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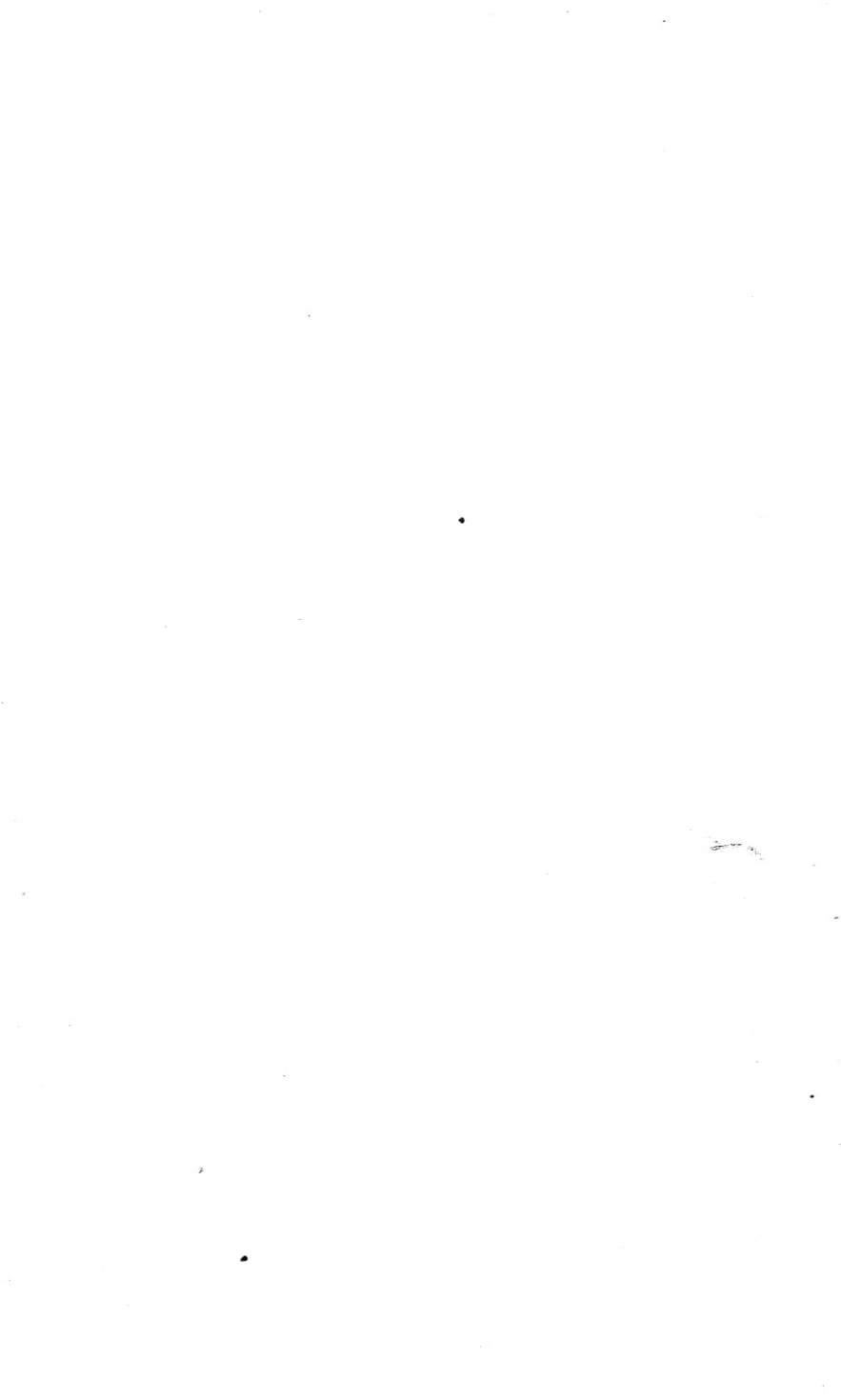
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BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the fourth day of April, A. D. 1825, and in the forty-ninth year of the independence of the United States of America, ISRAEL ALGER, JUN. ENSIGN LINCOLN, and THOMAS EDMANDS, JUN. of the said district, have deposited in this office the title of a book, the right whereof they claim as proprietors, in the words following, *to wit* :--

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To some it may appear needless, to have accented words which appear perfectly simple in form, and clear in expression; but, when it is recollected, that the most simple words in the language are frequently pronounced differently by different persons of good attainments, it is hoped, that every objection to the dividing of the whole of the proper names, will be obviated.

When the pronunciation of words could not be fully and clearly expressed, by accenting the vowels, the orthoëpy of such words has been written in the bottom of the page, either as Walker has himself written it, or in strict conformity to those rules and principles which he has established, so far as by a critical and careful investigation of them, they have been understood.

Some words in the New Testament are accented, which, in the Old, are untouched. It may however be observed, that, in relation to each Testament, those words which have been marked at all, except those in the bottom of the page, have, after the first instance, been marked nearly as often as they afterwards occur in that part of the work; but the neglecting to accent every vowel in a marked word, or to *Italicise* every silent letter, would not materially affect the design which has been pursued.

The scheme of the vowel sounds in the Key, is nearly the same as that given by Walker, to which accents, instead of figures, are fixed. The pupil should be well acquainted with all the vowel sounds, as they are marked in the Key, and should be able to sound them separately, as they are written in the examples, and also without consonants as they are written in the column of the powers. Reading the examples of the Key and the powers downward, a few times, is all that is required: the marks and vowel sounds will soon become familiar.

Great care and vigilance have been exercised, in the reading of the accented proofs both of the types and stereotypes, to render the work worthy of the confidence of the judicious, and worthy of the patronage of the Publick. The Editor is sure that he feels a pleasure, and he hopes that this pleasure is mingled with gratitude, in the prospect of accomplishing a labour, which, during nearly four years, has occupied much of his attention. He also hopes, that his unremitting endeavours to render this performance correct, will meet with publick favour, and result in much useful improvement.

Boston, March 4th, A. D. 1825.

EDITOR.

EXPLANATORY KEY

TO THE REGULAR NATIVE SOUNDS OF THE ENGLISH VOWELS.



<i>Vowels.</i>	<i>Examples.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Powers.</i>
1. <i>a.</i>	in <i>gáme, fáte, pá'per.</i>	The long English a	- - - - <i>áy.</i>
<i>a.</i>	in <i>an'y,* man'y, says, Thames.</i>	The short English a, like short <i>é</i>	- - - - <i>éh.</i>
	pr. <i>én'ne, mèn'ne, séz, Témz.</i>		
2. <i>à.</i>	in <i>stàr, fà'ther, mà'm-mà'.</i>	The long Itálian† or middle a	- - - - <i>àh.</i>
4. <i>â.</i>	in <i>fát, mât, máp, mâr'ry.</i>	The short sound of the Itálian a	- - - - <i>âh.</i>
3. <i>á.</i>	in <i>fáll, háll, wáll, wá'ter.</i>	The broad German or open a	- - - - <i>âw.</i>
<i>â.</i>	in <i>wád,* wân, wás, wásh.</i>	The short German a, like short <i>ö</i>	- - - - <i>öh.</i>
	pr. <i>wód, wôn, wöz, wósh.</i>		
1. <i>ē.</i>	in <i>mē, hēre, mē'tre, mē'di-üm.</i>	The long e	- - - - <i>ee.</i>
2. <i>ĕ.</i>	in <i>béd, mèn, mēt, fèll.</i>	The short e	- - - - <i>ĕh.</i>
1. <i>ī.</i>	in <i>dīne, tī'tle, ŷ in gýre, cý'cle.</i>	The long diphthongal i	- - - - <i>eye.</i>
2. <i>ĭ.</i>	in <i>dĭn, tĭ'tle, ŷ in cýst, cý'm'bál.</i>	The short simple i	- - - - <i>ĭh.</i>
1. <i>ō.</i>	in <i>nō, nōte, nō'tice.</i>	The long open o	- - - - <i>owe.</i>
2. <i>ò.</i>	in <i>mòve, pròve.</i>	The long close o	- - - - <i>òð.</i>
3. <i>ô.</i>	in <i>nôr, fôr, ôr, stôrm.</i>	The long broad o, like the broad a	- - - - <i>âw.</i>
4. <i>ö.</i>	in <i>nôt, hôt, gôt.</i>	The short broad o	- - - - <i>öh.</i>
1. <i>ū.</i>	in <i>tūbe, cūbe, ŷ in neŷ, deŷ.</i>	The long diphthongal u	- - - - <i>you.</i>
2. <i>ü.</i>	in <i>tüb, cüp, nüt.</i>	The short simple u	- - - - <i>üh.</i>
3. <i>û.</i>	in <i>büll, füll, ŷ in voŷ, noŷ.</i>	The middle or obtuse u, like o in wolf, òð nearly.	- - - -

Long Vowels.

Long *ā, ē, ī, ô, ū, ŷ.*
 Grave *à, è, ì, ò, ù, ŷ.*
 Broad *â, ê, î, ô, û, ŷ.*

Short Vowels.

Short *ă, ĕ, ĭ, ö, ü, ŷ.*
 Acute *á, é, í, ó, ŷ, like ŷ.*
 Inverted breve over *â* like *ö.*

Note to the Key. The sound of the vowel *ó* in *mòve, pròve, &c.* marked, by Mr. Perry, with the Broad accent, is, in this Key, marked with the Grave accent; thus, *ò* in *mòve, pròve, &c.*—The long and short sounds of *a* are placed together, consequently, the short Itálian *ă*, in Mr. Walker's order, is transposed.

IRREGULAR VOWEL SOUNDS, CHARACTERS, &c.

1. The Acute *á, é, í, ó, and ŷ*, in unaccented and monosyllables, frequently deŷert their regular native sounds, and slide into that of short *ü*, as heard, in *lí'ár, hēr, bírd, dóne, mâr'týr.*

2. The Broad *ê* sounds like the long slender Eng'lish *ā*, in *ère, thère, whère*;—*pronounced* *äre, thäre, hwäre.*

3. The mediate or unaccented *i* or *y*, sounds like the long *ē*. In all words which have any vowel with a marked accent, this *i* is the last part of the component sound of the long diphthongal *ī* or *y*, or it is equivalent to the long sound of *ē*; as heard, in *prĭv'ily, Bĕth'a-ny*;—*pronounced* *prĭv'ē-lē, Bĕth'a-nē.*

4. When joined with a final syllable in the pronunciation, *i* sometimes takes the power of *y*, and in sound becomes a consonant; as, in *Ī-ál'ian.*

5. *C* or *ch* denotes a hard sound, like *k*; as heard, in *Chrĭst.*

6. *Ĝ* or *g* denotes a soft sound, like *j*; as heard, in *gĕl'ĭd, gŷp'sy.*

7. *ph* generally sounds like *f*; as heard, in *Phi-lĕ'môn.*

8. *ŷ* or *ç* denotes a soft or flat sound like *z*; as heard, in *mŷŷe, siçe.*

9. In a diphthong or triphthong, a vowel with a marked accent, generally shows that its fellow vowel or vowels are silent, and that its own sound is the only proper one in that combination; as, in *yĕást, † beaŷ'ty.*

10. The vowel *i*, when associated with a long vowel, is not silent, but generally has the long sound of *e*; as, in *fiĕld, ŷĕld*:—but, when it is associated with a short vowel, it is silent; as, in *plăid, plăd*. In some words, it has only the power of *e* final, lengthening the preceding vowel; as, in *üb-tăin, öb-tăne'.*

11. *Italick letters*, in words of the text which are marked with the vowel accents, are likewise silent; as, in *rea'son.*

12. All words in the text wholly *Italick*, having been supplied in the Eng'lish translation, have no correspondent words in the original Hebrew and Greek text.

13. This oblique mark ['] denotes the chief or primary accent to be on that syllable, over or immediately áfter which it is placed. Thus—*Dá'vid*, in right pronunciation, is accented on the first syllable.

* This vowel is here irregular or commutable in sound, i. e. it takes the sound of another vowel. † *Ī-tăl'yän.* ‡ now written—*yĕst.* § *Ing'lish.*

14. The termination *ah*, in Hebrew proper names, when under the primary or secondary accent, is long; as, in Tàh'e-rà, Bèth'ra-bàh; but, when not under the accent, and final, it is short; as, in Jè-hò'vâh, Jû'dâh.

15. The Greek and Latin termination *a*, when not under the principal accent, by omitting the final *h*, invariably bears the mark of the short sound of the Ital'ian *a*; as, in Bèth-ès'dâ, à-òr'tâ.

16. In words of this book having marked vowels, *a*, without an accent over it, always has its short Ital'ian sound.

17. The short *ë* before *r*, in a monosyllable, or in an accented syllable, or in a syllable before the accented one, generally has the sound of *ë* in *vër'y*; e. g. wère, mèr'chânt, pèr-för'mãnce, pèr-ãm-bù-lã'tion.

18. The Or'tho-e-py of words, written in the bottom of the page, should govern the reading of those words through the book.

Note. In unaccented syllables, the vowels *a* and *o*, which in rapid pronunciation generally take the sound of short *ü*, have, in many proper names of this work, been marked with the short accent; as *ä, ö*; instead of the acute *á, ó*. Thus—Ital'ian, Phi-lè'môn, in rapid delivery, are pronounced *It-täl'yün, Fè-lè'mün*, or which is the same thing in a different orthography, *It-äl'idn, Phi-lè'món*. The design of the former accentuation has been, to counteract the proneness in most persons to drop these vowels entirely, or but slightly to touch them, and to produce and preserve a full and distinct utterance of them in the unaccented syllables, which is a most prominent and distinguishing trait in the character of a good reader.

RULE, for pronouncing the language of Scripture.

In the Sacred Writings, every participial *ed*, where it is not preceded by a vowel, ought to make a distinct syllable; as, "Who hath bellè'ved our report, and to whom is the arm of the Lord rēvèal'ed?" But where it is preceded by a vowel, the *e* is suppressed; as, in *justified* and *glorified*, in the following passage: "Whom he did predestinate, them he also call'ed; and whom he call'ed, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified."

RULE, for reading common and familiar writings.

When a verb ends with a sharp consonant; as, *f, p, k, s, h*, and *c* soft, the termination *ed*, assumed by the preterite and participle, sounds like *t*; as, stuffed, tripped, cracked, passed, vouched, faced: *pron. stuft, tript, crackt, past, voucht, faste*. But when the verb ends in a flat consonant; as, *b, g, v, z*; or a liquid; as, *l, m, n, r*, the termination *ed*, preserves the flat sound of *d*; as, drubbed, pegged, lived, buzzed, blamed, joined, filled, barred: *pron. drubb'd, pegg'd, liv'd, buzz'd, blam'd, join'd, fill'd, barr'd*.

Note. When verbs end in *l* or *d*, *te* or *de*, the participial *ed* is always heard in a distinct syllable; as, *trust, trust'ed; sound, sound'ed; flute, flut'ed; guide, guid'ed*.

[Walker's principles.]

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THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES,

CALLED

GENESIS.

CHAPTER I.

IN the beginning God created 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 And God said,¹ 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 ¶ And God said, Let there be a firmament² 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 ¶ And God said, Let the waters under the heaven 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 called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good.

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

12 And the Earth brought forth grass, 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.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 ¶ And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven, to divide the day from the night: and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas; and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So 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 fish 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

¹ *id.*

² *fir'mā-ment.*

is upon the face of all the ěarth, 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 ěarth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the ěarth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning wĕre the sixth day.

CHAP. II.

THUS the heavens and the ěarth wĕre finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blĕss'ed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

4 ¶ These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the ěarth when they wĕre created, in the day that the LORD God made the ěarth and the heavens.

5 And every plānt of the fiĕld before it was in the ěarth, and every herb of the fiĕld before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the ěarth, and *there was* not a man to till the ground.

6 But there went up a mist from the ěarth, 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 plānted a gārden east'wārd in E'den;¹ 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 plĕāsan't to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the gārden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river went out of E'den to water the gārden: and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

11 The name of the first *is* Pi'sōn: that *is* it which cōm'pāsseth the whole land of Hāv'i-lāh, where *there is* gold;

12 And the gold of that land *is* good: *there is* bdĕll'ium² and the ō'nÿx-stōne.

13 And the name of the second river *is* Ğī'hōn: the same *is* it that cōm'pāsseth the whole land of Ē-thi-ō'pi-ā.

14 And the name of the thĕrd river *is* Hid'de-kĕl: that *is* it which goeth tō'wārd the east of Ās-sÿr'i-ā. And the fourth river *is* Eū-phrā'tĕs.³

15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the gārden of E'den, to dress it, and to keep it.

16 And the LORD God cōmmān'ded the man, saying, Of every tree of the gārden thou mayst 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 ālōne: I will make him a help meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the fiĕld, and every fowl of the air, and brought *them* unto Ād'ām, to see what he would call them; and whatsoever Ād'ām called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.

20 And Ād'ām gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the fiĕld: but for Ād'ām there was not found a help meet for him.

21 ¶ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Ād'ām, 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 tā'ken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Ād'ām said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of man.

24 Thĕrĕ'fōre shall a man leave his fāther and his mōther, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they wĕre both naked, the man and his wife, and wĕre not āshā'med.

CHAP. III.

NOW the sĕrpent was more subtle than any beast of the fiĕld which the LORD God had made: and he said unto the woman, Yĕā, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the gārden?

2 And the woman said unto the sĕrpent, We may eat of the fruit⁴ of the trees of the gārden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the gārden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, nĕithĕr shall ye touch it, lĕst ye die.

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

5 For God dōth 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* plĕāsan't to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; and gave also unto her hūsbānd with her, and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both wĕre opened, and they knew that they *wĕre* naked:

¹ E'd'n.

² dĕl'yūm.

³ Yū-frā'lĕz.

⁴ frōd. u long after r sounds like oo.

and they sewed¹ fig-leaves together, and made themselves ā'prōns.²

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and ād'ām and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the LORD God called unto ād'ām, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was āfrāid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I cōmmānded thee that thou shouldst 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 sērpent beguiled³ me, and I did eat.

14 And the LORD God said unto the sērpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed ābōve all cattle, and ābōve every beast of the fiēld: 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 bruise⁴ thy head, 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 hūsbānd, and he shall rule over thee.

17 And unto ād'ām he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree of which I cōmmānded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life:

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the hērb of the fiēld.

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

20 And ād'ām called his wife's name Ēve, because she was the mōther of all living.

21 Unto ād'ām also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

22 ¶ And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil. And now, lēst he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever;

23 Thērfōre the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Ē'den, to till the

ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man: and he placed at the east of the garden of Ē'den Chēr'u-bīms, and a flaming swōrd which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

CHAP. IV.

AND ād'ām knew Ēve his wife; and she cōncēived, and bare Cāin, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

2 And she āgain⁵ bare his brōther Ā'bēl. And Ā'bēl was a keeper of sheep, but Cāin was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in prōc'ess of time it came to pāss, that Cāin brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

4 And Ā'bēl, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock, and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Ā'bēl, and to his offering:

5 But unto Cāin and to his offering he had not respect. And Cāin was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the LORD said unto Cāin, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

8 And Cāin talked with Ā'bēl his brōther: and it came to pāss, when they wēre in the fiēld, that Cāin rose up āgainst⁶ Ā'bēl his brōther, and slew him.

9 ¶ And the LORD said unto Cāin, Where *is* Ā'bēl thy brōther? And he said, I know not: *Am* I my brōther's keeper?

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brōther's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

11 And now *art* thou cursed from the ēarth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brōther's blood from thy hand.

12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yiēld unto thee her strength. A fū'gitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the ēarth.

13 And Cāin said unto the LORD, My punishment *is* greater than I can bear.

14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the ēarth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fū'gitive and a vagabond in the ēarth; and it shall come to pāss, *that* every one that findeth me shall slay me.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Thērfōre whosoever slayeth Cāin, vengeance shall be taken on him seven-fold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cāin, lēst any-finding him should kill him.

16 ¶ And Cāin went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nōd, on the east of Ē'den.

17 And Cāin knew his wife, and she cōncēived, and bare Ē'nōch: and he builded

1 sō'ed.

2 ā'pūrnz.

3 bē-gyil'ed.

4 brōdze.

5 ā-gēn'.

6 ā-gēns'.

a city, and called the name of the city, āfter the name of his son, Ē'nōch.

13 And unto Ē'nōch was born Ī'rād : and Ī'rād begat Mē-hū'ja-ēl : and Mē-hū'ja-ēl begat Mē-thū'sa-ēl : and Mē-thū'sa-ēl begat Lā mēch.

19 ¶ And Lā'mēch took unto him two wives : the name of the one was Ā'dāh, and the name of the other Zil'lāh.

20 And Ā'dāh bare Jā'bāl : he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.

21 And his brōther's name was Jū'bāl : he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

22 And Zil'lāh, she also bare Tū'bāl-Cāin, an instructor of every artificer in brāss and iron : and the sister of Tū'bāl-Cāin was Nā'a-māh.

23 And Lā'mēch said unto his wives, Ā'dāh and Zil'lāh, Hear my voice ; ye wives of Lā'mēch, hearken unto my speech : for I have slain a man to my wōu'nding, and a young man to my hurt.

24 If Cāin shall be avenged seven-fold, truly Lā'mēch seventy and seven-fold.

25 ¶ And Ād'ām knew his wife āgain', and she bare a son, and called his name Sēth : For God, said she, hath appointed me ānōther seed instead of Ā'bēl, whom Cāin slew.

26 And to Sēth, to him also there was born a son ; and he called his name Ē'nōs : then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

CHAP. V.

THIS is the book of the generations of Ād'ām : In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him :

2 Male and female created he them ; and blēss'ed them, and called their name Ād'ām, in the day when they wēre created.

3 ¶ And Ād'ām lived a hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, āfter his image ; and called his name Sēth :

4 And the days of Ād'ām, āfter he had begotten Sēth, wēre eight hundred years : and he begat sons and daughters.

5 And all the days that Ād'ām lived wēre nine hundred and thirty years : and he died.

6 ¶ And Sēth lived a hundred and five years, and begat Ē'nōs :

7 And Sēth lived āfter he begat Ē'nōs eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters :

8 And all the days of Sēth wēre nine hundred and twelve years : and he died.

9 ¶ And Ē'nōs lived ninety years, and begat Cā-i'nān :

10 And Ē'nōs lived āfter he begat Cā-i'nān eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters :

11 And all the days of Ē'nōs wēre nine hundred and five years : and he died.

12 ¶ And Cā-i'nān lived seventy years, and begat Mā-ha-lā'le-ēl :

13 And Cā-i'nān lived āfter he begat Mā-ha-lā'le-ēl eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters :

14 And all the days of Cā-i'nān wēre nine hundred and ten years : and he died.

15 ¶ And Mā-ha-lā'le-ēl lived sixty and five years, and begat Jā'rēd :

16 And Mā-ha-lā'le-ēl lived āfter he begat Jā'rēd eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters :

17 And all the days of Mā-ha-lā'le-ēl wēre eight hundred ninety and five years : and he died.

18 ¶ And Jā'rēd lived a hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Ē'nōch :

19 And Jā'rēd lived āfter he begat Ē'nōch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters :

20 And all the days of Jā'rēd wēre nine hundred sixty and two years : and he died.

21 ¶ And Ē'nōch lived sixty and five years, and begat Mē-thū'se-lāh :

22 And Ē'nōch walked with God, āfter he begat Mē-thū'se-lāh, three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters :

23 And all the days of Ē'nōch wēre three hundred sixty and five years :

24 And Ē'nōch walked with God, and he was not : for God took him.

25 ¶ And Mē-thū'se-lāh lived a hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lā'mēch :

26 And Mē-thū'se-lāh lived āfter he begat Lā'mēch seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters :

27 And all the days of Mē-thū'se-lāh wēre nine hundred sixty and nine years : and he died.

28 ¶ And Lā'mēch lived a hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son ;

29 And he called his name Nō'āh, saying, This same shall cōm'fōrt us cōncērning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.

30 And Lā'mēch lived, āfter he begat Nō'āh, five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters :

31 And all the days of Lā'mēch wēre seven hundred seventy and seven years : and he died.

32 And Nō'āh was five hundred years old : and Nō'āh begat Shem, Ham, and Jā'phēth.

CHAP. VI.

AND it came to pāss, when men began to multiply on the face of the ēarth, and daughters wēre born unto them,

2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they wēre fair ; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

3 And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh : yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.

4 There were giants in the earth in those days ; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them : the same became mighty men, which were of old, men of renown.

5 ¶ And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And he repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy¹ man, whom I have created, from the face of the earth ; both man and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air : for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 But Nō'āh found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

9 ¶ These are the generations of Nō'āh : Nō'āh was a just man, and perfect in his generations, and Nō'āh walked with God.

10 And Nō'āh begat three sons, Shēm, Hām, and Jā'phēth.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God ; and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt ; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13 And God said unto Nō'āh, The end of all flesh is come before me ; for the earth is filled with violence through them : and, behold, I will destroy¹ them with the earth.

14 ¶ Make thee an ark of gō'phér-wood : rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of : the length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above ; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof : with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy¹ all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven ; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

18 But with thee will I establish my covenant : and thou shalt come into the ark ; thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee : they shall be male and female.

20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind ; of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind ; two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee ; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

22 Thus did Nō'āh ; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

CHAP. VII.

AND the LORD said² unto Nō'āh, Come thou and all thy house into the ark ; for thee have I seen righteous³ 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 destroy¹ from off the face of the earth.

5 And Nō'āh did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

6 And Nō'āh was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

7 ¶ And Nō'āh went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth.

9 There went in two and two unto Nō'āh into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Nō'āh.

10 And it came to pass, after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

11 ¶ In the six hundredth year of Nō'āh's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

13 In the self-same day entered Nō'āh, and Shēm, and Hām, and Jā'phēth, the sons of Nō'āh, and Nō'āh's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark ;

14 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

15 And they went in unto Nō'āh into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

¹ gō'fūr-wād.

² sād.

³ rī'tshe-ūs.

16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commān'ded him : and the LORD shut him in.

17 And the flood was forty days upon the ěarth : and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lifted up ābōve the ěarth.

18 And the waters prēvāil'ed, and wēre increased greatly upon the ěarth ; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

19 And the waters prēvāil'ed exceedingly upon the ěarth ; and all the high hills that wēre under the whole heaven, wēre cōvered.

20 Fifteen cubits ūp'wārd did the waters prēvāil' ; and the mōūn'tains wēre cōvered.

21 And all flesh died that moved upon the ěarth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the ěarth, and every man :

22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.

23 And every living substance was dēstrōy'ed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven ; and they wēre dēstrōy'ed from the ěarth : and Nō'āh only remained ālive, and they that wēre with him in the ark.

24 And the waters prēvāil'ed upon the ěarth a hundred and fifty days.

CHAP. VIII.

AND God remembered Nō'āh, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark : and God made a wind to pās over the ěarth, and the waters assuaged :

2 The fōūn'tains also of the deep, and the rain from heaven wēre stopped, and the rain from heaven wēre restrained ;

3 And the waters returned from off the ěarth continually : and āfter the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters wēre ābated.

4 ¶ And the ark rested in the seventh mōnth, on the seventeenth day of the mōnth, upon the mōūn'tains of Ār'a-rāt.

5 And the waters decreased continually, until the tenth mōnth : in the tenth mōnth, on the first day of the mōnth, wēre the tops of the mōūn'tains seen.

6 ¶ And it came to pās, at the end of forty days, that Nō'āh 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 wēre dried up from off the ěarth.

8 Also he sent forth a dōve from him, to see if the waters wēre ābated from off the face of the ground :

9 But the dōve found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark : for the waters wēre on the

face of the whole ěarth. 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 āgain' he sent forth the dōve out of the ark :

11 And the dōve came in to him in the evening, and, lo, in her mouth was an olive-leaf plucked off. So Nō'āh knew that the waters wēre ābated from off the ěarth.

12 And he stayed yet other seven days, and sent forth the dōve, which returned not āgain' unto him any more.

13 ¶ And it came to pās, in the six hundredth and first year, in the first mōnth, the first day of the mōnth, the waters wēre dried up from off the ěarth : and Nō'āh removed the cōv'ering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

14 And in the second mōnth, on the seven and twentieth day of the mōnth, was the ěarth dried.

15 ¶ And God spake unto Nō'āh, saying,

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 ěarth ; that they may breed ābūn'dantly in the ěarth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the ěarth.

18 And Nō'āh 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 ěarth, āfter their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

20 ¶ And Nō'āh 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 a sweet savour : and the LORD said in his heart, I will not āgain' curse the ground any more for man's sake ; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth : nēither will I āgain' smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

22 While the ěarth rēmāin'eth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease.

CHAP. IX.

AND God blēss'ed Nō'āh and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the ěarth.

2 And the fear of you, and the dread of you, shall be upon every beast of the ěarth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the ěarth, and upon all the fishes of the sea ; into your hand āre 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, shall ye 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 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

7 And you, be ye fruitful and multiply, bring forth ābūn'dantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

8 ¶ And God spake unto Nō'āh, and to his sons with him, saying,

9 And I, behold I, estāb'lish my covenent with you, and with your seed āfter you;

10 And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, 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 estāb'lish my covenent 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 destrōy' the earth.

12 And God said, This is the token of the covenent which I make between me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for pērpēt'ual¹ generations.

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

14 And it shall come to pās, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bōw shall be seen in the cloud:

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

16 And the bōw shall be in the cloud, and I will look upon it, that I may remember the ēvér'lās'ting covenent between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

17 And God said unto Nō'āh, This is the token of the covenent which I have estāb'lished between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

18 ¶ And the sons of Nō'āh, that went forth of the ark, wēre Shēm, and Hām, and Jā'phēth: and Hām is the father of Čā'na-ān.

19 These are the three sons of Nō'āh: and of them was the whole earth over-spread.

20 And Nō'āh began to be a hūsbānd-mān, and he plānted a vine'yard:²

21 And he drank of the wine, and was

drunken; and he was uncōvered within his tent.

22 And Hām, the father of Čā'na-ān, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brēthren without.

23 And Shēm and Jā'phēth took a gārment, and laid it upon both their shoul-ders, and went backward, and cōvered the nakedness of their father; and their faces wēre backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

24 And Nō'āh āwōke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him:

25 And he said, Cursed be Čā'na-ān, a sērvant of sērvants shall he be unto his brēthren.

26 And he said, Blēs'sed be the LORD God of Shēm; and Čā'na-ān shall be his sērvant.

27 God shall enlarge Jā'phēth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shēm; and Čā'na-ān shall be his sērvant.

28 ¶ And Nō'āh lived āfter the flood three hundred and fifty years.

29 And all the days of Nō'āh wēre nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

CHAP. X.

NOW these are the generations of the sons of Nō'āh; Shēm, Hām and Jā'phēth: and unto them wēre sons born āfter the flood.

2 The sons of Jā'phēth; Gō'mér, and Mā'gōg, and Mād'a-i, and Jā'vān, and Tū'bāl, and Mē'shēch, and Tī'rās.

3 And the sons of Gō'mér; Āsh'ke-nāz, and Rī'phāth, and Tō-gār'māh.

4 And the sons of Jā'vān; Ē-lī'shāh, and Tār'shish, Kit'tim, and Dōd'a-nīm.

5 By these wēre the isles of the Čēn'tiles divided in their lands; every one āfter his tōngue, āfter their families, in their nations.

6 ¶ And the sons of Hām; Čūsh and Miz'ra-īm, and Phūt, and Čā'na-ān.

7 And the sons of Čūsh; Sē'bā, and Hāv'i-lāh, and Sāb'tāh, and Rā'a-māh, and Sāb'te-ghā; and the sons of Rā'a-māh, Shē'bā and Dē'dān.

8 And Čūsh begat Nim'rōd; 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 Nim'rōd the mighty hunter before the LORD.

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Bā'bēl, and Ē'rēch, and Āç'çād, and Čāl'neh, in the land of Shī'nār.

11 Out of that land went forth Āsh'ūi and builded Nin'e-vēh, and the city Rē-hō'bōth, and Čā'lāh,

12 And Rē'sēn, between Nin'e-vēh and Čā'lāh: the same is a great city.

13 And Miz'ra-īm begat Lū'dīm, and Ān'a-mīm, and Lē'ha-bīm, and Nāph'tu-hīm,

¹ pēr-pēt'tshū-āl.

² vin'yērd.

14 And Pāth-rū'sim, and Cās'lu-him (out of whom came Phi-lis'tim,) and Čaph'torim.

15 ¶ And Čā'na-ān begat Sī dōn his first-born, and Hēth,

16 And the Jēb'u-sīte, and the Ām'orite, and the Gir'ga-shīte,¹

17 And the Hī'vite, and the Ārk'ite, and the Sīn'ite,

18 And the Ār'vād-ite, and the Zēm'arite, and the Hā'māth-ite: and āf'tēr-wārd wēre the families of the Čā'n'ān-ites² spread ābroād.

19 And the border of the Čā'n'ān-ites was from Sīdōn, as thou comest to Gē'rār, unto Gā'zā; as thou goest unto Sōd'om and Gō-mōr'rāh, and Ād'māh, and Zē-bō'im, even unto Lā'shā.

20 These *are* the sons of Hām, āfter their families, āfter their tōngues, in their countries, and in their nations.

21 ¶ Unto Shēm also, the father of all the children of Ē'bér, the brōther of Jā-phēth the elder, even to him wēre children born.

22 The children of Shēm; Ē'lām, and Āsh'ūr, and Ār-phāx'ād, and Lūd, and Ā'rām.

23 And the children of Ā'rām; Ūz, and Hūl, and Gē'thēr, and Māsh.

24 And Ār-phāx'ād begat Sālāh; and Sālāh begat Ē'bér.

25 And unto Ē'bér wēre born two sons; the name of one was Pē'lēg; for in his days was the ēarth divided; and his brōther's name was Jōk'tān.

26 And Jōk'tān begat Āl-mō'dād, and Shē'lēph, and Hā'zār-Mā vēth, and Jē'rāh,

27 And Ha-dō'rām, and Ūzāl, and Dik'lāh,

28 And Ō'bāl, and Ā-bīm'a-ēl, and Shē'bā,

29 And Ō'phír, and Hāv'i-lāh, and Jō'bāb: all these wēre the sons of Jōk'tān.

30 And their dwelling was from Mē'shā, as thou goest unto Sē'phār, a mount of the east.

31 These *are* the sons of Shēm, āfter their families, āfter their tōngues, in their lands, āfter their nations.

32 These *are* the families of the sons of Nō'āh, āfter their generations, in their nations: and by these wēre the nations divided in the ēarth āfter the flood.

CHAP. XI.

AND the whole ēarth was of one language, and of one speech.

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

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

¹ Gēr'ga-shīte.

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 ābroād upon the face of the whole ēarth.

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, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nōthing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, let us go down, and there con-found their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

8 So the LORD scattered them ābroād from thence upon the face of all the ēarth: and they left off to build the city.

9 Thēre'fōre is the name of it called Bā'bēl; because the LORD did there con-found the language of all the ēarth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them ābroād upon the face of all the ēarth.

10 ¶ These *are* the generations of Shēm: Shēm was a hundred years old, and begat Ār-phāx'ād two years āfter the flood:

11 And Shēm lived, āfter he begat Ār-phāx'ād, five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

12 And Ār-phāx'ād lived five and thīry years, and begat Sālāh.

13 And Ār-phāx'ād lived, āfter he begat Sālāh, four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

14 And Sālāh lived thīry years, and begat Ē'bér:

15 And Sālāh lived, āfter he begat Ē'bér, four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

16 And Ē'bér lived four and thīry years, and begat Pē'lēg:

17 And Ē'bér lived, āfter he begat Pē'lēg, four hundred and thīry years, and begat sons and daughters.

18 And Pē'lēg lived thīry years, and begat Rē'ū:

19 And Pē'lēg lived, āfter he begat Rē'ū, two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

20 And Rē'ū lived two and thīry years, and begat Sē'rūg.

21 And Rē'ū lived, āfter he begat Sē'rūg, two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

22 And Sē'rūg lived thīry years, and begat Nā'hōr:

23 And Sē'rūg lived, āfter he begat Nā'hōr, two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

24 And Nā'hōr lived nine and twenty years, and begat Tē'rāh.

25 And Nā'hōr lived, āfter he begat Tē'rāh, a hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

² Kān'nān-ites.

26 And Tērah lived seventy years, and begat Ābrām, Nāhōr, and Hārān.

27 ¶ Now these *are* the generations of Tērah: Tērah begat Ābrām, Nāhōr, and Hārān; and Hārān begat Lōt.

28 And Hārān died before his father Tērah in the land of his nativity, in Ūr of the Čhāl'dēēs.

29 And Ābrām and Nāhōr took them wives: the name of Ābrām's wife was Sārāi;¹ and the name of Nāhōr's wife Mil'cāh, the daughter of Hārān, the father of Mil'cāh, and the father of Išcāh.

30 But Sārāi was barren; she *had* no child.

31 And Tērah took Ābrām his son, and Lōt the son of Hārān his son's son, and Sārāi his daughter-in-law, his son Ābrām's wife; and they went forth with them from Ūr of the Čhāl'dēēs, to go into the land of Čā'na-ān: and they came unto Hārān, and dwelt there.

32 And the days of Tērah wēre two hundred and five years: and Tērah died in Hārān.

CHAP. XII.

NOW THE LORD had said unto Ābrām, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee; and in thee shall all families of the earth be bless'ed.

4 So Ābrām departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lōt went with him: and Ābrām *was* seventy and five years old when he departed out of Hārān.

5 And Ābrām took Sārāi his wife, and Lōt his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Hārān: and they went forth to go into the land of Čā'na-ān; and into the land of Čā'na-ān they came.

6 ¶ And Ābrām pass'ed through the land unto the place of Sī'chēm, unto the plain of Mō'reh. And the Čā'n'aan-ite *was* then in the land.

