your father, and 11, 12.
The certainty of God's salvation.

CHAP. LII.

Jerusalem's afflictions.

Before CHRIST
of the Lord, 2
2:25
1:2
the Lord shall comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wildernesses like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.
4. Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people.
5. Righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arm shall judge the people; the righteous shall wait upon me, and mine arm shall they trust.
6. Lift up your eyes unto the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.
7. Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.
8. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.
9. Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon?
10. Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hast made the depths of the sea a way for the ranomfed to pass over?
11. Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.
12. I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; And forgettest the Lord thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?
14. The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.
15. But I am the Lord thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The Lord of hosts is his name.
16. And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.
17. Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.
18. There is none to guide her among all the fons whom the hath brought forth; neither is there any that taketh her by the hand of all the fons that the hath brought up.
19. These two things  come unto thee; who shall be sorry for thee? destruction, and + destruction, and the famine, and the sword: by whom shall I comfort thee?
20. Thy fons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of the Lord, the rebuke of thy God.
21. Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine: See therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine: See therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine: See therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine: See therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine: See therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine.
22. Thus faith thy Lord the Lord, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of thy fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:
23. But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.

CHAP. LII.

The church is roused with God's promise of free redemption.
7 The welcome news of Christ's kingdom: the church is exhorted to rejoice therein; and to flee from bondage and its desolations. 12 A prophecy of the glory of Christ after his sufferings.

A Wake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.
2. Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loothe thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.
The welcome news of Christ’s kingdom.  
ISAIAH. The humiliation and sufferings of Christ.

3 For thus saith the Lord, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.
4 For thus saith the Lord God, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to Jaforn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

5 Now therefore, what have I here, saith the Lord, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the Lord; and my name continually every day is blasphemed.
6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I.

7 ¶ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that publisheth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that faith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!
8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.
9 ¶ Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.
10 The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

11 ¶ Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord.
12 For ye shall go out no more in haste, nor go by flight: for the Lord will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rearward.
13 ¶ Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.
14 As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: 15 So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for tbat which had not been told them shall they see; and tbat which they had not heard shall they consider.

CHAP. LIV.
1 The prophet complaining of want of faith describeth the humiliation of Christ; 2 bis sufferings; 3 and the good success thereof.

WHO hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?
The enlargement of the church. CHAP.

LIV, LV. Free offers of grace through Christ.

15 ¶ Behold, they shall surely gather gather, but not by me; whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy face.

16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work: and I have created the waster to destroy.

17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, faith the Lord.

CHAP. LV.

The prophet with the free offers of grace through Christ exhorteth to faith, 6 and to repentance.

8 The happy state of believers.

10 Every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, drink; ye cannot pay: for I will not, and he that teacheth will not pay.

2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which doth not satisfie? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander over the people.

5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel, for he hath glorified thee.

6 ¶ Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

7 ¶ Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 ¶ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the fower, and bread to the eater:

4 M
An exhortation to holiness of life.

ISAIAH. The blessedness of the righteous in death.

11 'So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I lent it.

12 'For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13 'Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord a for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

CHAP. LVI.

1 An exhortation to holiness of life: 2 God promises that it shall be accepted without respect of persons. 3 The calamities of the church imputed to blind watchmen.

THUS faith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousnesses to be revealed.

2 Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it: that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

3 ¶ Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the uncircumcised say, Behold, I am a dry tree.

4 For thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant;

5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a name better than of sons and daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;

7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

8 The Lord God which gathereth the outcasts of Israel, yet will I gather others to him, and bestride those that are gathered unto him.

9 ¶ All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, ye all ye beasts of the forest.
Promises of mercy to the penitent.

CHAP. LVIII. A counterfeit and a true faith described.

Before CHRIST

CIR. 638.

J. Melv.

CH. 31.

Ps. 30. 3.

Ps. 6. 

CH. 4. 10.

Ps. 149.

CH. 4. 10.

PRO. 29. 17.

CH. 6. 6.

Ps. 147. 3.

CH. 6. 6.

Ps. 81. 5.

CH. 1. 1.

Ps. 103. 9.

MIC. 7. 8.

Num.

16. 32.

Job 54. 16.

Heb.

1. 15.

Jer. 6. 15.

CH. 6. 17.

& 6. 36.


Heb. 1. 13.

Acts.

20.

Eph. 4. 17.

Job 15.

So. 57.

Prov.

Ch. 4. 32.

of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.

6 Wherefore have we fasted, saith they, and thou feest not? wherefore have we af

flicted our soul, and thou takest no know

ledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye

find pleasure, and eat all your || labours.

4 Behold, ye fast for strife and debate,

and to finite with the fift of wickedness:

ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make

your voice to be heard on high.

5 Is it a such a fast that I have chosen?

|| a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it
to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to

spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt

thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day
to the LORD?

6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen?

to loose the bands of wickedness, || to undo

|| the heavy burdens, and || to let the || op

pressed go free, and that ye break every || yoke?

7 Is it not || to deal my bread to the hun

gry, and that thou bring the poor that are ||
called out to thy house? || when thou feest

the naked, that thou cover him; and that

thou hide not thyself from || thine own ||

flesh?

8 || Then shall thy light break forth as

the morning, and thine health shall spring

forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall
go before thee; || the glory of the LORD +

shall be thy reeward.

9 Then shalt thou call, and the LORD

shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall

say, Here I am. If thou take away from

the midf of thee the yoke, the putting

forward of the finger, and + speaking vanity;

10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the

hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then

shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy

darkness be as the noon day:

11 And the LORD shall guide thee conti

ually, and satisfy thy soul in || drought,

and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be

like a watered garden, and like a spring of

water, whose waters + fail not.

12 And they that shall be of thee + shall

build the old waste places: thou shalt raise

up the foundations of many generations;

and thou shalt be called, The repairer of

the breach, The restorer of paths to
dwell in.

13 || If thou turn away thy foot from

the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on

my holy day; and call the sabbath a deli

ght, the holy of the LORD, honourable;

and that honour him, not doing thine own

ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor

speaking thine own words:

4 M 2
The calamities of the Jews owing to sin. ISAIAH. 

14. "Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord, and thou shalt ride up on the hight places of the earth, and feed the children of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

CHAP. LIX.

1. The calamities of the Jews not owing to want of saving power in God, but to their own enormous sins. 16. Salvation cometh of God only.


B. Eholde the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2. But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

3. For your hands are full of blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perversties.

4. None calleth for justice, nor any pleading for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

5. They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth their eggs dieth, and that which is travailed breaketh out into a viper.

6. Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.

7. Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to do all things after their mischiefs: they are thoughts of iniquity; wandering and devious are their paths.

8. The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made their crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

9. Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice oversee us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness.

10. We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.

11. We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgement, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.

12. For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; 13. In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood:

14. And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

15. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the Lord saith, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

16. ¶ And he saith that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it justified him.

17. For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

18. According to their deeds, accordingly will he repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence.

19. So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

20. ¶ And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, faith the Lord.

21. As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, faith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever.

CHAP. LX.

1. The glorious access of the Gentiles into the church.

15. The blessings of the church after affliction.

ARISE, * "shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

2. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

3. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

4. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.
The access of the Gentiles into the church. C H A P. LXI.

1 Then shalt see, and fly together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.
2 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and E-phah; all they from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gladness and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord.
3 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance upon mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.
4 Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?
5 Surely the isles wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first; to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.
6 And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee.
7 Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.
8 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, these nations shall be utterly waited.
9 The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box tree, together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.
10 The sons also of them that afflict thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, 'The city of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.'
11 Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.
12 Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that 'I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty one of Jacob.'
13 For brats I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brafs, and for stones iron; I will also make thy officers peace, and thine executors righteousness.
14 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, waiting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call 'thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.'
15 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.
16 Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself; for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.
17 Thy people also shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.
18 A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time.

C H A P. LXII.

1 The office of Christ. The reformation and blessedness of the church.

THE Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all them that mourn;
3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.
4 And they shall build the old wastes, and shall raise up the former defolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the defolations of many generations.
5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be as your plowmen and your vine-dressers.
6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.
7 For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.
The prophet’s zeal for the church.

ISAIAH.

Chapter LXIII.

1 Christ sheweth his power to save, and his vengeance upon his enemies. 2 A thankful commemoration of God’s old lovingkindness to his people. 15 A prayer for the return of his mercy to them.

WHO is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this 1 that 2 glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I 3 that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

2 Wherefore, art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winepress?

3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: I 15 for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

4 For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

5 And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.

6 And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

7 ¶ I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.
A prayer for God's returning mercy.  

CH. LXIV.  
8 For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: fo he was their Saviour.  
9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.  
10 But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore was he turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.  

11 Then he remembered the days of old, Mofes, and his people, saying, Where is he that hath brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where is he that put his holy Spirit within him?  
12 That led them by the right hand of Mofes with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?  
13 That led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble?  

14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord caueth him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.  

15 Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of the holinenses and of thy glory: where is thy zeal and thy strength? the founding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained?  

16 Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham is ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O Lord, art our father, I our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.  

17 Our Lord, why hate thou made us to err from thy ways, and harden our heart from thy fear? Return for thy fervent love, the tribute of thine inheritance.  

18 The people of thy holinenses have professed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary.  

19 We are thine: thou never barest rule over them; they were not called by thy name.  

C H. LXV.  
1 The church prayeth God to shew himself with power.  
2 She acknowledgeth God's mercy to them that seek him, and confesseth her own unworthiness.  
3 She pleads for compassion toward her desolate state.

Behold, the calling of the Gentiles.  

O that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,  
2 As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence!  
3 When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.  
4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.  
5 Thou remotest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, that remembranceth thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have finned: in thoes is continuance, and we shall be faved.  
6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.  
7 And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.  
8 But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.  
9 Be not wroth very sore, O Lord; neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, fee, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.  

10 Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.  
11 Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste.  
12 Wilt thou refrain thyself for these things, O Lord? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?  

C H. LXV.  
1 The calling of the Gentiles, and the rejection of the Jews for their unbelief, idolatry, and hypocrisy.  
2 A remnant shall be saved.  
3 Judgments shall be for the wicked, but blessings for the godly.  
4 The blest state of the new Jerusalem.  
5 I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name.  
6 I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walk-
The rejection of the Jews.

ISAIAH.

The blessed state of the new Jerusalem.

16 "That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall blesseth himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

18 But let ye be glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.

24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and a child shall lead them.

26 And the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the lion shall dwell together; and a little child shall lead them.

27 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

28 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

29 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, FAITH in the Lord.

CHAP. LXVI.

1 God declareth that he will accept no other service, but that of a humble and contrite spirit. 5 The faithful are foretold the confusion of their enemies. 7 The marvellous growth of the church, and the blessings that belong to it. 15 God's fierce judgments against the wicked. 18 The gathering of the believing Jews and Gentiles into one church, where they shall together worship God, and see the damnation of the wicked.

THUS faith the Lord. The heavens are my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, faith the Lord: but to this man will I look,
The marvellous growth of the church.  CHAP.  LXVI.  The gathering of all nations into it.

14 And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the Lord shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

15 ¶ For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to rend his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

16 For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many.

17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens, purify themselves in the此时, shall be confounded together, saith the Lord.

18 ¶ For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the Isles afar off, that have not heard my name, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.

20 And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the Lord out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the Lord, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord.

21 And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the Lord.

22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain.

23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord.

24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.
The Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

CHAP. I.

1 The time when Jeremiah prophesied. 4 His calling and commission. 11 His visions of an almond tree and a football pot, denoting God's speedy judgments against Judah. 17 He is encouraged with a promise of God's assistance.