7 And the LORD appeared unto Ābrām, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

8 And he removed from thence unto a mōū'n'tain on the east of Bēth'ēl, and pitched his tent, *having* Bēth'ēl on the west, and Hā'i on the east; and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

9 And Ābrām journeyed, going on still tō'ward the south.

10 ¶ And there *was* a famine in the

¹ Sārāy.

land: and Ābrām went down into E'gypt to sojourn there, for the famine *was* grievous in the land.

11 And it came to pass, when he *was* come near to enter into E'gypt, that he said unto Sārāi his wife, Behold now, I know that thou *art* a fair woman to look upon:

12 Thērē'fōre it shall come to pass, when the E-gyp'ti-ānš² shall see thee, that they shall say, This *is* his wife; and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive.

13 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.

14 ¶ And it came to pass, that, when Ābrām *was* come into E'gypt, the E-gyp'ti-ānš beheld the woman that she *was* very fair.

15 The princes also of Phā'raōh saw her, and commended her before Phā'raōh; and the woman *was* taken into Phā'raōh's house.

16 And he entreated Ābrām well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he-asses, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and she-asses, and camels.

17 And the LORD plagued Phā'raōh and his house with great plagues, because of Sārāi, Ābrām's wife.

18 And Phā'raōh called Ābrām, and said, What *is* this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she *was* thy wife?

19 Why saidst thou, She *is* my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now, thērē'fōre, behold thy wife, take *her*, and go thy way.

20 And Phā'raōh cōmmand'ed *his* men cōncērn'ing him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

CHAP. XIII.

AND Ābrām went up out of E'gypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lōt with him, into the south.

2 And Ābrām *was* very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

3 And he went on his journeys from the south, even to Bēth'ēl, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bēth'ēl, and Hā'i;

4 Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Ābrām called on the name of the LORD.

5 And Lōt also, which went with Ābrām, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

6 And the land *was* not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance *was* great, so that they could not dwell together.

7 And there *was* a strife between the herd'men of Ābrām's cattle and the herd'men of Lōt's cattle: and the Čā'n'aan-ite and the Pēr'iz-zite dwelled then in the land.

8 And Ābrām said unto Lōt, Let there

² E-jip'she-ānš.

be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my hêrd'men and thy hêrd'men: for we be brethren.

9 Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: If thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

10 And Lôt lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jôr'dân, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destrôy'ed Sôd'om and Gô-môr'râh, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Êgypt, as thou comest unto Zô'âr.

11 Then Lôt chose him all the plain of Jôr'dân; and Lôt journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

12 A'brâm dwelled in the land of Cā'na-ân, and Lôt dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent tô'wârd Sôd'om.

13 But the men of Sôd'om wêre wicked, and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto A'brâm, âfter that Lôt was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art, north'wârd, and south'wârd, and east'wârd, and west'wârd:

15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever.

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

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

18 Then A'brâm removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mâm're which is in Hê'brôn, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

CHAP. XIV.

AND it came to pass, in the days of Âm'ra-phêl king of Shî'nâr, Â'ri-ôçh king of Êl'la-sâr, Chêd-ôr-lâ'o-mér king of Ê'lâm, and Tî'dâl king of nations;

2 That these made war with Bê'râ king of Sôd'om, and with Bir'shâ¹ king of Gô-môr'râh, Shî'nâb king of Âd'mâh, and Shêm'e-bêr king of Zê-bô'im, and the king of Bê'lâ, which is Zô'âr.

3 All these wêre joined together in the vale of Sid'dim, which is the salt sea.

4 Twelve years they sêrved Chêd-ôr-lâ'o-mér, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth year came Chêd-ôr-lâ'o-mér, and the kings that wêre with him, and smote the Rêph'a-imş in Âsh te-rôth-Kâr'na-im, and the Zû'zimş in Hâm, and the Ê'mimş in Shâ'veh-Kir'jâth-Â'im,²

6 And the Hô'rites in their mount Sê'ir, unto Êl-pâ'rân, which is by the wilderness.

7 And they returned and came to Ên-

mish'pât, which is Kâ'dêsh, and smote all the country of the Âm'a-lêk-ites, and also the Âm'o-rites that dwelt in Hâz'e-zôn-Tâ'mâr.

8 And there went out the king of Sôd'om, and the king of Gô-môr'râh, and the king of Âd'mâh, and the king of Zê-bô'im, and the king of Bê'lâ, (the same is Zô'âr;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Sid'dim;

9 With Chêd-ôr-lâ'o-mér the king of Ê'lâm, and with Tî'dâl king of nations, and Âm'ra-phêl king of Shî'nâr, and Â'ri-ôçh king of Êl'la-sâr; four kings with five.

10 And the vale of Sid'dim was full of slime-pits; and the kings of Sôd'om and Gô-môr'râh fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the môûn'tain.

11 And they took all the goods of Sôd'om and Gô-môr'râh, and all their vic'tuals,³ and went their way.

12 And they took Lôt, A'brâm's brôther's son, (who dwelt in Sôd'om,) and his goods, and departed.

13 ¶ And there came one that had escâped, and told A'brâm the Hê'brew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mâm're the Âm'o-rite, brôther of Êsh'çôl, and brôther of Â'nér: and these wêre confederate with A'brâm.

14 And when A'brâm heard that his brôther was taken captive, he armed his trained sêrvants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dân.

15 And he dividêd himself âgainst them, he and his sêrvants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hô'bâh, which is on the left hand of Da-mâs'çûs.

16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought âgain' his brôther Lôt, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

17 ¶ And the king of Sôd'om went out to meet him, (âfter his return from the slaughter of Chêd-ôr-lâ'o-mér, and of the kings that wêre with him,) at the valley of Sâ'veh, which is the king's dale.

18 And Mêl-çhîs'e-dêk king of Sâlêm brought forth bread and wine; and he was the priest of the most high God.

19 And he blêss'ed him, and said, Blêss'ed be A'brâm of the most high God, pôçşês'sôr of heaven and êarth:

20 And blêss'ed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

21 And the king of Sôd'om said unto A'brâm, Give me the pêrsons, and take the goods to thyself.

22 And A'brâm said to the king of Sôd'om, I have lifted up my hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the pôçşês'sôr of heaven and êarth,

23 That I will not take from a thread even to a shoe-latchet, and that I will not

¹ Bêr'shâ.

² Shâ'vêh-Kîr'jâth-Â'im.

³ vit'ltz.

take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldst say, I have made Ābrām rich :

24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Ānér, Esh'cól, and Mám're ; let them take their portion.

CHAP. XV.

AFTER these things the word of the LORD came unto Ābrām in a vision, saying, Fear not, Ābrām : I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

2 And Ābrām said, LORD God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Ē-li-ēzér of Da-más'cús ?

3 And Ābrām said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.¹

4 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.

5 And he brought him forth ābroād, and said, Look now tó'wárd heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them. And he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 And he believed in the LORD ; and he counted it to him for rīgh'teōsnēss.²

7 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ūr of the Chāl'dēes, to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, LORD God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it ?

9 And he said unto him, Take me a heifer of three years old, and a she-goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtle-dóve, and a young pí'g'cōn.³

10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piēce one āgainst' ānóther ; but the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Ābrām drove them āwāy.

12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Ābrām ; and, lo, a horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13 And he said unto Ābrām, Know of a surety, that thy seed shall be a strānger in a land that is not theirs, and shall sērve them ; and they shall afflict them four hundred years ;

14 And also that nation, whom they shall sērve, will I judge ; and ā'térwárd shall they come out with great substance.

15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace ; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither āgain' ; for the iniquity of the Ām'o-rites is not yet full.

¹ āre. ² r'it'he-ūs-nēs. ³ pí'd'j'in.

17 And it came to pās, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold, a smoking fūr'nace⁴ and a burning lamp that pās'ed between those piēces.

18 In that same day the LORD made a cōvenant with Ābrām, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Ē'g'yp'ti-ān to the great river, the river Eū-phrā'tēs.

19 The Kōn'ites, and the Kēn'iz-zites, and the Kād'mōn-ites,

20 And the Hit'tites, and the Pēr'iz-zites, and the Rēph'a-ims,

21 And the Ām'o-rites, and the Cān'a-ān-ites, and the Gir'ga-shites,⁵ and the Jēb'a-sites.

CHAP. XVI.

NOW Sārāi,⁶ Ābrām's wife, bare him no children: and she had a haud-maid, an Ē-g'yp'ti-ān, whose name was Hā'gār.

2 And Sārāi said unto Ābrām, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing : I pray thee, go in unto my maid ; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Ābrām hearkened to the voice of Sārāi.

3 And Sārāi, Ābrām's wife, took Hā'gār her maid, the Ē-g'yp'ti-ān, after Ābrām had dwelt ten years in the land of Čā'nā-ān, and gave her to her hūš'bánd Ābrām to be his wife.

4 And he went in unto Hā'gār, and she conceived: and, when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was desp'ised in her eyes.

5 And Sārāi said unto Ābrām, My wrong be upon thee : I have given my maid into thy bō'sóm ; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was desp'ised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.

6 But Ābrām said unto Sārāi, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand: do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sārāi dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

7 And the āngel of the LORD found her by a fōun'tain of water in the wilderness, by the fōun'tain in the way to Shūr.

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

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

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

11 And the āngel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ish'ma-ēl ; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

12 And he will be a wild man ; his

⁴ fūr'nīs. ⁵ Gēr'ga-shītes. ⁶ Sārāy.

hand will be āgainst' every man, and every man's hand āgainst' him: and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brēthren.

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 āfter him that seeth me?

14 Wherefore the well was called Bē-ēr-la-hā'i-rōi: behold, *it is* between Kā'dēsh and Bē'rēd.

15 And Hā'gār bare Ā'brām a son; and Ā'brām called his son's name, which Hā'gār bare, Ish'ma-ēl.

16 And Ā'brām was fourscore and six years old when Hā'gār bare Ish'ma-ēl to Ā'brām.

CHAP. XVII.

AND when Ā'brām was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Ā'brām, and said unto him, I am the Ālmīgh'ty God: walk before me, and be thou pērfect.

2 And I will make my cōvenant between me and thee; and will multiply thee exceedingly.

3 And Ā'brām fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

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

5 Nēither shall thy name any more be called Ā'brām; but thy name shall be called Ā'bra-hām: 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 ēstāb'lish my cōvenant between me and thee, and thy seed āfter thee, in their generations, for an ēvērlās'ting cōvenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed āfter thee.

8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed āfter thee, the land wherein thou art a strānger, all the land of Cā'na-ān, for an ēvērlās'ting pōssēs'sion; and I will be their God.

9 ¶ And God said unto Ā'bra-hām, Thou shalt keep my cōvenant thēre'fore, thou, and thy seed āfter thee, in their generations.

10 This is my cōvenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you, and thy seed āfter thee; Every man-child āmōng you shall be cir'cumciṣed.¹

11 And ye shall cir'cumciṣe the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the cōvenant betwixt me and you.

12 And he that is eight days old shall be cir'cumciṣed āmōng you, every man-child in your generations; he that is born in the house, or bought with mōney of any strānger, which is not of thy seed.

13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy mōney, must needs

¹ sēr'kūm-sī-zēd.

be cir'cumciṣed: and my cōvenant shall be in your flesh for an ēvērlās'ting cōvenant.

14 And the uncir'cumciṣed man-child, whose flesh of his foreskin is not cir'cumciṣed, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my cōvenant.

15 ¶ And God said unto Ā'bra-hām, As for Sā'rāi thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sā'rāi, but Sā'rāh shall her name be.

16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her; yēa, I will bless her, and she shall be a mōther of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

17 Then Ā'bra-hām fell upon his face, and laugh'ed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is a hundred years old? and shall Sā'rāh, that is ninety years old, bear?

18 And Ā'bra-hām said unto God, Oh that Ish'ma-ēl might live before thee!

19 And God said, Sā'rāh thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Īṣāc: and I will ēstāb'lish my cōvenant with him for an ēvērlās'ting cōvenant, and with his seed āfter him.

20 And as for Ish'ma-ēl, I have heard thee; Behold, I have blēss'ed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly: twelve princes shall he beget; and I will make him a great nation.

21 But my cōvenant will I ēstāb'lish with Īṣāc, whom Sā'rāh 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 Ā'bra-hām.

23 ¶ And Ā'bra-hām took Ish'ma-ēl his son, and all that wēre born in his house, and all that wēre bought with his mōney, every male āmōng the men of Ā'bra-hām's house, and cir'cumciṣed the flesh of their foreskin in the self-same day, as God had said unto him.

24 And Ā'bra-hām was ninety years old and nine, when he was cir'cumciṣed in the flesh of his foreskin.

25 And Ish'ma-ēl his son was thirteen years old, when he was cir'cumciṣed in the flesh of his foreskin.

26 In the self-same day was Ā'bra-hām cir'cumciṣed, and Ish'ma-ēl his son;

27 And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with mōney of the strānger, wēre cir'cumciṣed with him.

CHAP. XVIII.

AND the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mām're: and he sat in the tent-door in 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 tō'wārd the ground,

3 And said, My Lord, if now I have

found favour in thy sight, pāss not āwāy, I pray thee, from thy sērvant :

4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wāsh your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree :

5 And I will fetch a mōr'sel¹ of bread, and cōmfort ye your hearts; āfter that ye shall pāss on: for thēre'fore āre ye come to your sērvant. And they said, So do as thou hast said.

6 And Ā'bra-hām hāstened into the tent unto Sā'rāh, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead *it*, and make cakes upon the hearth.

7 And Ā'bra-hām ran unto the hērd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave *it* unto a young man; and he hāsted 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 Sā'rāh thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

10 And he said, I will cēr'tainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sā'rāh thy wife shall have a son. And Sā'rāh hēard *it* in the tent-door, which was behind him.

11 Now Ā'bra-hām and Sā'rāh wēre old, and well stricken in age; and *it* ceased to be with Sā'rāh āfter the manner of wom'en.²

12 Thēre'fore Sā'rāh lāugh'ed within herself, saying, Āfter I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

13 And the LORD said unto Ā'bra-hām, Wherefore did Sā'rāh lāugh,³ saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child which am old?

14 Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee according to the time of life, and Sā'rāh shall have a son.

15 Then Sā'rāh denied, saying, I lāugh'ed not; for she was āfrāid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst lāugh.

16 ¶ And the men rose up from thence, and looked tō'wārd Sōd'om: and Ā'bra-hām went with them to bring them on the way.

17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Ā'bra-hām that thing which I do;

18 Seeing that Ā'bra-hām shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the ēarth shall be blēs'sed in him?

19 For I know him, that he will cōm-mānd' his children and his household āfter him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Ā'bra-hām that which he hath spoken of him.

20 And the LORD said, Because the

¹ mōr'sil.

² wim'min.

cry of Sōd'om and Gō-mōr'rāh is great, and because their sin is very griēv'ous;

21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done āltogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went tō'wārd Sōd'om: but Ā'bra-hām stood yet before the LORD.

23 And Ā'bra-hām drew near, and said, Wilt thou also dēstrōy' the righ'teōus⁴ with the wicked?

24 Pēradvēn'tūre there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also dēstrōy' and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that āre therein?

25 That be far from thee to do āfter this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked; and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee. Shall not the Judge of all the ēarth do right?

26 And the LORD said, If I find in Sōd'om fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

27 And Ā'bra-hām ānswered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD, which am but dust and ashes:

28 Pēradvēn'tūre there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou dēstrōy' all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not dēstrōy' *it*.

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

30 And he said unto him, O let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak: Pēradvēn'tūre there shall thirty be 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: Pēradvēn'tūre there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not dēstrōy' *it* for twenty's sake.

32 And he said, O let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Pēradvēn'tūre ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not dēstrōy' *it* for ten's sake.

33 And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Ā'bra-hām: and Ā'bra-hām returned unto his place.

CHAP. XIX.—

AND there came two āngels to Sōd'om at even; and Lōt sat in the gate of Sōd'om: and Lōt, seeing *them*, rose up to meet them; and he bōwed himself with his face tō'wārd the ground;

2 And he said, Behold now, my lords,

³ lāf.

⁴ rī'tshe-ūs.

turn in, I pray you, into your sêrvant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up éarly, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will äbide 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, *even* the men of Söd'om, côm-pâssed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

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

6 And Lôt went out at the door unto them, and shut the door äfter him,

7 And said, I pray you, brêthren, do not so wickedly.

8 Behold now, I have two dâughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as *is* good in your eyes: only unto these men do nôthing; for thêre'fôre came they under the shadow of my roof.

9 And they said, Stand back. And they said *ägain'*, This one fellow came in to sô'journ, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal wôrse with thee than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, *even* Lôt, and came near to break the door.

10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lôt into the house to them, and shut to the door.

11 And they smote the men that *wêre* at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great; so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

12 ¶ And the men said unto Lôt, Hast thou here any besides? son-in-law, and thy sons, and thy dâughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place:

13 For we will deströy' this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to deströy' it.

14 And Lôt went out, and spake unto his sons-in-law, which married his dâughters, and said, Up, get ye out of this place; for the LORD will deströy' this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons-in-law.

15 And when the morning äróse, then the ängels hästened Lôt, saying, Ärise, take thy wife, and thy two dâughters, which *äre* here; læst thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the

hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two dâughters; the LORD being mër-cifül unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

17 And it came to päs, when they had brought them forth äbroäd, that he said, Êscäpe' for thy life; look not behind thee, nèither stay thou in all the plain; êscäpe to the môûn'tain, læst thou be consumed.

18 And Lôt said unto them, Oh, not so, my lord:

19 Behold now, thy sêrvant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mërçy, which thou hast showed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot êscäpe' to the môûn'tain, læst 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 êscäpe' thither, (*is* it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

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

22 Haste thee, êscäpe' thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither: thêre'fôre the name of the city was called Zô'ar.

23 The sun was risen upon the éarth when Lôt entered into Zô'ar.

24 Then the LORD rained upon Söd'om, and upon Gö-mör'räh, 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 she became a pillar of salt.

27 ¶ And Ä'bra-häm gat up éarly in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD:

28 And he looked tó'wârd Söd'om and Gö-mör'räh, and tó'wârd all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a fûr'nace.¹

29 And it came to päs, when God deströy'ed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Ä'bra-häm, and sent Lôt out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lôt dwelt.

30 ¶ And Lôt went up out of Zô'ar, and dwelt in the môûn'tain, and his two dâughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zô'ar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two dâughters.

31 And the first-born said unto the younger, Our father *is* old, and *there is* not a man in the éarth to come in unto us äfter the manner of all the éarth:

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

¹ fûr'näis.

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

34 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the first-born said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yēs'térnight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may prēsérve¹ seed of our father.

35 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

36 Thus wére both the daughters of Lót with child by their father.

37 And the first-born bare a son, and called his name Mō'áb: the same is the father of the Mō'ab-ites unto this day.

38 And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Bēn-ām'mī: the same is the father of the children of Ām'mōn unto this day.

CHAP. XX.

AND Ā'bra-hām journeyed from thence *tō'wá*rds the south country, and dwelled between Kā'dēsh and Shūr, and sō'journd in Gē'rār.

2 And Ā'bra-hām said of Sā'rāh his wife, She is my sister: and Ā-bīm'e-lēḥ king of Gē'rār sent and took Sā'rāh.

3 But God came to Ā-bīm'e-lēḥ in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife.

4 But Ā-bīm'e-lēḥ had not come near her: and he said, LORD, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?

5 Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself, said, He is my brother: In the integrity of my heart, and innocency of my hands, have I done this.

6 And God said unto him in a dream, Yēa, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning āgainst¹ me: thērē'fore suffered I thee not to touch her.

7 Now, thērē'fore, restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

8 Thērē'fore Ā-bīm'e-lēḥ rose early in the morning, and called all his sērvants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men wére sore āfrāid.

9 Then Ā-bīm'e-lēḥ called Ā'bra-hām, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee,

that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

10 And Ā-bīm'e-lēḥ said unto Ā'bra-hām, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?

11 And Ā'bra-hām said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.

12 And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my móther; and she became my wife.

13 And it came to pass, when God caused me to wānder from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt show unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.

14 And Ā-bīm'e-lēḥ took sheep, and oxen, and men-sērvants, and women-sērvants, and gave them unto Ā'bra-hām, and restored him Sā'rāh his wife.

15 And Ā-bīm'e-lēḥ said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee.

16 And unto Sā'rāh he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand piēces of silver; behold, he is to thee a cōv'ering of the eyes unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus she was reproved.

17 So Ā'bra-hām prayed unto God: and God healed Ā-bīm'e-lēḥ, and his wife, and his maid-sērvants; and they bare children.

18 For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Ā-bīm'e-lēḥ, because of Sā'rāh, Ā'bra-hām's wife.

CHAP. XXI.

AND the LORD visited Sā'rāh as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sā'rāh as he had spoken:

2 For Sā'rāh conceived, and bare Ā'bra-hām a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

3 And Ā'bra-hām called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sā'rāh bare to him, Iṣāaḥ.

4 And Ā'bra-hām circ'umcised² his son Iṣāaḥ, being eight days old, as God had cōmmand'ed him.

5 And Ā'bra-hām was a hundred years old when his son Iṣāaḥ was born unto him.

6 And Sā'rāh said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me.

7 And she said, Who would have said unto Ā'bra-hām, that Sā'rāh should have given children suck? for I have borne him a son in his old age.

8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Ā'bra-hām made a great feast the same day that Iṣāaḥ was weaned.

9 ¶ And Sā'rāh saw the son of Hā'gār

¹ sēr'kūm-sī-sed.

the Ē-gÿp'ti-ān, which she had borne unto Ā'bra-hām, mocking :

10 Wherefore she said unto Ā'bra-hām, Cāst out this bond-woman and her son : for the son of this bond-woman shall not be heir¹ with my son, *even* with I'šāaç.

11 And the thing was very griēv'ous in Ā'bra-hām's sight, because of his son.

12 And God said unto Ā'bra-hām, Let it not be griēv'ous in thy sight, because of the lad, and because of thy bond-woman : in all that Sārāh hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice ; for in I'šāaç shall thy seed be called.

13 And also the son of the bond-woman will I make a nation, because he *is* thy seed.

14 ¶ And Ā'bra-hām rose up ēarly in the morning, and took bread and a bottle of water, and gave *it* unto Hā'gār, (putting *it* on her shoulder,) and the child, and sent her āwāy : and she departed, and wāndered in the wilderness of Bē-ēr'she-bā.

15 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cāst the child under one of the shrubs.

16 And she went and sat her down over āgainst¹ *him*, a good way off, as it wēre a bow-shot : for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over āgainst¹ *him*, and lifted up her voice, and wept.

17 And God hēard the voice of the lad : and the āngel of God called to Hā'gār out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hā'gār ? fear not ; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he *is*.

18 Āriše, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand ; for I will make him a great nation.

19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water ; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

20 And God was with the lad ; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

21 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Pārān : and his mōther took him a wife out of the land of Ē'gÿpt.

22 ¶ And it came to pās at that time, that Ā-bim'e-lēçh, and Phī'çhōl the chief cāp'tain of his host, spake unto Ā'bra-hām, saying, God *is* with thee in all that thou doest :

23 Now, thērē'fōre, swear unto me here by God, that thou wilt not deal falsely 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 sō'journed.

24 And Ā'bra-hām said, I will swear.

25 And Ā'bra-hām reproved Ā-bim'e-

lēçh because of a well of water, which Ā-bim'e-lēçh's sērvaunts had violently taken āwāy.

26 And Ā-bim'e-lēçh said, I wot not who hath done this thing ; nēither didst thou tell me, nēither yet hēard I of *it* but to-day.

27 And Ā'bra-hām took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Ā-bim'e-lēçh ; and both of them made a cōvenant.

28 And Ā'bra-hām set seven ewe-lambs of the flock by themselves.

29 And Ā-bim'e-lēçh said unto Ā'bra-hām, What *mean* these seven ewe-lambs, which thou hast set by themselves ?

30 And he said, For *these* seven ewe-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 Bē-ēr'she-bā ; because there they swore both of them.

32 Thus they made a cōvenant at Bē-ēr'she-bā : Then Ā-bim'e-lēçh rose up, and Phī'çhōl the chief cāp'tain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Phi-lis'tines.

33 And Ā'bra-hām plānted a grove in Bē-ēr'she-bā, and called there on the name of the LORD, the ēvēr'lās'ting God.

34 And Ā'bra-hām sō'journed in the Phi-lis'tines' land many days.

CHAP. XXII.

AND it came to pās, āfter these things, that God did tempt Ā'bra-hām, and said unto him, Ā'bra-hām : and he said, Behold, *here I am*.

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only *son* I'šāaç, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Mō-rī'āh ; and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mōun'tains which I will tell thee of.

3 And Ā'bra-hām rose up ēarly in the morning, and saddled his āss, and took two of his young men with him, and I'šāaç his son, and clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the thīrd day Ā'bra-hām lifted up his eyes, and saw the place āfār off.

5 And Ā'bra-hām said unto his you^{ng} men, Ābide ye here with the āss ; and I and the lad will go yōnder and wór'ship, and come āgain' to you.

6 And Ā'bra-hām took the wood of the burnt-offering, and laid *it* upon I'šāaç his son ; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife : and they went both of them tō-gēther.

7 And I'šāaç spake unto Ā'bra-hām his father, and said, My 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 Ā'bra-hām 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 Ā'bra-hām built an altar there, and laid the wood in order; and bound I'šāaḥ his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And Ā'bra-hām stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 And the āngel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Ā'bra-hām, Ā'bra-hām: and he said, Here am I.

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from me.

13 And Ā'bra-hām lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns; and Ā'bra-hām went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering in the stead of his son.

14 And Ā'bra-hām called the name of that place Jē-hō'vāh-Jī'rēh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

15 And the āngel of the LORD called unto Ā'bra-hām out of heaven the second time,

16 And said, By my-sēlf have I sworn, saith the LORD; for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld 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 Ā'bra-hām returned unto his young men; and they rose up, and went together to Bē-ēr'she-bā: and Ā'bra-hām dwelt at Bē-ēr'she-bā.

20 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Ā'bra-hām, saying, Behold, Mil'cāh, she hath also borne children unto thy brother Nā'hōr;

21 Hūz his first-born, and Būz his brother, and Kēm-ū'ēl the father of Ā'rām,

22 And Chē'sed, and Hā'zō, and Pīl-dāsh, and Jīd'lāph, and Bē-thū'ēl.

23 And Bē-thū'ēl begat Rē-bēk'āh: these eight Mil'cāh did bear to Nā'hōr, Ā'bra-hām's brother.

24 And his concubine, whose name was Re'ūmāh, she bare also Tē'bāh, and Gā'hām, and Thā'hāsh, and Mā'a-ḡhāh.

CHAP. XXIII.

AND Sā'rāh was a hundred and seven years old: these were the years of the life of Sā'rāh.

2 And Sā'rāh died in Kir'jāth-Ār'bā; the same is Hē'brōn in the land of Cā'nān: and Ā'bra-hām came to mourn for Sā'rāh, and to weep for her.

3 And Ā'bra-hām stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Hēth, saying,

4 I am a stranger and a sojournner with you: give me a possēs'sion of a burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

5 And the children of Hēth answered Ā'bra-hām, saying unto him,

6 Hear us, my lord: Thou art a mighty prince amongst us: in the choice of our sēp'ūlḡres bury thy dead: none of us shall withhold from thee his sēp'ūlḡre, but that thou mayst bury thy dead.

7 And Ā'bra-hām stood up, and bōwed himself to the people of the land, even to the children of Hēth.

8 And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and entreat for me to Ē'phrōn the son of Zō'hār,

9 That he may give me the cave of Māch-pē'lāh which he hath, which is in the end of his field: for as much mōney as it is wōrth he shall give it me, for a possēs'sion of a burying-place amongst you.

10 And Ē'phrōn dwelt amongst the children of Hēth. And Ē'phrōn the Hīt'tite answered Ā'bra-hām in the audience of the children of Hēth, even of all that went in at the gates of his city, saying,

11 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 sons of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead.

12 And Ā'bra-hām bōwed down himself before the people of the land.

13 And he spake unto Ē'phrōn, 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 mōney for the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there.

14 And Ē'phrōn answered Ā'bra-hām, saying unto him,

15 My lord, hearken unto me: The land is wōrth four hundred shekels of silver; what is that betwixt me and thee? bury thēre'fōre thy dead.

16 And Ā'bra-hām hearkened unto Ē'phrōn; and Ā'bra-hām weighed to Ē'phrōn the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Hēth, four hundred shekels of silver, current mōney with the mēr'chānt.

17 And the field of Ē'phrōn, which was in Māch-pē'lāh, which was before Mām're, 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

18 Unto Ā'bra-hām for a pōssēs'sion, in the presence of the children of Hēth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

19 And āfter this Ā'bra-hām buried Sā-rāh his wife in the cave of the fiēld of Māch-pē'lāh, before Mām're: the same is Hē'brōn in the land of Cā'na-ān.

20 And the fiēld, and the cave that is therein, wēre made sure unto Ā'bra-hām, for a pōssēs'sion of a burying-place, by the sons of Hēth.

CHAP. XXIV.

AND Ā'bra-hām was old, and well stricken in age; and the LORD had blēss'ed Ā'bra-hām in all things.

2 And Ā'bra-hām said unto his eldest sērvant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Pūt, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh;

3 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the ēarth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Čān'-aān-ites, āmōngst whom I dwell:

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

5 And the sērvant said unto him, Pēr-ādven'ture the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son āgain' unto the land from whence thou camest?

6 And Ā'bra-hām said unto him, Beware thou, that thou bring not my son thither āgain'.

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 āngel before thee; and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.

8 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 āgain'.

9 And the sērvant pūt his hand under the thigh of Ā'bra-hām his māster, and sware to him concērn'ing that matter.

10 And the sērvant took ten camels, of the camels of his māster, and departed; (for all the goods of his māster wēre in his hand;) and he ārōse, and went to Mēs-ō-pō-tā'mi-ā, unto the city of Nā'hōr.

11 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.

12 And he said, O LORD God of my māster Ā'bra-hām, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and show kindness unto my māster Ā'bra-hām.

13 Behold, I stand here by the well of

water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

14 And let it come to pās, 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 she that thou hast appointed for thy sērvant Īšāāc; and thereby shall I know that thou hast showed kindness unto my māster.

15 And it came to pās, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rē-bēk'āh came out, who was born to Bē-thū'ēl, son of Mil'čāh, the wife of Nā'hōr, Ā'bra-hām's brōther, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin; nēither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

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

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

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

20 And she hāsted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough,¹ and ran āgain unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.

21 And the man, wōndering at her, held his peace, to wit, whether the LORD had made his jōurney prosperous or not.

22 And it came to pās, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden ear-ring of half a shekel weight, and two brācelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold,

23 And said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee. Is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in?

24 And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bē-thū'ēl the son of Mil'čāh, which she bare unto Nā'hōr.

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

26 And the man bōw'd down his head, and wōr'shipped the LORD.

27 And he said, Blēs'sed be the LORD God of my māster Ā'bra-hām, who hath not left destitute my māster of his mērcy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my māster's brēthren.

28 And the damsel ran, and told them of her mōther's house these things.

29 And Rē-bēk'āh had a brōther, and his name was Lā'bān: and Lā'bān ran out unto the man unto the well.

¹ trōf.

30 And it came to pass, when he saw the ear-ring, and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rē-bēk'āh his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me, that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well.

31 And he said, Come in, thou blēss'ed of the LORD; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.

32 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.

33 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.

34 And he said, I am Ā'bra-hām's servant.

35 And the LORD hath blēss'ed my master greatly, and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and camels, and asses.

36 And Sārāh, my master's wife, bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath.

37 And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Çān'aan-ites, in whose land I dwell:

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

39 And I said unto my master, Pērad-vēn'tūre² the woman will not follow me.

40 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.

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

42 And I came this day unto the well, and said, O LORD God of my master Ā'bra-hām, if now thou do prosper my way which I go;

43 Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the vir'gin³ cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

44 And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: let the same be the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for my master's son.

45 And before I had done speaking in mine heart, Behold, Rē-bēk'āh came forth

with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.

46 And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink; and I will give thy camels drink also. So I drank, and she made the camels drink also.

47 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, The daughter of Bē-thū'el, Nā'hōr's son, whom Milçāh bare unto him: and I put the ear-ring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.

48 And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blēss'ed the LORD God of my master Ā'bra-hām, which had led me in the right way, to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.

49 And now, if you will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand or to the left.

50 Then Lā'bān and Bē-thū'el answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD; we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.

51 Behold, Rē-bēk'āh is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken.

52 And it came to pass, that when Ā'bra-hām's servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth.

53 And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rē-bēk'āh: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.

54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night, and they rose up in the morning; and he said, Send me away unto my master.

55 And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go.

56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away, that I may go to my master.

57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and inquire at her mouth.

58 And they called Rē-bēk'āh, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

59 And they sent away Rē-bēk'āh their sister, and her nurse, and Ā'bra-hām's servant, and his men.

60 And they blēss'ed Rē-bēk'āh, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou

² Pēr-ād-vēn'tshūre.³ vēr'jīn.

the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed pōssēs' the gate of those which hate them.

61 And Rē-bēk'āh ārōse, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man; and the sērvant took Rē-bēk'āh, and went his way.

62 And Ī'sāaċ came from the way of the well La-hā'irōi;¹ for he dwelt in the south country.

63 And Ī'sāaċ went out to meditate in the field at the even-tide; and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels wēre coming.

64 And Rē-bēk'āh lifted up her eyes; and when she saw Ī'sāaċ, she lighted off the camel.

65 For she had said unto the sērvant, What man is this that walketh in the fiēld to meet us? And the sērvant had said, It is my māster: thērē'fōre she took a veil and cōvered herself.

66 And the sērvant told Ī'sāaċ all things that he had done.

67 And Ī'sāaċ brought her into his mōther Sā'rāh's tent, and took Rē-bēk'āh, and she became his wife, and he loved her: and Ī'sāaċ was cōm'fōrted āfter his mōther's death.

CHAP. XXV.

THEN again Ā'bra-hām took a wife, and her name was Kē-tū'rāh.

2 And she bare him Zim'rān, and Jōk'shān, and Mē'dān, and Mid'i-ān, and Ish'bāk, and Shū'āh.

3 And Jōk'shān begat Shē'bā and Dē'dān. And the sons of Dē'dān wēre Ās-shū'rīm, and Lē-tū'shim, and Lē-ūm'mim.

4 And the sons of Mid'i-ān; Ē'phāh, and Ē'phér, and Hā'nōch, and Ā-bī'dāh, and Ē'da-āh. All these wēre the children of Kē-tū'rāh.

5 And Ā'bra-hām gave all that he had unto Ī'sāaċ.

6 But unto the sons of the concubines, which Ā'bra-hām had, Ā'bra-hām gave gifts, and sent them āwāy from Ī'sāaċ his son (while he yet lived) ēast'wārd, unto the east country.

7 And these āre the days of the years of Ā'bra-hām's life, which he lived, a hundred threescore and fifteen years.

8 Then Ā'bra-hām gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gāthered to his people.

9 And his sons Ī'sāaċ and Ish'ma-ēl buried him in the cave of Māch-pē'lāh, in the fiēld of Ē'phrōn, the son of Zō'hār the Hit'tite, which is before Mām're;

10 The fiēld which Ā'bra-hām purchased of the sons of Héth: there was Ā'bra-hām buried, and Sā'rāh his wife.

11 And it came to pās. āfter the death of Ā'bra-hām, that God blēss'ed his son

Ī'sāaċ: and Ī'sāaċ dwelt by the well La-hā'irōi.

12 ¶ Now these āre the generations of Ish'ma-ēl, Ā'bra-hām's son, whom Hā'gār the Ē-gypti-ān, Sā'rāh's handmaid, bare unto Ā'bra-hām.

13 And these āre the names of the sons of Ish'ma-ēl, by their names, according to their generations: The first-born of Ish'ma-ēl, Nē-bā'jōth; and Kē'dār, and Ād'be-ēl, and Mib'sām,

14 And Mish'mā, and Dū'māh, and Mās'sā,

15 Hā'dār, and Tē'mū, Jē'tūr, Nā'phish, and Kēd'e-māh.

16 These āre the sons of Ish'ma-ēl, and these āre their names, by their towns, and by their cāstles; twelve princes according to their nations.

17 And these āre the years of the life of Ish'ma-ēl, a hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost, and died, and was gāthered unto his people.

18 And they dwelt from Hāv'i-lāh unto Shūr, that is before Ē'gypt, as thou goest tō'wārd's Ās-syri-ā: and he died in the presence of all his brēthren.

19 ¶ And these āre the generations of Ī'sāaċ, Ā'bra-hām's son: Ā'bra-hām begat Ī'sāaċ:

20 And Ī'sāaċ was forty years old when he took Rē-bēk'āh to wife, the daughter of Bē-thū'ēl the Syri-ān of Pā'dān-Ā'rām, the sister to Lā'bān the Syri-ān.

21 And Ī'sāaċ entreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was entreated of him, and Rē-bēk'āh his wife conceived.

22 And the children struggled togēther within her: and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to inquire of the LORD.

23 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations āre in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels: and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall sērve the younger.

24 And when her days to be delivered wēre fulfilled, behold, there wēre twins in her womb.

25 And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name E'sāu.

26 And āfter that came his brōther out, and his hand took hold on E'sāu's heel; and his name was called Jā'cōb: and Ī'sāaċ was threescore years old when she bare them.

27 And the boys grew: and E'sāu was a cunning hunter, a man of the fiēld; and Jā'cōb was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

28 And Ī'sāaċ loved E'sāu, because he did eat of his venison; but Rē-bēk'āh loved Jā'cōb.

¹ La-hā'y'rōy.

I'sāaç is reproved by Ā-bīm'e-lēçh. GENESIS. *Ā-bīm'e-lēçh's cōvenant with him.*

29 ¶ And Jā'cōb sod pottage : and Ē'sāu came from the field, and he *was* faint.

30 And Ē'sāu said to Jā'cōb, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red *pottage* ; for I *am* faint : thēre'fore was his name called Ē'dom.

31 And Jā'cōb said, Sell me this day thy birth-right.¹

32 And Ē'sāu said, Behold, I *am* at the point to die ; and what profit shall this birth-right do to me ?

33 And Jā'cōb said, Swear to me this day ; and he sware unto him : and he sold his birth-right unto Jā'cōb.

34 Then Jā'cōb gave Ē'sāu bread and pottage of lentiles ; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way. Thus Ē'sāu despised his birth-right.

CHAP. XXVI.—

AND there was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Ā'bra-hām. And Ī'sāaç went unto Ā-bīm'e-lēçh, king of the Phi-lis'tines, unto Gē'rār.

2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into E'gypt ; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of.

3 So'journ in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee ; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries ; and I will perform' the oath which I sware unto Ā'bra-hām thy father :

4 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 bless'ed ;

5 Because that Ā'bra-hām obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my cōmmandments, my statutes, and my laws.

6 ¶ And Ī'sāaç dwelt in Gē'rār :

7 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, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rē-bēk'āh, because she *was* fair to look upon.

8 And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Ā-bīm'e-lēçh, king of the Phi-lis'tines, looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Ī'sāaç *was* sporting with Rē-bēk'āh his wife.

9 And Ā-bīm'e-lēçh called Ī'sāaç, and said, Behold, of a surety she *is* thy wife : and how saidst thou, She *is* my sister ? And Ī'sāaç said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her.

10 And Ā-bīm'e-lēçh said, What *is* this thou hast done unto us ? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldst have brought guiltiness upon us.

11 And Ā-bīm'e-lēçh charged all his people, saying, He that toucheth this

man, or his wife, shall surely be put to death.

12 ¶ Then Ī'sāaç sowed in that land, and received in the same year a hundred-fold ; and the LORD bless'ed him.

13 And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great :

14 For he had pōssēs'sion of flocks, and pōssēs'sion of hērds, and great store of servants. And the Phi-lis'tines envied him.

15 For all the wells which his father's servants had digged, in the days of Ā'bra-hām his father, the Phi-lis'tines had stopped them, and filled them with earth.

16 And Ā-bīm'e-lēçh said unto Ī'sāaç, Go from us ; for thou art much mightier than we.

17 And Ī'sāaç departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gē'rār, and dwelt there.

18 And Ī'sāaç digged again' the wells of water which they had digged in the days of Ā'bra-hām his father ; for the Phi-lis'tines had stopped them after the death of Ā'bra-hām : and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

19 And Ī'sāaç's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.

20 And the hērdmen of Gē'rār did strive with Ī'sāaç's hērdmen, saying, The water *is* ours : and he called the name of the well Ē'sēk ; because they strove with him.

21 And they digged another well, and strove for that also : and he called the name of it Sit'nāh.

22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well ; and for that they strove not : and he called the name of it Rē-hō'bōth ; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

23 And he went up from thence to Bē-ēr'she-bā.

24 And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I *am* the God of Ā'bra-hām thy father ; fear not, for I *am* with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed, for my servant Ā'bra-hām's sake.

25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there : and there Ī'sāaç's servants digged a well.

26 Then Ā-bīm'e-lēçh went to him from Gē'rār, and Ā-hūz'zāth one of his friends, and Phi'çhōl the chief cāp'tain of his army.

27 And Ī'sāaç said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you ?

28 And they said, We saw cēr'tainly

¹ *birth-right.*

that the LORD was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, *even* betwixt us and thee, and let us make a cōvenant with thee;

29 That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nōthing but good, and have sent thee āway in peace: thou *art* now the blēs'sed 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 I'sāaḥ sent them āway, and they departed from him in peace.

32 And it came to pās the same day, that I'sāaḥ's sērstants came and told him cōncerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water.

33 And he called it Shē'bāh: thēre'fore the name of the city *is* Bē-ēr'she-bā unto this day.

34 † And Ē'sāu was forty years old when he took to wife Jū'dith, the daughter of Bē-ē'ri the Hit'tite, and Bāsh'e-māth the daughter of Ē'lōn the Hit'tite:

35 Which wēre a grief of mind unto I'sāaḥ and to Rē-bēk'āh.

CHAP. XXVII.

AND it came to pās, that when I'sāaḥ was old, and his eyes wēre dim, so that he could not see, he called Ē'sāu his eldest son, and said unto him, My son. And he said unto him, Behold, *here am I*.

2 And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death:

3 Now thēre'fore take, I pray thee, thy wēap'ons, thy quiver and thy bōw, and go out to the fiēld, and take me *some* venison;

4 And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring *it* to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.

5 And Rē-bēk'āh heard when I'sāaḥ spake to Ē'sāu his son. And Ē'sāu went to the fiēld to hunt *for* venison, and to bring *it*.

6 † And Rē-bēk'āh spake unto Jā'cōb her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Ē'sāu thy brōther, saying,

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

8 Now thēre'fore, my son, obey my voice, according to that which I cōmmānd' thee:

9 Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence 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 Jā'cōb said to Rē-bēk'āh his

mōther, Behold, Ē'sāu my brōther *is* a hairy man, and I *am* a smooth man:

12 My father pēradvēnture will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a decēiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing.

13 And his mōther said unto him, Upon me *be* thy curse, my son; only obey my voice, and go fetch me *them*.

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

15 And Rē-bēk'āh took goodly raiment of her eldest son Ē'sāu, which *wēre* with her in the house, and put them upon Jā'cōb 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 the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jā'cōb.

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

19 And Jā'cōb said unto his father, *I am* Ē'sāu thy first-born; I have done according as thou bādest me: ārise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.

20 And I'sāaḥ 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 I'sāaḥ said unto Jā'cōb, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou *be* my very son Ē'sāu or not.

22 And Jā'cōb went near unto I'sāaḥ his father; and he felt him, and said, *The voice is* Jā'cōb's voice, but the hands *are* the hands of Ē'sāu.

23 And he discērn'ed him not, because his hands wēre hairy, as his brōther Ē'sāu's hands: so he blēs'sed him.

24 And he said, *Art* thou my very son Ē'sāu? 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 I'sāaḥ 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 blēs'sed him, and said, See, the smell of my son *is* as the smell of a fiēld which the LORD hath blēs'sed:

28 Thēre'fore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the ēarth, and plenty of corn and wine:

29 Let people sērve thee, and nations bōw down to thee: *be* lord over thy brēthren, and let thy mōther's sons bōw down

to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blés'sed be he that blesseth thee.

30 And it came to pās, as soon as Īšāaċ had made an end of blessing Jā'cōb, and Jā'cōb was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Īšāaċ his father, that E'sâu his bróther 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 Īšāaċ his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy first-born, E'sâu.

33 And Īšāaċ trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blés'sed him? yea, and he shall be blés'sed.

34 And when E'sâu 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 bróther came with subtlety, and hath taken away thy blessing.

36 And he said, Is not he rightly named Jā'cōb? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birth-right; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not rē'sē'v'd a blessing for me?

37 And Īšāaċ answered and said unto E'sâu, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his bréthren have I given to him for sērvants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?

38 And E'sâu said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father! And E'sâu lifted up his voice, and wept.

39 And Īšāaċ his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above;

40 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt sērv thy bróther: and it shall come to pās, when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

41 ¶ And E'sâu hated Jā'cōb, because of the blessing wherewith his father blés'sed him: and E'sâu said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand, then will I slay my bróther Jā'cōb.

42 And these words of E'sâu her elder son wēre told to Rē-bēk'áh. And she sent and called Jā'cōb her younger son and said unto him, Behold, thy bróther E'sâu, as touch'ing thee, doth com'fórt himself, purposing to kill thee.

43 Now, thērē'fore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Lā'bān my bróther, to Hā'rān;

44 And tarry with him a few days, until thy bróther's fury turn away;

45 Until thy bróther's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send and fetch thee from thence. Why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?

46 And Rē-bēk'áh said to Īšāaċ, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Hēth: if Jā'cōb take a wife of the daughters of Hēth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

CHAP. XXVIII.

AND Īšāaċ called Jā'cōb, and blés'sed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Čā'na-ān.

2 Arise, go to Pā'dān-Ā'rām, to the house of Bē-thū'el thy móther's father, and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Lā'bān, thy móther's bróther.

3 And God Ālmigh'ty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayst be a multitude of people;

4 And give thee the blessing of Ā'brahām, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayst inherit the land wherein thou art a strānger, which God gave unto Ā'brahām.

5 And Īšāaċ sent away Jā'cōb: and he went to Pā'dān-Ā'rām, unto Lā'bān, son of Bē-thū'el the Syr'i-ān, the bróther of Rē-bēk'áh, Jā'cōb's and E'sâu's móther.

6 When E'sâu saw that Īšāaċ had blés'sed Jā'cōb, and sent him away to Pā'dān-Ā'rām, to take him a wife from thence; and that, as he blés'sed him, he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Čā'na-ān;

7 And that Jā'cōb obeyed his father and his móther, and was gone to Pā'dān-Ā'rām;

8 And E'sâu seeing that the daughters of Čā'na-ān pleased not Īšāaċ his father;

9 Then went E'sâu unto Ish'ma-ēl, and took unto the wives which he had, Mā'ha-lāth the daughter of Ish'ma-ēl, Ā'brahām's son, the sister of Nē-bā'jóth, to be his wife.

10 ¶ And Jā'cōb went out from Bē-ēr'she-bā, and went to'ward Hā'rān.

11 And he lighted upon a cērtain 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

ängels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Ābrahām thy father, and the God of Īšāac: 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 in thy seed, shall all the families of the earth be blés'ed.

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 Jā'çöb awakèd out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place, 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 Jā'çöb 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 Bèth'èl: but the name of that city was called Lüz at the first.

20 And Jā'çöb vöwed a vöw, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

21 So that I come again' to my father's house in peace, then shall the LORD be my God.

22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

CHAP. XXIX.

THEN Jā'çöb went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east.

2 And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone was upon the well's mouth.

3 And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again' upon the well's mouth in his place.

4 And Jā'çöb said unto them, My brethren, whence be ye? And they said, Of Hārån are we.

5 And he said unto them, Know ye Lā'bān the son of Nā'hör? And they said, We know him.

6 And he said unto them, Is he well?

And they said, He is well; and, behold, Rā'chèl¹ his daughter cometh with the sheep.

7 And he said, Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go and feed them.

8 And they said, We cannot until all the flocks be gathered together, and till they roll the stone from the well's mouth: then we water the sheep.

9 And while he yet spake with them, Rā'chèl came with her father's sheep; for she kept them.

10 And it came to pass, when Jā'çöb saw Rā'chèl the daughter of Lā'bān his mother's brother, and the sheep of Lā'bān his mother's brother, that Jā'çöb went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Lā'bān his mother's brother.

11 And Jā'çöb kissed Rā'chèl, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

12 And Jā'çöb told Rā'chèl that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rēbēk'äh's son: and she ran and told her father.

13 And it came to pass, when Lā'bān heard the tidings of Jā'çöb 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 Lā'bān all these things.

14 And Lā'bān said to him, Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.

15 And Lā'bān said unto Jā'çöb, Because thou art my brother, shouldst thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what shall thy wages be?

16 And Lā'bān had two daughters the name of the elder was Lē'äh, and the name of the younger was Rā'chèl.

17 Lē'äh was tender-eyed; but Rā'chèl was beautiful and well-favoured.

18 And Jā'çöb loved Rā'chèl; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rā'chèl thy younger daughter.

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

20 And Jā'çöb served seven years for Rā'chèl; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.

21 And Jā'çöb said unto Lā'bān, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her.

22 And Lā'bān gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Lē'äh his daughter, and brought her to him: and he went in unto her.

24 And Lā'bān gave unto his daughter Lē'äh, Zil'páh his maid, for a handmaid.

¹ Rā'tshèl.

25 And it came to päss, that in the morning, behold, it was Lē'ah: and he said to Lā'bān, What is this thou hast done unto me? Did not I sërve with thee for Rā'chèl? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?

26 And Lā'bān said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the first-born.

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

28 And Jā'çöb did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rā'chèl his daughter to wife also.

29 And Lā'bān gave to Rā'chèl his daughter, Bil'häh his handmaid, to be her maid.

30 And he went in also unto Rā'chèl, and he loved also Rā'chèl more than Lē'ah, and sèrved with him yet seven other years.

31 And when the LORD saw that Lē'ah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rā'chèl was barren.

32 And Lē'ah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reu'bën: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now, thère'före, my hüsbánd will love me.

33 And she conceived ägain', and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard that I was hated, he hath thère'före given me this son also: and she called his name Sim'e-ön.

34 And she conceived ägain', and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my hüsbánd be joined unto me, because I have borne him three sons: thère'före was his name called Lē'vi.

35 And she conceived ägain', and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: thère'före she called his name Jü'däh; and left bearing.

CHAP. XXX.—

AND when Rā'chèl saw that she bare Jā'çöb no children, Rā'chèl envied her sister; and said unto Jā'çöb, Give me children, or else I die.

2 And Jā'çöb's anger was kindled ägainst' Rā'chèl; and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?

3 And she said, Behold my maid Bil'häh, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her.

4 And she gave him Bil'häh her handmaid to wife: and Jā'çöb went in unto her.

5 And Bil'häh conceived, and bare Jā'çöb a son.

6 And Rā'chèl said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: thère'före called she his name Dän.

7 And Bil'häh, Rā'chèl's maid, conceived ägain', and bare Jā'çöb a second son.

8 And Rā'chèl said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Nāph'ta-li.

9 When Lē'ah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zil'päh her maid, and gave her Jā'çöb to wife.

10 And Zil'päh, Lē'ah's maid, bare Jā'çöb a son.

11 And Lē'ah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gäd.

12 And Zil'päh, Lē'ah's maid, bare Jā'çöb a second son.

13 And Lē'ah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blës'sed: and she called his name Äsh'éer.

14 ¶ And Reu'bën went, in the days of wheat-harvest, and found män'drakes in the fiëld, and brought them unto his möther Lē'ah. Then Rā'chèl said to Lē'ah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's män'drakes.

15 And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my hüsbánd? and wouldst thou take äway my son's män'drakes also? And Rā'chèl said, Thère'före he shall lie with thee to-night for thy son's män'drakes.

16 And Jā'çöb came out of the fiëld in the evening, and Lē'ah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's män'drakes. And he lay with her that night.

17 And God hearkened unto Lē'ah, and she conceived, and bare Jā'çöb the fifth son.

18 And Lē'ah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my hüsbánd: and she called his name İs'sa-çhär.

19 And Lē'ah conceived ägain', and bare Jā'çöb the sixth son.

20 And Lē'ah said, God hath endowed me with a good dowry: now will my hüsbánd dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons: and she called his name Zëb'u-lön.

21 And äfterwårds she bare a daughter, and called her name Dī'näh.

22 ¶ And God remembered Rā'chèl, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb.

23 And she conceived and bare a son and said, God hath taken äway my reproach:

24 And she called his name Jö'sëph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son.

25 ¶ And it came to päss, when Rā'chèl had borne Jö'sëph, that Jā'çöb said unto Lā'bān, Send me äway, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country.

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

27 And Lā'bān said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have lēarned by experience that the LORD hath blēss'ed me for thy sake.

28 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 little which thou hadst before I came, and it is now increased unto a multitude; and the LORD hath blēss'ed 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 Jā'cōb said, Thou shalt not give me any thing. If thou wilt do this thing for me, I will āgain' feed and keep thy flock:

32 I will pās through all thy flock today, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle āmōng the sheep, and the spotted and speckled āmōng the goats; and of such shall be my hire.

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

34 And Lā'bān said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.

35 And he removed that day the he-goats, that wēre ring-strēaked and spotted, and all the she-goats that wēre speckled and spotted, and every one that had some white in it, and all the brown āmōngst the sheep, and gave them into the hands of his sons.

36 And he set three days' jōurney betwixt himself and Jā'cōb: and Jā'cōb fed the rest of Lā'bān's flocks.

37 And Jā'cōb took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chestnut-tree; and pilled white strēaks in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods.

38 And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering-trōugh¹, when the flocks came to drink, that they should concēive when they came to drink.

39 And the flocks concēived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ring-strēaked, speckled, and spotted.

40 And Jā'cōb did separate the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks tōwārd the ring-strēaked, and all the brown in the

flock of Lā'bān; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not unto Lā'bān's cattle.

41 And it came to pās, whensoever the stronger cattle did concēive, that Jā'cōb laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might concēive āmōng the rods:

42 But when the cattle wēre feeble he put them not in: so the feebler wēre Lā'bān's, and the stronger Jā'cōb's.

43 And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maid-sērvaunts, and men-sērvaunts, and camels, and āsses.

CHAP. XXXI.—

AND he hēard the words of Lā'bān's sons, saying, Jā'cōb hath taken āwāy all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory.

2 And Jā'cōb beheld the countenance of Lā'bān, and, behold, it was not tōwārd him as before.

3 And the LORD said unto Jā'cōb, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.

4 And Jā'cōb sent and called Rā'chēl and Lē'āh to the fiēld, unto his flock,

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

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

7 And your father hath decēived me, and chānged my wages ten times: but God suffered him not to hurt me.

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

9 Thus God hath tā'ken āwāy the cattle of your father, and given them to me.

10 And it came to pās, at the time that the cattle concēived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle wēre ring-strēaked, speckled, and griz'zled.

11 And the āngel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jā'cōb: And I said, Here am I.

12 And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle āre ring-strēaked, speckled, and griz'zled: for I have seen all that Lā'bān doeth unto thee.

13 I am the God of Bēth'ēl, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vōwedst a vōw unto me: now ārise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.

14 And Rā'chēl and Lē'āh ānswered and said unto him, Is there yet any por-

¹ trōfs.

tion or inheritance for us in our father's house?

15 Are we not counted of him strāngers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our mōney.

16 For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that *is* ours and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

17 Then Jā'cōb rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels:

18 And he carried āwāy all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten 'n Pādān-Ā'rām, for to go to Ī'šāaċ his father in the land of Čā'na-ān.

19 And Lā'bān went to shear his sheep: and Rā'chēl had stolen the images that wēre her father's.

20 And Jā'cōb stole āwāy unawares to Lā'bān the Sūr'i-ān, in that he told him not that he fled.

21 So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and pāss'ed over the river, and set his face tō'wārd the mount Gīl'e-ād.

22 And it was told Lā'bān on the third day, that Jā'cōb was fled.

23 And he took his brēthren with him, and pursued āfter him seven days' jōurney; and they overtook him in the mount of Gīl'e-ād.

24 And God came to Lā'bān the Sūr'i-ān in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jā'cōb either good or bad.

25 Then Lā'bān overtook Jā'cōb. Now Jā'cōb had pitched his tent in the mount; and Lā'bān with his brēthren pitched in the mount of Gīl'e-ād.

26 And Lā'bān said to Jā'cōb, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen āwāy unawares to me, and carried āwāy my daughters as captives *taken* with the sword?

27 Wherefore didst thou flee āwāy secretly, and steal āwāy from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee āwāy with mirth¹ and with songs, with tabret and with harp?

28 And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? Thou hast now done foolishly in *so* doing.

29 It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yēs'térnight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jā'cōb either good or bad.

30 And now, *though* thou wouldst needs be gone, because thou sore longedst āfter thy father's house, *yet* wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?

31 And Jā'cōb ānswēred and said to Lā'bān, Because I was āfrāid: for I said, Pērādvēntūre thou wouldst take by force thy daughters from me.

32 With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brēthren, dišçēr'n' thou what *is* thine with me, and take *it* to thee. For Jā'cōb knew not that Rā'chēl had stolen them.

33 And Lā'bān went into Jā'cōb's tent, and into Lē'āh's tent, and into the two maid-sērvents' tents; but he found *them* not. Then went he out of Lē'āh's tent, and entered into Rā'chēl's tent.

34 Now Rā'chēl had taken the images, and put them in the camels' furniture, and sat upon them. And Lā'bān sērched all the tent, but found *them* not.

35 And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women *is* upon me. And he sērched, but found not the images.

36 And Jā'cōb was wroth, and chode with Lā'bān: and Jā'cōb ānswēred and said to Lā'bān, What *is* my trēs'pāss, what *is* my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued āfter me?

37 Whereas thou hast sērched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household-stuff? set *it* here before my brēthren and thy brēthren, that they may judge betwixt us both.

38 These twenty years *have I been* with thee; thy ewes and thy she-goats have not cāst their young, and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten.

39 That which was torn of *beasts* I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it: of my hand didst thou require it, *whether* stolen by day, or stolen by night.

40 *Thus* I was; in the day the drōught consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes.

41 Thus have I been twenty years in thy house: I sērved thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and thou hast chānged my wages ten times.

42 Except the God of my father, the God of ā'bra-hām, and the fear of Ī'šāaċ, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me āwāy now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked *thee* yēs'térnight.

43 And Lā'bān ānswēred and said unto Jā'cōb, *These* daughters *are* my daughters, and *these* children *are* my children, and *these* cattle *are* my cattle, and all that thou seest *is* mine: and what can I do this day unto these *my* daughters, or unto their children which they have borne?

44 Now, thēre'fōre, come thou, let us make a cōvenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee.

45 And Jā'cōb took a stone, and set it up *for* a pillar.

46 And Jā'cōb said unto his brēthren, Gāther stones: and they took stones, and

¹ mērth.

made a heap; and they did cast there upon the heap.

47 And Lā'bān called it Jē'gār-Sā-ha-dū'hā; but Jā'cōb called it Gāl'e-ēd.

48 And Lā'bān said, This heap *is* a witness between me and thee this day. There'fore was the name of it called Gāl'e-ēd;

49 And Miz'pāh: for he said, The Lord watch between me and thee, when we āre absent one from ānōther.

50 If thou shalt afflict my dāughters, or if thou shalt take *other* wives beside my dāughters, no man *is* with us: see, God *is* witness betwixt me and thee.

51 And Lā'bān said to Jā'cōb, Behold this heap, and behold *this* pillar, which I have cāst betwixt me and thee;

52 This heap *be* witness, and *this* pillar *be* witness, that I will not pāss over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pāss over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm.

53 The God of ā'bra-hām, and the God of Nā'hōr, the God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jā'cōb sware by the fear of his father Ī'šāac.

54 Then Jā'cōb offered sāc'rifiçe upon the mount, and called his brēthren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount.

55 And ēarly in the morning Lā'bān rose up, and kissed his sons and his dāughters, and blēss'ed them: and Lā'bān departed, and returned unto his place.

CHAP. XXXII.

AND Jā'cōb went on his way, and the āngels of God met him.

2 And when Jā'cōb saw them, he said, This *is* God's host: and he called the name of that place Mā-ha-nā'im.

3 And Jā'cōb sent messengers before him to Ē'sāu his brōther, unto the land of Sē'ir, the country of Ē'dōm.

4 And he cōmmānd'ed them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Ē'sāu; Thy sērvant Jā'cōb saith thus, I have sō'journ'd with Lā'bān, and stayed there until now:

5 And I have oxen, and āsses, flocks, and men-sērvants, and women-sērvants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.

6 And the messengers returned to Jā'cōb, saying, We came to thy brōther Ē'sāu, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.

7 Then Jā'cōb was greatly āfrāid and distressed: and he divided the people that *was* with him, and the flocks, and hērds, and the camels, into two bands;

8 And said, If Ē'sāu come to the one cōmpāny and smite it, then the other cōmpāny which is left shall ēscāp'e'.

9 And Jā'cōb said, O God of my father ā'bra-hām, and God of my father Ī'šāac, the

Lord which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:

10 I am not wōrthy of the least of all the mērcies, and of all the truth, which thou hast showed unto thy sērvant; for with my stāff I pāss'ed over this Jōr'dān, and now I am become two bands.

11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brōther, from the hand of Ē'sāu: for I fear him, lēst he will come and smite me, and the mōther with the children.

12 And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

13 And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Ē'sāu his brōther;

14 Two hundred she-goats and twenty he-goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

15 Thirty milch camels with their colts, forty kine and ten bulls, twenty she-āsses and ten foals.

16 And he delivered *them* into the hand of his sērvants, every drove by themselves; and said unto his sērvants, Pāss over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove.

17 And he cōmmānd'ed the foremost, saying, When Ē'sāu my brōther meeteth thee, and āsketh thee, saying, Whose *art* thou? and whither goest thou? and whose *āre* these before thee?

18 Then thou shalt say, *They be* thy sērvant Jā'cōb's; it *is* a present sent unto my lord Ē'sāu: and, behold, also he *is* behind us.

19 And so cōmmānd'ed he the second, and the thīrd, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Ē'sāu, when ye find him.

20 And say ye moreover, Behold, thy sērvant Jā'cōb *is* behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and āft'rwārd I will see his face; pēradvēn'ture he will accept of me.

21 So went the present over before him; and himself lodged that night in the cōmpāny.

22 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two women-sērvants, and his eleven sons, and pāss'ed over the ford Jāb'bōk.

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

24 And Jā'cōb was left ālōne; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day:

25 And when he saw that he prevāiled not āgainst' him, he touch'd the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jā'cōb'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, Jā'çòb.

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jā'çòb, but Iṣ'ra-èl: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And Jā'çòb 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 blēss'ed him there.

30 And Jā'çòb called the name of the place Pē-nī'èl: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is prēsērv'ed.

31 And as he pās's'ed over Pē-nū'èl the sun rose upon him, and he hālted upon his thigh.

32 Thērē'fōrē the children of Iṣ'ra-èl eat not of the sinew which shrank, which *is* upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touch'd the hollow of Jā'çòb's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

CHAP. XXXIII.

AND Jā'çòb lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, È'sâu came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Lē'āh, and unto Rā'chēl, and unto the two handmaids.

2 And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Lē'āh and her children āfter, and Rā'chēl and Jō'sēph hindmost.

3 And he pās's'ed over before them, and bōw'ed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brōther.

4 And È'sâu 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 *āre* those with thee? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy sērvant.

6 Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bōw'ed themselves.

7 And Lē'āh also with her children came near, and bōw'ed themselves: and āfter came Jō'sēph near and Rā'chēl, and they bōw'ed themselves.

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

9 And È'sâu said, I have enough, my brōther; keep that thou hast unto thyself.

10 And Jā'çòb said, Nay, I pray thee; if now I have found grace in thy sight, then rēcēivē my present at my hand: for thērē'fōrē I have seen thy face, as though

I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me.

11 Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have 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 *āre* tender, and the flocks and hērds with young *āre* with me; and if men should over-drive them one day, all the flock will die.

14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pās's over before his sērvant; and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Sē'ir.

15 And È'sâu said, Let me now leave with thee *some* of the folk that *āre* with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

16 So È'sâu returned that day on his way unto Sē'ir.

17 And Jā'çòb journeyed to Sūç'çóth, and built him a house, and made bōòths for his cattle: thērē'fōrē the name of the place is called Sūç'çóth.

18 And Jā'çòb came to Shā'lēm, a city of Shē'chēm, which *is* in the land of Cā'nā-ān, when he came from Pā'dān-Ā'rām; 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 Hā'mōr, Shē'chēm's father, for a hundred piēces of mōney.

20 And he erected there an altar, and called it Èl-èl-ō'he-Iṣ'ra-èl.

CHAP. XXXIV.—

AND Dī'nāh the daughter of Lē'āh, which she bare unto Jā'çòb, went out to see the daughters of the land.

2 And when Shē'chēm the son of Hā'mōr the Hī'vite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.

3 And his soul clave unto Dī'nāh the daughter of Jā'çòb; and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.

4 And Shē'chēm spake unto his father Hā'mōr, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.

5 And Jā'çòb heard that he had defiled Dī'nāh his daughter: now his sons wēre with his cattle in the field; and Jā'çòb held his peace until they wēre come.

6 And Hā'mōr the father of Shē'chēm went out unto Jā'çòb to commune with him.

7 And the sons of Jā'çòb came out of the field when they heard *it*: and the men wēre griēved, and they wēre very wroth, because he had wrought folly in

Is'ra-ēl in lying with Jā'çōb's daughter ; which thing ought not to be done.

8 And Hā'mōr communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shē'chēm 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 you therein, and get you possēs'sions therein.

11 And Shē'chēm said unto her father, and unto her brēthren, 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 Jā'çōb answered Shē'chēm and Hā'mōr his father decēitfully, and said, Because he had defiled Dī'nāh their sister :

14 And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncir'cumçised ;¹ for that *were* a 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 cir'cumçised,

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

17 But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be cir'cumçised ; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.

18 And their words pleascd Hā'mōr, and Shē'chēm Hā'mōr's son.

19 And the young man deferrcd not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jā'çōb's daughter : and he *was* more hōn'ourable than all the house of his father.

20 And Hā'mōr and Shē'chēm 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, thē'fōre 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 them our daughters.

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

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

24 And unto Hā'mōr and unto Shē'chēm his son hearkened all that went out

of the gate of his city ; and every male was cir'cumçised, 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 Jā'çōb, Sim'e-ōn and Lē'vi, Dī'nāh's brēthren, took each man his swōrd, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.

26 And they slew Hā'mōr and Shē'chēm his son with the edge of the swōrd, and took Dī'nāh out of Shē'chēm's house, and went out.

27 The sons of Jā'çōb came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister.

28 They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which *was* in the city, and that which *was* in the fiēld ;

29 And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives, took they captive, and spoiled even all that *was* in the house.

30 And Jā'çōb said to Sim'e-ōn and Lē'vi, Ye have troubled me, to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, amongst the Çā'n'aan-ites and the Pēr'iz-zites : and I *being* few in number, they shall gather themselves together against' me, and slay me ; and I shall be destrōy'ed, I and my house.

31 And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with a harlot ?

CHAP. XXXV.

AND God said unto Jā'çōb, Arise, go up to Bēth'ēl, and dwell there ; and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Ē'sāu thy brōther.

2 Then Jā'çōb said unto his household, and to all that *were* with him, Pūt āway the strange gods that *are* among you, and be clean, and change your garments :

3 And let us arise, and go up to Bēth'ēl ; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.

4 And they gave unto Jā'çōb all the strange gods which *were* in their hand, and *all their* ear-rings which *were* in their ears ; and Jā'çōb hid them under the oak which *was* by Shē'chēm.

5 And they journeyed : and the terror of God was upon the cities that *were* round about' them, and they did not pursue āfter the sons of Jā'çōb.

6 ¶ So Jā'çōb came to Lüz, which *is* in the land of Çā'n'a-an, that *is*, Bēth'ēl, he, and all the people that *were* with him.

7 And he built there an altar, and called the place Ēl-bēth'ēl ; because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brōther.

8 But Dēb'o-rāh, Rē-bēk'āh's nurse, died,

¹ ün-sēr'küm-si-sed.

and she was buried beneath Bēth'ēl under an oak : and the name of it was called Ā'lōn-Bāch'ūth.

9 ¶ And God appeared unto Jā'cōb āgain', when he came out of Pā'dān-Ā'rām, and blēss'ed him.

10 And God said unto him, Thy name is Jā'cōb: thy name shall not be called any more Jā'cōb, but Iṣ'ra-ēl shall be thy name: and he called his name Iṣ'ra-ēl.

11 And God said unto him, I am God Ālmīgh'ty; be fruitful and multiply: a nation, and a cōmpany of nations, shall be of thee; and kings shall come out of thy loins:

12 And the land which I gave Ā'brahām and Iṣ'āac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.

13 And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him.

14 And Jā'cōb set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, even a pillar of stone; and he poured a drink-offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon.

15 And Jā'cōb called the name of the place, where God spake with him, Bēth'ēl.

16 ¶ And they journeyed from Bēth'ēl; and there was but a little way to come to Ēph'rāth: and Rā'chēl travailed, and she had hard labour.

17 And it came to pāss, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also.

18 And it came to pāss, as her soul was in departing, (for she died,) that she called his name Bē-nō'nī: but his father called him Bēn'ja-min.

19 And Rā'chēl died, and was buried in the way to Ēph'rāth, which is Bēth'le-hēm.

20 And Jā'cōb set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rā'chēl's grave unto this day.

21 ¶ And Iṣ'ra-ēl journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Ē'dār.

22 And it came to pāss, when Iṣ'ra-ēl dwelt in that land, that Reū'bēn went and lay with Bil'hāh his father's concubine: and Iṣ'ra-ēl heard it. Now the sons of Jā'cōb wēre twelve:

23 The sons of Lē'āh; Reū'bēn, Jā'cōb's first-born, and Sim'e-ōn, and Lē'vī, and Jūdāh, and Iṣ'sa-ḥār, and Zēb'u-lōn:

24 The sons of Rā'chēl; Jō'sēph, and Bēn'ja-min:

25 And the sons of Bil'hāh, Rā'chēl's handmaid; Dān, and Nāph'ta-li:

26 And the sons of Zil'pah, Lē'āh's handmaid; Gād, and Āsh'ēr. These are the sons of Jā'cōb, which wēre born to him in Pā'dān-Ā'rām.

27 ¶ And Jā'cōb came unto Iṣ'āac his father unto Mām're, unto the city of Ār'bāh, which is Hē'brōn, where Ā'brahām and Iṣ'āac sō'journd.

28 And the days of Iṣ'āac wēre a hundred and fourscore years.

29 And Iṣ'āac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons E'sāu and Jā'cōb buried him.

CHAP. XXXVI.

NOW these are the generations of E'sāu, who is E'dōm.

2 E'sāu took his wives of the daughters of Čā'na-ān; Ā'dāh the daughter of Ē'lōn the Hīt'tite, and Ā-hō-lib'a-māh the daughter of Ā'nāh, the daughter of Zib'e-ōn the Hī'vite;

3 And Bāsh'e-māth, Īsh'ma-ēl's daughter, sister of Nē-bā'jōth.

4 And Ā'dāh bare to E'sāu, Ēl'i-phāz; and Bāsh'e-māth bare Rē-ū'ēl.

5 And Ā-hō-lib'a-māh bare Jē'ūsh, and Jā-ā'lām, and Kō'rāh. These are the sons of E'sāu, which wēre born unto him in the land of Čā'na-ān.

6 And E'sāu 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 Čā'na-ān, and went into the country from the face of his brōth'er Jā'cōb:

7 For their riches wēre more than that they might dwell together; and the land wherein they wēre strāngers could not bear them, because of their cattle.

8 Thus dwelt E'sāu in mount Sē'ir. E'sāu is E'dōm.

9 ¶ And these are the generations of E'sāu, the father of the E'dōm-ites, in mount Sē'ir.

10 These are the names of E'sāu's sons; Ēl'i-phāz the son of Ā'dāh the wife of E'sāu; Rē-ū'ēl the son of Bāsh'e-māth the wife of E'sāu.

11 And the sons of Ēl'i-phāz wēre Tē'mān, Ō'mār, Zē'phō, and Gā'tām, and Kē'nāz.

12 And Tīm'nā was concubine to Ēl'i-phāz, E'sāu's son; and she bare to Ēl'i-phāz, Ām'a-lēk: these wēre the sons of Ā'dāh, E'sāu's wife.

13 And these are the sons of Rē-ū'ēl; Nā'hāth, and Zē'rāh, Shām'māh, and Miz'zāh: these wēre the sons of Bāsh'e-māth, E'sāu's wife.

14 ¶ And these wēre the sons of Ā-hō-lib'a-māh, the daughter of Ā'nāh, daughter of Zib'e-ōn, E'sāu's wife; and she bare to E'sāu, Jē'ūsh, and Jā-ā'lām, and Kō'rāh.

15 ¶ These wēre dukes of the sons of E'sāu: the sons of Ēl'i-phāz, the first-born son of E'sāu; duke Tē'mān, duke Ō'mār, duke Zē'phō, duke Kē'nāz,

16 Duke Kō'rāh, duke Gā'tām, and duke Ām'a-lēk. These are the dukes that came of Ēl'i-phāz in the land of E'dōm: these wēre the sons of Ā'dāh.

17 ¶ And these are the sons of Rē-ū'ēl, E'sāu's son; duke Nā'hāth, duke Zē'rāh, duke Shām'māh, duke Miz'zāh. These

are the dukes that came of Rē-ū'el in the land of E'dôm : these are the sons of Bāsh'e-māth, E'sāu's wife.

18 ¶ And these are the sons of Ā-hō-lib'a-māh, E'sāu's wife ; duke Jē'ūsh, duke Jā-ālām, duke Kō'rāh : these were the dukes that came of Ā-hō-lib'a-māh, the daughter of Ā'nāh, E'sāu's wife.

19 These are the sons of E'sāu, who is E'dôm, and these are their dukes.

20 ¶ These are the sons of Sē'ir the Hō-rite, who inhabited the land ; Lō'tān, and Shō'bāl, and Zib'e-ōn, and Ā'nāh,

21 And Dī'shōn, and E'zér, and Dī'shān. These are the dukes of the Hō'rites, the children of Sē'ir in the land of E'dôm.

22 And the children of Lō'tān were Hō'rī and Hēm'mān : and Lō'tān's sister was Tim'nā.

23 And the children of Shō'bāl were these ; Ā'vān, and Mān'a-hāth, and E'bāl, Shē'phō, and Ō'nām.

24 And these are the children of Zib'e-on ; both Ā'jāh and Ā'nāh : this was that Ā'nāh that found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zib'e-ōn his father.

25 And the children of Ā'nāh were these ; Dī'shōn, and Ā-hō-lib'a-māh the daughter of Ā'nāh.

26 And these are the children of Dī'shōn ; Hēm'dān, and Esh'bān, and Ith'rān, and Chē'rān.

27 The children of E'zér are these ; Bil'hān, and Zā'a-vān, and Ā'kān.

28 The children of Dī'shān are these ; Ūz, and Ā'rān.

29 These are the dukes that came of the Hō'rites ; duke Lō'tān, duke Shō'bāl, duke Zib'e-ōn, duke Ā'nāh,

30 Duke Dī'shōn, duke E'zér, duke Dī'shān. These are the dukes that came of Hō'rī, among their dukes in the land of Sē'ir.