The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

2 To whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the third year of his reign.

3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

4 ¶ Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

6 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

7 But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, faith the Lord.

9 Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

11 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree.

12 Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

13 And the word of the Lord came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a football pot; and the face thereof is toward the north.

14 Then the Lord said unto me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.

15 For lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, faith the Lord; and they shall come, and they shall fill every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah.

16 And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsoaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

17 ¶ Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee; be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.

18 For, behold, I have made thee this day a defended city, and an iron pillar, and brazen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.

19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, faith the Lord, to deliver thee.

CHAP. II.

1 God reminding the Jews of his former kindnesses expounded with them on their caules and unsanctified revolts. 14 They are the authors of their calamities. 18 God uprears them with their fountains for idolatrous worship.

Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus faith the Lord; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not given.

3 Israel went holiness unto the Lord, and the first-fruit of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, faith the Lord.

4 Hear ye the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel:

5 Thus faith the Lord, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?

6 Neither said they, Where is the Lord that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and through the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?

7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the
Israel is spoiled for his own sins,

CHAP. II.

and idolatrous worship.

22 For though thou *wash thee with nitre, and take thee much sops, yet *thine iniquity is marked before me, faith the Lord God.

23 *How canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? *See thy way *in the valley, know what thou hast done: *thou art a swift dromedary traveling her ways;

24 || *A wild ass *fled to the wilderness, that *is fretted up the wind at + her pleasure; in her occasion who can + turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her.

25 Withhold thy foot from being unfaithful, and thy throat from thirst: but *thou fai d it. *There is no hope: *no; for I have loved strangers, and among them will I go.

26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed of them, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,

27 Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast + brought me forth: for they have turned + their back unto me, and not + their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.

28 But *where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy + trouble: for + according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.

29 *Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye + all have transgressed against me, faith the Lord.

30 In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction; your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

31 O generation, see ye the word of the Lord. *Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness? wherefore save my people, + *We are lords; *we will come no more unto thee?

32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people *have forgotten me days without number.

33 Why trimmealt thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways.

34 Alfo in thy skirts is found a blood of the fouls of the poor innocents: I have not found it + by secret search, but upon all thee.

35 || *Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, *I will plead with thee, *because thou sayest, I have not sinned

36 *Why gaddest thou about so much
Jeremiah. God calleth his people to repentance.

Before Christ cir. 615.

1 God invoketh Judah to return to him notwithstanding her vile woredom. 6 Israel, though rejected for her lewdness, is still less criminal than Judah. 12 Both are called to repentance upon the promises of the Gospel. 20 The people reproached with their unfaithfulness make a solemn confession of their sins.

They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not the land be polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the Lord.

2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been liened with. In the ways haft thou fat them, as the Arabians in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whores and with thy wickedness.

3 Therefore the rivers have been withheld, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusest to be ashamed.

4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth?

5 Will he reserve his anger for ever? will he keep it to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldst.

6 ¶ The Lord said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Haft thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.

7 And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah faileth it.

8 And I saw, when for all the cauases whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot alfo.

9 And it came to pass through the lightnings of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with flocks.

10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, faith the Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto me, ¶ The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah.

12 ¶ Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, faith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, faith the Lord, and I will not keep anger for ever.

13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God, and haft scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, faith the Lord.

14 Turn, O backsliding children, faith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion.

15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, faith the Lord, they shall fear no more. The ark of the covenant of the Lord: neither shall it come upon the heart. Neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall I be any more.

17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

18 In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

19 But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hofts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from me.

20 ¶ Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, faith the Lord.

21 A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping and supplications of the children of Israel: for they have perverted their way, and they have forgotten the Lord their God.

22 ¶ Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold,
Judah threatened with hostile invasion.  CHAP. IV.  The prophet’s lamentation over his country.

Before CHRIST

we come unto thee; for thou art the LORD our God.

23 * Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains; * truly in the LORD our God is the salvation of Israel.

* Ps. 11. 12
* Ps. 5. 8
* Ps. 121. 2
* Ps. 118. 12
* Ps. 119. 119

24 * For shame hath devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.

* Ezra 9. 17
* Ps. 11. 8

25 * We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: * for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and * have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

CHAP. IV.

I  Israel is excited to repentance by promises, 3 and * Judah by threats of hostile invasion and the calamities of war. 19 The prophet lamenteth bitterly the afflictions of his country.

* ch. 3. 1
* ch. 3. 63
* Deut. 10.
* ch. 3. 1.
* Isai 45. 13.
* & 65. 16.
* See ch. 5. 2.
* ch. 2. 8.
* ch. 2. 8.
* Gen. 32.

1 If thou wilt return, O Israel, faith the LORD, * return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove.

2 * And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, * in truth, in judgment, and in righteousséf; * and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

3 * For thus saith the Lord to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, * Break up your fallow ground, and * sow not among thorns.

4 * Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: left my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

5 Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Affemble yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities.

6 Set up the stand toward Zion: || retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great disaster.

7 The lion is come up from his thicket, and * the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place, * to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

8 For this * gird you with sackcloth, lamentation and howl: for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us.

9 And it shall come to pass at that day, faith the Lord, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the princes shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.

10 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! * surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, * saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.

11 At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, * A dry wind of the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor

to cleanse.

12 Even a full wind from those places shall come unto me: now also * will I give sentence against them.

13 Behold, his chariots shall be as a whirlwind: * his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled.

14 O Jerusalem, * wail thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be faved.

How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?

15 For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from Mount Ephraim.

16 Make ye mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, that watchers come * from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah.

17 As keepers of a field, are they against her round about; because the hath been rebellious against me, faith the LORD.

18 * Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee; this is thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart.

19 * My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

20 * Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are * thy tents spoiled, and * my curtains in a moment.

21 How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet?

22 For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are fottish children, and they have none understanding: * they are wife to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

23 * I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form and void; and the heavens, and they bad no light.

24 I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

25 I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and * all the birds of the heavens were fled.

26 I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger.
God's judgments upon the Jews

For thus hath the Lord said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make it a full end.

For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

The whole city shall flee for the noife of the horsemen and bowmen: they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city shall be forsaken, and not a man dwell therein.

And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, ² though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; ³ thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.

For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

The judgments of God upon the Jews for their universal depravity and incorrigible folly; ⁴ for their adultery, ⁵ for their blasphemous impiety; ⁶ for their worship of strange gods; ⁷ for their injustice and oppression for want of fearing the true God; ⁸ and their prevanciation in religion.

Wherefore the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt so treacherously against me, faith the Lord.

They have belied the Lord, and said, ⁴ It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see froward famine:

And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

Wherefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, faith the Lord: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say.

Their quiver is as an open sepulchre, they are all mighty men.

And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread, which thou sows and thy daughter should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword.

Nevertheless in those days, faith the Lord, I will not make it a full end with you.

And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, Wherefore doth the Lord do thus to me? for God all these things unto us? then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your forefathers, so shall they serve thee: and it shall be a worm destroying thee.
Their injustice and oppression.  

CHAP. VI.  The enemies of Judah eager to fall upon her.

21. I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman.
3. The shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her; they shall pitch their tents against her round about; they shall feed every one in his place.
4. Prepare ye war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out.
5. Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces.
6. For thus hath the Lord of hosts said, Hew ye down trees, and cast a mount against Jerusalem: this is the city to be visi-
ted; the is wholly oppression in the midst of her.

7. As a fountain casteth out her waters, so the casteth out her wickedness: violence and spoil is heard in her; before me continually is grievance and wounds.
8. Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem, left my soul depart from thee; left I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited.
9. Thus faith the Lord of hosts, They shall thoroughly clean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn back thine hand as a grape-gatherer into the baskets.
10. To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearen: behold, the word of the Lord is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.
11. Therefore I am full of the fury of the Lord; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that is full of days.
12. And their houses shall be turned unto others, with their fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, faith the Lord.
13. For from the leaff of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetounes; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

Ye children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a sign of fire in Beth-haccerem: for evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction.
God's judgments proclaimed.

Jeremiah. The vain confidence of the Jews rejected.

16 Thus faith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

17 Alas I fet watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

18 ¶ Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them.

19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

20 To what purpose cometh there to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? * your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me.

21 Therefore thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will lay stumbling blocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbour and his friend shall perish.

22 Thus saith the Lord, Behold, a people cometh from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth.

23 They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, fett in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion.

24 We have heard the fame thereof: our hands wax feeble: * anguish hath taken hold of us, and pain, as of a woman in travail.

25 Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy and fear is on every side.

26 O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes, make thee mourning, as for an only son, as the daughter of my son mourneth for her son, and findeth none to comfort her, because they have forsaken me, saith the Lord.

27 I have set thee for a tower and a fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way.

28 They are all grievous revolters, walking with flanders: they are brass and iron; they are all corrupters.

29 The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melteth in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away.

30 Reprobate silver shall men call them, because the Lord hath rejected them.

CHAP. VII.

1 Jeremiah is sent to call the Jews to repentance in order to prevent their captivity. * Their

vain confidence rejected after the example of Shiloh. 17 God threatened them for their idolatry: 21 be required not the sacrifices of the disobedient. 29 A call to mourning for the abominations in Tophet: 32 Judgments denounced because of them.

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

2 Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the Lord.

3 Thus faith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, * Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

4 Truth ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, are there.

5 For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour;

6 If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:

7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

8 Behold, * ye truth in lying words, that cannot profit.

9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not;

10 And come and stand before me in this house, * which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

11 Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the Lord.

12 But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.

13 And now, because ye have done all these works, faith the Lord, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye hearkened not; and I called you, but ye answered not;

14 Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trusted, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.
Their abominations in Tophet.

15 And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Egypt.

16 Therefore pray thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.

17 ¶ Seekest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

18 ¶ The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.

19 ¶ Do they provoke me to anger? faith the Lord: do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

21 ¶ Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Put your burnt offerings unto your facsimiles, and eat flesh.

22 ¶ For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices:

23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I shall command you, that it may be well unto you.

24 ¶ But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsel of their own heart, and went backward, and not forward.

25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them:

26 Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.

27 Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee.

28 But thou shalt.fay unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the Lord their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

29 ¶ Cut off thine hair, O Jerusalem, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on high places, for the Lord hath rejected and forsoaken the generation of his wrath.

30 For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, faith the Lord: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it.

31 And they have builded the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart.

32 ¶ Therefore, behold, the days come, faith the Lord, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter:

33 ¶ for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place.

34 And the carcases of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall fray them away.

35 ¶ There will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The calamities of the Jews, both of the dead and the living. 4 The prophet upbraided their stubborn and flamboyant impiety: 13 be forewarned God's severest judgments against them; 18 and bewaist the misery of his people.

At that time, faith the Lord, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves:

2 And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.

3 And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, faith the Lord of hoists.

4 ¶ Moreover thou shalt fay unto them, Thus faith the Lord: Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return?
The blameless impenitency of the Jews. JEREMIAH. The prophet bewaileth their manifold sins.

5 Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. 6 I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repented of his wicked deeds, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle. 7 Yea, the flock in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the Lord. 8 How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the Lord is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain.

9 ° The wife men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them? 10 Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall inherit them: for every one from the east even unto the great is given to coveyoteth, from the propheth unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. 11 For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. 12 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, faith the Lord. 13 ¶ I will surely consume them, faith the Lord: there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them. 14 Why do we fit still? affamelyse, and let us enter into the defenced cities, and let us be silent there: for the Lord our God hath put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against the Lord. 15 We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble! 16 The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan: the whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones: for they are come, and have devoured the land, and all that is in it; the city, and those that dwell therein. 17 For, behold, I will send serpents, cockatrices, among you, which will not be charmed, and they shall bite you, faith the Lord.