31 ¶ And these are the kings that reigned in the land of E'dôm, before there reigned any king over the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

32 And Bē'lā, the son of Bē'ōr, reigned in E'dôm : and the name of his city was Dīn'ha-bāh.

33 And Bē'lā died ; and Jō'bāb, the son of Zē'rāh of Bōz'rāh, reigned in his stead.

34 And Jō'bāb died ; and Hū'shām of the land of Tēm'a-nī reigned in his stead.

35 And Hū'shām died ; and Hā'dād, the son of Bē'dād, who smote Mid'i-ān in the field of Mō'āb, reigned in his stead ; and the name of his city was Ā'vīth.

36 And Hā'dād died ; and Sām'lāh of Māṣ're-kāh reigned in his stead.

37 And Sām'lāh died ; and Sāul of Rē-hō'bōth by the river reigned in his stead.

38 And Sāul died ; and Bā'āl-Hān'ān, the son of Āch'bōr, reigned in his stead.

39 And Bā'āl-Hān'ān, the son of Āch'

bōr died ; and Hā'dār reigned in his stead : and the name of his city was Pā'ū ; and his wife's name was Mē-hēt'a-bēl, the daughter of Mā'trēd, the daughter of Mēz'a-hāb.

40 And these are the names of the dukes that came of E'sāu, according to their families, after their places, by their names ; duke Tim'nāh, duke Ā'vāh, duke Jē'thēth,

41 Duke Ā-hō-lib'a-māh, duke E'lāh, duke Pī'nōn,

42 Duke Kē'nāz, duke Tē'mān, duke Mib'zār,

43 Duke Māg'di-ēl, duke I'rām : These be the dukes of E'dôm, according to their habitations in the land of their possēs'sion : he is E'sāu, the father of the E'dôm-ites.

CHAP. XXXVII.

AND Jā'cōb dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Cā'na-ān.

2 ¶ These are the generations of Jā-cōb. Jō'sēph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren ; and the lad was with the sons of Bil'hāh, and with the sons of Zil'pāh, his father's wives : and Jō'sēph brought unto his father their evil report.

3 Now Iṣ'ra-ēl loved Jō'sēph more than all his children, because he was the son of his 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 Jō'sēph dreamed a dream, and he told it 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 obeisance¹ to my sheaf.

8 And his brethren said to him, 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 told 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.

¹ obeisance.

12 ¶ And his brēthren went to feed their father's flock in Shē'chēm.

13 And Iṣ'ra-ēl said unto Jō'sēph, Do not thy brēthren feed the flock in Shē'chēm? 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, see whether it be well with thy brēthren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word āgain'. So he sent him out of the vale of Hē'brōn, and he came to Shē'chēm.

15 And a cēr'tain man found him, and, behold, he was wān'dering in the fiēld; and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou?

16 And he said, I seek my brēthren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks.

17 And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dō'thān. And Jō'sēph went after his brēthren, and found them in Dō'thān.

18 And when they saw him āfār off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired āgainst' him to slay him.

19 And they said one to ānōther, Behold, this dreamer cometh.

20 Come now, thērē'fōre, and let us slay him, and cāst him into some pit; and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

21 And Reū'bēn heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.

22 And Reū'bēn said unto them, Shed no blood, but cāst 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 āgain'.

23 And it came to pāss, when Jō'sēph was come unto his brēthren, that they stripped Jō'sēph out of his coat, his coat of many colours, that was on him:

24 And they took him, and cāst him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

25 And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes, and looked, and, behold, a cōmpany of Iṣ'ma-ēl-ites came from Gil'e-ād, with their camels bearing spicery and bālm and myrrh,¹ going to carry it down to Ē'gypt.

26 And Jūdāh said unto his brēthren, What profit is it if we slay our brōther, and conceal his blood?

27 Come, and let us sell him to the Iṣ'ma-ēl-ites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brōther and our flesh: And his brēthren were content.

28 Then there pāssed by Mid'i-ān-ites, mēr'chānt-men; and they drew and lifted up Jō'sēph out of the pit, and sold Jō'sēph to the Iṣ'ma-ēl-ites for twenty piēces of

silver: and they brought Jō'sēph into Ē'gypt.

29 And Reū'bēn returned unto the pit; and, behold, Jō'sēph was not in the pit: and he rent his clothes:

30 And he returned unto his brēthren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go?

31 And they took Jō'sēph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood:

32 And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.

33 And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him: Jō'sēph is without doubt rent in piēces.

34 And Jā'çōb rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to cōm'fōrt him; but he refused to be cōm'fōrted: and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

36 And the Mid'i-ān-ites sold him into Ē'gypt, unto Pōt'i-phār, an officer of Phā'raōh's,² and cāp'tain of the guard.³

CHAP. XXXVIII.—

AND it came to pāss at that time, that Jūdāh went down from his brēthren, and turned in to a cēr'tain Ā-dūl'lām-ite, whose name was Hī'rāh.

2 And Jūdāh saw there a daughter of a cēr'tain Čān'āān-ite, whose name was Shū'āh; and he took her, and went in unto her.

3 And she concēived, and bare a son; and he called his name Ēr.

4 And she concēived āgain, and bare a son; and she called his name Ō'nān.

5 And she yet āgain' concēived, and bare a son; and called his name Shē'lāh and he was at Chē'zīb when she bare him.

6 And Jūdāh took a wife for Ēr his first-born, whose name was Tā'mār.

7 And Ēr, Jūdāh's first-born, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD slew him.

8 And Jūdāh said unto Ō'nān, Go in unto thy brōther's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brōther.

9 And Ō'nān knew that the seed should not be his: and it came to pāss, when he went in unto his brōther's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lēst that he should give seed to his brōther.

10 And the thing which he did displeased the LORD; wherefore he slew him also.

11 Then said Jūdāh to Tā'mār his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow at thy

¹ mēr.
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² Fā'rō'z.

³ gyārd.
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father's house till Shē'lāh my son be grown : for he said, Lēst pēradvēn'ture he die also, as his brēthren *did*. And Tāmār went and dwelt in her father's house.

12 And in prōc'ess of time the daughter of Shū'āh, Jū'dāh's wife, died : and Jū'dāh was cōm'forted, and went up unto his sheep-shearers to Tim'nāth, he and his friend Hī'rāh the Ā-dūl'lām-ite.

13 And it was told Tāmār, saying, Behold, thy father-in-law goeth up to Tim'nāth to shear his sheep.

14 And she put her widow's gārments off from her, and cōvered her with a veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which *is* by the way to Tim'nāth : for she saw that Shē'lāh was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife.

15 When Jū'dāh saw her, he thought her to be a harlot ; because she had cōvered her face.

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

17 And he said, I will send thee a kid from the flock. 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 brācelets, and thy stāff that *is* in thine hand : And he gave it her, and came in unto her ; and she concēived by him.

19 And she ārōse, and went āwāy, and laid by her veil from her, and put on the gārments of her widowhood.

20 And Jū'dāh sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Ā-dūl'lām-ite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand ; but he found her not.

21 Then he āsked 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 Jū'dāh, and said, I cannot find her ; and also the men of the place said, that there was no harlot in this place.

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

24 And it came to pāss, ābout' three mōnths āfter, that it was told Jū'dāh, saying, Tāmār thy daughter-in-law hath played the harlot ; and also, behold, she *is* with child by whoredom. And Jū'dāh said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.

25 When she was brought forth, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, By the man whose these *are*, am I with child : and she said, Diŕçčērn', I pray thee, whose *are* these, the signet, and brācelets, and stāff.

26 And Jū'dāh acknowledged *them*, and said, She hath been more righ'teōus than I ; because that I gave her not to Shē'lāh my son. And he knew her āgain' no more.

27 And it came to pāss, in the time of her trāv'ail, that, behold, twins *were* in her womb.

28 And it came to pāss, when she trāv'ailed, 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 pāss, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brōther came out ; and she said, How hast thou broken forth ? *this* breach *be* upon thee thēre'fōre his name was called Phā'rēz.

30 And āft'ērward came out his brōther, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand ; and his name was called Zā'rāh.

CHAP. XXXIX.

AND Jō'sēph was brought down to Ē'gypt ; and Pōt'i-phārh, an officer of Phā'raoh, cāptāin of the guard, an Ē-gy'p'ti-ān,¹ bought him of the hands of the Īsh'ma-ēl-ites, which had brought him down thither.

2 And the LORD was with Jō'sēph, and he was a prosperous man : and he was in the house of his māster the Ē-gy'p'ti-ān.

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

4 And Jō'sēph found grace in his sight, and he sērvēd him : and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

5 And it came to pāss, from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blēss'ed the Ē-gy'p'ti-ān's house for Jō'sēph's sake ; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the fiēld.

6 And he left all that he had in Jō'sēph's hand ; and he knew not aught he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Jō'sēph was a goodly pērson, and well-favoured.

7 And it came to pāss āfter these things, that his māster's wife cāst her eyes upon Jō'sēph ; and she said, Lie with me.

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

9 *There is* nōne greater in this house than I ; nēither 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 āgainst' God ?

10 And it came to pāss, as she spake to Jō'sēph day by day, that he hearkened

¹ Ē-jip'she-ān.

not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

11 And it came to p̄ass, ābout' this time, that Jō'sēph went into the house to do his business; and *there was nōne of the men of the house there within.*

12 And she caught him by his ḡarment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his ḡarment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

13 And it came to p̄ass, when she saw that he had left his ḡarment in her hand, and was fled forth,

14 That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in a Hē'brew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice.

15 And it came to p̄ass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his ḡarment with me, and fled, and got him out.

16 And she laid up his ḡarment by her, until his lord came home.

17 And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hē'brew s̄r-vant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me:

18 And it came to p̄ass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his ḡarment with me, and fled out.

19 And it came to p̄ass, when his m̄-ster heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy s̄r-vant to me, that his w̄rath was kindled.

20 And Jō'sēph's m̄-ster took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners w̄re bound: and he was there in the prison.

21 But the LORD was with Jō'sēph, and showed him m̄r-cy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Jō'sēph's hand all the prisoners that w̄re in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

23 The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing *that was* under his hand; because the LORD was with him; and *that* which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

CHAP. XL.

AND it came to p̄ass, āfter these things, *that* the butler of the king of Ē'ḡypt, and *his* baker, had offended their lord the king of Ē'ḡypt.

2 And Phā'raōh was w̄rth āgainst' two of his officers, āgainst' the chief of the butlers, and āgainst' the chief of the bakers.

3 And he put them in ward in the house of the cāp'tain of the guard,¹ into the prison, the place where Jō'sēph was bound.

4 And the cāp'tain of the guard charged Jō'sēph with them, and he s̄r-ved them; and they continued a season in ward.

5 And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the int̄rpretā-tion of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Ē'ḡypt, which w̄re bound in the prison.

6 And Jō'sēph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they w̄re sad.

7 And he āsked Phā'raōh's officers that w̄re with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to-day?

8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and *there is* no int̄r-pret̄er of it. And Jō'sēph said unto them, *Do* not int̄rpretā-tions belong to God? Tell me *them*, I pray you.

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Jō'sēph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me;

10 And in the vine w̄re three brānch-es: and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth, and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes:

11 And Phā'raōh's cup was in my hand; and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Phā'raōh's cup, and I gave the cup into Phā'raōh's hand.

12 And Jō'sēph said unto him, This is the int̄rpretā-tion of it: The three brānch-es are three days.

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

14 But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and show kindness, I pray thee, unto me; and make mention of me unto Phā'raōh, and bring me out of this house:

15 For indeed I was stolen āwāy out of the land of the Hē'brews; and here also have I done nōthing that they should put me into the dungeon.

16 ¶ When the chief baker saw that the int̄rpretā-tion was good, he said unto Jō'sēph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had three white bāskets on my head:

17 And in the uppermost bāsket *there was* of all manner of bake-meats for Phā'raōh; and the birds did eat them out of the bāsket upon my head.

18 And Jō'sēph answered and said, This is the int̄rpretā-tion thereof: The three bāskets are three days.

19 Yet within three days shall Phā'raōh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

¹ ḡyārd.

20 ¶ And it came to pāss the third day, which was Phā'raōh's birth-day,¹ that he made a feast unto all his sēr'vants: and he lifted up the head of the chiēf butler, and of the chiēf baker āmōng his sēr'vants.

21 And he restored the chiēf butler unto his butlership āgain'; and he gave the cup into Phā'raōh's hand:

22 But he hanged the chiēf baker, as Jō'sēph had intēr'preted to them.

23 Yet did not the chiēf butler remember Jō'sēph, but forgat him.

CHAP. XLI.

AND it came to pāss, at the end of two full years, that Phā'raōh dreamed; and, behold, he stood by the river.

2 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well-favoured kine, and fat-fleshed; and they fed in a meadow.

3 And, behold, seven other kine came up āfter them out of the river, ill-favoured, and lean-fleshed; and stood by the other kine upon the brink of the river.

4 And the ill-favoured and lean-fleshed kine did eat up the seven well-favoured and fat kine. So Phā'raōh āwōke.

5 And he slept, and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good.

6 And, behold, seven thin ears, and blāsted with the east wind, sprung up āfter them.

7 And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Phā'raōh āwōke, and, behold, *it was a dream.*

8 And it came to pāss in the morning that his spirit was trōbled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Ē'g̃ypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Phā'raōh told them his dreams; but *there was nōne that could intēr'pret them unto Phā'raōh.*

9 Then spake the chiēf butler unto Phā'raōh, saying, I do remember my faults this day.

10 Phā'raōh was wrōth with his sēr'vants, and put me in ward in the cāp'tain of the guard's house, both me and the chiēf baker.

11 And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the intēr'pretā'tion of his dream.

12 And *there was* there with us a young man, a Hē'brew, sēr'vant to the cāp'tain of the guard; and we told him, and he intēr'preted to us our dreams: to each man according to his dream he did intēr'pret.

13 And it came to pāss, as he intēr'preted to us so it was: me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

14 Then Phā'raōh sent and called Jō'sēph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved *himself*, and chānged his raiment, and came in unto Phā'raōh.

15 And Phā'raōh said unto Jō'sēph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is nōne that can intēr'pret it*: and I have heard say of thee, *that thou canst understand a dream to intēr'pret it*:

16 And Jō'sēph ānswered Phā'raōh, saying, *It is not in me*: God shall give Phā'raōh an ānswer of peace.

17 And Phā'raōh said unto Jō'sēph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river:

18 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fat-fleshed, and well-favoured; and they fed in a meadow.

19 And, behold, seven other kine came up āfter them, poor and very ill-favoured, and lean-fleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Ē'g̃ypt for badness:

20 And the lean and the ill-favoured kine did eat up the first seven 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 āwōke.

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

23 And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blāsted with the east wind, sprung up āfter them:

24 And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears. And I told *this* unto the magicians; but *there was nōne that could declare it to me.*

25 And Jō'sēph said unto Phā'raōh, The dream of Phā'raōh *is one*; God hath showed Phā'raōh what he *is ābout*' to do.

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

27 And the seven thin and ill-favoured kine, that came up āfter them, *āre* seven years; and the seven empty ears, blāsted with the east wind, shall be seven years of famine.

28 This *is* the thing which I have spoken unto Phā'raōh; what God *is ābout*' to do he showeth unto Phā'raōh.

29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Ē'g̃ypt:

30 And there shall ārise āfter them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Ē'g̃ypt; 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 griēv'ous.

32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Phā'raōh twice; *it is* because the thing *is* estāb'lished by God, and God will shortly bring it to pāss.

33 Now, thērē'fore, let Phā'raōh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Ē'g̃ypt.

¹ bērth'dā.

34 Let Phā'raōh do *this*, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Ē'g̃ypt in the seven plēn'teōūs years.

35 And let them gāther all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Phā'raōh, and let them keep food in the cities.

36 And that food shall be for store to the land āgainst⁷ the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Ē'g̃ypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Phā'raōh, and in the eyes of all his sēr-vants.

38 And Phā'raōh said unto his sēr-vants, Can we find *such a one* as this is, a man in whom the Spir^{it} of God is?

39 And Phā'raōh said unto Jō'sēph, Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, *there is nōne* so discreet and wise as thou art :

40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled : only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

41 And Phā'raōh said unto Jō'sēph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Ē'g̃ypt.

42 And Phā'raōh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Jō'sēph'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 : and they cried before him, Bōw the knee : and he made him ruler over all the land of Ē'g̃ypt.

44 And Phā'raōh said unto Jō'sēph, I am Phā'raōh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Ē'g̃ypt.

45 And Phā'raōh called Jō'sēph's name Zāph-nāth-pā-a-nē'āh ; and he gave him to wife Ās'e-nāth the daughter of Pō-tiph'ē-rāh priest of Ōn. And Jō'sēph went out over *all* the land of Ē'g̃ypt.

46 And Jō'sēph was thirty years old when he stood before Phā'raōh king of Ē'g̃ypt. And Jō'sēph went out from the presence of Phā'raōh, and went throughout all the land of Ē'g̃ypt.

47 And in the seven plēn'teōūs years the ēarth brought forth by handfuls.

48 And he gāthered up all the food of the seven years, which wēre in the land of Ē'g̃ypt, and laid up the food in the cities : the food of the fiēld which was round ābout' every city laid he up in the same.

49 And Jō'sēph gāthered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering : for *it was* without number.

50 ¶ And unto Jō'sēph wēre born two sons before the years of famine came ;

which Ās'e-nāth, the daughter of Pō-tiph'ē-rāh priest of Ōn, bare unto him.

51 And Jō'sēph called the name of the first-born Ma-nās'seh : For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.

52 And the name of the second called he Ē'phra-im : For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

53 ¶ And the seven years of plēn'teōūs-nēss that was in the land of Ē'g̃ypt wēre ended.

54 And the seven years of dēarth began to come, according as Jō'sēph had said : and the dēarth was in all lands ; but in all the land of Ē'g̃ypt there was bread.

55 And when all the land of Ē'g̃ypt was famished, the people cried to Phā'raōh for bread : and Phā'raōh said unto all the Ē-g̃ypti-ti-āns, Go unto Jō'sēph ; what he saith to you, do.

56 And the famine was over all the face of the ēarth. And Jō'sēph opened all the store-houses, and sold unto the Ē-g̃ypti-ti-āns ; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Ē'g̃ypt.

57 And all countries came into Ē'g̃ypt to Jō'sēph for to buy corn ; because that the famine was so sore in all lands.

CHAP. XLII.

NOW when Jā'cōb saw that there was corn in Ē'g̃ypt, Jā'cōb said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon ānōther ?

2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Ē'g̃ypt : get you down thither, and buy for us from thence ; that we may live, and not die.

3 And Jō'sēph's ten brēthren went down to buy corn in Ē'g̃ypt.

4 Būt Bēn'ja-min, Jō'sēph's brōther, Jā'cōb sent not with his brēthren : for he said, Lēst pēradvēnt'ūre mis'chief befāll him.

5 And the sons of Iḡ'ra-ēl came to buy corn āmōng those that came : for the famine was in the land of Čā'na-ān.

6 And Jō'sēph was the gōvērnor over the land, and he *it was* that sold to all the people of the land : and Jō'sēph's brēthren came and bōwed down themselves before him *with* their faces to the ēarth.

7 And Jō'sēph saw his brēthren, 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 Čā'na-ān, to buy food.

8 And Jō'sēph knew his brēthren, but they knew not him.

9 And Jō'sēph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye āre spies ; to see the nakedness of the land ye āre come.

10 And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food āre thy sēr-vants come.

11 We *äre* all one man's sons : we *äre* true men ; and thy sērvants *äre* no spies.

12 And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye *äre* come.

13 And they said, Thy sērvants *äre* twelve brēthren, the sons of one man in the land of Çā'na-än ; and, behold, the youngest *is* this day with our father, and one *is* not.

14 And Jō'sēph said unto them, That *is* it that I spake unto you, saying, Ye *äre* spies :

15 Hereby ye shall be proved ; By the life of Phā'raōh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brōther come hither.

16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brōther, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether *there be any* truth in you : or else, by the life of Phā'raōh, surely ye *äre* spies.

17 And he put them all togēther into ward three days.

18 And Jō'sēph said *unto them the third day, This do, and live ; for I fear God :

19 If ye *be* true men, let one of your brēthren be bound in the house of your prison ; go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses :

20 But bring your youngest brōther unto me ; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

21 And they said one to änóther, We *äre* verily guilty cōncēr'ning our brōther, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besōught us, and we would not hear ; thēre'fōre *is* this distress come upon us.

22 And Reú'bēn answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin *ägainst'* the child ; and ye would not hear ? thēre'fōre, behold, also his blood *is* required.

23 And they knew not that Jō'sēph understood *them* ; for he spake unto them by an intēr'prētēr.

24 And he turned himself *äbout'* from them, and wept ; and returned to them *ägain'*, and communed with them, and took from them Sīm'e-ön, and bound him before their eyes.

25 ¶ Then Jō'sēph cōmmānd'ed 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.

26 And they laded their äs'ses with the corn, and departed thence.

27 And as one of them opened his sack, to give his äss provender in the inn, he espī'ed his mōney ; for, behold, it *was* in his sack's mouth.

28 And he said unto his brēthren, My

mōney *is* restored ; and, lo, *it is* even in my sack : and their heart failed *them*, and they wēre äfräid, saying, one to änóther, What *is* this that God hath done unto us ?

29 ¶ And they came unto Jā'çöb their father unto the land of Çā'na-än, and told him all that befell unto them, saying,

30 The man, *who is* the lord of the land, spake roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country.

31 And we said unto him, We *äre* true men ; we *äre* no spies :

32 We *be* twelve brēthren, sons of our father : one *is* not, and the youngest *is* this day with our father in the land of Çā'na-än.

33 And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye *äre* true men : leave one of your brēthren *here* with me, and take food for the famine of your households, and be gone ;

34 And bring your youngest brōther unto me ; then shall I know that ye *äre* no spies, but that ye *äre* true men : so will I deliver you your brōther, and ye shall traffick in the land.

35 ¶ And it came to päss, as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of mōney *was* in his sack and when *both* they and their father saw the bundles of mōney, they wēre äfräid.

36 And Jā'çöb their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children : Jō'sēph *is* not, and Sīm'e-ön *is* not, and ye will take Bēn'ja-mīn *äway* : All these things *äre* *ägainst'* me.

37 And Reú'bēn 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 *ägain'*.

38 And he said, My son shall not go down with you ; for his brōther *is* dead, and he *is* left *älōne* : if mīs'chief befäll him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

CHAP. XLIII.

AND the famine *was* sore in the land. 2 And it came to päss, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of *E'gypt*, their father said unto them, Go *ägain'*, buy us a little food.

3 And Jūdāh spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brōther *be* with you.

4 If thou wilt send our brōther 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 brōther *be* with you.

6 And İŷ'ra-él said, Wherefore dealt ye *so* ill with me, *as* to tell the man whether ye had yet a brōther ?

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. Could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?

8 And Jū'dāh said unto Iš'ra-ēl 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 Iš'ra-ēl said unto them, *If it must be so now, do this;* Take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little bālm, and a little hōney, spices and myrrh,¹ nuts and āl'mōndſ:

12 And take double mōney in your hand: and the mōney that was brought āgain' in the mouth of your sacks carry it āgain' in your hand; *pēradvēnture it was an oversight:*

13 Take also your brōther, and āriſe, go āgain' unto the man:

14 And God Ālmigh'ty give you mērcy before the man, that he may send āway your other brōther, and Bēn'ja-mīn. *If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.*

15 And the men took that present, and they took double mōney in their hand, and Bēn'ja-mīn; and rose up, and went down to Ē-gypt, and stood before Jō'sēph.

16 And when Jō'sēph saw Bēn'ja-mīn with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring *these* men home, and slay, and make ready; *for these* men shall dine with me at noon.

17 And the man did as Jō'sēph bāde; and the man brought the men into Jō'sēph's house.

18 And the men wēre āfrāid, because they wēre brought into Jō'sēph's house; and they said, Because of the mōney that was returned in our sacks at the first time āre we brought in, that he may seek occasion āgainst' us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our āsſes.

19 And they came near to the steward of Jō'sēph'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 pāss, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, *every* man's mōney *was* in the mouth of his sack, our mōney in full weight; and we have brought it āgain' in our hand.

22 And other mōney have we brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our mōney in our sacks.

23 And he said, Peace *be* to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you trēasure in your sacks: I had your mōney. And he brought Sim'e-ōn out unto them.

24 And the man brought the men into Jō'sēph's house, and gave *them* water, and they wāshed their feet; and he gave their āsſes provender.

25 And they made ready the present āgainst' Jō'sēph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there.

26 And when Jō'sēph came home, they brought him the present which *was* in their hand into the house, and bōwed themselves to him to the ēarth.

27 And he asked them of *their* welfare, and said, *Is your father well? the old man of whom ye spake, is he yet alive?*

28 And they answered, Thy sērvant our father *is* in good health, he *is* yet alive: And they bōwed down their heads, and made obei'sānce.²

29 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brōther Bēn'ja-mīn, his mōther's son, and said, *Is this your younger brōther, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son.*

30 And Jō'sēph made haste; for his bowels did yēarn upon his brōther: and he sought *where* to weep; and he entered into *his* chāmbēr, and wept there.

31 And he wāshed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread.

32 And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Ē-gypti-ānſ which did eat with him by themselves: because the Ē-gypti-ānſ might not eat bread with the Hē'brews; for that *is* an abomination unto the Ē-gypti-ānſ.

33 And they sat before him, the first-born according to his birth-right,³ and the youngest according to his youth. and the men marvelled one at ānōther.

34 And he took *and sent* messes unto them from before him: but Bēn'ja-mīn's mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drunk, and wēre merry with him.

CHAP. XLIV.

AND he cōmmānded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks *with* food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's mōney in his sack's mouth:

2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn-mōney. And he did according to the word that Jō'sēph had spoken.

3 ¶ As soon as the morning was light,

¹ mēr.

² ō-bā'sānse.

³ bērth'rite.

the men wēre sent āwāy, they and their āsēs.

4 And when they wēre gone out of the city, and not yet far off, Jō'sēph said unto his steward, Up, follow āfter the men; and when thou dōst overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good?

5 Is not this it in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he divineth? Ye have done evil in so doing.

6 And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words.

7 And they said unto him, Wherefore saith my lord these words? God forbid that thy sērvants should do according to this thing.

8 Behold, the mōney which we found in our sacks' mouths we brought āgain' unto thee out of the land of Cā'na-ān: how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold?

9 With whomsoever of thy sērvants it be found, both let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondmen.

10 And he said, Now also let it be according unto your words: he with whom it is found shall be my sērvant; and ye shall be blameless.

11 Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack.

12 And he sēarched, and began at the eldest, and left at the youngest: and the cup was found in Bēn'ja-min's sack.

13 Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his āss, and returned to the city.

14 And Jū'dāh and his brēthren came to Jō'sēph's house; for he was yet there; and they fell before him on the ground.

15 And Jō'sēph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done? Wot ye not that such a man as I can cēr'tainly divine?

16 And Jū'dāh said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy sērvants: behold, we āre my lord's sērvants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found.

17 And he said, God forbid that I should do so: but the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my sērvant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

18 Then Jū'dāh came near unto him, and said, Oh, my lord, let thy sērvant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn āgainst' thy sērvant: for thou art even as Phā'raōh.

19 My lord āsked his sērvants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brōther?

20 And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his

old age, a little one: and his brōther is dead, and he ālōne is left of his mōther, and his father loveth him.

21 And thou saidst unto thy sērvants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him.

22 And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die.

23 And thou saidst unto thy sērvants, Except your youngest brōther come down with you, you shall see my face no more.

24 And it came to pāss, when we came up unto thy sērvant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

25 And our father said, Go āgain', and buy us a little food.

26 And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brōther be with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brōther be with us.

27 And thy sērvant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two sons:

28 And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in piēces; and I saw him not since:

29 And if ye take this also from me, and mis'chief befāll him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

30 Now, thēre'fōre, when I come to thy sērvant my father, and the lad be not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;

31 It shall come to pāss, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and thy sērvants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy sērvant our father with sorrow to the grave.

32 For thy sērvant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever.

33 Now thēre'fōre, I pray thee, let thy sērvant ābide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brēthren.

34 For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? lēst pērad-vēn'ture I see the evil that shall come on my father.

CHAP. XLV.

THEN Jō'sēph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Jō'sēph made himself known unto his brēthren.

2 And he wept āloud': and the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānš and the house of Phā'raōh heard.

3 And Jō'sēph said unto his brēthren, I am Jō'sēph: dōth my father yet live?

And his brēthren could not ānswer him ; for they wēre troubled at his presence.

4 And Jōsēph said unto his brēthren, Come near to me, I pray you : And they came near. And he said, I am Jōsēph your brōther, whom ye sold into Ēgypt.

5 Now thērēfore be not griēvcd, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither ; for God did send me before you to prēsērvē' life.

6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land ; and yet there āre five years, in the which there shall nēither be earing nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you to prēsērvē' you a posterity in the ēarth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 So now, it was not you that sent me hither, but God : and he hath made me a father to Phā'raōh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Ēgypt.

9 Haste you, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Jōsēph, God hath made me lord of all Ēgypt : come down unto me, tarry not.

10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Gōshēn, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy hērds, and all that thou hast :

11 And there will I nourish thee, (for yet there āre five years of famine,) lēst thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

12 And, behold your eyes see, and the eyes of my brōther Bēn'ja-mīn, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you.

13 And you shall tell my father of all my glory in Ēgypt, and of all that ye have seen ; and ye shall haste, and bring down my father hither.

14 And he fell upon his brōther Bēn'ja-mīn's neck, and wept ; and Bēn'ja-mīn wept upon his neck.

15 Moreover, he kissed all his brēthren, and wept upon them : and āfter that his brēthren talked with him.

16 ¶ And the fame thereof was hēard in Phā'raōh's house, saying, Jōsēph's brēthren āre come : And it pleased Phā'raōh well, and his sērvants.

17 And Phā'raōh said unto Jōsēph, Say unto thy brēthren, This do ye ; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Čā'na-ān ;

18 And take your father, and your households, and come unto me : and I will give you the good of the land of Ēgypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land.

19 Now thou art cōmmān'ded, this do ye : Take you wagons out of the land of Ēgypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come

20 Also regard not your stuff : for the good of all the land of Ēgypt is yours.

21 And the children of Īs'ra-ēl did so : And Jōsēph gave them wagons, according to the cōmmān'dment of Phā'raōh, and gave them provision for the way.

22 To all of them he gave each man chānges of raiment ; but to Bēn'ja-mīn he gave three hundred piēces of silver, and five chānges of raiment.

23 And to his father he sent āfter this manner ; ten āsēs laden with the good things of Ēgypt, and ten she-āsses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way.

24 So he sent his brēthren āwāy, and they departed : and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way.

25 ¶ And they went up out of Ēgypt, and came into the land of Čā'na-ān unto Jācōb their father,

26 And told him, saying, Jōsēph is yet ālive, and he is gōvērnor over all the land of Ēgypt. And Jācōb's heart fainted, for he believcd them not.

27 And they told him all the words of Jōsēph, which he had said unto them : and when he saw the wagons which Jōsēph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jācōb their father revived :

28 And Īs'ra-ēl said, It is enough : Jōsēph my son is yet ālive : I will go and see him before I die.

CHAP. XLVI.

AND Īs'ra-ēl took his journey with all that he had, and came to Bē-ēr'she-bā, and offered sār'rifīces unto the God of his father Īsāac.

2 And God spake unto Īs'ra-ēl in the visions of the night, and said, Jācōb, Jācōb. And he said, Here am I.

3 And he said, I am God, the God of thy father : fear not to go down into Ēgypt ; for I will there make of thee a great nation :

4 I will go down with thee into Ēgypt ; and I will also surely bring thee up āgain : and Jōsēph shall pūt his hand upon thine eyes.

5 ¶ And Jācōb rose up from Bē-ēr'she-bā : and the sons of Īs'ra-ēl carried Jācōb their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Phā'raōh had sent to carry him.

6 And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Čā'na-ān, and came into Ēgypt, Jācōb, and all his seed with him :

7 His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his dāughters, and his sons' dāughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Ēgypt.

8 ¶ And these āre the names of the children of Īs'ra-ēl which came into Ēgypt : Jācōb and his sons: Reū'bēn, Jācōb's first-born.

9 And the sons of Reu'bēn; Hā'nōch, and Phā'lū, and Hēz'rōn, and Çār'mī.

10 And the sons of Sim'e-ōn; Jēm-ū'ēl, and Jā'mīn, and Ō'hād, and Jā'çhīn, and Zō'hār; and Shā'ūl, the son of a Çā'n'aān-i-tish woman.

11 And the sons of Lē'vī; Gēr'shōn, Kō'hāth, and Mēr'a-rī.

12 And the sons of Jū'dāh; Ēr, and Ō'nān, and She'lāh, and Phā'rēz, and Zā'rāh: but Ēr and Ō'nān died in the land of Çā'n'a-ān. And the sons of Phā'rēz wēre Hēz'rōn and Hā'mūl.

13 And the sons of Īs'a-çhār; Tō'lā, and Phū'vāh, and Jōb, and Shīm'rōn.

14 And the sons of Zēb'u-lōn; Sē'rēd, and E'lōn, and Jāh'le-ēl.

15 These be the sons of Lē'āh, which she bare unto Jā'çöb in Pā'dān-Ā'rām, with his daughter Dī'nāh: all the souls of his sons and his daughters wēre thirty and three.

16 And the sons of Gād; Zīph'i-ōn, and Hāg'gī, Shū'nī, and Ēz'bōn, Ē'rī, and Ā'rō-dī, and Ā-rē'lī.

17 And the sons of Āsh'er; Jīm'nāh, and Īsh'u-āh, and Īs'u-ī, and Bē-rī'āh, and Sē'rāh their sister: And the sons of Bē-rī'āh; Hē'bér, and Māl'çhi-ēl.

18 These are the sons of Zil'pāh, whom Lā'bān gave to Lē'āh his daughter: and these she bare unto Jā'çöb, even sixteen souls.

19 The sons of Rā'çhēl, Jā'çöb's wife; Jō'sēph and Bēn'ja-mīn.

20 And unto Jō'sēph, in the land of Ē'ğypt, wēre born Ma-nās'seh and Ē'phra-īm, which Ās'e-nāth, the daughter of Pō-tīph'e-rāh priest of Ōn, bare unto him.

21 And the sons of Bēn'ja-mīn wēre Bē'lāh, and Bē'çhēr, and Āsh'bēl, Gērā, and Nā'a-mān, Ē'hī, and Rōsh, Mūp'pim, and Hūp'pim, and Ārd.

22 These are the sons of Rā'çhēl, which wēre born to Jā'çöb: all the souls wēre fourteen.

23 And the sons of Dān; Hū'shīm.

24 And the sons of Nāph'ta-lī; Jāh'ze-ēl, and Gū'nī, and Jē'zér, and Shil'lēm.

25 These are the sons of Bil'hāh, which Lā'bān gave unto Rā'çhēl his daughter; and she bare these unto Jā'çöb: all the souls wēre seven.

26 All the souls that came with Jā'çöb into Ē'ğypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jā'çöb's sons' wives, all the souls wēre threescore and six:

27 And the sons of Jō'sēph, which wēre born him in Ē'ğypt, wēre two souls: All the souls of the house of Jā'çöb, which came into Ē'ğypt, wēre threescore and ten.

28 ¶ And he sent Jū'dāh before him unto Jō'sēph, to direct his face unto Gō'shēn; and they came into the land of Gō'shēn.

29 And Jō'sēph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Īs'ra-ēl his father, to Gō'shēn, and presented himself unto him and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.

30 And Īs'ra-ēl said unto Jō'sēph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive.

31 And Jō'sēph said unto his brēthren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and show Phā'raōh, and say unto him, My brēthren, and my father's house, which wēre in the land of Çā'n'a-ān, are come unto me;

32 And the men are shēp'hērds,¹ for their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their hērds, and all that they have.

33 And it shall come to pās, when Phā'raōh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation?

34 That ye shall say, Thy sērvants' trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we and also our fathers; that ye may dwell in the land of Gō'shēn: for every shēp'herd is an abomination unto the Ē'ğypti-ānš.

CHAP. XLVII.

THEN Jō'sēph came and told Phā'raōh, and said, My father, and my brēthren, and their flocks, and their hērds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Çā'n'a-ān; and, behold, they are in the land of Gō'shēn.

2 And he took some of his brēthren, even five men, and presented them unto Phā'raōh.

3 And Phā'raōh said unto his brēthren, What is your occupation? And they said unto Phā'raōh, Thy sērvants are shēp'hērds, both we, and also our fathers.

4 They said moreover unto Phā'raōh, For to sō'journ in the land are we come: for thy sērvants have no pās'tūre² for their flocks; for the famine is sore in the land of Çā'n'a-ān: now thēre'fore, we pray thee, let thy sērvants dwell in the land of Gō'shēn.

5 And Phā'raōh spake unto Jō'sēph, saying, Thy father and thy brēthren are come unto thee:

6 The land of Ē'ğypt is before thee: in the best of the land make thy father and brēthren to dwell: in the land of Gō'shēn let them dwell: and if thou knowest any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

7 ¶ And Jō'sēph brought in Jā'çöb his father, and set him before Phā'raōh: and Jā'çöb blēss'ed Phā'raōh.

8 And Phā'raōh said unto Jā'çöb, How old art thou?

9 And Jā'çöb said unto Phā'raōh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are a hundred and thirty years: few and evil

¹ shēp'pūrdz.

² pās'tshūre.

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.