18 ¶ When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart is faint + in me. 19 Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people + because of them that dwell in a far country: Is not the Lord in Zion? is not her king in her? 20 Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities? 21 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. 22 For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me. 23 Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people + recovered? 24 CHAP. IX. The prophet bewaileth the manifold sins of his people, 9 and the judgments coming upon them: 12 be fleshed that disobedience is the cause of their calamity: 17 be exhorbitant them to lament over their deflation; 23 and not to trueth in human abilities, but in knowing God: 25 be threatened the Prophets and their neighbours. 25 ¶ That my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the flain of the daughter of my people! 26 Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodge, a place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! 27 And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth: for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, faith the Lord. 28 Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trueth ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with flanders. 29 And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speake the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary them selves to commit iniquity. 30 Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, faith the Lord. 31 Therefore thus faith the Lord of hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; and shall I do for the daughter of my people? 32 Their tongue is as an arrow shot out; it speaketh deceit: one speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in heart he layeth + his wait.
and the judgments coming upon them.

CHAP. X. The great disparity between God and idols.

9 ¶ Shall I not visit them for these things? faith the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none can pass through them; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle;  † both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled; they are gone.

11 And I will make Jerusalem † heaps, and † a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah † desolate, without an inhabitant.

12 ¶ Who is the wise man, who may understand this? and who is he to whom the mouth of the Lord hath spoken, that may declare it, for what land perisheth and is burned up like a wilderness, that none pasheth through?

13 And the Lord faith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein;

14 But have † walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, † which their fathers taught them:

15 Therefore thus saith the Lord of holts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.

16 I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known; † and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.

17 ¶ Thus saith the Lord of holts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning women, that they may come:

18 And let them make haste, and take up a weeping for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters.

19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast us out.

20 Yet hear the word of the Lord, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbour lamentation.

21 For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets.

22 Speak, Thus saith the Lord, Even the carcases of men shall fall, as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman, and none shall gather them.

23 ¶ Thus saith the Lord, † Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, nor let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord; which exerciseth loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: † for in these things I delight, faith the Lord.

25 ¶ Behold, the days come, faith the Lord, that † I will punish all them which are circumscribed with the uncircumcised; even Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, † and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that are in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.

CHAP. X.

1 The great disparity between God and idols.

2 Thus faith the Lord, † Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not disdained at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are disdained at them.

3 For the customs of the people are vain: for † one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe.

4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and hammers, that it move not.

5 They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good.

6 Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O Lord; thou art great, and thy name is great in might.

7 ¶ Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? for to thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like unto thee.

8 But they are † altogether brutish and foolish: the flock is a doctrine of vanities.

9 Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz,


The vanity of idols. JEREMIAH.

24 O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.
25 Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and confounded him, and have made his habitation desolate.

CHAP. XI.
1 The prophet proclameth God's covenant, and rebuketh the Jews for discharging it; 11 be denounced evil against them for their idolatries, and against the men of Anathoth, who deserved his death.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;
3 And say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel; Curfed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant,
4 Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obeys my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God;
5 That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, O LORD.
6 Then the Lord said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them,
7 For I earnestly protest unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice.
8 Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do: but they did them not.
9 And the Lord said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.
Evil denounced against the Jews for idolatry.

CHAP. XII. Complaint of the prosperity of the wicked.

11 ¶ Therefore thus saith the LORD: Behold, I will bring evil upon them which they shall not be able to escape: and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them.

12 Then shall the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense: but they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble.

13 For according to the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to thigh that shameful thing, even altars to burn incense unto Baal.

14 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble.

15 ¶ What hath my beloved to do in mine house, seeing the hath wrought lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? when thou dost evil, then thou rejoicest.

16 The LORD called thy name, 'A green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit;' with the noife of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken.

17 For the Lord of hosts, that planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Baal.

18 ¶ And the Lord hath given me knowledge of it, and I know it: then thou wert exalted in my eyes:

19 But I was like a lamb or an ox that is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, saying, Let us destroy the, the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered.

20 But, O Lord of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see the vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause:

21 Therefore thus saith the Lord of the men of Anathoth, 'that feck thy thy life, saying, 'Prophecy not in the name of the Lord, that thou die not by our hand:

22 Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, I will punish thee: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine:

23 And there shall be no remnant of them: for I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, even the year of their visitation.
Under the type of a linen girdle

12 The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilderness; for the sword of the Lord shall devour from the one end of the land even to the other end of the land: no flesh shall have peace.

13 They have fown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, but shall not profit; and they shall be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of the Lord.

14 ¶ Thus saith the Lord against all mine evil neighbours, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.

15 ¶ And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.

16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, The Lord liveth; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built in the midst of my people.

17 But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, that faith of the Lord.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Under the type of a linen girdle hidden at Euphrates God preserveth the destruction of his people. 12 Under the parable of bottles filled with wine be foretelleth their excess of misery. 15 He expostueth them to prevent their impending judgments by repentance: 22 and foretelleth that their abominations are the cause of these evils.

Thus saith the Lord unto me, Go and get thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and put it not in water.

2 So I got a girdle according to the word of the Lord, and put it on my loins.

3 And the word of the Lord came unto me the second time, saying,

4 Take the girdle that thou hast got, which is upon thy loins, and arife, go to Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole of the rock.

5 So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as the Lord commanded me.

6 And it came to pass after many days, that the Lord said unto me, Arife, go to Euphrates, and take the girdle from thence, which I commanded thee to hide there.

7 Then I went to Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it: and, behold, the girdle was marred, it was profitable for nothing.

8 Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

9 Thus saith the Lord, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.

10 This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.

11 For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caufed to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, faith the Lord; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.

12 ¶ Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word; Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine: and they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine?

13 Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, wth drunkenness.

14 And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, faith the Lord: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but will destroy them.

15 ¶ Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the Lord hath spoken.

16 ¶ Give glory to the Lord your God, before he caufe his darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it grofs darkness.

17 But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the Lord's flock is carried away captive.

18 Say unto the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down: for your glory shall go down, even the crown of your glory.

19 The cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open them: Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried away captive.

20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?

21 What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee for thou hast taught them to call upon.
A grievous death.

Chap. XIV. God will not be intreated for the people.

Before CHRIST cir. 605.

Pech. 5:19; 10:16.

Hosea 1:2, 5.

Exek. 16:17, 39.

Mic. 3:5.

1 Or, shall be violently taken away.

† Heb. shall be taught.

‡ Job 1:4.

† See Ps. 11.

† See Lam. 1:2.

† See Ezek. 16.

† See ch. 9:16.

† See ch. 4:10.

† See ch. 5:8.

† See ch. 6:10.

† See & ch. 6:25.

† See ch. 1:28.

† See ch. 5:1.

† See Ezek. 8:12.

† See & ch. 6:25.

† See ch. 16.

† See ch. 9:2.

† See ch. 9:2.

† See Ezek. 6:17.

† See Ezek. 7:10.

† See ch. 2:24.

† See ch. 15:29.

† See Ps. 79:3.

† See ch. 9:15 & 13:17.

† See Lament. 1:16 & 5:18.

† See ch. 8:31.

† See Ezek. 7.

† See Or, make merchandise against a land, and men acknowledge it not.

† See ch. 5:15.

† See ch. 8:3.

† See Ps. 106:5.

† See Dan. 9:1.

1 Or, shall be violently taken away.

† Heb. shall be taught.

‡ Job 1:4.

† See Ps. 11.

† See Lam. 1:2.

† See Ezek. 16.

† See ch. 9:16.

† See ch. 4:10.

† See ch. 5:8.

† See ch. 6:10.

† See & ch. 6:25.

† See ch. 1:28.

† See ch. 5:1.

† See Ezek. 8:12.

† See & ch. 6:25.

† See ch. 16.

† See ch. 9:2.

† See ch. 9:2.

† See Ezek. 6:17.

† See Ezek. 7:10.

† See ch. 2:24.

† See ch. 15:29.

† See Ps. 79:3.

† See ch. 9:15 & 13:17.

† See Lament. 1:16 & 5:18.

† See ch. 8:31.

† See Ezek. 7.

† See Or, make merchandise against a land, and men acknowledge it not.

† See ch. 5:15.

† See ch. 8:3.

† See Ps. 106:5.

† See Dan. 9:1.

be captains, and as chief over thee: shall not

† forswes take thee, as a woman in travail?

‡ And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me?

For the greatness of thy iniquity are thy skirtst discovered, and thy heels made bare.

23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are † accustomed to do evil.

24 Therefore will I scatter them as the flubble that paffeth away by the wind of the wilderness.

25 ¶ This is thy lot, the portion of thy meaures from me, faith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood.

26 Therefore will I discover thy skirts upon thy face, that thy shame may appear.

27 I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, and thy abominations: upon the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean; † when shall it once be †

Chap. XIV.

A grievous death.

The prophet's prayer.

10 God will not be intreated for the people.

Both the high prophets, and the people who believe them, shall perish.

17 Jeremiah is commanded to bewail their calamities.

The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah concerning † the death.

2 Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish; they are black unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up.

3 And their nobles have fient their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded; and covered their heads.

4 Because the ground is chapt, for there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads.

5 Yea, the hind also calved in the field, and forsook it, because there was no grass.

6 And the wild ass did stand in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes did fail, because there was no grass.

7 ¶ O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou it for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have finned against thee.

8 ¶ O the hope of Israel, the favour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night?

9 Why shouldest thou be as a man affrighted, as a mighty man that cannot save? yet

thou, O LORD, art in the midst of us, and † we are called by thy name; leave us not.

10 ¶ Thus faith the LORD unto this people. Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the LORD doth not accept them; † he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.

11 ¶ Then said the LORD unto me, ¶ Pray not for this people for their good.

12 ¶ When they faint, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them.

13 ¶ Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! wilt thou behold, the prophets fay unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you † affiuence in this place.

14 ¶ Then the LORD said unto me, ¶ The prophets prophesy lie in my name: I fient them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

15 ¶ Therefore thus faith the LORD con-

cerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I fent them not, ¶ yet they fay, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be confused.

16 ¶ And the people to whom they prophesy shall be calld out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword;

17 ¶ Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; ¶ Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not ceafe: ¶ for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.

18 ¶ If I go forth into the field, then behold the flain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are fick with famine! yea, both the prophet and the priest ¶ go about into a land that they know not.

19 ¶ Halt thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul loathed Zion? why hast thou finned against us, and ¶ there is no healing for us? we looked for peace, and there is no good; and the time of healing, and behold trouble!

20 ¶ We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers: for we have finned against thee.
The determined rejection of the Jews. JEREMIAH. Jeremiah complainteth of being hated.

Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us.

Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O Lord our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things.

The determined rejection and manifold judgments of the Jews. 10 Jeremiah complainteth that he is the object of universal hatred. God promiseth good to him amidst the general calamity. He complainteth of the evils be undergone for God's sake. God promiseth to support and favour him in the due discharge of his office.

Then said the Lord unto me, Though Mosaic and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward these people: cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth.

And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then shalt thou tell them, Thus saith the Lord; Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for the captivity, to the captivity.

And I will appoint over them four kinds, faith the Lord: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy.

And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezeciah king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem.

For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? or who shall bemoan thee? or who shall go aside to ask how thou doest?

Thou hast forsoaked me, faith the Lord, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; and I am weary with repenting.

And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave them of children, I will destroy my people, since they return not from their ways.

Their widows are increased to me above the fang of the fangs: I have brought upon them against the mother of the young men a spoiler at noonday: I have caused him to fall upon it suddenly, and terrors upon the city.

She that hath borne seven languisheth; she hath given up the ghost; her fun is gone down while it was yet day: the hath been ashamed and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, faith the Lord.

Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; yet every one of them doth curse me.

The Lord said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily I will cause the enemy to entertain thee well in the time of evil and in the time of affliction. Shall iron break the northern iron and the steel?

Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoiled without price, and that for all thy sins, even in all thy borders.

And I will make thee to pass with thine enemies into a land which thou knowest not: for a fire is kindled in mine anger, which shall burn upon you.

O Lord, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that I am for thy sake.

Words were found, and it was eaten of them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.

I am not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which increaseth? wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, and as waters that are fail?

Therefore thus saith the Lord, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me: and if thou takest forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them.

And I will make thee unto this people a fenced baken wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee to save thee, and to deliver thee, faith the Lord.

And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

Under the types of the prophet's abjuring from marriage, and from the bowels of feasting and mourning, the utter ruin of the Jews is foreboded; and that because they were even worse than their fathers. Their return from captivity shall be more memorable than
The utter ruin of the Jews foreshowed: their deliverance out of Egypt. 16 God will recompense their idolatry double, and the Gentiles shall turn to God.

Chap. XVI. XVII. and their return from captivity.

17 The word of the Lord came also unto me, saying:
2 Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place.
3 For thus saith the Lord concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land:
4 They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; but they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth: and they shall be consumed by the fowls, and by famine; and their carcases shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.
5 For thus saith the Lord; Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them: for I have taken away from my people the Lord, even lovingkindness and mercies.

6 Both the great and the small fall in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them:
7 Neither shall men || tear themselves for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother.
8 Thou shalt not also go into the house of feasting, to fit them with food and to drink.
9 For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.
10 ¶ And it Shall come to pass, when they shall rehearse all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the Lord pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the Lord our God?
11 Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, faith the Lord, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law:
12 And ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me:
13 ¶ Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods and new names; where I will not shew thee favour.

14 ¶ Therefore, behold, the days come, that the Lord shall reap the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;
15 But, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;
16 ¶ Behold, I will send for many fishers, to fish the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.
17 For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.

18 And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin, || because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcases of their detestable and abominable things.
19 ¶ O Lord, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.
20 Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods?

21 Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is || the Lord.

Chap. XVIII.

1 The captivity of Judah is written for her sin. 5 Truth in man is curs'd, in God is blessed. 9 The heart, though deceitful, cannot impose upon God.
2 In God alone is sure salvation. 15 The prophet complaining of scoffers praying God to support him: 19 be is sent to exhort to due observation of the sabbath.

The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars;
2 Whilst their children remember their altars and their groves by the green trees upon the high hills.
3 O my mountain in the field, I will
TRUTH IN MAN IS CURSED.

Before CHRIST

give thy substance and all thy treasures to the spoil, and thy high places for fine, throughout all thy borders. 4 And thou, even + thyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not; for I will make thee a horror and a wonder among all the kingdoms of the earth. 5 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; Curshed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh his flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. 6 For he shall be like the health in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a land and not inhabited.

JEREMIAH.

Before CHRIST

dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and + destroy them with double destruction. 19 ¶ Thus said the LORD unto me; Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem; 20 And say unto them, ¶ Hear ye the word of the Lord, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates: 21 Thus saith the Lord; ¶ Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; 22 Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. 23 But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction. 24 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the Lord, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein; 25 Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes setting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain for ever. 26 And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meat offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise, unto the house of the Lord. 27 But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

CHAPTER XVIII.

1 Under the type of a potter isewed God's absolute power in disposing of nations. 11 Judah is threatened with judgment for her unexamined revolt. 18 Jeremiah prayed against them that deviited his death.

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, 2 Arise, and go down to the potter's
God's absolute power in disposing of nations. CHAP. XIX. A conspiracy against Jeremiah.

Before CHRIST cir. 605.

1 Or, frame it, for the

2 Or, that he made was marred, as clay in the hand of the potter; so he made it again another vessel, as seemeth good to the potter to make it.

3 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

4 O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord; Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

5 And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it;

6 If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

7 And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it;

8 If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

9 Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you; return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

10 And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his own evil heart.

11 Therefore thus saith the Lord; Ask ye now among the heathen, who hath heard such things: the virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing.

12 And shall the running waters be frozen, or be the evanescent waters dried up?

13 Thus saith the Lord; O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle.

14 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents;

15 They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

16 ¶ Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wife, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.

17 Give heed to me, O Lord, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me.

18 Shall evil be repaid for good? ¶ nay, they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them, and to turn away thy wrath from them.

19 Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their blood by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows; and let their men be put to death; let their young men be slain by the sword in battle.

20 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet.

21 Yet, Lord, thou knowest all their counsel against me; + forgive me: forgive us for the rest of the people, and of the ancient of the priests.

22 Thus saith the Lord, Go and get a potter's earthen bottle, and take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests;

23 And go forth unto the valley of Hinnom, which is by the entrance of the east gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee.

24 And say, Hear ye the word of the Lord, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle.

25 Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents;

26 They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for
The defoliation of the Jews typified.

Jeremiah.

in the house of the Lord, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things.

2 Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the Lord.

And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him, The Lord hath not called thy name Pashur, but Major-mislibib.

For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword.

Moreover I will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labours thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon.

And thou, Pashur, and all that dwell in thine house shall go into captivity: and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied lies.

If the Lord, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I, and haft prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.

For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil: because the word of the Lord was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily.

Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.

For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, say they, and we will report it. All my familiar watched for my halting, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

But the Lord with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.

But, O Lord of hosts, that triest the
Jeremiah curseth the day of his birth. 

CHAP. XXI, XXII. The Babylonish captivity foretold.

will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; and he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy. 

8 ¶ And unto these people thou shalt say, Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death. 

9 He that chooseth the evil, the same shall die; by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth out, and falleth to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him a prey. 

10 For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the Lord: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire. 

11 And touching the house of the king of Judah, say, Hear ye the word of the Lord: 

12 O house of David, thus saith the Lord; Execute judgment in the morning, and deliver him that is spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, let my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings. 

13 Behold, I am against thee, O inhabitant of the valley, and rock of the plain, faith the Lord; which say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations? 

14 But I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, faith the Lord; and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it.

CHAP. XXII.

1 An exhortation to the king’s house to execute justice without oppression, enforced with promises and threaten. 

10 The judgment of Shallum, 13 of Jeboiam, 20 and of Coniah.

Thus saith the Lord; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, 

2 And saith, Hear the word of the Lord, 

O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates: 

3 Thus saith the Lord; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor to the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.
The judgment of Shallum, Jehoiakim, JEREMIAH.
and Coniah.

4 For if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people.
5 But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by myself, faith the Lord, that this house shall become a desolation.
6 For thus faith the Lord unto the king's house of Judah: Thou art Gilead unto me, and the head of Lebanon: yet surely I will make thee a wilderness, and cities desolate which are inhabited.
7 And I will prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons: and they shall cut down thy choice cedars, and cast them into the fire.

8 And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbour, Wherefore hath the Lord done thus unto this great city?
9 Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.

10 
11 For thus faith the Lord touching Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, which reigned instead of Josiah his father, which went forth out of this place: He shall not return thither any more:
12 But he shall die in the place whither they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

13 ¶ Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by violence: with whom is that which is worshiped? that weareth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work; that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by violence, and is cied with cedar, and painted with vermilion.
14 That faith, I will build me a wide house and large chambers, and cutteth him out windows; and it is cied with cedar, and painted with vermilion.

15 Shalt thou reign, because thou closest thyself in a cedar? did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, and then it was well with him?
16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him: was not this to know me? faith the Lord.

17 But thine eyes and thine heart are not but for thy covetousness, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it.

18 Therefore thus faith the Lord concerning Jehoiakim the son of Jofiah king of Judah: They shall not lament for him, saying, Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! they shall not lament for him, saying, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory!

19 He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.
20 ¶ Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up thy voice in Bashan, and cry from the wilderness: for all thy lovers are destroyed.
21 I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear. This hath been thy manner from thy youth, from the day when thou obeyedst not my voice.

22 The wind shall eat up all thy pastors, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: and thy lovers shall be famished and confounded for all thy wickedness.

23 O inhabitant of Lebanon, that maketh thy nest in the cedars, how gracious shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail!

24 As I live, faith the Lord, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, were the finget upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence;
25 And I will give thee into the hand of the king of Cant. them that seek thy life, and into the hand of them whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 ¶ And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die.
27 But to the land whereunto they desire to return, thither shall they not return.
28 Is this man Coniah a despised broken idol? is he a vessel wherein is no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not?

29 O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord.

30 Thus faith the Lord, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper

C H A P. XXIII.

1 Jeremiah propheseth judgment upon the evil pastors, and reformation of the scattered flock.

5 Christ, the righteous branch, is promised.

9 God's fearful judgments against false prophets.

33 and against those that mocked at the threatenedings of the true ones.

Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! said the Lord.

2 Therefore thus faith the Lord God of Israel against the pastors that feed my peo-
XXIII. God’s judgments against false prophets.

15 Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not of the mouth of the Lord.

17 They say still unto them that despise me, The Lord hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.

18 For who hath heard in the counsel of the Lord, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it?

19 Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.

20 The anger of the Lord shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.

21 I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

22 But if they had said, Lord, what hast thou spoken? we will not hear. Then shall ye have turned from your evil ways, and from the evil of your doings.

23 Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off?

24 Can any hide himself in secret, that I shall not see him? says the Lord: Do not I fill heaven and earth?

25 I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

26 How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are the prophets of the deceit of their own heart.

27 Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.

28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully.

29 Whither is the chaff to the wheat? saith the Lord.

30 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?
Against the mockers of prophecy.

JEREMIAH.

The type of good and bad figs.

Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, faith the LORD, that speak the words every one from his neighbour. Behold, I am against the prophets, faith the LORD, I that use their tongues, and say, He faith. Behold, I am against the prophets that prophesy fale dreams, faith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, faith the LORD. And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even for sake you, faith the LORD. And for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even punish that man and his house. Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken? And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God. Thus shall thou say to the prophet, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken? But since ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus shall the LORD say; Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD; Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will for sake you, and the city that gave you and your fathers, and call you out of my presence: And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

CHAP. XXIV.

Under the type of good and bad figs, the prophesied for the restoration of them that were in captivity, and the desolation of Zedekiah and the residue of Jerusalem.

The LORD shewed me, and behold, two baskets of figs were set before the temple of the LORD, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jecochiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. One basket bad very good figs, even like the figs that are first ripe: and the other basket bad very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad.

Then said the LORD unto me, What seem thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil. Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Thus faith the LORD, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good.

For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this place; and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God; for they shall return unto me with their whole heart. And as the evil figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil; surely thus faith the LORD, So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and the them that dwell in the land of Egypt:

And I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for their hurt, to be reproached and a proverb, a taunt, and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them. And I will lend the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

CHAP. XXV.

Jeremiah, reproving the Jews for disregarding God's messages by his prophets, 8 foretells the seventy years' captivity, 12 and the succeeding destruction of Babylon. 15 Under the figure of the cup of God's fury be foresworn the overthrow of divers nations. 34 The bowing of the shepherds.

The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; The which Jeremiah the prophet spake
CHAP. XXV. and the overthrow of divers nations.

Unto all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, even unto this day, that is the third and twentieth year, the word of the Lord hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye have not hearkened.

4 And the Lord hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, rising early and sending them; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear.