10 And Jā'cōb blēss'ed Phā'raōh, and went out from before Phā'raōh.

11 ¶ And Jō'sēph placed his father and his brēthren, and gave them a pōssēs'sion in the land of Ē'g̃ypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Ra-mēs'es, as Phā'raōh had cōmmā'nded.

12 And Jō'sēph nourished his father, and his brēthren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to *their* families.

13 ¶ And *there was* no bread in all the land: for the famine *was* very sore, so that the land of Ē'g̃ypt, and *all* the land of Čā'na-ān, fainted by reason of the famine.

14 And Jō'sēph gā'thered up all the mōney that was found in the land of Ē'g̃ypt, and in the land of Čā'na-ān, for the corn which they bought: and Jō'sēph brought the mōney into Phā'raōh's house.

15 And when mōney failed in the land of Ē'g̃ypt, and in the land of Čā'na-ān, all the Ē-g̃ypt'i-ānš came unto Jō'sēph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the mōney fail-eth.

16 And Jō'sēph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if mōney fail.

17 And they brought their cattle unto Jō'sēph: and Jō'sēph gave them bread *in exchange* for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the hērds, and for the ās-ses; 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 said unto him, We will not hide *it* from my lord, how that our mōney is spent; my lord also hath our hērds of cattle: there is not aught 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 sērvants unto Phā'raōh; and give us seed, that we may live and not die, that the land be not desolate.

20 And Jō'sēph bought all the land of Ē'g̃ypt for Phā'raōh; for the Ē-g̃ypt'i-ānš sold every man his fiēld, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Phā'raōh's.

21 And as for the people, he removed them to cities from *one* end of the borders of Ē'g̃ypt even to the *other* end thereof.

22 Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a pōrtion *asigned* them of Phā'raōh, and did eat their pōrtion which Phā'raōh gave them; wherefore they sold not their lands.

23 Then Jō'sēph said unto the people,

Behold, I have bought you this day, and your land, for Phā'raōh: lo, *here is* seed for you, and ye shall sow the land.

24 And it shall come to pās, in the increase, that you shall give the fifth *part* unto Phā'raōh; and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the fiēld, 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 my lord, and we will be Phā'raōh's sērvants.

26 And Jō'sēph made it a law over the land of Ē'g̃ypt unto this day, *that* Phā'raōh should have the fifth *part*; except the land of the priests only, *which* became not Phā'raōh's.

27 ¶ And Iš'ra-ēl dwelt in the land of Ē'g̃ypt, in the country of Gō'shēn; and they had pōssēs'sions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.

28 And Jā'cōb lived in the land of Ē'g̃ypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jā'cōb was a hundred forty and seven years.

29 And the time drew nigh that Iš'ra-ēl must die: and he called his son Jō'sēph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Ē'g̃ypt:

30 But I will lie with my fathers; and thou shalt carry me out of Ē'g̃ypt, and bury me in their burying-place. And he said, I will do as thou hast said.

31 And he said, Swear unto me. And he sware unto him. And Iš'ra-ēl bōwed himself upon the bed's head.

CHAP. XLVIII.

AND it came to pās, āfter these things, that *one* told Jō'sēph, Behold, thy father *is* sick: and he took with him his two sons, Ma-nās'seh and Ē'phra-īm.

2 And *one* told Jā'cōb, and said, Behold, thy son Jō'sēph cometh unto thee: And Iš'ra-ēl strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed.

3 And Jā'cōb said unto Jō'sēph, God Āl-migh'ty appeared unto me at Lüz in the land of Čā'na-ān, and blēss'ed me,

4 And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and I will give this land to thy seed āfter thee, for an ēverlās'ting pōssēs'sion.

5 And now thy two sons, Ē'phra-īm and Ma-nās'seh, which wēre born unto thee in the land of Ē'g̃ypt, before I came unto thee into Ē'g̃ypt, āre mine: as Red'bēn and Sim'e-ōn, they shall be mine.

6 And thy issue, which thou begettēst āfter them, shall be thine, and shall be called āfter the name of their brēthren in their inheritance.

7 And as for me, when I came from Pā-dān, Rā'chēl died by me in the land of Čā'na-ān, in the way, when yet *there was* but a little way to come unto Ēph'rāth: and I buried her there in the way of Ēph'rāth; the same *is* Bēth'le-hēm.

8 ¶ And Iş'ra-ēl beheld Jō'sēph's sons, and said, Who *are* these?

9 And Jō'sēph said unto his father, They *are* my sons, whom God hath given me in this *place*. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them.

10 (Now the eyes of Iş'ra-ēl wēre dim for age, *so that* he could not see.) And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them.

11 And Iş'ra-ēl said unto Jō'sēph, I had not thought to see thy face; and, lo, God hath showed me also thy seed.

12 And Jō'sēph brought them out from between his knees, and he bōwed himself with his face to the ēarth.

13 And Jō'sēph took them both, Ē'phra-īm in his right hand tō'wārd Iş'ra-ēl's left hand, and Ma-nās'seh in his left hand tō'wārd Iş'ra-ēl's right hand, and brought them near unto him.

14 And Iş'ra-ēl stretched out his right hand, and laid *it* upon Ē'phra-īm's head, who *was* the younger, and his left hand upon Ma-nās'seh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Ma-nās'seh *was* the first-born.

15 And he blēss'ed Jō'sēph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Ā'bra-hām and Iş'āac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,

16 The āngel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Ā'bra-hām and Iş'āac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the ēarth.

17 And when Jō'sēph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ē'phra-īm, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ē'phra-īm's head unto Ma-nās'seh's head.

18 And Jō'sēph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this *is* the first-born; put thy right hand upon his head.

19 And his father refused, and said, I know *it* my son, I know *it*: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brōther shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.

20 And he blēss'ed them that day, saying, In thee shall Iş'ra-ēl bless, saying, God make thee as Ē'phra-īm and as Ma-nās'seh. And he set Ē'phra-īm before Ma-nās'seh.

21 And Iş'ra-ēl said unto Jō'sēph, Be-

hold, I die; but God shall be with you, and bring you āgain' unto the land of your fathers.

22 Moreover, I have given to thee one pōrtion ābove thy brēthren, which I took out of the hand of the Ām'o-rite with my swōrd and with my bōw.

CHAP. XLIX.

AND Jā'çöb called unto his sons, and said, Gāther yourselves togēther, that I may tell you *that* which shall befall you in the last days.

2 Gāther yourselves togēther, and hear, ye sons of Jā'çöb; and hearken unto Iş'ra-ēl your father.

3 ¶ Reu'bēn, thou *art* my first-born, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

4 Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed, then defiledst thou *it*: he went up to my couch.

5 ¶ Sim'e-ōn and Lē'vī *are* brēthren; instruments of cruelty *are* in their habitations.

6 O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine hōn'ōur, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their self-will they digged down a wall.

7 Cursed *be* their anger, for *it was* fierce; and their wrāth, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jā'çöb, and scatter them in Iş'ra-ēl.

8 ¶ Jū'dāh, thou *art* he whom thy brēthren shall praise; thy hand *shall be* in the neck of thine enemies: thy father's children shall bōw down before thee.

9 Jū'dāh *is* a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

10 The sceptre shall not depart from Jū'dāh, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shī'lōh come; and unto him *shall* the gāth'ering of the people *be*.

11 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his āss's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his gārments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

12 His eyes *shall be* red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

13 ¶ Zēb'u-lōn shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he *shall be* for a haven of ships: and his border *shall be* unto Zī'dōn.

14 ¶ Iş'sa-çhār *is* a strong āss, couching down between two burdens:

15 And he saw that rest *was* good, and the land that *it was* pleasant; and bōwed his shoulder to bear, and became a sēr-vant unto tribute.

16 ¶ Dān shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Iş'ra-ēl.

17 Dān shall be a sērpent by the way,

an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.

18 I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD!

19 ¶ Gād, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last.

20 ¶ Out of Āsh'ér his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dāin'ties.

21 ¶ Nāph'ta-li is a hind let lōðse: he giveth goodly words.

22 ¶ Jō'sēph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well, whose branches run over the wall.

23 The archers have sorely grievéd him, and shot at him, and hated him:

24 But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands wēre made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jā'çǝb; (from thence is the Shēp'hérd, the stone of Iş'ra-él:)

25 Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Āl-migh'ty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven abóve, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts and of the womb:

26 The blessings of thy father have prevailed abóve the blessings of my progenitors, unto the utmost bound of the évér-lās'ting hills; they shall be on the head of Jō'sēph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brēthren.

27 ¶ Bēn'ja-mīn shall raven 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 Iş'ra-él: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blēss'ed them; every one according to his blessing he blēss'ed them.

29 And he chārged them, and said unto them, I am to be gāthered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the fiēld of É'phrōn the Hīt'tite;

30 In the cave that is in the fiēld of Māçh-pē'lāh, which is before Mām're, in the land of Çā'na-ān, which Ā'bra-hām bought with the fiēld of É'phrōn the Hīt'tite for a pōssēs'sion of a burying-place.

31 There they buried Ā'bra-hām and Sā'rāh his wife; there they buried Iş'şāc and Rē-bēk'āh his wife; and there I buried Lē'āh.

32 The purchase of the fiēld, and of the cave that is therein, was from the children of Hēth.

33 And when Jā'çǝb had made an end of cōmmān'ding his sons, he gāthered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gāthered unto his people.

CHAP. L.

AND Jō'sēph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him.

2 And Jō'sēph cōmmān'ded his sērvants the physicians to embālm his father: and the physicians embālmed Iş'ra-él.

3 And forty days wēre fulfilled for him; (for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embālmed;) and the É-gýp'ti-ānş mourned for him threescore and ten days.

4 And when the days of his mourning wēre pāst, Jō'sēph spake unto the house of Phā'raōh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Phā'raōh, saying,

5 My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Çā'na-ān, there shalt thou bury me. Now, thēré'fore, let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come āgain'.

6 And Phā'raōh said, Go up and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear.

7 And Jō'sēph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the sērvants of Phā'raōh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of É'gypt,

8 And all the house of Jō'sēph, and his brēthren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their hērds, they left in the land of Gō'shēn.

9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen; and it was a very great cōmpany.

10 And they came to the threshing-floor of Ā'tād, which is beyond Jōr'dān; and there they mourned with a great and very sore lāmentā'tion: and he made a mourning for his father seven days.

11 And when the inhabitants of the land, the Çā'na-ān-ites, saw the mourning in the floor of Ā'tād, they said, This is a griēv'ous mourning to the É-gýp'ti-ānş: wherefore the name of it was called Ā'bēl-Míz'ra-im, which is beyond Jōr'dān.

12 And his sons did unto him according as he cōmmān'ded them:

13 For his sons carried him into the land of Çā'na-ān, and buried him in the cave of the fiēld of Māçh-pē'lāh, which Ā'bra-hām bought with the fiēld, for a pōssēs'sion of a burying-place, of É'phrōn the Hīt'tite, before Mām're.

14 And Jō'sēph returned into É'gypt, he, and his brēthren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

15 And when Jō'sēph's brēthren saw that their father was dead, they said, Jō'sēph will pēradvēnture hate us, and will cēr'tainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

16 And they sent a messenger unto Jō'sēph, saying, Thy father did cōmmān'd' before he died, saying,

17 So shall ye say unto Jō'sēph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trēs'pass of thy brēthren, and their sin; for they did unto

thee evil : and now, we pray thee, forgive the trēs'päss of the sèrvants of the God of thy father. And Jō'sèph wept when they spake unto him.

18 And his brèthren also went and fell down before his face ; and they said, Behold, we *be* thy sèrvants.

19 And Jō'sèph said unto them, Fear not ; for *am* I in the place of God ?

20 But as for you, ye thought evil against' me ; *but* God meant it unto good, to bring to päss, as *it is* this day, to save much people àlive.

21 Now, thère'fore, fear ye not : I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he còm'fòrted them, and spake kindly unto them.

22 ¶ And Jō'sèph dwelt in È'gÿpt, he

and his father's house : and Jō'sèph lived a hundred and ten years.

23 And Jō'sèph saw È'phra-im's children of the third *generation* : the children also of Mā'çhír, the son of Ma-nās'seh, wère brought up upon Jō'sèph's knees.

24 And Jō'sèph said unto his brèthren, I die : and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Ā'bra-hām, to Ī'šāaç, and to Jā'çöb.

25 And Jō'sèph took an oath of the children of Iš'ra-ël, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

26 So Jō'sèph died, *being* a hundred and ten years old : and they embálmed him, and he was put in a coffin in È'gÿpt.

¶ The SECOND Book of MO'SES, called EX'ODUS.

CHAPTER I.

NOW these *are* the names of the children of Iš'ra-ël, which came into È'gÿpt ; every man and his household came with Jā'çöb.

2 Reu'bèn, Sim'e-ön, Lē'vi, and Jū'däh,

3 İs'sa-çhār, Zēb'u-lön, and Bēn'ja-min,

4 Dän, and Nāph'ta-li, Gäd, and Āsh'ér.

5 And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jā'çöb wère seventy souls : for Jō'sèph was in È'gÿpt *already*.

6 And Jō'sèph died, and all his brèthren, and all that generation.

7 And the children of Iš'ra-ël wère fruitful, and increased àbün'dantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty ; and the land was filled with them.

8 ¶ Now there āröse up a new king over È'gÿpt, which knew not Jō'sèph.

9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Iš'ra-ël *are* more and mightier than we :

10 Come on, let us deal wisely with them ; lēst they multiply, and it come to päss, that, 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 Thère'fore they did set over them task-màsters, to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Phā'raöth trēaç'ure-cities, Pì'thöm and Rā-ām'ses.

12 But the more they afflicted them the more they multiplied and grew. And they wère gríevéd because of the children of Iš'ra-ël.

13 And the È-gÿp'ti-änç made the children of Iš'ra-ël to sèrve with rigour :

14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of sèr'vice in the fièld : all their sèr'vice, wherein they made them sèrve, *was* with rigour.

15 ¶ And the king of È'gÿpt spake to the Hē'brew midwives ; (of which the name of one *was* Shiph'räh, and the name of the other Pū'äh ;)

16 And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hē'brew women, and see *them* upon the stools, if it *be* a son, then ye shall kill him ; but if it *be* a daughter, then she shall live.

17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of È'gÿpt cömmand-ed them, but saved the men-children àlive.

18 And the king of È'gÿpt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men-children àlive ?

19 And the midwives said unto Phā'raöth, Because the Hē'brew women *are* not as the È-gÿp'ti-än women ; for they *are* lively, and *are* delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.

20 Thère'fore God dealt well with the midwives : and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.

21 And it came to päss, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.

22 And Phā'raöth chärge'd all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cást into the river, and every daughter ye shall save àlive.

CHAP. II.

AND there went a man of the house of Lē'vi, and took *to wife* a daughter of Lē'vi.

2 And the woman concèived and bare a son : and when she saw him that he *was* a goodly *child*, she hid him three mōnths.

3 And when she could no longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch,

and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.

4 And his sister stood āfār off, to wit what would be done to him.

5 And the daughter of Phā'raōh came down to wāsh *herself* at the river; and her maidens walked ālōng' by the river's side: and when she saw the ark āmōng the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is *one* of the Hē'brews' children.

7 Then said his sister to Phā'raōh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hē'brew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?

8 And Phā'raōh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mōther.

9 And Phā'raōh's daughter said unto her, Take this child āway, and nurse it for me, and I will give *thee* thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.

10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Phā'raōh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Mō'sēs: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

11 ¶ And it came to pās in those days, when Mō'sēs was grown, that he went out unto his brēthren, and looked on their burdens: and he cōspi'ed an Ē-gyp'ti-ān smiting a Hē'brew, one of his brēthren.

12 And he looked this way and that way, and, when he saw that *there was* no man, he slew the Ē-gyp'ti-ān, and hid him in the sand.

13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hē'brews strove togēther: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?

14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Ē-gyp'ti-ān? And Mō'sēs feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

15 Now when Phā'raōh heard this thing, he sought to slay Mō'sēs. But Mō'sēs fled from the face of Phā'raōh, and dwelt in the land of Mīd'i-ān: And he sat down by a well.

16 Now the priēst of Mīd'i-ān had seven daughters: and they came and drew *water*, and filled the troughs¹ to water their father's flock.

17 And the shēp'hērds came and drove them āway: but Mō'sēs stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

18 And when they came to Rē-ū'ēl their father, he said, How *is it* that you āre come so soon to-day?

19 And they said, An Ē-gyp'ti-ān de-

livered us out of the hand of the shēp'hērds, and also drew *water* enough for us, and watered the flock.

20 And he said unto his daughters, And where *is* he? why *is it* that ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread.

21 And Mō'sēs was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Mō'sēs Zīp-pō'rāh his daughter.

22 And she bare *him* a son, and he called his name Gēr'shōm: for he said, I have been a strānger in a strānge land.

23 ¶ And it came to pās, in proc'ess of time, that the king of Ē-gyp't died, and the children of Īš'ra-ēl sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried; and their cry came up unto God, by reason of the bondage.

24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his cōvenant with Ā'bra-hām, with Ī'sāac, and with Jā'cōb.

25 And God looked upon the children of Īš'ra-ēl, and God had respect unto *them*.

CHAP. III.

NOW Mō'sēs kept the flock of Jē'thrō his father-in-law, the priēst of Mīd'i-ān: and he led the flock to the back side of the dēs'ert, and came to the mōūntain of God, *even* to Hō'rēb.

2 And the āngel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed.

3 And Mō'sēs said, I will now turn āside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the LORD saw that he turned āside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Mō'sēs, Mō'sēs. And he said, Here *am* I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet; for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy ground.

6 Moreover he said, I *am* the God of thy father, the God of Ā'bra-hām, the God of Ī'sāac, and the God of Jā'cōb. And Mō'sēs hid his face; for he was āfrāid to look upon God.

7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which *āre* in Ē-gyp't, and have heard their cry by reason of their tās-k-māsters; for I know their sorrows;

8 And I *am* come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Ē-gyp'ti-āns, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and hōney; unto the place of the Cān'ān-ites, and the Hīt'ites, and the Ām'o-rites, and the Pēr'iz-zites, and the Hī'vites, and the Jēb'u-sites.

¹ troughs.

9 Now thêrê'fôre, behold, the cry of the children of Iſ'ra-ël is come unto me : and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the E-gÿp'ti-ânſ oppress them.

10 Come now, thêrê'fôre, and I will send thee unto Phâ'raôh, that thou mayst bring forth my people, the children of Iſ'ra-ël, out of E'gÿpt.

11 And Mō'sēs said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Phâ'raôh, and that I should bring forth the children of Iſ'ra-ël out of E'gÿpt ?

12 And he said, Cêr'tainly 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 E'gÿpt, ye shall sêrve God upon this moun'tain.

13 And Mō'sēs said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Iſ'ra-ël, 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 Mō'sēs, I AM THAT I AM : and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Iſ'ra-ël, I AM hath sent me unto you.

15 And God said, moreover, unto Mō'sēs, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Iſ'ra-ël, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Ā'bra-hām, the God of Iſāaç, and the God of Jā'çôb, hath sent me unto you : this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

16 Go and gâther the elders of Iſ'ra-ël together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Ā'bra-hām, of Iſāaç, and of Jā'çôb, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in E'gÿpt :

17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of E'gÿpt unto the land of the Çân'aân-ites, and the Hit'tites, and the Ām'ô-rites, and the Pêr'iz-zites, and the Hiv'ites, and the Jêb'u-sites, unto a land flowing with milk and hôney.

18 And they shall hearken to thy voice : and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Iſ'ra-ël, unto the king of E'gÿpt ; and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hé'brews hath met with us : and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sâc'rifiçe to the LORD our God.

19 And I am sure that the king of E'gÿpt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand.

20 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite E'gÿpt with all my wônders which I will do in the midst thereof : and âfter that he will let you go.

21 And I will give this people favour in the sight of the E-gÿp'ti-ânſ : and it shall

come to pâss, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty ;

22 But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sô'journeth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment : and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters ; and ye shall spoil the E-gÿp'ti-ânſ.

CHAP. IV.

AND Mō'sēs answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice : for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

2 And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand ? And he said, A rod.

3 And he said, Câst it on the ground. And he câst it on the ground, and it became a ſerpent ; and Mō'sēs fled from before it.

4 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Pût forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he pût forth his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand,

5 That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Ā'bra-hām, the God of Iſāaç, and the God of Jā'çôb, hath appeared unto thee.

6 And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Pût now thine hand into thy bô'sôm. And he pût his hand into his bô'sôm ; and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.

7 And he said, Pût thine hand into thy bô'sôm âgain'. And he pût his hand into his bô'sôm âgain', and plucked it out of his bô'sôm ; and, behold, it was turned âgain' as his other flesh.

8 And it shall come to pâss, if they will not believe thee, nêither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

9 And it shall come to pâss, if they will not believe also these two signs, nêither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land : and the water, which thou takest out of the river, shall become blood upon the dry land.

10 And Mō'sēs said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, nêither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy sêrvant : but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tóngue.

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 ?

12 Now thêrê'fôre go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

13 And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send.

14 And the anger of the LORD was

kindled āgainst' Mō'sēs ; and he said, *Is not Aārōn the Lēvite thy bróther ?* I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee ; and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

15 And thou shalt speak unto him, and pút words in his mouth : and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.

16 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.

17 And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

18 ¶ And Mō'sēs went, and returned to Jē'thrō his father-in-law, and said *unto him*, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethen which *are* in E'g̃ypt, and see whether they be yet ālive. And Jē'thrō said to Mō'sēs, Go in peace.

19 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs in Mid'i-ān, Go, return into E'g̃ypt : for all the men *are* dead which sought thy life.

20 And Mō'sēs took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an āss, and he returned to the laud of E'g̃ypt. And Mō'sēs took the rod of God in his hand.

21 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, When thou goest to return into E'g̃ypt, see *that* thou do all those wónders before Phā'raōh which I have pút in thine hand : but I will hārden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.

22 And thou shalt say unto Phā'raōh, Thus saith the LORD, I's'ra-ēl *is* my son, *even* my first-born :

23 And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may sērve me : and if thou refuse to let him go, behold I will slay thy son, *even* thy first-born.

24 ¶ And it came to pāss, by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him.

25 Then Zip-pō'rāh took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cāst *it* at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody hūsbānd *art* thou to me.

26 So he let him go : then she said, A bloody hūsbānd *thou art*, because of the circumciōn.

27 ¶ And the LORD said to Aārōn, Go into the wilderness to meet Mō'sēs. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him.

27 And Mō'sēs told Aārōn all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which he had cōmmān'ded him.

29 And Mō'sēs and Aārōn went, and gāthered tógether *all* the elders of the children of I's'ra-ēl :

30 And Aārōn spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Mō'sēs, and did the signs in the sight of the people.

31 And the people believ'd : and when they hēard that the LORD had visited the children of I's'ra-ēl, and that he had look'ed upon their affliction, then they bōw'd their heads and wór'shipped.

CHAP. V.

AND āft'érwārd Mō'sēs and Aārōn went in, and told Phā'raōh, Thus saith the LORD God of I's'ra-ēl, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.

2 And Phā'raōh said, Who *is* the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let I's'ra-ēl go ? I know not the LORD, néither will I let I's'ra-ēl go.

3 And they said, The God of the Hē'brews hath met with us : let us go, we pray thee, three days' jórney into the dēs'ert, and sác'rifice unto the LORD our God ; lēst he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the swórd.

4 And the king of E'g̃ypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Mō'sēs and Aārōn, let the people from their works ? get you unto your burdens.

5 And Phā'raōh said, Behold, the people of the land now *are* many, and ye make them rest from their burdens.

6 ¶ And Phā'raōh cōmmān'ded the same day the tās'k-māsters 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 gāther 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 ; thēr'e'f'ore they cry, saying, Let us go *and* sác'rifice to our God.

9 Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein ; and let them not regard vain words.

10 And the tās'k-māsters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Phā'raōh, I will not give you straw.

11 Go ye, get you straw where ye can find it : yet not aught of your work shall be diminished.

12 ¶ So the people wēre scattered ābroād throughout all the land of E'g̃ypt, to gāther stubble instead of straw.

13 And the tās'k-māsters hasted *them*, saying, Fulfil your works, *your* daily tās'ks, as when there was straw.

14 And the officers of the children of I's'ra-ēl, which Phā'raōh's tās'k-māsters had set over them, wēre beaten, *and* dē-mān'ded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your tās'k in making brick, both yēs'térdāy and to-day, as heretofore ?

15 Then the officers of the childrēn of I's'ra-ēl came and cried unto Phā'raōh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy sěrvants ?

16 There is no straw given unto thy sērvants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy sērvants *āre* beaten; but the fault *is* in thine own people.

17 But he said, Ye *āre* idle, *ye āre* idle; thērē'fōre ye say, Let us go *and* do sāk'rifice to the LORD.

18 Go thērē'fōre 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl did see *that* they *were* in evil case, āfter it was said, Ye shall not minish *aught* from your bricks of your daily tās̄k.

20 And they met Mō'sēs and Aā'rōn, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Phā'raōh;

21 And they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savour to be abhorred in the eyes of Phā'raōh, and in the eyes of his sērvants, to put a swōrd in their hand to slay us.

22 ¶ And Mō'sēs returned unto the LORD, and said, LORD, whērēfore hast thou *so* evil-entreated this people? why *is* it *that* thou hast sent me?

23 For since I came to Phā'raōh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; nēither hast thou delivered thy people at all.

CHAP. VI.

THEN the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Phā'raōh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.

2 And God spake unto Mō'sēs, and said unto him, I *am* the LORD:

3 And I appeared unto A'bra-hām, unto Iṣ'āaq, and unto Jā'cōb, by *the* name of God Ālmigh'ty; but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

4 And I have also estāb'lished my cōvėnant with them, to give them the land of Čā'na-ān, the land of their pilgrimage, whērein they wēre strāngers.

5 And I have also hēard the groaning of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, whom the Ē-gŷp'ti-ānš keep in bondage; and I have remembered my cōvėnant.

6 Whērēfore say unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, I *am* the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Ē-gŷp'ti-ānš, and I will rid you out of their bondage; and I will redeem you with a stretched-out arm, and with great judgments:

7 And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Ē-gŷp'ti-ānš.

8 And I will bring you in unto the land, cōncēr'ning the which I did swear to give it to A'bra-hām, to Iṣ'āaq, and to

Jā'cōb; and I will give it you for a heritage: I *am* the LORD.

9 ¶ And Mō'sēs spake so unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl: but they hearkened not unto Mō'sēs, for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.

10 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

11 Go in, speak unto Phā'raōh king of Ē-gŷpt, that he let the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl go out of his land.

12 And Mō'sēs spake before the LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Phā'raōh hear me, who *am* of uncirc'cumcised lips?

13 And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs and unto Aā'rōn, and gave them a charge unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and unto Phā'raōh king of Ē-gŷpt, to bring the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl out of the land of Ē-gŷpt.

14 ¶ These *be* the heads of their fathers' houses: The sons of Reū'bēn, the first-born of Iṣ'ra-ēl; Hā'nōch, and Phāl'lū, Hēz'rōn, and Čār'mī: these *be* the families of Reū'bēn.

15 And the sons of Sim'e-ōn; Jēm-ū'ēl, and Jā'mīn, and Ō'hād, and Jā'chīn, and Zō'hār, and Shā'ūl, the son of a Čan'aan-i-tish woman: these *āre* the families of Sim'e-ōn.

16 And these *āre* the names of the sons of Lē'vī, according to their generations; Gēr'shōn, and Kō'hāth, and Mēr'a-rī. And the years of the life of Lē'vī *wēre* a hundred thirty and seven years.

17 The sons of Gēr'shōn; Lib'nī, and Shīmī, according to their families.

18 And the sons of Kō'hāth; Ām'rām, and Izhār, and Hē'brōn, and Ūz-zī'ēl. And the years of the life of Kō'hāth *wēre* a hundred thirty and three years.

19 And the sons of Mēr'a-rī; Mā'ha-lī, and Mū'shī: these *āre* the families of Lē'vī, according to their generations.

20 And Ām'rām took him Jēch'e-bēd, his father's sister, to wife; and she bare him Aā'rōn and Mō'sēs. And the years of the life of Ām'rām *wēre* a hundred and thirty and seven years.

21 And the sons of Izhār; Kō'rāh, and Nē'phēg, and Zīch'rī.

22 And the sons of Ūz-zī'ēl; Mish'a-ēl, and Ēl'za-phān, and Zīth'rī.

23 And Aā'rōn took him Ē-līsh'e-bā daughter of Ām-mīn'a-dāb, sister of Nā āsh'ōn, to wife; and she bare him Nā-dāb and Ā-bī'hū, Ē-le-āzār and Ith'a mār.

24 And the sons of Kō'rāh; Ās'sīr, and Ēl'ka-nāh, and Ā-bī'a-sāph: these *āre* the families of the Kō'rāhites.

25 And Ē-le-āzār, Aā'rōn's son, took him *one* of the daughters of Pū'ti-ēl to wife; and she bare him Phīn'e-hās: these

are the heads of the fathers of the Lē-vites, according to their families.

26 These are that *Aā'rōn* and *Mō'sēs*, to whom the LORD said, Bring out the children of *Iš'ra-ēl* from the land of *Ē'g̃ypt*, according to their armies.

27 These are they which spake to *Phā'raōh* king of *Ē'g̃ypt*, to bring out the children of *Iš'ra-ēl* from *Ē'g̃ypt*: these are that *Mō'sēs* and *Aā'rōn*.

28 ¶ And it came to pass, on the day when the LORD spake unto *Mō'sēs* in the land of *Ē'g̃ypt*,

29 That the LORD spake unto *Mō'sēs*, saying, I am the LORD: speak thou unto *Phā'raōh* king of *Ē'g̃ypt* all that I say unto thee.

30 And *Mō'sēs* said before the LORD, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall *Phā'raōh* hearken unto me?

CHAP. VII.

AND the LORD said unto *Mō'sēs*, See, I have made thee a god to *Phā'raōh*; and *Aā'rōn* thy brother shall be thy prophet.

2 Thou shalt speak all that I command thee; and *Aā'rōn* thy brother shall speak unto *Phā'raōh*, that he send the children of *Iš'ra-ēl* out of his land.

3 And I will harden *Phā'raōh's* heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of *Ē'g̃ypt*.

4 But *Phā'raōh* shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon *Ē'g̃ypt*, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of *Iš'ra-ēl*, out of the land of *Ē'g̃ypt* by great judgments.

5 And the *Ē-g̃ypt'ti-ānš* shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon *Ē'g̃ypt*, and bring out the children of *Iš'ra-ēl* from among them.

6 And *Mō'sēs* and *Aā'rōn* did as the LORD commanded them, so did they.

7 And *Mō'sēs* was fourscore years old, and *Aā'rōn* fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto *Phā'raōh*.

8 ¶ And the LORD spake unto *Mō'sēs* and unto *Aā'rōn*, saying,

9 When *Phā'raōh* shall speak unto you, saying, Show a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto *Aā'rōn*, Take thy rod, and cast it before *Phā'raōh*, and it shall become a serpent.

10 And *Mō'sēs* and *Aā'rōn* went in unto *Phā'raōh*, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and *Aā'rōn* cast down his rod before *Phā'raōh*, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

11 Then *Phā'raōh* also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of *Ē'g̃ypt*, they also did in like manner with their enchantments:

12 For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but *Aā'rōn's* rod swallowed up their rods.

13 And he hardened *Phā'raōh's* heart,

that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto *Mō'sēs*, *Phā'raōh's* heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go.

15 Get thee unto *Phā'raōh* in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand.

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 wouldst not hear.

17 Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in my hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.

18 And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the *Ē-g̃ypt'ti-ānš* shall loathe to drink of the water of the river.

19 And the LORD spake unto *Mō'sēs*, Say unto *Aā'rōn*, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of *Ē'g̃ypt*, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of *Ē'g̃ypt*, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.

20 And *Mō'sēs* and *Aā'rōn* 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 *Phā'raōh*, 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 *Ē-g̃ypt'ti-ānš* could not drink of the water of the river: and there was blood throughout all the land of *Ē'g̃ypt*.

22 And the magicians of *Ē'g̃ypt* did so with their enchantments: and *Phā'raōh's* heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said.

23 And *Phā'raōh* turned, and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also.

24 And all the *Ē-g̃ypt'ti-ānš* 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.

CHAP. VIII.

AND the LORD spake unto *Mō'sēs*, Go unto *Phā'raōh*, 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 *ābūn'dantly*, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bed-chamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy knead'ing-troughs :¹

4 And the frogs shall come up, both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants.

5 And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, Say unto Aārōn, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Ē'gypt.

6 And Aārōn stretched out his hand over the waters of Ē'gypt ; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Ē'gypt.

7 And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Ē'gypt.

8 ¶ Then Phā'raōh called for Mō'sēs and Aārōn, and said, Entreat 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 s'acrifice unto the LORD.

9 And Mō'sēs said unto Phā'raōh, Glory over me : when shall I entreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to dēstrōy' the frogs from thee and thy houses, *that* they may remain in the river only ?

10 And he said, To-morrow. And he said, *Be it* according to thy word ; that thou mayst know that *there is none* like unto the LORD our God.

11 And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people ; they shall remain in the river only.

12 And Mō'sēs and Aārōn went out from Phā'raōh : and Mō'sēs cried unto the LORD, because of the frogs which he had brought āgainst' Phā'raōh.

13 And the LORD did according to the word of Mō'sēs ; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields.

14 And they gāthered them together upon heaps ; and the land stank.

15 ¶ But when Phā'raōh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them ; as the LORD had said.

16 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Say unto Aārōn, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Ē'gypt.

17 And they did so : for Aārōn stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote

the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man and in beast ; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Ē'gypt.

18 And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not ; so there wēre lice upon man and upon beast.

19 Then the magicians said unto Phā'raōh, This *is* the finger of God : and Phā'raōh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them ; as the LORD had said.

20 ¶ And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Phā'raōh ; lo, he cometh forth to the water ; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may s'erve me :

21 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 Ē'gypt'i-ānš shall be full of swarms of *flies*, and also the ground whereon they are.

22 And I will sever in that day the land of Gō'shēn, in which my peop'e dwell, that no swarms of *flies* shall be there ; to the end thou mayst know that I *am* the LORD in the midst of the earth.

23 And I will put a division between my people and thy people : to-morrow shall this sign be.

24 And the LORD did so : and there came a griēv'ous swārm of *flies* into the house of Phā'raōh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Ē'gypt ; the land was corrupted by reason of the swārm of *flies*.

25 ¶ And Phā'raōh called for Mō'sēs and for Aārōn, and said, Go ye, s'acrifice to your God in the land.

26 And Mō'sēs said, It is not meet so to do ; for we shall s'acrifice the abomination of the Ē'gypt'i-ānš to the LORD our God : lo, shall we s'acrifice the abomination of the Ē'gypt'i-ānš before their eyes, and will they not stone us ?

27 We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and s'acrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall cōmmand' us.

28 And Phā'raōh said, I will let you go, that ye may s'acrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness ; only ye shall not go very far āwāy : entreat for me.

29 And Mō'sēs said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will entreat the LORD that the swarms of *flies* may depart from Phā'raōh, from his servants, and from his people, to-morrow : but let not Phā'raōh deal decēitfully any more in not letting the people go to s'acrifice to the LORD.

30 And Mō'sēs went out from Phā'raōh, and entreated the LORD.

¹ *nēd'ing-trōfs.*

31 And the LORD did according to the word of Mō'sēs; and he removed the swarms of flies from Phā'raōh, from his servants, and from his people: there remained not one.

32 And Phā'raōh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

CHAP. IX.

THEN the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Go in unto Phā'raōh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hē'brews, Let my people go, that they may sērve me.

2 For if thou refuse to let them go, and wilt hold them still,

3 Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which is in the fiēld, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: there shall be a very griēv'ous mūr'rain.

4 And the LORD shall sever between the cattle of Iṣ'ra-ēl and the cattle of E'g̃ypt: and there shall nothing die of all that is the children's of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

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 that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of E'g̃ypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl died not one.

7 And Phā'raōh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Iṣ'ra-ēl-ites dead. And the heart of Phā'raōh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

8 ¶ And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs and unto Aā'rōn, Take to you handfūls of ashes of the fūr'nace,¹ and let Mō'sēs sprinkle it tō'wārd the heaven in the sight of Phā'raōh.

9 And it shall become small dust in all the land of E'g̃ypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man and upon beast, throughout all the land of E'g̃ypt.

10 And they took ashes of the fūr'nace, and stood before Phā'raōh; and Mō'sēs sprinkled it up tō'wārd heaven: and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man and upon beast.

11 And the magicians could not stand before Mō'sēs because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the E-g̃y'p'ti-ānš.

12 And the LORD hardened the heart of Phā'raōh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto Mō'sēs.

13 ¶ And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Phā'raōh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hē'brews, Let my people go, that they may sērve me.

14 For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy

sērvants, and upon thy people; that thou mayst know that there is none like me in all the ēarth.

15 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 ēarth.

16 And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to show in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the ēarth.

17 As yet exaltest thou thyself āgainst my people, that thou wilt not let them go?

18 Behold, to-morrow ābout this time, I will cause it to rain a very griēv'ous hail, such as hath not been in E'g̃ypt since the foundation thereof even until now.

19 Send thērē'fōre now, and gāther thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the fiēld; for upon every man and beast which shall be found in the fiēld, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.

20 He that feared the word of the LORD āmōng the sērvants of Phā'raōh made his sērvants and his cattle flee into the houses:

21 And he that regarded not the word of the LORD left his sērvants and his cattle in the fiēld.

22 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs Stretch forth thine hand tō'wārd heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of E'g̃ypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every hērb of the fiēld, throughout the land of E'g̃ypt.

23 And Mō'sēs stretched forth his rod tō'wārd heaven; and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran ālōng upon the ground: and the LORD rained hail upon the land of E'g̃ypt.