5 They said, Turn ye again now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the Lord hath given unto you and to your fathers for ever and ever:

6 And go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt.

7 Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, faith the Lord; that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

8 ¶ Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Because ye have not hearkened to my words,

9 Behold, I will send and will cast by fire into them from heaven sevenfold punishments: and I will incline against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.

10 Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle.

11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12 ¶ And it shall come to pass, when seven years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, faith the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations.

14 ¶ For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also; and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.

15 ¶ For thus saith the Lord God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of his fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it.

16 And they shall drink, and be numbered, because of the sword that the Lord will send among them.

17 Then took I the cup at the Lord's hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the Lord had sent me:

18 To wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, and a hissing, and a curse; as it is this day;

19 ¶ Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people;

20 And all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod;

21 ¶ Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon;

22 And all the kings of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the Philistines which are beyond the sea,

23 ¶ Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that are in the utmost corners,

24 And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert;

25 And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of the Medes,

26 ¶ And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth;

27 Therefore thou shalt fall unto them, thus the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Drink ye, and be drunken, and fornicate, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.

28 And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at thine hand to drink, then shalt thou lay it open; and thou shalt heap slanders upon their mouth, thus saith the Lord of hosts.

29 For, lo, I begin to bring evil upon the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, to make the Lord of hosts.

30 Therefore prophesy thou against them, all these words, and say unto them, The Lord shall roar from on high, and utter
The bowing of the shepherds.

JEREMIAH.

Jeremiah is arraigned.

4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus faith the LORD; 'If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you,
5 To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened;
6 Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.
7 So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.
8 ¶ Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die.
9 Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

10 When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the LORD, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the LORD'S house.
11 Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears.
12 ¶ Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard.
13 Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.
14 As for me, behold, I am in your hand; do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you.
15 But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.
16 ¶ Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets; This man is not worthy to die: for he hath spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.
CHAP. XXVII. He exhorteth to submit to Nebuchadnezzar.

17 Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spake to all the assembly of the people, saying, 
18 Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus faith the Lord of hosts; 19 Zion shall be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall be heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.

20 And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of the Lord, Urijah the son of Shemariah of Kirjath-jearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah.

21 And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king fought to put him to death: but when Urijah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt; 
22 And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, namely, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and certain men with him into Egypt. 
23 And they fetched forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king, who flew with him the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people.

24 Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to die.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Under the type of bonds and yokes Jeremiah prophesied the jubilation of the neighbouring kings to Nebuchadnezzar, and exhorteth them to submit quietly, and to give no heed to false prophets: 2 be advised the like to Zedekiah: 3 be warned the priests and the people not to credit lying prophecies; 19 and beware that the remainder of the sacred vessels shall be carried to Babylon, and there continue until the day of visitation.

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word unto Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, 
2 Thus saith the Lord to me; Make thee bonds and yokes, and put them upon thy neck, 
3 And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah; 
4 And command them to say unto their masters, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say unto your masters; 
5 I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me. 
6 And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him. 
7 And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come; and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him. 
8 And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, faith the Lord, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consummated his hand. 
9 Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your forcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: 
10 For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish. 
11 But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, faith the Lord; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.

12 ¶ I spake also to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, 
13 Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.
14 ¶ Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the Lord hath spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? 
15 Therefore hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you.
Hananiah propheseth falsely.

Before CHRIST
598.

+ Heb. 33. 20. 

f 40. 19. 

15 For I have not sent them, faith the Lord, yet they prophesy a lie in my name; that I might drive you out, and ye might perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you.

16 ¶ Also I spake to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus faith the Lord; Hearken not to the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the Lord’s house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you.

17 Hearken not unto them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: wherefore should this city be laid waste?

18 But if they be prophets, and if the word of the Lord be with them, let them now make intercession to the Lord of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the Lord, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon.

19 ¶ For thus faith the Lord of hosts, concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the basons, and concerning the residue of the vessels that remain in this city,

20 Which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem;

21 Yea, thus faith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of the Lord, and in the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem;

22 They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be until the day that I visit them, faith the Lord; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

PAP. XXVIII.

1 Hananiah’s false prophecy of the return of the vessels and captives from Babylon within two years. 5 Jeremiah, wishing it to be true, appeareth to the event. 10 Hananiah breaketh the yoke off Jeremiah’s neck. 12 Jeremiah under the type of an iron yoke confirmeth the prophecy of the subjection of the nations to the king of Babylon. 15 He foretelleth Hananiah’s death.

AND it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, and in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, which was of Gibeon, spake unto me in the house of the Lord, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,

3 Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

4 Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the Lord’s house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon;

4 And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, faith the Lord: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

5 ¶ Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of the Lord,

6 Even the prophet Jeremiah said, ¶ A king men: the Lord do to the Lord perform thou these words which thou haft prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the Lord’s house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place;

7 Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people;

8 The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.

9 ¶ The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the Lord hath truly sent him.

10 ¶ Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah’s neck, and brake it.

11 And Hananiah spake in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus faith the Lord; Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

12 ¶ Then the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah the prophet, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

13 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus faith the Lord; Thou haft broken the yokes of wood, but thou shalt make for them yokes of iron.

14 For thus faith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

15 ¶ Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto
Jeremiah's letter to the captive Jews. CHAP.

XXIX. The time of their captivity limited.

Before CHAP.

Jeremiah by letter advised the captives in Babylon to live quietly there, and not to believe the illusions of their false prophets: they should remember that God had been gracious to them after seventy years, and had delivered them from the cruelties of Nebuchadnezzar, who had caused them to be carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon.

1 (After that Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the chamberlains, and the house of the king of Babylon had been carried away from Jerusalem:) Jeremiah wrote a letter to the captives in Babylon to comfort them.

4 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captive, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon: Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; and take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished.

7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray unto the Lord for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

8 For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

9 For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the Lord.

10 ¶ For thus saith the Lord, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, faith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an everlasting end.

12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

14 And I will be found of you, saith the Lord: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the Lord; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

16 Know that thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God that fitteth upon the throne of David, and of all the people that dwelleth in this city, and of your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity:

17 Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Behold, I will send upon them the sword, famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like a vile fig, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

18 And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and I will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and an astonishment, and a hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them:

19 Because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the Lord, which I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith the Lord.

20 ¶ Hear ye therefore the word of the Lord, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon:

21 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, of Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and of Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, which prophesy a lie unto you in my name: Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes;
The judgment of Shemaiah.

JEREMIAH.

The return of the Jews foretold.

Before CHRIST Generator, hand copied, 666.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.

3 For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers; and they shall possess it.

4 ¶ And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.

5 For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, 1 of fear, and of not of peace.

6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

7 ¶ Alas! for that day is great, 1 so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

10 ¶ Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed shall be taken from the land of their captivity: and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.

11 For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: 1 though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

12 For thus saith the LORD, Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous: 1 there is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: 1 thou hast not healing medicines.

13 ¶ All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not: for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement 1 of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; 1 because thy sins were increased.

14 ¶ Why criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee.

15 Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries.

CHAP. XXX.

1 God beareth Jeremiah the return of the Jews, 4 and their deliverance out of their trouble.

10 be comforted Jacob, 18 and promised the Jews a gracious reestablishment in their ancient privileges. 23 Wrath shall fall on the wicked.
The restoration of Israel.

CHAP. XXXI.

15 1 With lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

4. Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

5. Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall eat, and shalt eat them as common things.

6. For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arie ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God.

7. For thus faith the Lord; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations; publish ye, praise ye, and say, O Lord, fave thy people, the remnant of Israel.

8. Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child, and her that travaileth with child together:

a great company shall return thither.

9. They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: and I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

10. Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

11. For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he.

12. Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not forrow any more at all.

13. Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together:

for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

14. And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, faith the Lord.

15. ¶ Thus faith the Lord; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.
Jeremiah.

The new covenant with Israel.

The fathers have eaten a four grape, and the children’s teeth are set on edge. 30 But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the four grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

31 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which was my covenant with them, though they brake it: even I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord:

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord: I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall teach no man his neighbour, nor any man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

35 Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and ordains the order of the moon and of the stars; saith the Lord, Which giveth rain for the seed, and blesseth the land: 36 If one ordinance depart from before me, saith the Lord, then shall the house of Israel also shew itself from being a nation before me for ever.

37 Thus saith the Lord; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord.

38 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the city shall be built to the Lord from the tower of Hananel unto the gate of the corner: 39 And the measuring line shall yet go forth over against it upon the hill Gareb, and shall compass about to Goath.

And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook of Kidron, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, shall be holy unto the Lord; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.

Chap. xxxii.

1 Jeremias, imprisoned by Zedekia for foretelling the taking of Jerusalem by the Chaldeans,
Jeremiah buyeth Hanamel's field.

6 By God's direction buyeth Hanamel's field.

13 Baruch is charged to keep the evidences safe,
as tokens of the people's return.

16 Jeremiah in prayer expostulateth with God.

26 God confirmeth his threats against Judah for their sins,
and his promise of a gracious return.

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of
Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.

2 For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the pro-
phets was shut up in the court of the prison, which was in the king of Judah's house.

3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou pro-
phesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the
hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

4 And Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chal-
deans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak
with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes;

5 And he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him,
faith the Lord: though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper.

6 ¶ And Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

7 Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying,
Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth: for the right of redemption is thine to buy it.

8 So Hanamel mine uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to
the word of the Lord, and said unto me, Buy my field, which is in Anathoth, that is in
Anathoth, which is in Benjamin: for the right of inheritance is thine, and the redemption
is thine: buy it for thyself. Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

9 And I bought the field of Hanamel my uncle's son, that was in Anathoth, and
weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver.

10 And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed it, and took witnesses, and weighed
him the money in the balances.

11 So I took the evidence of the purchase, both that which was sealed according to
the law and custom, and that which was open:

12 And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the
son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanamel mine uncle's son, and in the presence of
witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in
the court of the prison.

He expostulateth with God in prayer.

13 ¶ And I charged Baruch before them, saying,

14 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these evidences, this
evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and
put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days.

15 For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vine-
yards shall be possessed again in this land.

16 ¶ Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son
of Neriah, I prayed unto the Lord, saying,

17 Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast
made the heaven, and the earth by thy
great power and stretched out arm, and
there is nothing too hard for thee:

18 Thou hast performed *lovingkindness unto
thousands, and recompensed the iniquity
of the fathers into the bottom of their
children after them: the Great, the Mighty
God, the Lord of hosts, is his name.

19 ¶ Great in counsel, and mighty in
work: for thine eyes are open upon all
the ways of the sons of men: to
give every one according to his ways, and ac-
gording to the fruit of his doings:

20 Which hath set signs and wonders in the
land of Egypt, even unto this day, and
in Israel, and among other men; and hath
made thee a name, as at this day;

21 And hath brought forth thy people
Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs,
and with wonders, and with a strong hand,
and with a stretched out arm, and with
great terror;

22 And hath given them this land, which
thou didst swear to their fathers to give
them, a land flowing with milk and honey;

23 And they came in, and possessed it;
but they obeyed not thy voice, neither
walked in thy law; they have done noth-
ing of all that thou commandedst them to
do: therefore thou hast caused all this
evil to come upon them:

24 Behold, the mountains, they are come
unto the city to take it: and the city is
given into the hand of the Chaldeans, that
fight against it, because of the sword, and of
the famine, and of the pestilence: and what
thou hast spoken is come to pass; and, behold, thou seest it.

25 And thou hast said unto me, O Lord God,
Buy thee the field for money, and take witnesses; and the city is given into
the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 ¶ Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah, saying,

27 Behold, I am the Lord, the *God of all
heath: is there anything too hard for me?
God's threats against Judah confirmed; JEREMIAH. with promise of a gracious return.

28 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it:

29 And the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall come and set fire on this city, and burn it with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Baal, and poured out drink offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger.

30 For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done evil before me from their youth: for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, faith the LORD.

31 For this city hath been to me as a provocation of mine anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove it from before my face.

32 Because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

33 And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: though I taught them, arising early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction.

34 But they set their abominations in the house, which is called by my name, to defile it.

35 And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

36 ¶ And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence;

37 Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:

38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God:

39 And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me, throughever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

41 Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land affixed with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

42 For thus saith the LORD; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.

43 And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, It is desolate without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

44 Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe evidences, and seal them, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south: for I will cause their captivity to return, saith the LORD.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 And the rest of the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; I the LORD is his name;

3 ¶ Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

4 For thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down by the mount, and by the sword;

5 They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but it is to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in mine anger and in my fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this city.

6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.
Chap. XXXIV. The stability of God's covenant with David, &c.

7 And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. 8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.

9 And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.

10 Thus saith the Lord: Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast; 11 The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts: for the Lord is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, faith the Lord.

12 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, shall be an habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down. 13 In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that telleth them, faith the Lord.

14 Behold, the days come, faith the Lord, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. 15 In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith the shall be called, The Lord our righteouness. 17 For thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

And thou shalt not escape out of his hand.

4 R 2
The captivity of Zedekiah,

The captivity of Zedekiah, hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon.

4 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah; Thus saith the LORD of thee, Thou shalt not die by the sword:

5 But thou shalt die in peace: and with thy burning of thine fathers, the former kings which were before thee, so shall they burn odours for thee; and they will lament thee, saying, Ah lord! for I have pronounced the word, faith the LORD.

6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spake all these words unto Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem,

7 When the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish, and against Azekah: for these defenced cities remained of the cities of Judah.

8 This is the word that came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people which were at Jerusalem, to proclaim a liberty unto them;

9 That every man should let his man-servant, and every man his maidservant, being an Hebrew or an Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, to wit, of a Jew his brother.

10 Now when all the princes, and all the people, which had entered into the covenant, heard that every one should let his man-servant, and every one his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more, then they obeyed, and let them go.

11 But afterward they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

12 Therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

13 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, saying,

14 At the end of seven years let ye go every man his brother an Hebrew, which hath been sold unto thee; and when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear.

15 And ye were now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name:

16 But ye turned and polluted my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom he had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every man to his neighbour; behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, faith the LORD, 'to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you ° removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when ° they cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof,

19 The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts of the calf;

20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life: and their ° dead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth.

21 And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, ° which are gone up from you.

22 Behold, I will command, faith the LORD, and caufe them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, ° and take it, and burn it with fire: ° and ° will make the cities of Judah a desolation without an inhabitant.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 By the obedience of the Rechabites to their father's command ° the disobedience of the Jews to God's commands is condemned. ° God blesseth the Rechabites.

The word which came unto Jeremiah from the Lord in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

2 Go unto the house of the Rechabites, ° and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the Lord, into one ° of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.

3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziniah, and his bre-
The obedience of the Rechabites

CHAP.

36. 16 Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the command-ment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people hath not hearken-ed unto me:
17 Therefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhab-itants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them; because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.
18 ¶ And Jeremiah saith unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath com-manded you:
19 Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, ¶ Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 Jeremiaa causeth Baruch to write all his threatenings, and of the roll, and to read it publicly.
11 The princes send for Baruch to bring the roll, which readeth it before them: they are afraid, and counsel Baruch and Jeremiaa to hide themselves: 20 they tell the king of the roll, who having heard part of it calleth it into the fire. 27 Jeremiaa is commanded to write the same in another roll, and denounceth a heavy judgment against the king. 32 Baruch writeth a new copy with additions.

AND it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,
2 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah even unto this day.
3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.
4 Then Jeremiaa called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiaa all the words of the Lord, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.
5 And Jeremiaa commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the Lord:
6 Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the Lord in the ears of the people in the Lord's house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities.

7 It may be they will present their supplication before the Lord, and will return every one from his evil way: for great is the anger and the fury that the Lord hath pronounced against this people.

8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the Lord in the Lord's house.

And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the seventh month, that the king sent Jehudi to take the book out of the chamber of Elnathan the chamberlain, which was in the house of the Lord; and he read in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood before the king.

22 Then said the king to Jehudi, Go and tell Jeremiah, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will save thee from the hand of the king's son and from the hand of all the people.

23 And it came to pass, when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire which was on the hearth.

24 Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants who heard all these words.

25 Nevertheles Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them.

26 But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraijah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the Lord hid them.

27 Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,

28 Take thee again another roll, and write in it all that is written in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned.

29 And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus saith the Lord; Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hath thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from hence man and beast?

30 Therefore thus saith the Lord of Jehoiakim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.

31 And I will punish him and his seed, and his servants for their iniquity; and I
A new roll is written with additions. CHAP. XXXVII, XXXVIII.

Jeremiah is imprisoned.

Every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

11 ¶ And it came to pass, that when the army of the Chaldeans was + broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh’s army,

12 Then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to separate himself thence in the midst of the people.

13 And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou fallest away to the Chaldeans.

14 Then said Jeremiah, It is + false; I + Heb. fall not away to the Chaldeans. But he heartened not to him: so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.

15 Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, + and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison.

16 ¶ When Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon, and into the = cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days;

17 Then Zedekiah the king sent and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there any word from the Lord? And Jeremiah said, There is: for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

18 Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah, What have I offended against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye have put me in prison?

19 Where are now your prophets which prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land?

20 Therefore hear now, I pray thee, O my lord the king: + let my supplication, I + Heb. pray thee, be accepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, left I die there.

21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah + into the court of the prifon, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers’ street, + until all the bread in the city were spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prifon.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 Jeremiah, accused of disobeying the people by his prophecies, is cast into the dungeon of Malchiah; 7 out of which he is taken at the fuit of Ebed-melech. 14 In a secret conference he counselleth the king to favour himself and the city by submitting to the Chaldeans.
Jeremiah is cast into the dungeon. J E R E M I A H. His conference with Zedekiah.

By the kings injunctions be concealed from the princes the matter of the conference.

Then Shebhatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pahlur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pahur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying,

Thus saith the LORD, He that remaineth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his life for a prey, and shall live.

Thus saith the LORD, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon’s army, which shall take it.

Therefore the princes faind unto the king. We beseech thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt.

Then Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your hand: for the king is not able to do anything against thee.

Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the son of Hammelch, that was in the court of the prison: and they let Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire: so Jeremiah sunk in the mire.

Now when Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the king’s house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king then fitting in the gate of Benjamin:

Ebed-melech went forth out of the king’s house, and spake to the king, saying, My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is like to die for hunger in the place where he is: for there is no more bread in the city.

Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die.

So Ebed-melech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence old cast clouts and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah.

And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put now these old cast clouts and rotten rags under thine armholes under the cords. And Jeremiah did so.

So they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

¶ Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the third entry that is in the house of the principal.

If I declare it unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and if I give thee counsel, wilt thou not hearken unto me?

So Zedekiah the king sware secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, At the LORD liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life.

Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; If thou wilt assuredly go forth unto the king of Babylon’s princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thine house:

But if thou wilt not go forth unto the king of Babylon’s princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand.

And Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me.

But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver thee. Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the LORD, which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live.

But if thou refuse to go forth, this is the word that the LORD hath shewed me:

And, behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah’s house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon’s princes, and those women shall say, ¶ Thy friends have fett thee on, and have prevailed against thee: thy feet are sunk in the mire, and they are turned away back.

So they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chaldeans: and thou shalt not escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire.

¶ Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and thou shalt not die.
CHAP. XXXIX, XL. and the people carried into captivity.

25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they unto thee, and say unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also what the king said unto thee:

26 Then thou shalt say unto them, 'I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.

27 Then came all the princes unto Jeremiah, and asked him: and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived.

28 So Jeremiah abode in the court of the princes until the day that Jerusalem was taken: and he was there when Jerusalem was taken.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 Jerusalem is taken.

4 Zedekiah fleeth, is taken, and his eyes being put out, is sent in chains to Babylon. 8 The city is laid in ruins; and the people carried away captive, except a few poor labourers. 11 Nehuchadrezzar's orders to Nebuchadrezzar, king of Babylon, and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

2 And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up.

3 And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, even Nergal-sharerez, Samgar-nebo, Sarfeshim, Rab-faris, Nergal-sharerez, Rabmag, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon.

4 And it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain.

5 But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him.

6 Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah.

7 Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon.

8 ¶ And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem.

9 Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of the people that remained.

10 But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

11 ¶ Now Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, saying,

12 Take him, and + look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee.

13 So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushachban, Rab-paris, and Nergal-sharerez, Rabmag, and all the king of Babylon's princes;

14 Even they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and committed him unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home: so he dwelt among the people.

15 ¶ Now the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

16 Go and speak to + Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished in that day before thee.

17 But I will deliver thee in that day, saith the Lord: and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou art afraid.

18 For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but + thy life shall be for a prey unto thee: because thou puttest thy trust in me, saith the Lord.

CHAP. XL.

Jeremiah, being set at liberty by Nebuzar-adan, goeth to Gedaliah. 7 The dispersed Jews report to Gedaliah. 13 Jabinan revealing Ishmael's conspiracy is not believed.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, after that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken
Jeremiah set at liberty by Nebuzar-adan. JEREMIAH. Ithmael killeteth Gedaliah, &c.

Before Christ 359.

1 Jud. 22, &c.

Before Christ 359.

Ithmael killeteth Gedaliah, &c.

Before Christ 359.

him being bound in 5 chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, which were carried away captive unto Babylon.

2 And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and laid him in prison, saying, The king hath pronounced this evil upon this place.

3 Now the Lord hath brought it, and done according as he hath said: because ye have sinned against the Lord, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you.

4 And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which were upon thine hand. If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come; and 5 I will look well unto thee: but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear: behold, 6 all the land is before thee, whither it seemeth good and convenient for thee to go, thither go.

5 Now while he was not yet gone back, he said, Go back also to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan; for Zedekiah the king of Judah sent, and I will have him go up with the rest of the king's sons that remain, and with the people of the land that are left in the land.

6 Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.

7 ¶ Now when all the captains of the forces which were in the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, women, and children, and of the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon;

8 Then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kebra, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezeniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

9 And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan sware unto them and to their men, saying, Fear not to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

10 As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, 1 to serve the Chaldeans, which will come unto us: but ye, gather ye wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that ye have taken.

11 Likewise when all the Jews that were in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and that were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan;

12 Even all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

13 Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah,

14 And said unto him, Doth thou certainly know that "Balas the king of the Ammonites hath sent Ithmael the son of Nethaniah to slay thee? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed them not.

15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah spake to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know it: wherefore should he slay thee, that all the Jews which are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish?

16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah, Thou shalt not do this thing: for thou speakest falsely of Ishmael.

CHAP. XLII.

1 Ithmael having treacherously slain Gedaliah and others purposed to flee with the rest unto the Ammonites. 11 Johanan goeth against him, and having recovered all the captives is minded to flee into Egypt.

NOW it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Eliashib, of the seed of royal, and the princes of the king, even ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they did eat bread together in Mizpah.

2 Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land.

3 Ishmael also slew all the Jews that were with him, even with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there, and the men of war.

4 And it came to pass the second day
The captives recovered by Jobanan, &c.

CHAP. XLII.

Jeremiah is desired to enquire of God.