24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very griēv'ous, such as there was none like it in all the land of E'g̃ypt since it became a nātion.

25 And the hail smote throughout all the land of E'g̃ypt all that was in the fiēld, both man and beast; and the hail smote every hērb of the fiēld, and brake every tree of the fiēld.

26 Only in the land of Gō'shēn, where the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl wēre, was there no hail.

27 ¶ And Phā'raōh sent, and called for Mō'sēs and Aā'rōn, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD is righteous, and I and my people āre wicked.

28 Entreat the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.

29 And Mō'sēs said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city I will spread ābrōād my hands unto the LORD; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be

¹ fūr'nis.

any more hail; that thou mayst know how that the earth is the LORD's.

30 But as for thee and thy servants, I know 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 bolted.

32 But the wheat and the rye were not smitten; for they were not grown up.

33 And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, 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 and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he 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.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might show these my signs before him:

2 And that thou mayst 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 amongst 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 saith 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 Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to-morrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast:

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 groweth 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, since 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 not 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 sons 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, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, even all that the hail hath left.

13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, the east 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 entreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.

18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and entreated the LORD.

19 And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red Sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.

20 ¶ But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.

21 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.

22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:

23 They saw not one another, neither

rose any from his place for three days : but all the children of Iſ'ra-ël had light in their dwellings.

24 ¶ And Phā'raōh called unto Mō'sēs, and said, Go ye, sērve the LORD ; only let your flocks and your hērds be stayed : let your little ones also go with you.

25 And Mō'sēs said, Thou must give us also sāk'rifiċes and burnt-offerings, that we may sāk'rifiċe unto the LORD our God.

26 Our cattle also shall go with us ; there shall not a hoof be left behind : for thereof must we take to sērve the LORD our God ; and we know not with what we must sērve the LORD until we come thither.

27 But the LORD hardened Phā'raōh's heart, and he would not let them go.

28 And Phā'raōh 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 Mō'sēs said, Thou hast spoken well ; I will see thy face āgain' no more.

CHAP. XI.

AND the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Yet will I bring one plague *more* upon Phā'raōh, and upon Ē'ġypt ; āftérwards he will let you go hence : when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence āltogēther.

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 Ē-ġypt'ānš. Moreover, the man Mō'sēs was very great in the land of Ē'ġypt, in the sight of Phā'raōh's sēr-vants, and in the sight of the people.

4 ¶ And Mō'sēs said, Thus saith the LORD, ābout' midnight will I go out into the midst of Ē'ġypt :

5 And all the first-born in the land of Ē'ġypt shall die, from the first-born of Phā'raōh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the first-born of the maid-servant that is behind the mill ; and all the first-born of beasts.

6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Ē'ġypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.

7 But āgainst' any of the children of Iſ'ra-ël shall not a dog move his tōngue, āgainst' man or beast ; that ye may know how that the LORD dōth put a difference between the Ē-ġypt'ānš and Iſ'ra-ël.

8 And all these thy sēr-vants shall come down unto me, and bōw down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee : and āfter that I will go out. And he went out from Phā'raōh in a great anger.

9 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Phā'raōh shall not hearken unto you ; that my

wōnders may be multiplied in the land of Ē'ġypt.

10 And Mō'sēs and Aārōn did all these wōnders before Phā'raōh : and the LORD hardened Phā'raōh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Iſ'ra-ël go out of his land.

CHAP. XII.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs and Aārōn in the land of Ē'ġypt, 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 Iſ'ra-ël, 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 a 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.

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year ; ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats :

6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month : and the whole assembly of the congregation of Iſ'ra-ël shall kill it in the evening.

7 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.

8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread ; and with bitter hērbš they shall eat it.

9 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.

10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning ; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

11 And thus shall ye eat it ; with your loins gir'ded,¹ your shoes on your feet, and your stāff in your hand : and ye shall eat it in haste ; it is the LORD's pāssover.

12 For I will pāss through the land of Ē'ġypt this night, and will smite all the first-born in the land of Ē'ġypt, both man and beast ; and āgainst' all the gods of Ē'ġypt I will execute judgment : I am the LORD.

13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you are : and when I see the blood, I will pāss over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to dēstrōy you, when I smite the land of Ē'ġypt.

14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial ; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations :

¹ gir'ded.

you shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread ; even the first day ye shall put *āwāy* leaven out of your houses : for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from *Īṣ'ra-ēl*.

16 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.

17 And ye shall *ōbšerve' the feast of* unleavened bread ; for in this self-same day have I brought your armies out of the land of *Ēḡypt* : *théré'fore* shall ye *ōbšerve'* this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.

18 In the first *mónth*, on the fourteenth day of the *mónth* at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the *mónth* at even.

19 Seven days shall there 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 *Īṣ'ra-ēl*, whether he be a *strānḡer*, or born in the land.

20 Ye shall eat *nóthing* leavened ; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

21 ¶ Then *Mōšēs* called for all the elders of *Īṣ'ra-ēl*, and said unto them, Draw out, and take you a lamb, according to your families, and kill the *pāssover*.

22 And ye shall take a bunch of *hýš-šóp*, and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side-posts with the blood that *is* in the basin ; and *nóne* of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

23 For the *LORD* will *pāss* through to smite the *Ē-ḡypt'ti-ānš* ; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side-posts, the *LORD* will *pāss* over the door, and will not suffer the *dēstróy'er* to come in unto your houses to smite *you*.

24 And ye shall *ōbšerve'* this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.

25 And it shall come to *pāss*, when ye be come to the land which the *LORD* will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this *sér'vice*.

26 And it shall come to *pāss*, when your children shall say unto you, What mean you by this *sér'vice* ?

27 That ye shall say, It *is* the *sāc'rifice* of the *LORD's* *pāssover*, who *pāss'ed* over the houses of the children of *Īṣ'ra-ēl* in *Ēḡypt*, when he smote the *Ē-ḡypt'ti-ānš*, and delivered our houses. And the people *bówed* the head, and *wór'shipped*.

28 ¶ And the children of *Īṣ'ra-ēl* wen' *āwāy*, and did as the *LORD* had *cómmānd* ed *Mōšēs* and *Āārōn*, so did they.

29 And it came to *pāss*, that, at midnight, the *LORD* smote all the first-born in the land of *Ēḡypt*, from the first-born of *Phā'raōh* that sat on his throne, unto the first-born of the captive that *was* in the dungeon ; and all the first-born of cattle.

30 And *Phā'raōh* rose up in the night, he, and all his *sér'vants*, and all the *Ē-ḡypt'ti-ānš* ; and there was a great cry in *Ēḡypt* ; for *there was* not a house where *there was* not one dead.

31 And he called for *Mōšēs* and *Āārōn* by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from *āmong* my people, both you and the children of *Īṣ'ra-ēl* ; and go, *sér've* the *LORD*, as ye have said.

32 Also take your flocks and your *hērds*, as ye have said, and *begone* ; and bless me also.

33 And the *Ē-ḡypt'ti-ānš* wére urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste ; for they said, We be all dead *men*.

34 And the people took their *dóugh* before it was leavened, their kneading-troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.

35 And the children of *Īṣ'ra-ēl* did according to the word of *Mōšēs* ; and they borrowed of the *Ē-ḡypt'ti-ānš* jewels of silver and jewels of gold, and raiment :

36 And the *LORD* gave the people favour in the sight of the *Ē-ḡypt'ti-ānš*, so that they lent unto them *such things as they required* : and they spoiled the *Ē-ḡypt'ti-ānš*.

37 And the children of *Īṣ'ra-ēl* journeyed from *Ra-mé'ses* to *Süççóth*, *ābout* six hundred thousand on foot that wére men, beside children.

38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them ; and flocks and *hērds*, even very much cattle.

39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the *dóugh* which they brought forth out of *Ēḡypt*, for it was not leavened ; because they wére thrust out of *Ēḡypt*, and could not tarry, *nēither* had they prepared for themselves any victual.¹

40 ¶ Now the *sō'journiḡ* of the children of *Īṣ'ra-ēl*, who dwelt in *Ēḡypt*, was four hundred and thirty years.

41 And it came to *pāss* at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the self-same day it came to *pāss*, that all the hosts of the *LORD* went out from the land of *Ēḡypt*.

42 It *is* a night to be much *ōbšerv'ed* unto the *LORD* for bringing them out from the land of *Ēḡypt* : this *is* that night of the *LORD* to be *ōbšerv'ed* of all the children of *Īṣ'ra-ēl* in their generations.

¹ *rī'll*.

43 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs and Aārōn, *This is* the ordinance of the p̄ssover: There shall no stranger eat thereof:

44 But every man's s̄rvant that is bought for mōney, when thou hast cir'cumciſed him, then shall he eat thereof.

45 A foreigner and a hired s̄rvant shall not eat thereof.

46 In one house shall it be eaten: thou shalt not carry forth aught of the flesh ābroād out of the house; nēither shall ye break a bone thereof.

47 All the congregation of Iſ'ra-ël shall keep it.

48 And when a strānger shall sō'joſrn with thee, and will keep the p̄ssover to the LORD, let all his males be cir'cumciſed, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no ſ̄rvant uncir'cumciſed p̄rson shall eat thereof.

49 One law shall be to him that is home-born, and unto the strānger that sō'joſrneth āmōng you.

50 Thus did all the children of Iſ'ra-ël: as the LORD cōmmānded Mō'sēs and Aārōn, so did they.

51 And it came to p̄ss, the self-same day, *that* the LORD did bring the children of Iſ'ra-ël out of the land of Ē'gypt by their armies.

CHAP. XIII.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 Sanctify unto me all the first-born, whatsoever openeth the womb āmōng the children of Iſ'ra-ël, *both* of man and of beast: *it is* mine.

3 And Mō'sēs said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Ē'gypt, 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 mōnth Ā'bīb.

5 And it shall be, when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Čān'aān-ites, and the Hīt'tites, and the Ām'o-rītes, and the Hī'vītes, and the Jēb'u-sītes, which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and hōney, that thou shalt keep this s̄rvice in this mōnth.

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 no leavened bread be seen with thee; nēither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy q̄arters.

8 ¶ And thou shalt show thy son in that day, saying, *This is done* because of that *which* the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Ē'gypt.

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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 Ē'gypt.

10 Thou shalt th̄rē'fōre keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.

11 And it shall be, when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Čān'aān-ites, as he sware unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee,

12 That thou shalt set āp̄rt unto the LORD all that openeth the mā'trix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males *shall be* the LORD's.

13 And every firstling of an āss thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the first-born of man āmōng thy children shalt thou redeem.

14 And it shall be, when thy son āsketh 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 Ē'gypt, from the house of bondage:

15 And it came to p̄ss, when Phā'raōh would hardly let us go, that the LORD slew all the first-born in the land of Ē'gypt, both the first-born of man, and the first-born of beasts: th̄rē'fōre I s̄acrīfice to the LORD all that openeth the mā'trix, being males; but all the first-born of my children I redeem.

16 And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frōntlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Ē'gypt.

17 ¶ And it came to p̄ss, when Phā'raōh had let the people go, that God led them not *through* the way of the land of the Phi-līs'tines, although that *was* near; for God said, Lēst p̄radv̄nt̄ure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Ē'gypt:

18 But God led the people ābout, *through* the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Iſ'ra-ël went up harnessed out of the land of Ē'gypt.

19 And Mō'sēs took the bones of Jōsēph with him; for he had straitly sworn the children of Iſ'ra-ël, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones āwāy hence with you.

20 ¶ And they took their jōurney from Sūc'cōth, and encamped in Ē'thām, in the edge of the wilderness.

21 And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night.

22 He took not āwāy the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, *from* before the people.

CHAP. XIV.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, that they turn and encamp before Pi-ha-hi'rōth, between Mig'dōl and the sea, over āgainst' Bā'al-Zē'phōn: before it shall ye encamp by the sea.

3 For Phā'raōh will say of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in.

4 And I will harden Phā'raōh's heart that he shall follow āfter them; and I will be hōn'oured upon Phā'raōh, and upon all his host; that the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānṣ may know that I am the LORD. And they did so.

5 And it was told the king of Ē-gy'pt that the people fled: and the heart of Phā'raōh and of his sēr'vants was turned āgainst' the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Iṣ'ra-ēl go from sēr'ving us?

6 And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him:

7 And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Ē-gy'pt, and cāp'tains over every one of them.

8 And the LORD hardened the heart of Phā'raōh king of Ē-gy'pt, and he pursued āfter the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl: and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl went out with a high hand.

9 But the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānṣ pursued āfter them, (all the horses and chariots of Phā'raōh, and his horsemen, and his army,) and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-ha-hi'rōth, before Bā'al-Zē'phōn.

10 And when Phā'raōh drew nigh, the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānṣ marched āfter them; and they wēre sore āfrāid: and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl cried out unto the LORD.

11 And they said unto Mō'sēs, Because there wēre no graves in Ē-gy'pt, hast thou taken us āwāy to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Ē-gy'pt?

12 Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Ē-gy'pt, saying, Let us ālōne, that we may sēr've the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānṣ? for it had been better for us to sēr've the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānṣ, than that we should die in the wilderness.

13 And Mō'sēs said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will show to you to-day: for the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānṣ whom ye have seen to-day, ye shall see them āgain' no more for ever:

14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

15 ¶ And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, that they go fōr'wārd:

16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch

out thine hand over the sea, and divide it; and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

17 And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānṣ, and they shall follow them: and I will get me hōn'our upon Phā'raōh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

18 And the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānṣ shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me hōn'our upon Phā'raōh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

19 ¶ And the āngel of God, which went before the camp of Iṣ'ra-ēl, removed, and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:

20 And it came between the camp of the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānṣ and the camp of Iṣ'ra-ēl; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

21 And Mō'sēs stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters wēre divided.

22 And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters wēre a wall unto them on their right hand and on their left.

23 And the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānṣ pursued, and went in āfter them to the midst of the sea, even all Phā'raōh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 And it came to pāss, that in the morning-wātch the LORD looked unto the host of the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānṣ through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and trōbled the host of the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānṣ,

25 And took off their chariot-wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānṣ said, Let us flee from the face of Iṣ'ra-ēl; for the LORD fighteth for them āgainst' the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānṣ.

26 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come āgain' upon the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānṣ, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Mō'sēs stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānṣ fled āgainst' it; and the LORD overthrew the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānṣ in the midst of the sea.

28 And the waters returned, and cōvered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Phā'raōh that came into the sea āfter them: there remained not so much as one of them.

29 But the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea.

and the waters *wēre* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

30 Thus the LORD saved Iṣ'ra-ēl that day out of the hand of the Ē-gŷp'ti-ānṣ; and Iṣ'ra-ēl saw the Ē-gŷp'ti-ānṣ dead upon the sea-shore.

31 And Iṣ'ra-ēl saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Ē-gŷp'ti-ānṣ; and the people feared the LORD, and believ'd the LORD, and his sērvant Mō'sēs.

CHAP. XV.

THEN sang Mō'sēs and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl this song unto the LORD, and 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 a habitation; my father's God, and I will exālt¹ him.

3 The LORD *is* a man of war: the LORD *is* his name.

4 Phā'raōh's chariots and his host hath he cāst into the sea: his chosen cāp'tains also āre drowned in the Red Sea.

5 The depths have cōvered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone.

6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dāshed in piēces the enemy.

7 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up āgainst² thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, *which* consumed them as stubble.

8 And with the blāst of thy nostrils the waters wēre gāthered together: the floods stood upright as a heap, and the depths wēre congealed in the hēart of the sea.

9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will dividē the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my swōrd, my hand shall dēstrōy³ them.

10 Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea cōvered them; they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

11 Who *is* like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who *is* like thee, glorious in holiness, fēarful *in* praises, doing wōnders?

12 Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the ēarth swāllowed them.

13 Thou in thy mērcy hast led forth the people *which* thou hast redēemed: thou hast guided *them* in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

14 The people shall hear, and be āfrāid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Pāl-æ-sti'nā.

15 Then the dukes of Ē'dōm shall be āmā'zed; the mighty men of Mō'āb, trembling shall take hold upon them: all the inhabitants of Cā'na-ān shall melt āwāy.

¹ ṭgs-āll'.² sāngk'tshū-ā-re.

16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them: by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pās over, O LORD, till the people pās over *which* thou hast pur'cbāsed.

17 Thou shalt bring them in, and plānt them in the mōūn'tain of thine inheritance, *in* the place, O LORD, *which* thou hast made for thee to dwell in; *in* the sānc'tuary,² O LORD, *which* thy hands have estāb'lished.

18 The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.

19 For the horse of Phā'raōh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought āgain' the waters of the sea upon them: but the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl went on dry land in the midst of the sea.

20 ¶ And Mir'i-ām³ the prophetess, the sister of Aā'ron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out āfter her with timbrels and with dānces.

21 And Mir'i-ām answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

22 ¶ So Mō'sēs brought Iṣ'ra-ēl from the Red Sea; and they went out into the wilderness of Shūr: and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

23 And when they came to Mā'rāh, they could not drink of the waters of Mā'rāh, for they wēre bitter: there'fōre the name of it was called Mā'rāh.

24 And the people murmured āgainst Mō'sēs, saying, What shall we drink?

25 And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD showed him a tree, *which* when he had cāst into the waters, the waters wēre 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 cōm-mānd'ments, and keep all his statutes, I will put nōne of these diseases upon thee, *which* I have brought upon the Ē-gŷp'ti-ānṣ: for I *am* the LORD that healeth thee.

27 ¶ And they came to Ē'lim, where wēre twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten pālm-trēes: and they encamped there by the waters.

CHAP. XVI.

AND they took their journey from Ē'lim; and all the congregation of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl came unto the wilderness of Sin, which *is* between Ē'lim and Si'nāi,⁴ on the fifteenth day of the second mōnth āfter their departing out of the land of Ē'gŷpt.

2 And the whole congregation of the

³ Mir'i-ām.⁴ Si'nāy.

children of Iſ'ra-ël murmured āgainst' Mō'sēs and Āārōn in the wilderness :

3 And the children of Iſ'ra-ël said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Ē'ġypt, when we sat by the flesh-pots, and when we did eat bread to the full ! for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

4 Then said the LORD unto Mō'sēs, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you ; and the people shall go out and gāther a cēr'tain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law or no.

5 And it shall come to pāss, that on the sixth day they shall prepare *that* which they bring in ; and it shall be twice as much as they gāther daily.

6 And Mō'sēs and Āārōn said unto all the children of Iſ'ra-ël, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Ē'ġypt ;

7 And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD ; for that he heareth your murmurings āgainst' the LORD : and what *āre* we, that ye murmur āgainst' us ?

8 And Mō'sēs 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 āgainst' him : and what *āre* we ? your murmurings *āre* not āgainst' us, but āgainst' the LORD.

9 And Mō'sēs spake unto Āārōn, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Iſ'ra-ël, Come near before the LORD ; for he hath hēard your murmurings.

10 And it came to pāss, as Āārōn spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Iſ'ra-ël, that they looked tōwārd the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

11 And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

12 I have hēard the murmurings of the children of Iſ'ra-ël : 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 pāss, that at even the quails came up, and cōvered the camp ; and in the morning the dew lay round ābout' the host.

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 Iſ'ra-ël saw *it*, they said one to ānōther, *It is* manna : for they wist¹ not what it was. And Mō'sēs said unto them, *This is* the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat :

16 *This is* the thing which the LORD

hath cōmmānd'ed : Gāther of it every man according to his eating ; an omer for every man : *according to* the number of your pērsōns, take ye every man for *them* which *āre* in his tents.

17 And the children of Iſ'ra-ël did so, and gāthered, some more, some less.

18 And when they did mete *it* with an omer, he that gāthered much had nōthing over, and he that gāthered little had no lack : they gāthered every man according to his eating.

19 And Mō'sēs said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.

20 Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Mō'sēs ; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank ; and Mō'sēs was wroth with them.

21 And they gāthered it every morning, every man according to his eating : and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

22 ¶ And it came to pāss, *that* on the sixth day they gāthered twice as much bread, two omers for one *man* : and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Mō'sēs.

23 And he said 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 you 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 till the morning, as Mō'sēs bāde ; and it did not stink, nēither was there any worm therein.

25 And Mō'sēs said, Eat that *to-day* ; for *to-day is* a sabbath unto the LORD : *to-day* ye shall not find it in the fiēld.

26 Six days ye shall gāther it ; but on the seventh day, *which is* the sabbath, in it there shall be nōne.

27 ¶ And it came to pāss, *that* there went out *some* of the people on the seventh day for to gāther, and they found nōne.

28 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, How long refuse ye to keep my cōmmānd'ments and my laws ?

29 See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, *thēre'fore* he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days : ābide 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 Iſ'ra-ël called the name thereof Mān'nā : and it *was* like coriander-seed, white ; and the taste of it *was* like wafers *made* with hōney.

32 And Mō'sēs said, *This is* the thing which the LORD cōmmāndeth, Fill an omer of it, to be kept for your generations ; that they may see the bread *where-*with I have fed you in the wilderness,

¹ knew.

when I brought you forth from the land of Ē'gypt.

33 And Mō'sēs said unto Aārōn, 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 cōmmand'ed Mō'sēs, so Aārōn laid it up before the tēs'timōny, to be kept.

35 And the children of Īs'ra-ēl did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited: they did eat manna until they came unto the borders of the land of Cā'na-ān.

36 Now an omer is the tenth part of an ēphah.

CHAP. XVII.

AND all the congregation of the children of Īs'ra-ēl journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, āfter their joir'nēes, according to the cōmmand'ment of the LORD, and pitched in Rēph'i-dīm: and there was no water for the people to drink.

2 Wherefore the people did chide with Mō'sēs, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Mō'sēs said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?

3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured āgainst Mō'sēs, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Ē'gypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

4 And Mō'sēs cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.

5 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Īs'ra-ēl; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Hō'rēb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Mō'sēs did so in the sight of the elders of Īs'ra-ēl.

7 And he called the name of the place Mās'sāh, and Mēr'i-bāh, because of the chiding of the children of Īs'ra-ēl, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD āmōng us, or not?

8 ¶ Then came Ām'a-lēk, and fought with Īs'ra-ēl in Rēph'i-dīm.

9 And Mō'sēs said unto Jōsh'u-ā, Chōdse us out men, and go out, fight with Ām'a-lēk: to-morrow I will stand on the top of the hill, with the rod of God in mine hand.

10 So Jōsh'u-ā did as Mō'sēs had said to him, and fought with Ām'a-lēk: and Mō'sēs, Aārōn, and Hūr, went up to the top of the hill.

11 And it came to pās, when Mō'sēs held up his hand, that Īs'ra-ēl prevailed;

and when he let down his hand, Ām'a-lēk prevailed.

12 But Mō'sēs' hands wēre heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon: and Aārōn and Hūr stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands wēre steady until the going down of the sun.

13 And Jōsh'u-ā discōm'fited Ām'a-lēk and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Jōsh'u-ā; for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Ām'a-lēk from under heaven.

15 And Mō'sēs built an altar, and called the name of it JEHO'VAH-NIS'SI.

16 For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn, that the LORD will have war with Ām'a-lēk from generation to generation.

CHAP. XVIII.

WHEN Jē'thrō the priest of Mid'i-ān, Mō'sēs' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Mō'sēs, and for Īs'ra-ēl his people, and that the LORD had brought Īs'ra-ēl out of Ē'gypt,

2 Then Jē'thrō, Mō'sēs' father-in-law, took Zip-pō'rāh, Mō'sēs' wife, āfter he had sent her back,

3 And her two sons, of which the name of the one was Gēr'shōm; for he said, I have been an ālien in a strānge land:

4 And the name of the other was Ē-li-ēzér; For the God of my father, said he, was mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Phā'raōh.

5 And Jē'thrō, Mō'sēs' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife unto Mō'sēs into the wilderness, where he encamp'ed at the mount of God:

6 And he said unto Mō'sēs, I thy father-in-law Jē'thrō, am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her.

7 And Mō'sēs went out to meet his father-in-law, and did obei'sance,¹ and kissed him; and they āsked each other of their welfare; and they came into the tent.

8 And Mō'sēs told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done unto Phā'raōh and to the Ē-gyp'ti-āns for Īs'ra-ēl's sake, and all the trāv'ail that had come upon them by the way, and how the LORD delivered them.

9 And Jē'thrō rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Īs'ra-ēl, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Ē-gyp'ti-āns.

10 And Jē'thrō said, Blēs'sed be the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Ē-gyp'ti-āns, and out of the hand of Phā'raōh; who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Ē-gyp'ti-āns.

¹ ō-bā'sānse.

11 Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly *he was* ābōve them.

12 And Jē'thrō, Mō'šēs' father-in-law, took a burnt-offering and sāk'rifičes for God: and Aārōn came, and all the elders of Iš'ra-ēl, to eat bread with Mō'šēs' father-in-law before God.

13 ¶ And it came to pās on the morrow, that Mō'šēs sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Mō'šēs from the morning unto the evening.

14 And when Mō'šēs' father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself ālōne, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?

15 And Mō'šēs said unto his father-in-law, Because the people come unto me to inquire of God:

16 When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and ānōther; and I do make *them* know the statutes of God, and his laws.

17 And Mō'šēs' father-in-law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good.

18 Thou wilt surely wear āwāy, both thou and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to pērform' it thyself ālōne.

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 mayst 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 cōv'etousness; 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 seasons: 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 thyself, and they shall bear *the burden* with thee.

23 If thou shalt do this thing, and God cōmmānd' thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

24 So Mō'šēs hearkened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said.

25 And Mō'šēs chōse able men out of all Iš'ra-ēl, 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 seasons: the hard causes they brought

unto Mō'šēs, but every small matter they judged themselves.

27 ¶ And Mō'šēs let his father-in-law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

CHAP. XIX.

IN the third mōnth, when the children of Iš'ra-ēl wēre gone forth out of the land of E'gypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sī'nāi.¹

2 For they wēre departed from Rēph'idim, and wēre come to the dēs'ert of Sī'nāi, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Iš'ra-ēl camped before the mount.

3 And Mō'šēs went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mōūntain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jāčōb, and tell the children of Iš'ra-ēl;

4 Ye have seen what I did unto the E-gyp'ti-āns, and *how* I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself'.

5 Now thērēfore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my cōvenant, then ye shall be a peculiar trēāsure unto me ābōve all people: for all the ēarth is mine:

6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These āre the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Iš'ra-ēl.

7 ¶ And Mō'šēs came, and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD cōmmānd'ed him.

8 And all the people ānswered tōgēther, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Mō'šēs returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

9 And the LORD said unto Mō'šēs, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and beliēve thee for ever. And Mō'šēs told the words of the people unto the LORD.

10 And the LORD said unto Mō'šēs, Go unto the people, and sānc'tify² them today and to-morrow, and let them wāsh their clothes,

11 And be rēdy āgainst' the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sī'nāi.

12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round ābout', saying, Take heed to yourselves *that ye go not* up into the mount, or tōuch the border of it: whosoever tōucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:

13 There shall not a hand tōuch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether *it be* beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

¹ Sī'nāy.² sāngk'te-fi.

14 ¶ And Mō'sēs went down from the mount unto the people, and sanc'tified the people; and they washed their clothes.

15 And he said unto the people, Be ready 'gainst' the third day: come not at your wives.

16 And it came to pāss on the third day, in the morning, that there wēre thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that *was* in the camp trembled.

17 And Mō'sēs brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nēther part of the mount.

18 And mount Sī'nāi was âltogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire; and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a fūr'nace,¹ and the whole mount quaked greatly.

19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Mō'sēs spake, and God answered him by a voice.

20 And the LORD came down upon mount Sī'nāi, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Mō'sēs up to the top of the mount; and Mō'sēs went up.

21 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Go down, chārgē the people, lēst they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish.

22 And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanc'tify themselves, lēst the LORD break forth upon them.

23 And Mō'sēs said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sī'nāi: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds 'about' the mount, and sanc'tify it.

24 And the LORD said unto him, Āwāy, get thee down; and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aārōn with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lēst he break forth upon them.

25 So Mō'sēs went down unto the people, and spake unto them.

CHAP. XX.

AND God spake all these words, saying,

1 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of E'gypt, out of the house of bondage.

2 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

3 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven ābove, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

4 Thou shalt not bōw down thyself to them, nor sērve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jēalous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto

the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

5 And showing mērcy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my cōmmand'ments.

6 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.

7 Remember the sabbath-day, to keep it holy.

8 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

9 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-sērvant, nor thy maid-sērvant, nor thy cattle, nor thy strānger that is within thy gates:

10 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 blēss'ed the sabbath-day, and hallowed it.

11 Hōn'ōūr thy father and thy mōther; that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

12 Thou shalt not kill.

13 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

14 Thou shalt not steal.

15 Thou shalt not bear false witness āgainst' thy neighbour.

16 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-sērvant, nor his maid-sērvant, nor his ox, nor his āss, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

17 ¶ And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mōūn'tain smoking; and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood āfār off.

18 And they said unto Mō'sēs, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lēst we die.

19 And Mō'sēs said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

20 And the people stood āfār off: and Mō'sēs drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

21 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of I's'ra-ēl, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

22 Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, nēither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.

23 An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sac'rifice thereon thy burnt-offerings, and thy peace-offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

¹ fūr'nāis.

25 And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.

26 Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

CHAP. XXI.

NOW these are the judgments which thou shalt set before them.

2 If thou buy a 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 were married, then his wife shall go out with him.

4 If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, 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, or unto the door-post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him for ever.

7 ¶ And if a man sell his daughter to be a maid-servant, she shall not go out as the men-servants do.

8 If she please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation he 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 she go out free without money.

12 ¶ He that smiteth 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 presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.

15 ¶ And he that smiteth 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 surely be put to death.

18 ¶ And if men strive together, and one smite another with a stone, or with his fist, and he die not, but keepeth his bed;

19 If he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote him be quit: only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed.

20 ¶ And if a man smite his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall be surely punished.

21 Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he is his money.

22 ¶ If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her; and yet no mischief follow; he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine.

23 And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life,

24 Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

26 ¶ And if a man smite the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, that it perish; he shall let him go free for his eye's sake.

27 And if he smite out his man-servant's tooth, or his maid-servant's tooth; he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake.

28 ¶ If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die; then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be quit:

29 But if the ox were wont to push with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death.

30 If there be laid on him a sum of money, then he shall give, for the ransom of his life, whatsoever is laid upon him.

31 Whether he have gored a son, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgment shall it be done unto him.

32 If the ox shall push a man-servant, or maid-servant; he shall give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

33 ¶ And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall therein;

34 The owner of the pit shall make it good, and give money unto the owner of them; and the dead beast shall be his.

35 ¶ And if one man's ox hurt another's, that he die, then they shall sell the live ox, 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 surely pay ox for ox; and the dead shall be his own.

CHAP. XXII.—

IF a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, 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 be sold for his theft.

4 If the theft 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 vineyard¹ 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 surely 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 seeing 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 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 good that which 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* a hired thing, it came for his hire.

16 ¶ And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he

shall surely endow her to be his wife.

17 If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.²

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 a usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.

26 If thou at all take thy neighbour's raiment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it unto him by that the sun goeth down:

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 gracious.

28 ¶ Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people.

29 ¶ Thou shalt not delay *to offer* the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the first-born of thy sons 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: neither shall ye eat *any* flesh *that is* torn of beasts in the field; ye shall cast it to the dogs.

CHAP. XXIII.

THOU shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an untrue³ witness.

2 ¶ Thou shalt not follow a multitude *to do* evil: neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment:

3 Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause.

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.

¹ vin'yerd.² ver'jnz.³ ün-rí'tshe-ús.

6 ¶ Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of thy poor in his cause.

7 Keep thee far from a false matter ; and the innocent and righ'teous slay thou not : for I will not justify the wicked.

8 ¶ And thou shalt take no gift ; for the gift blindeth the wise, and pervers'eth the words of the righ'teous.

9 ¶ Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger : for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of É'gypt.

10 ¶ And six years thou shalt sow 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 vine-yard, and with thy olive-yard.

12 ¶ Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest ; 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 names 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 cōmmand'ed thee, in the time appointed of the month ā'bīb ; for in it thou camest out from É'gypt ; and none shall appear before me empty :)

16 And the feast of harvest, the first-fruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field : and the feast of in-gāth'ering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the LORD God.

18 ¶ Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sār'rifice with leavened bread ; neither shall the fat of my sār'rifice remain until the morning.

19 The first of the first-fruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

20 ¶ Behold, I send an ān'gēl 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, provoke him not ; for he will not pardon your transgressions : for my name is in him.

22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an ād'vērsary unto thine ād'vērsaries.

23 For mine ān'gēl shall go before thee and bring thee in unto the Am'o-rītes, and the Hīt'ites, and the Pēr'iz-zītes, and the Čān'aan-ītes, the Hī'vītes, and the Jēb'u-sites ; and I will cut them off.

24 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor 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 fulfil.

27 I will send my fear before thee, and will destrōy' 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 hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hī'vīte, the Čān'aan-ite, and the Hīt'ite, 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 sea of the Phi-līs'tines, and from the deš'ert unto the river : for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand ; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.

32 Thou shalt make no cōvenant 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.

AND he said unto Mō'sēs, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and ā'ār'ōn, Nā'dāb, and ā-bī'hū, and seventy of the elders of Iś'ra-ēl ; and wōr'ship ye āfār off.

2 And Mō'sēs ālōne shall come near the LORD ; but they shall not come nigh, neither shall the people go up with him.

3 And Mō'sēs 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 Mō'sēs wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Iś'ra-ēl.

5 And he sent young men of the children of Iś'ra-ēl, which offered burnt-offerings, and sār'rificed peace-offerings of oxen unto the LORD.

6 And Mō'sēs took half of the blood,

and put it in basins ; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people : and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obē'dient.¹

8 And Mō'sēs took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concē'ring all these words.

9 ¶ Then went up Mō'sēs, and Aārōn, Nā'dāb, and ā-bī'hū, and seventy of the elders of Iſ'ra-ēl ;

10 And they saw the God of Iſ'ra-ēl : and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sāp'phīre-stōne,² and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

11 And upon the nobles of the children of Iſ'ra-ēl he laid not his hand : also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

12 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Come up to me into the mount, and be there : and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and cōmmānd'ments which I have written ; that thou mayst teach them.

13 And Mō'sēs rose up, and his minister Jōsh'u-ā ; and Mō'sēs went up into the mount of God.

14 And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come āgain' unto you : and, behold, Aārōn and Hūr āre with you ; if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.

15 And Mō'sēs went up into the mount, and a cloud cōvered the mount.

16 And the glory of the LORD ābōde upon mount Si'nāi, and the cloud cōvered it six days : and the seventh day he called unto Mō'sēs out of the midst of the cloud.

17 And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Iſ'ra-ēl.

18 And Mō'sēs went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount ; and Mō'sēs was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

CHAP. XXV.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſ'ra-ēl, that they bring me an offering : of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.

3 And this is the offering which ye shall take of them ; gold, and silver, and brāss,

4 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

5 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim-wood,

6 Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense,

7 Ōnīx-stōnes, and stones to be set in the ēph'od, and in the breast-plate.

¹ ō-bē'je-ēnt.

8 And let them make me a sanctuary : that I may dwell āmōngst them.

9 According to all that I show thee, āfter the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

10 And they shall make an ark 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.

11 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 ābout'.

12 And thou shalt cāst 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.

13 And thou shalt make stāves of shittim-wood, and overlay them with gold.

14 And thou shalt put the stāves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them.

15 The stāves shall be in the rings of the ark ; they shall not be taken from it.

16 And thou shalt put into the ark the tēs'timōny, which I shall give thee.

17 ¶ 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.

18 And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy-seat.

19 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.

20 And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, cōvering the mercy-seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to ānōther ; tō'wārd the mercy-seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

21 And thou shalt put the mercy-seat ābōve upon the ark ; and in the ark thou shalt put the tēs'timōny that I shall give thee.

22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from ābōve the mercy-seat, from between the two cherubims which āre upon the ark of the tēs'timōny, of all things which I will give thee in cōmmānd'ment unto the children of Iſ'ra-ēl.

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 ābout'.

² sāf'fir-stōne.

25 And thou shalt make unto it a border of a 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 stāves to bear the table.

28 And thou shalt make the stāves 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 bōwls thereof, to cōver withal; of pure gold shalt thou make them.

30 And thou shalt set upon the table show-bread before me alway.

31 ¶ And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold; of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his brānches, his bōwls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same.

32 And six brānches shall come out of the sides of it; three brānches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three brānches of the candlestick out of the other side:

33 Three bōwls made like unto àl'mónðs, with a knop and a flower in one brānch; and three bōwls made like àl'mónðs in the other brānch, with a knop and a flower; so in the six brānches that come out of the candlestick.

34 And in the candlestick shall be four bōwls made like unto àl'mónðs, with their knops and their flowers.

35 And there shall be a knop under two brānches of the same, and a knop under two brānches of the same, and a knop under two brānches of the same, according to the six brānches that proceed out of the candlestick.

36 Their knops and their brānches shall be of the same; all of it shall be one beaten work of pure gold.

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 showed thee in the mount.

CHAP. XXVI.

MOREOVER, thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten cūr'tains of fine twined lnen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.

2 The length of one cūr'tain shall be

eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one cūr'tain four cubits: and every one of the cūr'tains shall have one measure.

3 The five cūr'tains shall be coupled together one to another; and other five cūr'tains shall be coupled one to another.

4 And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one cūr'tain, from the sel'vage¹ in the coupl'ing; and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of another cūr'tain in the coupl'ing of the second.

5 Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one cūr'tain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the cūr'tain that is in the coupl'ing of the second, that the loops may take hold one of another.

6 And thou shalt make fifty taches of gold, and couple the cūr'tains together with the taches; and it shall be one tabernacle.

7 And thou shalt make cūr'tains of goats' hair, to be a cōvering upon the tabernacle: eleven cūr'tains shalt thou make.

8 The length of one cūr'tain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of one cūr'tain four cubits: and the eleven cūr'tains shall be all of one measure.

9 And thou shalt couple five cūr'tains by themselves, and six cūr'tains by themselves, and shalt double the sixth cūr'tain in the fore-front of the tabernacle.

10 And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one cūr'tain that is outmost in the coupl'ing, and fifty loops in the edge of the cūr'tain which coupleth the second.

11 And thou shalt make fifty taches of brass, 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 cūr'tains of the tent, the half-cūr'tain, that remaineth, shall hang over the back side 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 cūr'tains of the tent, it shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cōver it.

14 And thou shalt make a cōvering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a cōvering 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 there 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 south'ward.

¹ sēl'vidje.

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, *there 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 board 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 showed thee in the mount.

31 ¶ And thou shalt make a veil 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 veil under the taches, that thou mayst bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy.

34 And thou shalt put the mercy-seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place.

35 And thou shalt set the table without the veil, 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 a hanging for the door of the tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needle-work.

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 brass for them.

CHAP. XXVII.

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 same: and thou shalt overlay it with brass.

3 And thou shalt make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basins, and his flesh-hooks, and his fire-pans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make of brass.

4 And thou shalt make for it a grate of net-work of brass; and upon the net shalt thou make four brazen rings in the four corners thereof.

5 And thou shalt put it under the compass 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 brass.

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 showed 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 a hundred cubits long, for one side.

10 And the twenty pillars thereof, and their twenty sockets, shall be of brass: 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 a hundred cubits long, and his twenty pillars, and their twenty sockets of brass; 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 a hanging of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needle-work: 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 brass.

18 The length of the court shall be a hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty every where, and the height five cubits of fine twined linen, and their sockets of brass.

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 brass.

20 And thou shalt command the children of Iſ'ra-ēl, that they bring thee pure oil-olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always.

21 In the tabernacle of the congregation without the veil, which is before the tē'stimōny, Aārōn 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 Iſ'ra-ēl.

CHAP. XXVIII.

AND take thou unto thee Aārōn thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Iſ'ra-ēl, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, even Aārōn, Nā'dāb, and Ā-bī'hū, E-le-ā-zār, and Ith'a-mār, Aārōn's sons.

2 And thou shalt make holy garments for Aārōn 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 Aārōn's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

4 And these are the garments which they shall make ; a breast-plate, and an ēph'od, and a robe, and a broidered coat, a mitre, and a gir'dle :¹ and they shall make holy garments for Aārōn 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 ēph'od of gold, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work.

7 It shall have the two shoulder-pieces thereof joined at the two edges thereof ; and so it shall be joined together.

8 And the curious gir'dle of the ēph'od, 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 ō'nĭx-stōnes, and grave on them the names of the children of Iſ'ra-ēl :

10 Six of their names on one stone, and the other six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth.²

11 With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Iſ'ra-ēl : thou shalt make them to be set in ōuches of gold.

12 And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ēph'od, for stones of memorial unto the children of Iſ'ra-ēl. And Aārōn shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial.

13 And thou shalt make ōuches 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 ōuches.

15 ¶ And thou shalt make the breast-plate of judgment with cunning work ; after the work of the ēph'od thou shalt make it ; of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linen, shalt thou make it.

16 Foursquare 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 sār'di-us, a tōpaz, and a carbuncle : this shall be the first row.

18 And the second row shall be an emerald, a sǎp'phire,³ and a dī'a-mōnd.

19 And the third row a li'gūre, an āg'āte, and an ām'ethyst.

20 And the fourth row a bē'rĭl, and an ō'nĭx, and a jāspēr : they shall be set in gold in their enclosings.

21 And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Iſ'ra-ēl, 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 breast-plate chains at the ends of wreathen-work of pure gold.

23 And thou shalt make upon the breast-plate two rings of gold, and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breast-plate.

24 And thou shalt put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings which are on the ends of the breast-plate.

25 And the other two ends of the two wreathen chains thou shalt fasten in the two ōuches, and put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ēph'od before it.

26 And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put them upon the two ends of the breast-plate, in the border thereof, which is in the side of the ēph'od inward.

27 And two other rings of gold thou shalt make, and shalt put them on the two sides of the ēph'od underneath, tō-

¹ girdle.

² birth.

³ sapphire.

wãrd the fore-part thereof, over ãgainst the other cõup'ling thereof, ãbõve the curious gir'dle of the ĕph'od.

28 And they shall bind the breast-plate by the rings thereof unto the rings of the ĕph'od with a lace of blue, that *it* may be ãbõve the curious gir'dle of the ĕph'od, and that the breast-plate be not loõsed from the ĕph'od.

29 And *Aã'rõn* shall bear the names of the children of *Iš'ra-ël* in the breast-plate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth into the holy *place*, for a memorial before the **LORD** continually.

30 And thou shalt put in the breast-plate of judgment the *Ūrïm* and the *Thãm'nïm*; and they shall be upon *Aã'rõn's* heart, when he goeth in before the **LORD**: and *Aã'rõn* shall bear the judgment of the children of *Iš'ra-ël* upon his heart before the **LORD** continually.

31 And thou shalt make the robe of the ĕph'od all of blue.

32 And there shall be a hole in the top of it, in the midst thereof: it shall have a binding of woven work round ãbout the hole of it, as it were the hole of a *hãbër-gëõn*, that it be not rent.

33 And *beneath*, upon the hem of it, thou shalt make *põmegrãn'ãtes* of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round ãbout the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round ãbout:

34 A golden bell and a *põmegrãn'ãte*, a golden bell and a *põmegrãn'ãte*, upon the hem of the robe round ãbout.

35 And it shall be upon *Aã'rõn* to minister; and his sound shall be heard when he goeth into 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 fore-front of the mitre it shall be.

38 And it shall be upon *Aã'rõn's* fore'hëãd, that *Aã'rõn* may bear the iniquity of the holy things which the children of *Iš'ra-ël* shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his fore'hëãd, 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 gir'dle of needle-work.

40 And for *Aã'rõn's* sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them gir'dles, and bonnets shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty.

41 And thou shalt put them upon *Aã'rõn* thy brõther, and his sons with him;

and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

42 And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cõver their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach.

43 And they shall be upon *Aã'rõn*, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy *place*; that they bear not iniquity, and die. *It shall be* a statute for ever unto him, and his seed ãfter him.

CHAP. XXIX.

AND this is the thing that thou shalt do unto them, to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priest's office: Take one young bullock, and two rams without blemish,

2 And unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened tempered with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil; of wheat-en flour shalt thou make them.

3 And thou shalt put them into one baskè, and bring them in the baskè, with the bullock and the two rams.

4 And *Aã'rõn* and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them with water.

5 And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon *Aã'rõn* the coat, and the robe of the ĕph'od, and the ĕph'od, and the breast-plate, and gird¹ him with the curious gir'dle of the ĕph'od:

6 And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre.

7 Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour *it* upon his head, and anoint him.

8 And thou shalt bring his sons, and put coats upon them.

9 And thou shalt gird them with gir'dles, *Aã'rõn* and his sons, and put the bonnets on them: and the priest's office shall be theirs for a *përpët'uãl*² statute: and thou shalt consecrate *Aã'rõn* and his sons.

10 And thou shalt cause a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and *Aã'rõn* 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.

12 And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, 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 cõv'ereth the in'wãrds, and the caul *that is* ãbõve the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and burn *them* upon the altar.

¹ gërd.

² pë-r-pët'tshü-ül.

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 Thou shalt also take one ram; and *Aā'rōn* 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 sprinkle it round about upon the altar.

17 And thou shalt cut the ram in piēces, and wash the in'wards of him, and his legs, and put them unto his piēces, 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 *Aā'rōn* 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 *Aā'rōn*, 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 *Aā'rōn*, 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, 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 in'wards, and the caul *ābōre* 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 oiled 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 *Aā'rōn*, and in the hands of his sons, and shalt wave them for a wave-offering before the LORD.

25 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.

26 And thou shalt take the breast of the ram of *Aā'rōn*'s consecration, and wave it for a wave-offering before the LORD: and it shall be thy part.

27 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 *Aā'rōn*, and of that which is for his sons:

28 And it shall be *Aā'rōn*'s and his sons' by a statute for ever from the children of

Īš'ra-ēl; for it is a heave-offering: and it shall be a heave-offering from the children of *Īš'ra-ēl* of the sacrifice of their peace-offerings, even their heave-offering unto the LORD.

29 And the holy garments of *Aā'rōn* shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed therein, and to be consecrated in them.

30 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.

31 And thou shalt take the ram of the consecration, and seethe his flesh in the holy place.

32 And *Aā'rōn* 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.

33 And they shall eat those things wherewith the atonement was made to consecrate and to sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat thereof, because they are holy.

34 And if aught 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.

35 And thus shalt thou do unto *Aā'rōn*, and to his sons, according to all things which I have commanded thee: seven days shalt thou consecrate them.

36 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.

37 Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar most holy: whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.

38 ¶ Now this is that which thou shalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year, day by day continually.

39 The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning, and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even:

40 And with the one lamb a tenth-deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of a hin of wine for a drink-offering.

41 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.

42 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.

43 And there I will meet with the children of *Īš'ra-ēl*, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory.

44 And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar : I will sanctify also both *Āārōn* and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office.

45 And I will dwell amongst the children of *Īs'ra-ēl*, and will be their God.

46 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of *E'gypt*, that I may dwell amongst them : I *am* the LORD their God.

CHAP. XXX.

AND thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon ; of shittim-wood shalt thou make it.

2 A cubit shall be the length thereof, and a cubit be the breadth thereof ; four-square shall it be : and two cubits shall be the height thereof : the horns thereof shall be of the same.

3 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof ; and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about'.

4 And two golden rings shalt thou 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 staves to bear it withal.

5 And thou shalt make the staves of shittim-wood, and overlay them with gold.

6 And thou shalt put it before the vail that is by the ark of the tēs'timōny, before the mercy-seat that is over the tēs'timōny, where I will meet with thee.

7 And *Āārōn* shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning : when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it.

8 And when *Āārōn* lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it ; a pēpēt'ual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.

9 Ye shall offer no stränge incense thereon, nor burnt-sacrifice, nor meat-offering ; nēither shall ye pour drink-offering thereon.

10 And *Āārōn* 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 atonement upon it, throughout your generations : it is most holy unto the LORD.

11 ¶ And the LORD spake unto *Mō'sēs*, saying,

12 When thou takest the sum of the children of *Īs'ra-ēl*, 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 amongst them when thou numberest them.

13 This they shall give, every one that pāsseth among them that are numbered, half a shēk'el¹ after the shekel of the sanctuary : (a shekel is twenty gērahs :)

¹ shēk'el.

a half shekel shall be the offering of the LORD.

14 Every one that pāsseth 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-mōney of the children of *Īs'ra-ēl*, and shalt appoint it for the sēr'vice of the tabernacle of the congregation ; that it may be a memorial unto the children of *Īs'ra-ēl* before the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto *Mō'sēs*, 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 *Āārōn* 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 offering 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 *Mō'sēs*, saying,

23 Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrrh² five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekels, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty shekels,

24 And of cās'si-ā³ five hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of oil-olive a hin :

25 And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary : it shall be a holy anointing oil.

26 And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the tēs'timōny,

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 most holy : whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy.

30 And thou shalt anoint *Āārōn* and his sons, and consecrate them, that they

² mēr.³ kūsh'she-ā.

may minister unto me in the priest's office.

31 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, saying, This shall be a 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 stranger, shall even be cut off from his people.

34 ¶ And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Take unto thee sweet spices, stäcte,¹ and öny-çhä, and gäl'ba-nüm; these sweet spices, with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight.

35 And thou shalt make it a p̄rfume, 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 tēs'timóny in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy.

37 And as for the p̄rfume which thou shalt make, you shall not make to yourselves according to the composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for the LORD.

38 Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, shall even be cut off from his people.

CHAP. XXXI.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 See, I have called by name Bē-zäl'e-ēl the son of U'ri, the son of Hür, of the tribe of Jūdäh:

3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in bräss,

5 And in cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

6 And I, behold, I have given with him Ä-hö'li-áb the son of Ä-his'a-mäch, of the tribe of Dän: and in the hearts of all that are wise-hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have cömmänded thee;

7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the tēs'timóny, and the mērcy-seat that is thereupon, and all the furnitüre² of the tabernacle,

8 And the table and his furnitüre, and the pure candlestick with all his furnitüre, and the altar of incense,

9 And the altar of burnt-offering with all his furnitüre, and the läver and his foot,

10 And the clothes of sēr'vice, and the holy gārments for Ää'rön the priest, and the gārments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office,

11 And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have cömmänded thee shall they do.

12 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

13 Speak thou also unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that dóth sanctify you.

14 Ye shall keep the sabbath thēre'före; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth *any* work therein, that soul shall be cut off from amongst his people.

15 Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth *any* work in the sabbath-day, he shall surely be put to death.

16 Wherefore the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl shall keep the sabbath, to öbserve' the sabbath throughout their generations, for a pērpēt'uäl cövenant.

17 It is a sign between me and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl 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 Mō'sēs, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Si'näi, two tables of tēs'timóny, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

CHAP. XXXII.

AND when the people saw that Mō'sēs delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Ää'rön, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Mō'sēs, the man that brought us up out of the land of E'gypt, we wot³ not what is become of him.

2 And Ää'rön said unto them, Break off the golden ear-rings, 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 ear-rings which were in their ears, and brought *them* unto Ää'rön.

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, These be thy gods, O Iṣ'ra-ēl, which brought thee up out of the land of E'gypt.

5 And when Ää'rön saw it, he built an altar before it; and Ää'rön made procla-

¹ stäkt.

² für'ne-lshüre.

³ know.

mation, 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 Mō'sēs, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of E'g'gypt, have corrupted themselves:

8 They have turned āside quickly out of the way which I cōmmanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have wórshipped it, and have sác'rificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O I's'ra-ēl, which have brought thee up out of the land of E'g'gypt.

9 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiff-necked people:

10 Now theré'fore let me ālōne, that my wrath may wax hot āgainst' them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.

11 And Mō'sēs besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why dóth thy wrath wax hot āgainst' thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of E'g'gypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?

12 Wherefore should the Ē-g'yp'ti-ānš speak and say, For mis'chief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mōún'tains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil āgainst' thy people:

13 Remember Ā'bra-hām, I's'āac, and I's'ra-ēl, thy sěrvants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your 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 Mō'sēs turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the tēs'timōny wěre in his hand: the tables wěre written on both their sides: on the one side and on the other wěre they written.

16 And the tables wěre the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

17 And when Jōsh'u-ā heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Mō'sēs, There is a noise of war in the camp.

18 And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for māstery, nēither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome; but the noise of them that sing do I hear.

19 And it came to pās, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dān'cing: and Mō'sēs'

anger waxed hot, and he cāst 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 strewed¹ it upon the water, and made the children of I's'ra-ēl drink of it.

21 And Mō'sēs said unto Aā'rōn, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?

22 And Aā'rōn said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they āre set on mis'chief.

23 For they said unto me, Make us gods which shall go before us: for as for this Mō'sēs, the man that brought us up out of the land of E'g'gypt, we wot² not what is become of him.

24 And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cāst it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

25 ¶ And when Mō'sēs saw that the people wěre naked, (for Aā'rōn had made them naked unto their shame, āmōng their enemies,)

26 Then Mō'sēs 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 Lē'vi gāthered themselves togeth-er unto him.

27 And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of I's'ra-ēl, Pūt every man his swōrd by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his bróther, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.

28 And the children of Lē'vi did according to the word of Mō'sēs: and there fell of the people that day ābout' three thousand men.

29 For Mō'sēs had said, Consecrate yourselves to-day to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his bróther; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

30 And it came to pās on the morrow, that Mō'sēs said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; pėradvėn'ture I shall make an atonement for your sin.

31 And Mō'sēs returned unto the LORD and said, Oh, this people have sinned 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 thy book which thou hast written.

33 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Whosoever hath sinned āgainst' me, him will I blot out of my book.

34 Theré'fore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine āngel shall go

¹ strō'ed.² know.

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 *Aá'rôn* made.

CHAP. XXXIII.

AND the LORD said unto *Mó'sēs*, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of *E'gypt*, unto the land which I swear unto *Á'bra-hám*, to *Í'sāac*, and to *Jā'cōb*, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it.

2 And I will send an ángel before thee ; and I will drive out the *Čan'aán-ite*, the *Ám'o-rite*, and the *Hít-ite*, and the *Pér-iz-zite*, the *Hí'vite*, and the *Jéb'u-site* :

3 Unto a land flowing with milk and hóney : for I will not go up in the midst of thee ; for thou art a stiff-necked people ; lest I consume thee in the way.

4 And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned ; and no man did put on him his ornaments.

5 For the LORD had said unto *Mó'sēs*. Say unto the children of *Í's'ra-él*, Ye are a stiff-necked people : I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee : thère'fore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee.

6 And the children of *Í's'ra-él* stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount *Hó'rēb*.

7 ¶ And *Mó'sēs* took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, áfar off from the camp, and called it, The *Táb'ēr-na-ċle* of the *Čon-grē-gá'tion*. And it came to páss, 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 páss, when *Mó'sēs* went out unto the tabernacle, that all the people rose up, and stood every man at his tent-door, and looked áfter *Mó'sēs*, until he was gone into the tabernacle.

9 And it came to páss, as *Mó'sēs* entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with *Mó'sēs*.

10 And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle-door : and all the people rose up and wór'shipped, every man in his tent-door.

11 And the LORD spake unto *Mó'sēs* face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned ágain' into the camp : but his sěrvant *Jōsh'u-á*, the son of *Nūn*, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

12 And *Mó'sēs* said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up 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 thère'fore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show 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 rest.

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 *Mó'sēs*, 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, show me thy glory.

19 And he said, I will make all my goodness páss before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee ; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mércy on whom I will show mércy.

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 páss, while my glory pásseth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cōver thee with my hand while I páss by :

23 And I will take áway mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts ; but my face shall not be seen.

CHAP. XXXIV.

AND the LORD said unto *Mó'sēs*, 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.

2 And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount *Sí'nāi*, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount.

3 And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount ; neither let the flocks nor hérd's feed before that mount.

4 And he hewed two tables of stone, like unto the first : and *Mó'sēs* rose up éarly in the morning, and went up unto mount *Sí'nāi*, as the LORD had cōmmā'nded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone.

5 ¶ And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

6 And the LORD pāss'ed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, the LORD God, mērcifūl and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

7 Keeping mērcy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

8 And Mō'sēs made haste, and bōwēd his head tō'wārd the ēarth, and wōr'shipped.

9 And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O LORD, let my Lord, I pray thee, go āmōngst us; for it is a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.

10 And He said, Behold, I make a cōvénant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people āmōngst which thou art shall see the work of the LORD; for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee.

11 Ōbſērvē' thou that which I cōmmānd' thee this day; Behold, I drive out before thee the Ām'o-rīte, and the Cān'aān-ite, and the Hīt'ite, and the Pēr'iz-zīte, and the Hī'vite, and the Jēb'u-sīte.

12 Take heed to thyself, lēst thou make a cōvénant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lēst it be for a snare in the midst of thee:

13 But ye shall dēstrōy' their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves:

14 For thou shalt wōr'ship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jēal'ōūs, is a jēalous God:

15 Lēst thou make a cōvénant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring āfter their gods, and do sāk'rīfīce unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sāk'rīfīce;

16 And thou take of their dāughters unto thy sons, and their dāughters go a whoring āfter their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring āfter 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 cōmmān'ded thee, in the time of the mōnth Ā'bīb: for in the mōnth Ā'bīb thou camest out from Ē'g'yp't.

19 All that openeth the mā'trix is mine; and every firstling āmōng thy cattle, whether ox or sheep, that is male.

20 But the firstling of an āss thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the first-born of thy sons thou shalt redeem: and none shall appear before me empty.

21 Six days thou shalt work; but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing-time and in harvest thou shalt rest.

22 And thou shalt ōbſērvē' the feast of weeks, of the first-fruits of wheat-harvest, and the feast of in-gāth'ering at the year's end.

23 Thrice in the year shall all your men-children appear before the LORD God, the God of Iſ'ra-ël.

24 For I will cāst out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: nēither shall any man desire 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 sāk'rīfīce with leaven; nēither shall the sāk'rīfīce of the feast of the pāssover be left unto the morning.

26 The first of the first-fruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not see the kid in his mōthēr's milk.

27 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Write thou these words: for āfter the tenor of these words I have made a cōvénant with thee and with Iſ'ra-ël.

28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did nēither eat bread nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the cōvénant, the ten cōmmānd'ments.

29 ¶ And it came to pāss, when Mō'sēs came down from mount Sī'nāi with the two tables of tēs'tīmōny in Mō'sēs' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Mō'sēs wist¹ not that the skin of his face shōne while He talked with him.

30 And when Ā'ārōn and all the children of Iſ'ra-ël saw Mō'sēs, behold, the skin of his face shōne: and they wēre āfrāid to come nigh him.

31 And Mō'sēs called unto them; and Ā'ārōn and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Mō'sēs talked with them.

32 And āf'tērward all the children of Iſ'ra-ël came nigh: and he gave them in cōmmānd'ment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sī'nāi.

33 And till Mō'sēs had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face.

34 But when Mō'sēs 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 Iſ'ra-ël that which he was cōmmān'ded.

35 And the children of Iſ'ra-ël saw the face of Mō'sēs, that the skin of Mō'sēs' face shōne: and Mō'sēs put the vail upon his face āgain', until he went in to speak with Him.

CHAP. XXXV.

AND Mō'sēs gāthēred all the congregation of the children of Iſ'ra-ël togeth-

¹ knew.

er, and said unto them, These *are* the words which the LORD hath cōmmān'ded, that *ye* should do them.

2 Six days shall work be done ; but on the seventh day there shall be to you a holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD : whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.

3 Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath-day.

4 ¶ And Mō'sēs spake unto all the congregation of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, saying, This *is* the thing which the LORD cōmmān'ded, saying,

5 Take ye from amongst 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 brāss,

6 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

7 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim-wood,

8 And oil for the light, and spices for anointing oil, and for the sweet incense,

9 And o'nīx-stōnes, and stones to be set, for the ēph'od, and for the breast-plate.

10 And every wise-heārted among you shall come, and make all that the LORD hath cōmmān'ded ;

11 The tabernacle, his tent, and his cōv'ering, his taches, and his boards, his bars, his pillars, and his sockets,

12 The ark and the stāves thereof, with the mērcy-seat, and the vail of the cōv'ering,

13 The table and his stāves, and all his vessels, and the show-bread,

14 The candlestick also for the light, and his fur'niture, and his lamps, with the oil for the light,

15 And the incense-altar, and his stāves, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the door at the entering in of the tabernacle,

16 The altar of burnt-offering, with his brazen grate, his stāves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot,

17 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and their sockets, and the hanging for the door of the court,

18 The pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords,

19 The clothes of sēr'vice, to do sēr'vice in the holy place, the holy gārments for Aārōn the priest, and the gārments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office.

20 ¶ And all the congregation of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl departed from the presence of Mō'sēs.

21 And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his sēr'vice, and for the holy gārments.

22 And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing-heārted, and brought bracelets, and ear-rings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold : and every man that offered, offered an offering of gold unto the LORD.

23 And every man with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought them.

24 Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brāss brought the LORD'S offering : and every man with whom was found shittim-wood, for any work of the sēr'vice, brought it.

25 And all the women that were wise-heārted 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.

26 And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' hair.

27 And the rulers brought o'nīx-stōnes, and stones to be set, for the ēph'od, and for the breast-plate :

28 And spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.

29 The children of Iṣ'ra-ēl brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring, for all manner of work which the LORD had cōmmān'ded to be made by the hand of Mō'sēs.

30 ¶ And Mō'sēs said unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, See, the LORD hath called by name Bē-zāl'e-ēl the son of Ū'rī, the son of Hūr, of the tribe of Jūdāh ;

31 And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship ;

32 And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brāss,

33 And in the cutting of stones to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work.

34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he and Ā-hō'li-āb the son of Ā-hīs'a-māçh of the tribe of Dān.

35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.

CHAP. XXXVI.

THEN wrought Bē-zāl'e-ēl and Ā-hō'li-āb, and every wise-heārted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding, to know how to work all manner of work for the sēr'vice of the sanctu-

ary, according to all that the LORD had cōmmān'ded.

2 And Mō'sēs called Bē-zāl'e-ēl and Ā-hō'li-āb, 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 :

3 And they received of Mō'sēs all the offering which the children of I's'ra-ēl had brought for the work of the sēr'vice of the sanctuary, to make it *withal*. And they brought yet unto him free-offerings every morning.

4 And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made ;

5 ¶ And they spake unto Mō'sēs, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the sēr'vice of the work which the LORD cōmmān'ded to make.

6 And Mō'sēs gave cōmmān'd'ment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let nēither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people wēre restrained from bringing.

7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

8 ¶ And every wise-hearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle, made ten cūr'tains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet : *with* cherubims of cunning work made he them.

9 The length of one cūr'tain *was* twenty and eight cubits, and the breadth of one cūr'tain four cubits : the cūr'tains wēre all of one size.

10 And he cōupled the five cūr'tains one unto ānōther ; and the other five cūr'tains he cōupled one unto ānōther.

11 And he made loops of blue on the edge of one cūr'tain, from the selvage in the cōup'ling : likewise he made in the uttermost side of ānōther cūr'tain, in the cōup'ling of the second.

12 Fifty loops made he in one cūr'tain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the cūr'tain which *was* in the cōup'ling of the second : the loops held one cūr'tain to ānōther.

13 And he made fifty taches of gold, and cōupled the cūr'tains one unto ānōther with the taches : so it became one tabernacle.

14 And he made cūr'tains of goats' hair for the tent over the tabernacle ; eleven cūr'tains he made them.

15 The length of one cūr'tain *was* thirty cubits, and four cubits *was* the breadth of one cūr'tain : the eleven cūr'tains wēre of one size.

16 And he cōupled five cūr'tains by themselves, and six cūr'tains by themselves.

17 And he made fifty loops upon the

uttermost edge of the cūr'tain in the cōup'ling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the cūr'tain which cōupleth the second.

18 And he made fifty taches of bräss to cōuple the tent together, that it might be one.

19 And he made a cōv'ering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a cōv'ering of badgers' skins ābōve that.

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 two tenons, equally distant one from ānōther : 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, sōūth'wārd.

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 ānōther board for his two tenons.

25 And for the other side of the tabernacle, *which is tō'wārd* the north corner, he made twenty boards,

26 And their forty sockets of silver : two sockets under one board, and two sockets under ānōther board.

27 And for the sides of the tabernacle wēst'wārd he made six boards.

28 And two boards made he for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

29 And they wēre cōupled beneath, and cōupled together at the head thereof, to one ring : thus he did to both of them in both the corners.

30 And there wēre eight boards ; and their sockets wēre 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 wēst'wārd.

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 veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen : *with* cherubims made he it of cunning work.

36 And he made thereunto four pillars of shittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold : their hooks wēre of gold ; and he cāst for them four sockets of silver.

37 And he made a hanging for the tab

crnacle-door, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, of needle-work;

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 brass.

CHAP. XXXVII.

AND Bē-zāl'e-ēl 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 piēce 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-seat-ward *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 a 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* upon the table, his dishes, and his spoons, and his bowls, and his covers, to cover withal, of pure gold.

17 And he made the candlestick pure gold: of beaten work made he candlestick; his shaft, and his branch, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, *were* of the same:

18 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:

19 Three bowls made he 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.

20 And in the candlestick *were* four bowls made like almonds, his knops, and his flowers:

21 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, according to the six branches going out of it.

22 Their knops and their branches *were* of the same: all of it *was* one beaten work of pure gold.

23 And he made his seven lamps, and his snuffers, and his snuff-dishes, of pure gold.

24 Of a talent of pure gold made he it, and all the vessels thereof.

25 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* foursquare,) and two cubits *was* the height of it; the horns thereof *were* of the same.

26 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'.

27 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.

28 And he made the staves of shittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold.

29 And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the apothecary.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

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* foursquare,) and three cubits the height thereof.

2 And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it: the horns thereof *were* of the same: and he overlaid it with brass.

3 And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels,¹ and the basins, and the flesh-hooks, and the fire-pans; all the vessels thereof made he of brass.

¹ *shūv'vls.*

4 And he made for the altar a brazen grate of net-work, under the còm'pass thereof, beneath unto the midst of it.

5 And he cást four rings for the four ends of the grate of brass, to be places for the stáves.

6 And he made the stáves of shittim-wood, and overlaid them with brass.

7 And he put the stáves 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 láver of brass, and the foot of it of brass, of the looking-glásses 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 sòuth'wárd, the hangings of the court wère of fine twined linen, a hundred cubits:

10 Their pillars wère twenty, and their brazen sockets twenty: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets wère of silver.

11 And for the north side the hangings wère a hundred cubits, their pillars wère twenty, and their sockets of brass twenty: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver.

12 And for the west side wère 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 east'wárd, fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of the one side of the gate wère 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, wère hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 All the hangings of the court round about wère of fine twined linen.

17 And the sockets for the pillars wère of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver; and the overlaying of their chapters of silver: and all the pillars of the court wère filleted with silver.

18 And the hanging for the gate of the court was needle-work, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; and twenty cubits was the length, and the height in the breadth was five cubits, answerable to the hangings of the court.

19 And their pillars wère four, and their sockets of brass four; their hooks of silver, and the overlaying of their chapters and their fillets of silver.

20 And all the pins of the tabernacle, and of the court round about, wère of brass.

21 ¶ This is the sum of the tabernacle, even of the tabernacle of tès'timóny, as it was counted, according to the còmmand'ment of Mò'sès, for the sèr'vice of the Lè'-

vites, by the hand of Ith'a-mâr, son to Aâ'rôn the priest.

22 And Bè-zâl'e-ël the son of Û'ri, the son of Hür, of the tribe of Jü'dáh, made all that the LORD còmmand'ed Mò'sès.

23 And with him was Ä-hö'li-äb, son of Ä-his'a-mäch, of the tribe of Dän, 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, äfter the shekel of the sanctuary.

25 And the silver of them that wère numbered of the congregation was a hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and threescore and fifteen shekels, äfter the shekel of the sanctuary:

26 A bë'käh for every man, that is, half a shekel, äfter the shekel of the sanctuary, for every one that went to be numbered, from twenty years old and üp'wárd, for six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty men.

27 And of the hundred talents of silver wère cást the sockets of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the veil; a hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket.

28 And of the thousand seven hundred seventy and five shekels he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their chapters, and filleted them.

29 And the brass 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.

CHAP. XXXIX.

AND of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made clothes of sèr'vice, to do sèr'vice in the holy place, and made the holy gárments for Aâ'rôn; as the LORD còmmand'ed Mò'sès.

2 ¶ And he made the èph'od 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 shoulder-pièces for it, to couple it together: by the two edges was it coupled together.

5 And the curious girdle of his èph'od,

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 Mōšēs.

6 And they wrought ō'nÿx-stones enclosed in ôuches of gold, graven, as signets are graven, with the names of the children of Iš'ra-ël.

7 And he put them on the shoulders of the ëph'od, that they should be stones for a memorial to the children of Iš'ra-ël; as the LORD commanded Mōšēs.

8 And he made the breast-plate of cunning work, like the work of the ëph'od; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 It was foursquare: they made the breast-plate 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 sâr'dius, a tōpaz, and a cār'buncle: this was the first row.

11 And the second row, an ëm'erald, a sâp'phire,¹ and a dî'a-mônd.

12 And the third row, a li'güre, an äg'âte, and an äm'ethÿst.

13 And the fourth row, a bër'yî, an ō'nÿx, and a jäsper: they were enclosed in ôuches of gold in their enclosings.

14 And the stones were according to the names of the children of Iš'ra-ël, 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 breast-plate chains at the ends, of wreathen work of pure gold.

16 And they made two ôuches of gold, and two gold rings; and put the two rings in the two ends of the breast-plate.

17 And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breast-plate.

18 And the two ends of the two wreathen chains they fastened in the two ôuches, and put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ëph'od before it.

19 And they made two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the breast-plate, upon the border of it, which was on the side of the ëph'od in'ward.

20 And they made two other golden rings, and put them on the two sides of the ëph'od underneath, tō'ward the fore-part of it, over ägainst' the other coupl'ing thereof, äbôve the curious gir'dle² of the ëph'od.

21 And they did bind the breast-plate by his rings unto the rings of the ëph'od with a lace of blue, that it might be äbôve the curious gir'dle of the ëph'od, and that the breast-plate might not be löd'sed from the ëph'od: as the LORD cöm-män'ded Mōšēs.

¹ säf'fir.

22 And he made the robe of the ëph'od of woven work, all of blue.

23 And there was a hole in the midst of the robe, as the hole of a häbër'gëön, with a band round äbout' the hole, that it should not rend.

24 And they made upon the hems of the robe pómegrän'ätes of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twined linen.

25 And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pómegrän'ätes, upon the hem of the robe, round äbout' between the pómegrän'ätes;

26 A bell and a pómegrän'äte, a bell and a pómegrän'äte, round äbout' the hem of the robe to minister in; as the LORD cöm-män'ded Mōšēs.

27 And they made coats of fine linen, of woven work, for Ää'rön and for his sons;

28 And a mitre of fine linen, and goodly 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 needle-work; as the LORD cöm-män'ded Mōšēs.

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 fasten it on high upon the mitre; as the LORD cöm-män'ded Mōšēs.

32 ¶ Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Iš'ra-ël did according to all that the LORD cöm-män'ded Mōšēs, so did they.

33 And they brought the tabernacle unto Mōšēs, the tent and all his fur'niture, his taches, his boards, his bars, and his pillars, and his sockets,

34 And the cö'vering of rams' skins, dyed red, and the cö'vering of badgers' skins, and the veil of the cö'vering,

35 The ark of the tës'timöny, and the stäves thereof, and the mër'cy-seat,

36 The table and all the vessels thereof, and the show-bread,

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 bräss, his stäves, and all his vessels, the läver 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 sër'vice of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation,

² gër'dl.

The tabernacle reared up and anointed. EXODUS. *A cloud covereth the tabernacle.*

41 The clothes of sêr'vice to do sêr'vice in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aârôn the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister in the priest's office.

42 According to all that the LORD cômmanded Mō'sês, so the children of Iſ'ra-êl made all the work.

43 And Mō'sês did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the LORD had cômmanded, even so had they done it: and Mō'sês blêss'ed them.

CHAP. XL.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sês, 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 tês'timôny, and cöver the ark with the veil.

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 tês'timôny, and put the hanging of the door to 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 lãver 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 ãnoint' 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 ãnoint' the altar of the burnt-offering, and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar: and it shall be an altar most holy.

11 And thou shalt ãnoint' the lãver and his foot, and sanctify it.

12 And thou shalt bring Aârôn and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wãsh them with water.

13 And thou shalt put upon Aârôn the holy garments, and ãnoint' 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 ãnoint' them, as thou didst ãnoint' their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an êvêrlãst'ing priest'hood, throughout their generations.

16 Thus did Mō'sês: according to all

that the LORD cômmanded him, so did he.

17 ¶ And it came to pãss in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up.

18 And Mō'sês 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 abroãd the tent over the tabernacle, and put the cövering of the tent aböve upon it; as the LORD cômmanded Mō'sês.

20 And he took and put the tês'timôny into the ark, and set the stãves on the ark, and put the mËrcy-seat aböve upon the ark.

21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the veil of the cövering, and cövered the ark of the tês'timôny; as the LORD cômmanded Mō'sês.

22 And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle nörthwãrd, without the veil.

23 And he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD; as the LORD had cômmanded Mō'sês.

24 And he put the candlestick in the tent of the congregation, over ãgainst' the table, on the side of the tabernacle söüthwãrd.

25 And he lighted the lamps before the LORD; as the LORD cômmanded Mō'sês.

26 And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation, before the veil:

27 And he burnt sweet incense thereon; as the LORD cômmanded Mō'sês.

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 cômmanded Mō'sês.

30 And he set the lãver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wãsh withal.

31 And Mō'sês, and Aârôn, and his sons, wãshed 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 wãshed; as the LORD cômmanded Mō'sês.

33 And he reared up the court round about' the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Mō'sês finished the work.

34 Then a cloud cövered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

35 And Mō'sês was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because

the cloud *ābōde* 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 *Īṣ'ra-ēl* went *ōn'wārd* in all their journeys:

37 But if the cloud were not taken up,

then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up.

38 For the cloud of the LORD *wa-* upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of *Īṣ'ra-ēl*, throughout all their journeys.

¶ The THIRD Book of MO'SES, called LEVITICUS.

CHAPTER I.

AND the LORD called unto *Mō'sēs*, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of *Īṣ'ra-ēl*, 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 hērd, and of the flock.

3 If his offering *be* a burnt-sacrifice of the hērd, let him offer a male 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, *Āārōn's* sons, shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood round *ābout'* upon the altar that *is* by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

6 And he shall flay the burnt-offering, and cut it into his pieces.

7 And the sons of *Āārōn* the priest shall put fire upon the altar, and lay the wood in order upon the fire:

8 And the priests, *Āārōn's* sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that *is* on the fire which *is* upon the altar:

9 But the inwards and his legs shall be wāsh 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, *Āārōn's* sons, shall sprinkle his blood round *ābout'* 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* on the fire which *is* upon the altar.

13 But he shall wāsh 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 turtle-doves, or of young pigeons.¹

15 And the priest shall bring it unto the altar, and wring off 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 *āwāy* his crop with his feathers, and cāst it beside the altar, on the east part, by the place of the ashes:

17 And he shall cleave it with the wings thereof, *but* shall not divide *it* *āsūn-* der: 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.