16 Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ithemael the son of Nathaniel, from Mizpah, after that he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, even mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon:

17 And they departed, and dwelt in the habitation of Chimham, which is by Bethlehem, to go to enter into Egypt.

18 Because of the Chaldeans: for they were afraid of them, because Ithemael the son of Nathaniel had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.

CHAP. XLII.

1 And Johanan and the other captains before Jeremiah to enquire of God for them, promising implicit obedience to his directions. 7 Jeremiah assures them of safety in Judea, but of destruction in Egypt: 19 be revenged upon their hypocrisy in asking counsel of God, which they meant not to follow.

Then all the captains of the forces and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hothaiah, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near.

2 And said unto Jeremiah the prophet, I Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the Lord thy God, even for all this remnant; (for we are left but a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us:)

3 That the Lord thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.

4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I Have heard you; behold, I will pray unto the Lord your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, that whatsoever thing the Lord shall answer you, I will declare it unto you; I will keep nothing back from you.

5 Then they said to Jeremiah, The Lord be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for which the Lord thy God shall send thee to us.

6 Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of the Lord our God, to whom we send thee; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the Lord our God.

7 ¶ And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah.

8 Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces.
Before CHRIST cir. 528.

21 And now I have this day declared it to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of the Lord your God, nor any thing for the which he hath sent me unto you.

22 Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye defiere to go and to sojourn.

CHAP. XLIII.

1 Johnan and the captains discrediting Jeremiah's prophecy carry him and the rest of the people into Egypt. Jeremiah by a type prophecies the conquest of Egypt by the Babylonians.

And it came to pass, that when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the Lord their God, for which the Lord their God had sent him to them, even all these words,

2 Then spake Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely: the Lord our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there:

3 But Baruch the son of Neriah satteth thee on against us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, and carry us away captives into Babylon.

So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the Lord, to dwell in the land of Judah.

5 But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all nations, whither they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah;

6 Even men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah.

7 So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of the Lord; thus came they even to Tahapanes.

8 ¶ Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah in Tahapanes, saying,

9 Take great stones in thine hand, and hide them in the clay in the brickkiln, which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahapanes, in the sight of the men of Judah;

10 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid;
The conquest of Egypt foretold.

CHAP. XLIV. The Jews in Egypt threatened for idolatry.

Before CHRIST dir. 58.

he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.

11 And when he cometh, he shall smite the land of Egypt, and deliver such as are for death to death; and such as are for captivity to captivity; and such as are for the sword to the sword.

12 And I will kindle a fire in the houfes of 1 the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace.

13 He shall break also the 2 images of Beth-shemesh, that is in the land of Egypt; and the houfes of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.

CHAP. XLIV.

1 Jeremiah, having scene the desolation which had befallen Judah for idolatry, reproved the Jews in Egypt for profaning therein, 11 and prophesied their destruction. 15 Their inﬁnite obstinacy. 20 Jeremiah threatened them with severe judgments, 29 and for a sign foretold the ruin of the king of Egypt.

THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews which dwell in the land of Egypt, which dwell at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they are a deholation, and no man dwelleth therein.

3 Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went 2 to burn incense, and to serve other gods, whom they knew not, neither they, ye, nor your fathers.

4 Howbeit 2 I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate.

5 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods.

6 Wherefore 2 my fury and mine anger was pured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the ﬂeets of Jerusalem; and they are waited and deholate, as at this day.

7 Therefore now thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; Wherefore commit ye this great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, 2 out of Judah, to leave you none to remain?

8 In that ye 2 provoke me unto wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Egypt, whether ye be gone to dwell, that ye might cut yourself off, and that ye might be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?

9 Have ye forgotten the 2 wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah, and in the ﬂeets of Jerusalem?

10 They are not 2 humbled even unto this day, neither have they 2 feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.

11 ¶ Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah.

12 And I will take the remnant of Judah, that have kept their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed, and fall in the land of Egypt; they shall even be consumed by the sword and by the famine: they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine: and 2 they shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach.

13 ¶ For I will punish them that dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence:

14 So that none of the remnant of Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they 2 have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return but such as shall escape.

15 ¶ Then all the men which knew that their wives had burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,

16 As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, 2 we will not hearken unto thee.

17 But we will certainly 2 do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the 2 queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of
Judah, and in the streets of Jerufalem: for then had we plenty of + victuals, and were well, and faw no evil.

But since we left off to burn incence to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been confounded by the sword and by the famine.

* ch. 7.18.

And when we burned incence to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men?

* ch. 7.19.

Then Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the men, and to the women, and to all the people which had given him that answer, saying,

The incence that ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerufalem, ye, and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the Lord remember them, and came it not into his mind?

* ch. 7.20.

So that the Lord could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your land a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without an inhabitant, * as at this day.

* ch. 7.22.

Because ye have burned incence, and because ye have sinned against the Lord, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies: * therefore this evil is happened unto you, as at this day.

* ch. 7.23.

Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear ye the word of the Lord, all Judah that are in the land of Egypt:

* ch. 7.24.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incence to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows.

* ch. 7.25.

Therefore hear ye the word of the Lord, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, faith the Lord, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord God liveth.

* ch. 7.26.

And I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that are in the land of Egypt shall be confounded by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them.

* ch. 7.27.

Yet * a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know, whole* words shall stand, * mine, or their's.

* ch. 7.28.

And this shall be a sign unto you, that the Lord, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall * surely stand against you for evil:

* ch. 7.29.

Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will give Pharaoh-hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of the men that seek his life; as I gave * Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that fought his life.

THE word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiaikim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

2 Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, unto thee, O Baruch;

3 Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the Lord hath added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my fighting, and I find no rest.

4 Thus shalt thou say unto him, The Lord faith thus; Behold, * that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land.

5 And seest thou great things for thyself? seek they not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, faith the Lord:

* ch. 13.5.

6 But thy life will I give unto thee: for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

* ch. 13.6.

Jeremiah prophesied the overbreed of Pharaoh's army at Euphrates, 13 and the conquest of Egypt by Nebuchadrezzar: 27 be comforted Jacob in his captivity.

T HE word of the Lord which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles:

2 Against Egypt, * against the army of Pharaoh-necho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiaikim the son of Josiah king of Judah.

3 Order ye the buckler and thield, and * a shield to meet near to battle.

4 Harness the horses; and get up, ye & * horsemen, and stand forth with your hel-
and the conquest of Egypt by Nebuchadrezzar. CHAP. XLVII. Jacob comforted in his captivity.

5 Wherefore have I seen them dismayed and turned away back? and their mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled, and look not back: for * fear was round about, faith the L ORD .

6 Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; they shall stumble, and fall toward the north by the river Euphrates.

7 Who is this that cometh up as a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers? 8 Egypt riseth up like a flood, and his waters are moved like the rivers; and he faith, I will go up, and will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof.

9 Come up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men come forth; and the Ethiopians and + the Libyans, that handle the shield; and the Lydians, that handle and bend the bow.

10 For this is the day of the Lord God of hosts, a day of vengeance; he will aver him of his adversaries; and the sword shall devour, and it shall be fatigued and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord God of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.

11 Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vain shalt thou use many medicines; for * thou shalt not be cured.

12 The nations have heard of thy fame, and thy cry hath filled the land: for the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, and they are fallen both together.

13 ¶ The word that the L ORD spake to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come and smite the land of Egypt.

14 Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes: say ye, + Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword shall devour round about thee.

15 Why are thy valiant men swept away singly? they fied not, because the L ORD did drive them.

16 He + made many to fall, yea, one fell upon another: and they said, Arife, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword.

17 They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he hath passed the time appointed.

18 ¶ I live, faith the king, whose name is the L ORD of hofts, Surely as Tabor is among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, so shall he come.

19 O * thou daughter dwelling in Egypt, + furnish thyself to go into captivity: for Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant.

20 Egypt is like a very fair heifer, but destruction cometh: it cometh out of the north.

21 Also her hired men are in the midst of her like fatted bullocks; for they also are turned back, and are fled away together: they did not stand, because the day of their calamity was come upon them, and the time of their visitation.

22 ¶ The voice thereof shall go like a serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood.

23 They shall cut down her forest, faith the L ORD, though it cannot be searched; because they are more than the grashoppers, and are innumerable.

24 The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; the shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north.

25 The L ORD of hofts, the God of Israel, faith; Behold, I will punish the multitude of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and all them that trust in him;

26 And I will deliver them into the hand of them that seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants: and afterward it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, faith the L ORD.

27 ¶ But fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for ye shall be as the city of Zion; and your mighty men shall be as the city of Jerusalem, who are not afraid in the day when he cometh.

28 Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, faith the L ORD: for I am with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whatsoever I have driven thee: but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished.
The judgment of Moab. JEREMIAH. for her presumptuous pride, &c.

9 Give wings unto Moab, that it may flee and get away: for the cities thereof shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein.

10 Curfed be he that doeth the work of the LORD deceitfully, and curfed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.

11 ¶ Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees, and his heart was not estranged from v e s e l l e r , neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his创伤remained in him, and his scent is not changed.

12 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will send unto him wanderers, that shall cause him to wander, and shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles.

13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Beth-el their confidence.

14 ¶ How say ye, We are mighty and strong men for the war?

15 ¶ Moab is spoiled, and gone out of her cities, and her chosen young men are g e n o d e w n t o the slaughter, and they shall destroy her strong holds.

16 The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his affliction hathfallen upon him, and all ye that know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, and the beautiful rod!

18 ¶ Thou daughter that dost inhabit Dibon, come down from thy glory, and sit in thirst; for the spoiler of Moab shall come upon thee, and he shall destroy thy strong holds.

19 ¶ inhabitant of Moer, stand by the way, and epy; ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth, and say, What is done?

20 Moab is confounded; for it is broken down; howl and cry; tell ye it in Arnon, that Moab is spoiled;

21 And judgment is come upon the plain country; upon Holon, and upon Jahazah,

22 And upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Beth-diblathaim,

23 And upon Kiriathaim, and upon Beth-gamul, and upon Beth-meon,

24 And upon Kerioth, and upon Bozrah,

25 ¶ The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith the LORD.

26 ¶ Make ye him drunken: for he magnified himself against the LORD: Moab also shall swallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.
The judgment of Moab.

27 For was not Israel a desirous unto thee? was he found among thieves? for since thou spakest of him, thou skippedit for joy.
28 O ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, and be like the dove that maketh her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth.
29 We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud,) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.
30 I know his wrath, faith the Lord; but it shall not be so; his lies shall not so effect it.
31 Therefore will I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; mine heart shall mourn for the men of Kir-heres.
32 O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for thee with the weeping of Jazer: thy plants are gone over the sea, they reach even to the sea of Jazer: the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage.
33 And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to fail from the winepresses: none shall tread with shouting: their shouting shall be no shouting.
34 From the cry of Heshbon even unto Elealeh, and even unto Jahaz, have they uttered their voice. from Zoar even unto Horonaim, as an heifer of three years old: for the waters also of Nimrim shall be a deluge.
35 Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, faith the Lord, him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth incense to his gods.
36 Therefore mine heart shall sound for Moab like pipes, and mine heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kir-heres: because the riches that he hath gotten are perished.
37 For every head shall be bald, and every beard shall be clipped: upon all the hands shall be cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth.
38 There shall be lamentation generally upon all the housetops of Moab, and in the streets thereof: for I have broken Moab like a vessel wherein is no pleasure, faith the Lord.
39 They shall howl, saying, How is it broken down! how hath Moab turned the back with shame! so shall Moab be a derision and a dismaying to all them about him.
40 For thus faith the Lord; Behold, he fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab.
41 Kerioth is taken, and the strong holds are surprised, and the mighty men's hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.
42 And Moab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he hath magnified himself against the Lord.
43 "Fear, and the pit, and the snare, shall be upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, faith the Lord.
44 He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring upon it, even upon Moab, the year of their visitation, faith the Lord.
45 They that fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon because of the force: but a fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and it shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones.
46 Woe be unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chemosh perished: for thy sons are taken captives, and thy daughters captives.
47 Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, faith the Lord. Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

Chap. XLIX.

The judgment of the Ammonites.

1 The judgment of the Ammonites: 6 their restoration. 7 The judgment of Edom, 23 of Damascus, 28 of Kedar, 30 of Hazer, 34 and of Elam. 39 The restoration of Elam.

Concerning the Ammonites, thus faith the Lord; Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why then doth their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell in his cities?
2 Therefore, behold, the days come, faith the Lord, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabhah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire; then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, faith the Lord.
3 Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled: cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth; lament, and run to and fro by the hedges; for your king shall go into captivity, and his priests and his princes together.
4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, that thy flowings valley, O backsliding daughter that trusted in her treasures, faith the Lord? Who shall come unto me?
5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, faith the Lord God of hosts, from all the sides that be about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall gather up him that wandereth.
The judgment of Edom.

Before CHRIST

6 And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, faith the LORD.

7 Concerning Edom, thus faith the LORD of hofts: I will smite no more in Edom; I have poured out my rage; and returned it not.

8 I will visit Edom; that made mine hand to turn back; and dwelt deep, O inhabitants of Dedan; I will visit him.

9 If grape-gatherers come to thee, would they not leave some grapes to thee? for I will bring the calamity of Edam upon him, the time that I will visit him.

10 For I have made Edom bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seek is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbours, and he is not.

11 Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me.

12 For thus faith the LORD; Behold, they whose judgment was not to drink of the cup have affuredly drunken; and art thou he that shall go unpunished? thou shalt go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink of it.

13 For I have sworn by myself, faith the Lord; that Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual waftes.

14 I have heard a rumour from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent unto the heathen, saying, Gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle.

15 For, lo, I will make thee small among the heathen, and despoiled among men.

16 Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, and the pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, faith the Lord.

17 Also Edam shall be a desolation; every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagued thereof.

18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, faith the Lord, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.

19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan against the habitation of the Strong; but I will suddenly make him run away from her: and who is chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who is that shepherds that will stand before me?

20 Therefore hear the counsel of the Lord, that he hath taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the leaf of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them.

21 The earth is moved at the noise of their fall, at the cry the noise thereof was heard in the Red sea.

22 Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah: and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

23 Concerning Damascus. Hamath shall be confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings: they are faint-hearted; there is sorrow upon the sea: it cannot be quiet.

24 Damascus is waxed feeble, and turned herself to flee, and fear is heaped on her: anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in travail.

25 How is the city of pride not left, the city of the heart of the wise man?

26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, faith the Lord of hofts.

27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Ben-hadad.

28 Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall take, faith the Lord; Arie ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil the men of the eaf.

29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take away: they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vefELS, and their camels; and they shall cry unto them, Fear is on every side.

30 Flece, and get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, faith the Lord; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you.

31 Arie, get you up unto the wealthy nation, that dwelleth without care, faith the Lord, which have neither gates nor bars, whick dwell alone.

32 And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will scatter into all winds them that are in the utmost corners, and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, faith the Lord.
The judgment of Babylon.

And Hazor shall be a dwelling for dragons, and a desolation for ever: there shall no man abide there, nor any son of man dwell in it.

134 ¶ The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,

Thus faith the Lord of hosts; Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.

And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation which the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life: and I will bring evil upon them, even my fierce anger, faith the Lord; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them:

And I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from thence the king and the princes, faith the Lord.

But it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring again the captivity of Elam, faith the Lord.

The word that the Lord spake against Babylon and against the land of the Chaldeans, by Jeremiah the prophet.

Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell there in: they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.

In those days, and in that time, faith the Lord, the children of Israel shall come, 'they and the children of Judah together,' going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the Lord their God.

They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.

My people hath been klost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.

All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We have driven them away, because they have sinned against the Lord, the habitation of justice, even the Lord, the hope of their fathers.

Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the goats before the flocks.

¶ For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of a mighty man expert in war;

And Chaldea shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, faith the Lord.

Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of mine heritage, because ye are grown fat as the heifer at grass, and lean as bullocks;

Your mother shall be confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.

Because of the wrath of the Lord it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the Lord.

Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of the Lord: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her.

Cut off the fower from Babylon, and him that handleth the fickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing fword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

If Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and left this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

Therefore thus faith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.

And I will bring Israel again to his dwelling, and he shall feed on Carmel.
The judgment of Babylon; and the redemption of Israel.

Before CHRIST eir. 396.

Jeremiah.

Before CHRIST 396.

CHAP. LI. 
God's omnipotence; the vanity of idols.

God's severe judgment against Babylon.

LORD, that he hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitation desolate with them.

At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

CHAP. LI.

The severe judgment of God against Babylon. In revenge of Israel. 59 Jeremias delivereth the book of this prophecy to Seraiah, to be cast into Euphrates, in token of the perpetual sinking of Babylon.

Thus faith the LORD; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, 

And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: 

Against him that bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against him that lifteth himself up in his brigandine: and spare ye not her young men; 

And thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and they that are thrust through in her streets.

For Israel hath not been forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the Lord of hoots; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.

Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul; be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence.

Babylon bath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are made mad.

Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsoke her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies.

The Lord hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the Lord our God.

Make bright the arrows; gather the fielids; the Lord hath railed up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the Lord, and the vengeance of his temple.

Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, let up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes: for the Lord hath both devised and done that which he spake against the inhabitants of Babylon.

O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness.

The Lord of hoots hath sworn by himself, saying, Surely I will fill thee with men, as with caterpillers; and they shall lift up a shout against thee.

He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.

When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings and rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

Every man is brutish by his knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.

They are vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things: and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: the Lord of hoots is his name.

Thou art my battle ax and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I break kingdoms.

And with thee will I break in pieces the horfe and his rider; and with thee I will break in pieces the chariot and his rider;

With thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid;

I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock: and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen: and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers.

And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, faith the Lord.

Behold, I am against thee, 0 destroying mountain, faith the Lord, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out
Israel revenged in the

Before CHRIST

*Rev. 5:8.

mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, * and will make thee a burned mountain.

26 And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; * thou shalt be a defolate for ever, faith the LOR.

27 Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, * prepare the nations against her, call together against her * the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ahashenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the hordes to come up as the rough caterpillars.

28 Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all of his dominion.

29 And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the Lord shall be performed against Babylon, * to make the land of Babylon a defoliation without an inhabitant.

30 The mighty men of Babylon have fought to them, who remained in their holds: they were broken in pieces; they became as women: they have burned her dwelling places; * her bars are broken.

31 One pest shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken at one end.

32 And that * the passages are stopped, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.

33 For thus faith the LOR of hosts, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor, * it is time to thresh her: yet a little while, * and the time of her harvest shall come.

34 Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon hath dresser me, he hath crutched me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon; he hath filled his belly with my delicacies, he hath cast me out.

35 * The violence done to me and to my || flesh be upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say: * and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.

36 Therefore thus faith the LOR; Be

hold, * I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; * and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry.

37 * And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling place for dragons, * an astonishment, and an hissling, without inhabitant.

38 They shall roar together like lions: they shall || yea, as lions’ whelps.

39 In their heat I will make their feasts, and * I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, faith the LOR.

40 I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he goats.

41 How is Sheeshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth furpried! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!

42 * The sea is come up upon Babylon: * See she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.

43 * Her cities are a defoliation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth any son of man pass thereby.

44 * And I will punish Bel in Babylon, * and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up:

and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, * the wall of Babylon shall fall.

45 * My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LOR.

46 And I left your heart fasting, and ye feared I Or, let not your heart be troubled, || a Kings 19. 7.

for the rumour that shall be heard in the land; a rumour shall both come one year, and after that in another year shall come a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.

47 Therefore, behold, the days come, that * I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.

48 Then * the heaven and the earth, say, * all that is therein, shall fall for Babylon, * for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, faith the LOR.

49 As Babylon hath caused the flain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the flain of all || the earth.

50 * Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still: remember the LOR afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.

51 We are confounded, because we have

heard reproach: shame hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuary of the LOR’s house.

52 Wherefore, behold, the days come, faith the LOR, * that I will do judgment upon her graven images: and through all her land the wounded shall groan.

53 Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall spoliators come unto her, faith the LOR.

54 * A sound of a cry cometh from Baby—
The sinking of Babylon typified.

Before CHRIST 595.

1. Zedekiah's wicked reign, and rebellion against the king of Babylon. 4. Jerusalem besieged and taken. 8. Zedekiah is made prisoner, and his sons and nobles being first slain, and his own eyes put out, is carried in chains to Babylon. 12. Nebuzar-adan burning the temple, and laid the city in ruins, carried all the people, except a few labourers, to Babylon: 17. be spoiled and carried away

CHAP. LII.

Jerusalem besieged and taken.

Before CHRIST 595.

the valuable things of the temple. 24. The nobles of Judah are slain at Riblah. 28. The number of the Jews who at different times were carried captives to Babylon. 31. Evilmerodach forsook kindred to Jehoiachin in his captivity.

Zedekiah was 9 one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

2 And he did that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

3 For through the anger of the Lord it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, till he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

4 ¶ And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about.

5 So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

6 And in the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land.

7 Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate betwixt the two walls, which was by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were by the city round about:) and they went by the way of the plain.

8 ¶ But the army of the Chaldeans pursuèd after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him.

9 Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; where he gave judgment upon him.

10 And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah.

11 Then he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in 11 prison till the day of his death.

12 ¶ Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, 12 came Nebuzar-adan, 12 captain of the guard, which 12 served the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem,
The temple burned, and the city spoiled. JEREMIAH. The people carried into captivity.

13 And burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great men, burned he with fire:

14 And all the army of the Chaldeans, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jerusalem round about.

15 Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive certain of the poor of the people, and the refuse of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude.

16 But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left certain of the poor of the land for vine-dressers and for husbandmen.

17 ¶ Also the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brazen sea that was in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans brake it down, and carried all the brases thereof to Babylon.

18 ¶ The caldrons also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.

19 And the candlesticks, and the shovels, and the candelabres, and all the vessels of brass wherein they ministered, took they away.

20 The two pillars, one sea, and twelve brazen bulls that were under the basins, which king Solomon had made in the house of the LORD: ¶ the brases of all these vessels was without weight.

21 And concerning the pillars, the height of one pillar was eighteen cubits; and a fillet of twelve cubits did compass it; and the thickness thereof was four fingers: it was hollow.

22 And a chapiter of brass was upon it; and the height of one chapiter was five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the chapiters round about, all of brass. The second pillar also and the pomegranates upon the network were an hundred round about.

24 ¶ And the captain of the guard took Seraijah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door:

25 He took also out of the city an eunuch, which had the charge of the men of war; and seven men of them that were near the king's person, which were found in the city; and the principal scribe of the house of the king, one of the officers of the guard, and threescore men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city.

26 So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah.

27 And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land.

28 ¶ This is the peoplem whom Nebuchadnezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand Jews and three and twenty.

29 In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two persons:

30 In the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons were four thousand and six hundred.

31 ¶ And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the first year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison,

32 And spake kindly unto him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon,

33 And changed his prison garments; and he did continually eat bread before him all the days of his life.

34 And for his diet, there was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon; ¶ every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.