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 *Āārōn'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 *Āārōn'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 wafersointed 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

¹ *pid'jinz.*

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 shall burn *it* upon the altar : *it* is an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the **LORD**.

10 And that which is left of the meat-offering shall be *Aā'rōn's* and his sons' : *it* is a thing most holy of the offerings of the **LORD** made by fire.

11 No meat-offering, which ye shall bring unto the **LORD**, shall be made with leaven : for ye shall burn no leaven, nor any hōney, in any offering of the **LORD** made by fire.

12 As for the oblation of the first-fruits, ye shall offer them unto the **LORD** ; but they shall not be burnt on the altar for a sweet savour.

13 And every oblation of thy meat-offering shalt thou season with salt ; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat-offering : with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.

14 And if thou offer a meat-offering of thy first-fruits unto the **LORD**, thou shalt offer, for the meat-offering of thy first-fruits, green ears of corn dried by the fire, even corn beaten out of full ears.

15 And thou shalt put oil upon it, and lay frankincense thereon : *it* is a meat-offering.

16 And the priest shall burn the memorial of it, *part* of the beaten corn thereof, and *part* of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof : *it* is an offering made by fire unto the **LORD**.

CHAP. III.

AND if his oblation be a sã'rifìce of a peace-offering, if he offer *it* of the hērd, 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 *Aā'rōn's* sons, the priests, shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about'.

3 And he shall offer of the sã'rifìce of the peace-offering, an offering made by fire unto the **LORD** ; the fat that covereth the in'wãrds, and all the fat that *is* upon the in'wãrds,

4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* on them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul ábove the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take áway.

5 And *Aā'rōn's* sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt-sã'rifìce, 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 sã'rifìce 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 shall he 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 *Aā'rōn's* sons shall sprinkle the blood thereof round about' upon the altar.

9 And he shall offer of the sã'rifìce 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 in'wãrds, and all the fat that *is* upon the in'wãrds,

10 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul ábove the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take áway.

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 sons of *Aā'rōn* shall sprinkle the blood thereof upon the altar round about'.

14 And he shall offer thereof his offering, *even* an offering made by fire unto the **LORD** ; the fat that covereth the in'wãrds, and all the fat that *is* upon the in'wãrds,

15 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul ábove the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take áway.

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 pērpēt'uāl statute for your generations, throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood.

CHAP. IV.

AND the **LORD** spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of *Iš'ra-ēl*, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance ágainst' any of the cōmmand'ments of the **LORD**, *concer'n'ing* things which ought not to be done, and shall do ágainst' 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, a young bullock without blemish unto the **LORD** for a sin-offering.

4 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**.

5 And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation :

6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the veil of the sanctuary.

7 And the priest shall put *some* of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which *is* in the tabernacle of the congregation ; and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt-offering, which *is* at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 And he shall take off from it all the fat of the bullock for the sin-offering ; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,

9 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,

10 As it was taken off from the bullock of the sacrifice of peace-offerings ; and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of the burnt-offering.

11 And the skin of the bullock, and all his flesh, with his head, and with his legs, and his inwards, and his dung,

12 Even the whole bullock shall he carry forth without the camp unto a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire : where the ashes are poured out shall he be burnt.

13 ¶ And if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done *somewhat against* any of the commandments of the LORD, concerning things which should not be done, and are guilty ;

14 When the sin which they have sinned against it is known, then the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation.

15 And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the LORD ; and the bullock shall be killed before the LORD.

16 And the priest that is anointed shall bring of the bullock's blood to the tabernacle of the congregation :

17 And the priest shall dip his finger *in some* of the blood, and sprinkle *it* seven times before the LORD, *even* before the veil.

18 And he 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.

19 And he shall take all his fat from him, and burn *it* upon the altar.

20 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.

21 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.

22 ¶ When a ruler hath sinned, and done *somewhat* through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD his God, concerning things which should not be done, and is guilty ;

23 Or 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 :

24 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.

25 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.

26 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.

27 ¶ And if any one of the common people sin through ignorance, while he doeth *somewhat against* any of the commandments of the LORD, concerning things which ought not to be done, and be guilty ;

28 Or if his sin, which he hath sinned, come to his knowledge ; then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned.

29 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.

30 And the priest shall take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar.

31 And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace-offerings ; and the priest shall burn *it* upon the altar, for a sweet savour unto the LORD : and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him.

32 And if he bring a lamb for a sin-offering, he shall bring it a female without blemish.

33 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and slay it for a sin-offering, in the place where they kill the burnt-offering.

34 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 all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar.

35 And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of the peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn them upon the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: and the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he hath committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

CHAP. V.—

AND if a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing, and is a witness, whether he hath seen or known of it; if he do not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity:

2 Or if a soul touch any unclean thing, whether it be a carcass of an unclean beast, or a carcass of unclean cattle, or the carcass of unclean creeping things, and if it be hidden from him; he also shall be unclean, and guilty:

3 Or if he touch the uncleanness of man, whatsoever uncleanness it be that a man shall be defiled withal, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty:

4 Or if a soul swear, pronouncing with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever it be that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty in one of these.

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 trēs'päss-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 trēs'päss which he hath committed, two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons,¹ 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 asunder:

9 And he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin-offering upon the side 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

¹ pid'jins.

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 sinned shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an eph'ah 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 Mō'sēs, saying,

15 If a soul commit a trēs'päss, and sin through ignorance, in the holy things of the LORD; then he shall bring, for his trēs'päss 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 trēs'päss-offering:

16 And he shall make amend's 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 of the trēs'päss-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; though he wist² it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity.

18 And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trēs'päss-offering, unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance wherein he erred, and wist it not; and it shall be forgiven him.

19 It is a trēs'päss-offering: he hath certainly trēs'pässed against³ the LORD.

CHAP. VI.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 If a soul sin, and commit a trēs'päss against the LORD, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour;

3 Or have found that which was lost, and lieth concerning it, and sweareth 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

² knew.

thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found,

5 Or all that about' which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in the principal, and shall add the fifth part more thereto, and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his trës'päss-offering.

6 And he shall bring his trës'päss-offering unto the LORD, a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trës'päss-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 trës'pässing therein.

8 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'sès, saying,

9 Command' Aã'ròn 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 gárment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashes which the fire hath consumed with the burnt-offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.

11 And he shall put off his gárments, and put on other gárments, 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 Aã'ròn shall offer it before the LORD, before the altar.

15 And he shall take of it his handful, 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 Aã'ròn 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 is the sin-offering, and as the trës'päss-offering.

18 All the males among the children of Aã'ròn 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 Mō'sès, saying,

20 This is the offering of Aã'ròn and of his sons, which they shall offer unto the LORD in the day when he is anointed; the tenth part of an éph'ah of fine flour for a meat-offering perpét'uál, 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 piéces 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 shall be wholly burnt: it shall not be eaten.

24 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'sès, saying,

25 Speak unto Aã'ròn and to his sons, saying, This is the law of the sin-offering: In the place where the burnt-offering is killed shall the sin-offering be killed before the LORD: it is most holy.

26 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.

27 Whatsoever shall touch the flesh thereof shall be holy: and when there is sprinkled of the blood thereof upon any gárment, thou shalt wásh that whereon it was sprinkled in the holy place.

28 But the earthen vessel wherein it is sodden shall be broken; and if it be sodden in a brazen pot, it shall be both scoured, and rinsed in water.

29 All the males among the priests shall eat thereof: it is most holy.

30 And no sin-offering, whereof any of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation, to reconcile withal in the holy place, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire.

CHAP. VII.

LIKewise this is the law of the trës'päss-offering: it is most holy.

2 In the place where they kill the burnt-offering shall they kill the trës'päss-offering: and the blood thereof shall he sprinkle round about' upon the altar.

3 And he shall offer of it all the fat thereof; the rump, and the fat that covereth the in'wards,

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 trës'päss-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 sin-offering is, so is the tré's-pá'ss-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 to himself the skin of the burnt-offering which he hath offered.

9 And all the meat-offering that is baked in the oven, and all that is dressed 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 *Áá'rón* 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 a 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 it be imputed 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 pèrláin' 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 uncleanness of man, or any unclean beast, or any abominable unclean thing, and eat of the flesh

of the sacrifice of peace-offerings which pèrláin' unto the LORD, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

22 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs saying,

23 Speak unto the children of *Í's'ra-él*, 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 whosoever 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 Mō'sēs, saying,

29 Speak unto the children of *Í's'ra-él*, 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 breast, it shall he bring, that the breast may be waved for a wave-offering before the LORD.

31 And the priest shall burn the fat upon the altar; but the breast shall be *Áá'rón's* and his sons'.

32 And the right shoulder shall ye give unto the priest for a heave-offering of the sacrifices of your peace-offerings.

33 He among the sons of *Áá'rón*, that offereth the blood of the peace-offerings, and the fat, shall have the right shoulder for his part.

34 For the wave-breast and the heave-shoulder have I taken of the children of *Í's'ra-él* from off the sacrifices of their peace-offerings, and have given them unto *Áá'rón* the priest and unto his sons, by a statute for ever from among the children of *Í's'ra-él*.

35 This is the portion of the anointing of *Áá'rón*, and of the anointing of his sons, out of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, in the day when he presented them to minister unto the LORD in the priest's office;

36 Which the LORD cōmmān'ded to be given them of the children of *Í's'ra-él*, in the day that he anointed them, by a statute for ever throughout their generations.

37 This is the law of the burnt-offering, of the meat-offering, and of the sin-offering, and of the tré's-pá'ss-offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of the peace-offerings;

33 Which the LORD cōmmān'ded Mō'sēs in mount Sī'nāi, in the day that he cōmmān'ded the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl to offer their oblations unto the LORD, in the wilderness of Sī'nāi.

CHAP. VIII.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 Take *Aārōn*, and his sons with him, and the gārments, and the anointing oil, and a bullock for the sin-offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread ;

3 And gāther thou all the congregation together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And Mō'sēs did as the LORD cōmmān'ded him ; and the assembly was gāthered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

5 And Mō'sēs said unto the congregation, This is the thing which the LORD cōmmān'ded to be done.

6 And Mō'sēs brought *Aārōn* and his sons, and wāshed them with water.

7 And he put upon him the coat, and gir'ded¹ him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ēph'od upon him, and he gir'ded him with the curious girdle of the ēph'od, and bound it unto him therewith.

8 And he put the breast-plate upon him ; also he put in the breast-plate the Ū'rim and the Thūm'mim.

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 cōmmān'ded Mō'sēs.

10 And Mō'sēs 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 vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them.

12 And he poured of the anointing oil upon *Aārōn's* head, and anointed him, to sanctify him.

13 And Mō'sēs brought *Aārōn's* sons, and put coats upon them, and gir'ded them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them ; as the LORD cōmmān'ded Mō'sēs.

14 And he brought the bullock for the sin-offering : and *Aārōn* and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bullock for the sin-offering.

15 And he slew it ; and Mō'sēs took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round ābout' 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 in'wārd, and the caul *ābōre* the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and Mō'sēs 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 cōmmān'ded Mō'sēs.

18 And he brought the ram for the burnt-offering : and *Aārōn* and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

19 And he killed it ; and Mō'sēs sprinkled the blood upon the altar round ābout'.

20 And he cut the ram into piēces, and Mō'sēs burnt the head, and the piēces, and the fat.

21 And he wāshed the in'wārd, and the legs in water ; and Mō'sēs burnt the whole ram upon the altar : it was a burnt-sāc'rifice for a sweet savour, and an offering made by fire unto the LORD ; as the LORD cōmmān'ded Mō'sēs.

22 And he brought the other ram, the ram of consecration : and *Aārōn* and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

23 And he slew it ; and Mō'sēs took of the blood of it, and put it upon the tip of *Aārōn's* right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

24 And he brought *Aārōn's* sons, and Mō'sēs put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet ; and Mō'sēs sprinkled the blood upon the altar round ābout'.

25 And he took the fat, and the rump, and all the fat that was upon the in'wārd, and the caul *ābōre* 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 oiled bread, and one wafer, and put them on the fat, and upon the right shoulder :

27 And he put all upon *Aārōn's* hands, and upon his sons' hands, and waved them for a wave-offering before the LORD.

28 And Mō'sēs 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 Mō'sēs took the breast, and waved it for a wave-offering before the LORD : for of the ram of consecration it was Mō'sēs' part ; as the LORD cōmmān'ded Mō'sēs.

30 And Mō'sēs took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which was upon the altar, and sprinkled it upon *Aārōn*, and upon his gārments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons' gārments with him ; and sanctified *Aārōn*, and his gārments, and his sons, and his sons' gārments with him.

31 And Mō'sēs said unto *Aārōn*, and to his sons, Boil the flesh at the door of the

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tabernacle of the congregation ; and there eat it with the bread that is in the basket of consecrations, as I cōmmān'ded, saying, *Aārōn* and his sons shall eat it.

32 And that which remaineth of the flesh and of the bread shall ye 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 cōmmān'ded to do, to make an atonement for you.

35 Therē'fore shall ye abide at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night, seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, that ye die not : for so I am cōmmān'ded.

36 So *Aārōn* and his sons did all things which the LORD cōmmān'ded by the hand of *Mōšēs*.

CHAP. IX.

AND it came to pass, on the eighth day, that *Mōšēs* called *Aārōn* and his sons, and the elders of *Is'ra-ēl* ;

2 And he said unto *Aārōn*, 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 *Is'ra-ēl* thou shalt speak, saying, 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 ;

4 Also a bullock and a ram for peace-offerings, to sār'rifçe before the LORD ; and a meat-offering mingled with oil : for to-day the LORD will appear unto you.

5 And they brought that which *Mōšēs* cōmmān'ded before the tabernacle of the congregation : and all the congregation drew near, and stood before the LORD.

6 And *Mōšēs* said, This is the thing which the LORD cōmmān'ded that ye should do ; and the glory of the LORD shall appear unto you.

7 And *Mōšēs* said unto *Aārōn*, 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 cōmmān'ded.

8 *Aārōn* therē'fore went unto the altar, and slew the calf of the sin-offering, which was for himself.

9 And the sons of *Aārōn* 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.

10 But the fat, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver of the sin-offering, he burnt upon the altar ; as the LORD cōmmān'ded *Mōšēs*.

11 And the flesh and the hide he burnt with fire without the camp.

12 And he slew the burnt-offering ; and *Aārōn*'s sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled round about upon the altar.

13 And they presented the burnt-offering unto him, with the piēces thereof, and the head ; and he burnt them upon the altar.

14 And he did wāsh the in'wards and the legs, and burnt them upon the burnt-offering on the altar.

15 And he brought the people's offering, and took the goat, which was the sin-offering for the people, and slew it, and offered it for sin, as the first.

16 And he brought the burnt-offering, and offered it according to the manner.

17 And he brought the meat-offering, and took a handful thereof, and burnt it upon the altar, beside the burnt-sār'rifçe of the morning.

18 He slew also the bullock and the ram, for a sār'rifçe of peace-offerings, which was for the people : and *Aārōn*'s sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled upon the altar round about,

19 And the fat of the bullock and of the ram, the rump, and that which cōvereth the in'wards, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver :

20 And they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burnt the fat upon the altar :

21 And the breasts and the right shoulder *Aārōn* waved for a wave-offering before the LORD ; as *Mōšēs* cōmmān'ded.

22 And *Aārōn* lifted up his hand tō-wārd's the people, and blēss'ed them ; and came down from offering of the sin-offering, and the burnt-offering, and peace-offerings.

23 And *Mōšēs* and *Aārōn* went unto the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blēss'ed the people : and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people.

24 And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt-offering and the fat : which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

CHAP. X.

AND *Nā'dāb* and *Ā-bī'hū*, the sons of *Aārōn*, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he cōmmān'ded them not.

2 And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them ; and they died before the LORD.

3 Then *Mōšēs* said unto *Aārōn*, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And *Aārōn* held his peace.

4 And *Mōšēs* called *Mīsh'a-ēl* and *Ēl'za-phān*, the sons of *Ūz-zī'ēl* the uncle of

Āa'rōn, and said unto them, Come near; carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp.

5 So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Mō'sēs had said.

6 And Mō'sēs said unto Āa'rōn, and unto Ē-le-ā'zār and unto Īth'a-mār, his sons, Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes; lest ye die, and lest wrath come upon all the people: but let your brethren, the whole house of Īs'ra-ēl, bewail the burning which the LORD hath kindled.

7 And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you. And they did according to the word of Mō'sēs.

8 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Āa'rōn, 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 Īs'ra-ēl all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Mō'sēs.

12 ¶ And Mō'sēs spake unto Āa'rōn, and unto Ē-le-ā'zār and unto Īth'a-mār, 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 so 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 Īs'ra-ēl.

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 Mō'sēs diligently sought the goat of the sin-offering, and, behold, it was burnt: and he was angry with Ē-le-ā'zār and Īth'a-mār, the sons of Āa'rōn which were left alive, saying,

17 Wherefore have ye not eaten the sin-offering in the holy place, seeing it is most holy, and God hath given it you to bear

the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement 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 Āa'rōn said unto Mō'sēs, Behold, 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?

20 And when Mō'sēs heard that, he was content.

CHAP. XI.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, and to Āa'rōn, saying unto them,

2 Speak unto the children of Īs'ra-ēl, 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 cloven-footed, 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 cony, 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 cloven-footed; yet he cheweth not the cud: he is unclean to you.

8 Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcasses 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 nor 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 Whatsoever 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 ossifrage, and the ospray,

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 cuckoo, 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,¹

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 Eren 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 grass-hopper 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 : whosoever toucheth the carcass of them shall be unclean until the even.

25 And whosoever beareth aught of the carcass of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

26 The carcasses of every beast which divideth the hoof, and is not cloven-footed, nor cheweth the cud, are unclean unto you : every one that toucheth them shall be unclean.

27 And whatsoever goeth upon his paws, among all manner of beasts that go on all four, those are unclean unto you : whoso toucheth their carcass shall be unclean until the even.

28 And he that beareth the carcass of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even : they are unclean unto you.

29 These also shall be unclean unto you among the creeping things that creep upon the earth ; the weasel, and the mouse, and the tór'toise² after his kind,

30 And the ferret, and the cha-mē'le-ón, and the lizard, and the snail, and the mole.

31 These are unclean to you among all that creep : whosoever dóth touch them, when they be dead, shall be unclean until the even.

32 And upon whatsoever any of them, when they are dead, dóth fall, it shall be unclean ; whether it be any vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or sack, 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 such water cometh shall be unclean : and all drink that may be drunk in every such vessel shall be unclean.

35 And every thing whereupon any part of their carcass 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 foun'tain or pit, wherein there is plenty of water, shall be clean : but that which toucheth their carcass shall be unclean.

37 And if any part of their carcass fall upon any sowing 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 carcass fall thereon, it shall be unclean unto you.

39 And if any beast, of which ye may eat, die ; he that toucheth the carcass thereof shall be unclean until the even.

40 And he that eateth of the carcass of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even : he also that beareth the carcass 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 creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat ; for they are an abomination.

43 Ye shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing 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 there'fore 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 E'gypt, to be your God : ye shall there'fore be holy, for I am holy.

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.

CHAP. XII.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſ'ra-él, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and borne a man-child, then she shall be unclean seven days ; according to the days

¹ jēr'ē-gl.

² tór'tiz.

of the separation for her infirmity¹ shall she be unclean.

3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.²

4 And she shall 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 separation: and she shall continue in the blood of her purifying threescore and six days.

6 And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt-offering, and a young pig'con,³ or a turtle-dove, 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 she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This is the law for her that hath borne a male or a female.

8 And if she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles, or two young pig'cons; the one for the burnt-offering, and the other for a sin-offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

CHAP. XIII.

AND the LORD spake unto Mōšēs and Aārōn, saying,

2 When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a rising, 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 Aārōn the priest, or unto one of his sons the priests:

3 And the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh; and when the hair in the plague is turned white, and the plague in sight 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 sight 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 seventh day: and, behold, if the plague in his sight be at a stay, 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 again⁴:

8 And if the priest see that, behold, the scab spreadeth in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a leprosy.

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, behold, 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 from his head even to his foot, wheresoever the priest 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, behold, 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 showed to the priest;

20 And if, when the priest seeth it, behold, it be in sight lower 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

¹ in-fēr-me-te.

² sēr-kūm-sī-zed.

³ pid'jān.

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 no 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 hath a plague upon the head or the 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 yē'lōw 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 yē'lōw hair, and the scall be not in sight deeper than the skin,

33 He shall be shaven, but the scall shall he not shave ; 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 yē'lōw hair ; he is unclean.

37 But if the scall be in his sight at a stay, and that there is black hair grown up therein, 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 is he clean.

41 And he that hath his hair fallen off from the part of his head tō'wārd his face, he is fōrē'hēad-bāld : yet is he clean.

42 And if there be in the bāld head, or bāld fōrē'hēad, a white reddish sore ; it is a leprosy sprung up in his bāld head, or his bāld fōrē'hēad :

43 Then the priest shall look upon it : and, behold, if the rising of the sore be white reddish in his bāld head, or in his bāld fōrē'hēad, 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 léper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a cōv'ering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean.

46 All the days wherein the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled ; he is unclean : he shall dwell ālōne ; without the camp shall his habitation be.

47 The gārment also that the plague of leprosy is in, whether it be a woollen gārment or a linen gārment,

48 Whether it be in the wārp or woof, of linen, or of woollen ; whether in a skin, or in any thing made of skin ;

49 And if the plague be greenish or reddish in the gārment, or in the skin, either in the wārp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin ; it is a plague of leprosy, and shall be showed unto the priest :

50 And the priest shall look upon the plague, and shut up it 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 gārment, either in the wārp 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 thērē'fōre burn that gārment, whether wārp 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 gārment, either in the wārp or in the woof, or in any thing of skin ;

54 Then the priest shall cōmmānd' that they wāsh 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 in'ward, *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 wârp, or out of the woof :

57 And if it appear still in the garment, either in the wârp 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, either wârp 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 wârp or woof, or any thing of skins, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

CHAP. XIV.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing : he shall be brought unto the priest :

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 cōmmānd' to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive and clean, and cedar-wood and scarlet, and hÿš'sóp :

5 And the priest shall cōmmānd' 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 hÿš'sóp, 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 ābroād 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 trēs'päss-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 trēs'päss-offering ; it is most holy.

14 And the priest shall take some of the blood of the trēs'päss-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 log of oil, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand :

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 trēs'päss-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 uncleanness ; and ā'térwārd he 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 he shall take one lamb for a trēs'päss-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 turtle-doves, 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 trēs'päss-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 trēs'päss-offering, and the priest shall take some of the blood of the trēs'päss-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 place of the blood of the trēs'päss-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-dóves, or of the young pig'cons,¹ 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, whose hand is not able to get that which pertain'eth to his cleansing.

33 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mó'sés and unto Aä'rón, saying,

34 When ye be come into the land of Çá'na-än, which I give to you for a pöss'sion, and I put the plague of leprosy in a house of the land of your pöss'sion ;

35 And he that owneth the house shall come, and tell the priest, saying, It seemeth to me there is as it wère a plague in the house ;

36 Then the priest shall cömmänd' 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 äft'érwärd 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 stréaks, greenish or reddish, which in sight 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 ägain' the seventh day, and shall look : and, behold, if the plague be spread in the walls of the house,

40 Then the priest shall cömmänd' that they take äwäy the stones in which the plague is, and they shall cäst them into an unclean place without the city :

41 And he shall cause the house to be scraped within round äbout', 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 pläster the house.

43 And if the plague come ägain', and break out in the house, äfter that he hath taken äwäy the stones, and äfter he hath scraped the house, and äfter it is plästered ;

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 mortar 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 wäsh his clothes ; and he that eateth in the house shall wäsh his clothes.

48 And if the priest shall come in, and look upon it, and, behold, the plague hath not spread in the house, äfter the house was plästered ; 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 hÿ'sóp :

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 hÿ'sóp, 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 hÿ'sóp, and with the scarlet :

53 But he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open fiélds, and make an atonement for the house : and it shall be clean.

¹ päd'jinz.

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 rising, 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.—

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs and to Aā'rōn, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſ'ra-ēl, and say unto them, When any man hath a running issue¹ out of his flesh, because of his issue he *is* unclean.

3 And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue : whether his flesh 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 whereon he sitteth shall be unclean.

5 And whosoever toucheth his bed shall wāsh his clothes, and bāthe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

6 And he that sitteth on *any* thing whereon he sat that hath the issue shall wāsh his clothes, and bāthe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

7 And he that toucheth the flesh of him that hath the issue shall wāsh his clothes, and bāthe *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 wāsh his clothes, and bāthe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

9 And what saddle soever he rideth upon that hath the issue shall be unclean.

10 And whosoever toucheth any thing that was under him shall be unclean until the even : and he that beareth *any* of those things shall wāsh his clothes, and bāthe *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 wāsh his clothes, and bāthe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

12 And the vessel of earthenware 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 he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wāsh his clothes, and bāthe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean.

14 And on the eighth day he shall take to him two turtle-dóves, 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 wāsh all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the even.

17 And every garment, and every skin, whereon *is* the seed of copulation, shall be wāshed with water, and be unclean until the even.

18 The woman also with whom man shall lie *with* seed of copulation, they shall both bāthe *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 be put *apart* seven days ; and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even.

20 And every thing that she lieth upon in her separation shall be unclean ; every thing also that she sitteth upon shall be unclean.

21 And whosoever toucheth her bed shall wāsh his clothes, and bāthe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

22 And whosoever toucheth any thing that she sat upon, shall wāsh his clothes, and bāthe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

23 And if *it be* on *her* bed, or on any thing whereon she sitteth, when he toucheth it, he shall be unclean until the even.

24 And if any man lie with her at all, and her flowers 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 whereon she lieth all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her separation : and whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation.

27 And whosoever toucheth those things shall be unclean, and shall wāsh his clothes, and bāthe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

28 But if she be cleansed of her issue, then she 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

¹ *ish/shū.*

atonement for her before the LORD, for the issue of her uncleanness.

31 Thus shall ye separate the children of Iſ'ra-ël 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 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 which is unclean.

CHAP. XVI.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs after the death of the two sons of AĀ'rōn, when they offered before the LORD, and died ;

2 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Speak unto AĀ'rōn thy brōther, that he come not at all times into the holy *place* within the veil, before the mērcy-seat which *is* upon the ark, that he die not : for I will appear in the cloud upon the mērcy-seat.

3 Thus shall AĀ'rōn 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 ; thēre'fōre shall he wāsh his flesh in water, and *so* put them on.

5 And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Iſ'ra-ël two kids of the goats for a sin-offering, and one ram for a burnt-offering.

6 And AĀ'rōn 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 AĀ'rōn shall cāst lots upon the two goats ; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scape-goat.

9 And AĀ'rōn 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 scape-goat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scape-goat into the wilderness.

11 And AĀ'rōn 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 bullock of the sin-offering which *is* for himself.

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 veil.

13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cōver the mērcy-seat that *is* upon the tēs'timōny, that he die not :

14 And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle *it* with his finger upon the mērcy-seat east'wārd : and before the mērcy-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 veil, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle *it* upon the mērcy-seat, and before the mērcy-seat.

16 And he shall make an atonement for the holy *place*, because of the uncleanness of the children of Iſ'ra-ël, 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 uncleanness.

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 Iſ'ra-ël.

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 hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Iſ'ra-ël.

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 AĀ'rōn shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Iſ'ra-ël, 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 AĀ'rōn 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 scape-goat, shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward 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 anoint, 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, once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAP. XVII.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them, This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, saying,

3 What man soever there be of the house of Israel that killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or that killeth it out of the camp,

4 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer an offering unto the LORD, before the tabernacle of the LORD, blood shall be imputed unto that man; he hath shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people:

5 To the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they

offer in the open field, even that they may bring them unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation unto the priest, and offer them for peace-offerings unto the LORD.

6 And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and burn the fat for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

7 And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.

8 And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers which sojourn among you, that offereth a burnt-offering or sacrifice,

9 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the LORD, even that man shall be cut off from among his people.

10 ¶ And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood, I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar, to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

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 that which was torn with beasts, whether it be one of your 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.

CHAP. XVIII.—

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the LORD your God.

3 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwell, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Chanaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do; neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.

4 Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the LORD your God.

5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments; which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the LORD.

6 None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD.

7 The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

8 The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness.

9 The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.

10 The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs is thine own nakedness.

11 The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, (she 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 mother'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 daughter-in-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, besides the other, in her life-time.

19 ¶ Also, thou shalt not approach unto a woman, to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness.

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, nei-

ther 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 vomiteth out her inhabitants.

26 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you;

27 (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;)

28 That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued 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 ordinance, 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.

CHAP. XIX.

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 aught 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 soul 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,¹ 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 shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

13 Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

14 Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling-block before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD.

15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness² in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

16 Thou shalt not go up and down as a tale-bearer among thy people; neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I am the LORD.

17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

19 Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind. Thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed; neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.

20 And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman that is a bondmaid, betrothed to a husband, and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her, she shall be scourged: they shall not be put to death, because she was not free.

21 And he shall bring his trespass-offering unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, even a ram for a trespass-offering.

22 And the priest shall make an atonement for him, with the ram of the trespass-offering, before the LORD, for his sin which he hath done: and the sin which he hath done shall be forgiven him.

23 And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as uncircumcised:³ three years shall it be as uncircumcised unto you; it shall not be eaten of.

24 But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy, to praise the LORD withal.

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 shalt 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 rise 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 amongst 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 mete-yard, 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.—

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever he be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth any of his seed unto Moloch, 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 Moloch, 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 Moloch, and kill him not;

5 Then I will 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 Moloch, from among their people.

6 And the soul that turneth after such

¹ vîn'yêrd.

² ün-rî'tshe-üs-nês.

³ ün-sêr'küm-sî-zed.

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 amongst his people.

7 Sanctify yourselves, there'fore, 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 be surely 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 also lie with mankind' as he lieth 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.

17 And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness, it is a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people: he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity.

18 And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness, he hath discovered her fountain, and she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood; and both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

19 And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor of thy father's sister; for he uncovereth his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity.

20 And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless.

21 And if a man shall take his brother's

wife, it is an unclean thing; he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness: they shall be childless.

22 Ye shall there'fore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them; that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, spue you not out.

23 And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nations which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and there'fore I abhorred them.

24 But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess' it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people.

25 Ye shall there'fore put difference between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean: and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.

26 And ye shall be holy unto me; for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.

27 A man also, or woman, that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones; their blood shall be upon them.

CHAP. XXI.—

AND the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Speak unto the priests the sons of Aārōn, 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 vir'gin,¹ that is nigh unto him, which hath had no hūsbānd, for her may he be defiled.

4 But he shall not defile himself, being a chief man among his people, to profane 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 not profane the name of their God: for the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and the bread of their God, they do offer; there'fore 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 hūsbānd: for he is holy unto his God.

8 Thou shalt sanctify him there'fore; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee: for I the LORD, which sanctify you, am holy.

¹ vēr'jin.

9 And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, she 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 a 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 Mō'sēs, saying,

17 Speak unto Aārōn, saying, Whosoever *he 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 *he 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 broken-footed, or broken-handed,

20 Or crook-backed, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy or scabbed, or hath his stones broken:

21 No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aārōn 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 Mō'sēs told it unto Aārōn, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Iſ'ra-ël.

CHAP. XXII.—

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 Speak unto Aārōn and to his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Iſ'ra-ël, and that they profane not my holy name in those things which they hallow unto me: I am the LORD.

3 Say unto them, Whosoever *he be* of all your seed, among your generations,

that goeth unto the holy things, which the children of Iſ'ra-ël hallow unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from my presence: I am the LORD.

4 What man soever of the seed of Aārōn is a leper, or hath a running issue, he shall not eat of the holy things until he be clean. And whoso toucheth any thing that is unclean by the dead, or a man whose seed goeth from him;

5 Or whosoever toucheth any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatsoever uncleanness he hath;

6 The soul which hath touched any such shall be unclean until even, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he wash his flesh with water.

7 And when the sun is down he shall be clean, and shall afterward eat of the holy things, because it is his food.

8 That which dieth of itself, or is torn with beasts, he shall not eat, to defile himself therewith: I am the LORD.

9 They shall therefore keep mine ordinance, lest they bear sin for it, and die therefore, if they profane it: I the LORD do sanctify them.

10 ¶ There shall no stranger eat of the holy thing: a sojourner of the priest's, or a hired servant, shall not eat of the holy thing.

11 But if the priest buy any soul with his money, he shall eat of it, and he that is born in his house; they shall eat of his meat.

12 If the priest's daughter also be married unto a stranger, she may not eat of an offering of the holy things.

13 But if the priest's daughter be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and is returned unto her father's house, as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's meat; but there shall no stranger eat thereof.

14 And if a man eat of the holy thing unwittingly, then he shall put the fifth part thereof unto it, and shall give it unto the priest with the holy thing.

15 And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Iſ'ra-ël, which they offer unto the LORD;

16 Or suffer them to bear the iniquity of trespass, when they eat their holy things: for I the LORD do sanctify them.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

18 Speak unto Aārōn, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Iſ'ra-ël, and say unto them, Whosoever *he be* of the house of Iſ'ra-ël, or of the strangers in Iſ'ra-ël, that will offer his oblation for all his vows, and for all his free-will-offerings, which they will offer unto the LORD for a burnt-offering;

19 Ye shall offer at your own will a male without blemish, of the beeves, of the sheep, or of the goats.

20 But whatsoever hath a blemish, that shall ye not offer; for it shall not be acceptable for you.

21 And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the LORD to accomplish his vow, or a free-will-offering in beeves or sheep, it shall be perfect, to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein.

22 Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these 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 mayst thou offer for a free-will-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 of these; because their corruption is in them, and blemishes be in them; they shall not be accepted for you.

26 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, 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 my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Iſ'ra-ël: I am the LORD which hallow you,

33 That brought you out of the land of Eġypt, to be your God: I am the LORD.

CHAP. XXIII.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſ'ra-ël, and say unto them, Cōcērnīng 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, a holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein:

it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

4 These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

5 In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's pàssover.

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 a 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 a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work therein.

9 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Iſ'ra-ël, 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 first-fruits 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, a 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 savour: and the drink-offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of a hin.

14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the self-same day that ye have brought 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 baked with leaven; they are the first-fruits unto 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 savour 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 first-fruits, for a wave-offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priests.

21 And ye shall proclaim on the self-same day, that it may be a holy convocation unto you; ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings 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 Mōšēs, saying,

24 Speak unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, 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 Mōšēs, saying,

27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be a 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 same soul will I destrōy' 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, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

33 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mōšēs, saying,

34 Speak unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.

35 On the first day shall be a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work therein.

36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be a 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.

37 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, every thing upon his day:

38 Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your free-will-offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.

39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in 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.

40 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.

41 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.

42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days: all that are Iṣ'ra-ēl-ites born shall dwell in booths;

43 That your generations may know that I made the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Eḡypt: I am the LORD your God.

44 And Mōšēs declared unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl the feasts of the LORD.

CHAP. XXIV.

AND the LORD spake unto Mōšēs, saying,

2 Command' the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, that they bring unto thee pure oil-olive, beaten, for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually.

3 Without the vail of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aārōn order it from the evening unto the morning, before the LORD continually: it shall be a statute for ever in your generations.

4 He shall order the lamps upon the pure candlestick before the LORD continually.

5 And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake.

6 And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before the LORD.

7 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.

8 Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, *being taken* from the children of Iſ'ra-ël by an *ëvër-läs'ting* cövenant.

9 And it shall be *Aä'rôn'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, by a *përpët'uäl* statute.

10 ¶ And the son of an Iſ'ra-ël-i-tish woman, whose father was an *E-gÿp'ti-än*, went out among the children of Iſ'ra-ël; and this son of the Iſ'ra-ël-i-tish woman and a man of Iſ'ra-ël strove together in the camp;

11 And the Iſ'ra-ël-i-tish woman's son blâsphē'med the name of the LORD, and cursed. And they brought him unto *Mö'sēs*; (and his mother's name was *Shël'o-mith*, the daughter of *Dib'ri*, of the tribe of *Dän*;) and

12 And they put him in ward, that the mind of the LORD might be showed them.

13 ¶ And the LORD spake unto *Mö'sēs*, saying,

14 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.

15 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Iſ'ra-ël, saying, Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin.

16 And he that blâsphē'meth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall cër'tainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blâsphē'meth the name of the LORD, shall be put to death.

17 ¶ And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death.

18 And he that killeth a beast shall make it good; beast for beast.

19 And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbour; as he hath done, so shall it be done to him;

20 Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him *ägain'*.

21 And he that killeth a beast, he shall restore it: and he that killeth a man, he shall be put to death.

22 Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger as for one of your own country: for I am the LORD your God.

23 ¶ And *Mö'sēs* spake to the children of Iſ'ra-ël, that they should bring forth him that had cursed out of the camp, and stone him with stones: And the children of Iſ'ra-ël did as the LORD cömmänded *Mö'sēs*.

CHAP. XXV.

AND the LORD spake unto *Mö'sēs* in mount *Sin'ai*, saying,

¹ pë-r-pët'tshü-äl.

2 Speak unto the children of Iſ'ra-ël, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD.

3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard,² and gather in the fruit³ thereof;

4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

5 That which growth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: for it is a year of rest unto the land.

6 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,

7 And for thy cattle, and for the beasts that are in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat.

8 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.

9 Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound, on the tenth day of the seventh month; in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.

10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possēs'sion, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

11 A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which growth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed.

12 For it is the jubilee; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field.

13 In the year of this jubilee ye shall return every man unto his possēs'sion.

14 And if thou sell aught unto thy neighbour, or buyest aught of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress one another:

15 According to the number of years after the jubilee thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, and according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee:

16 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.

17 Ye shall not there'fore oppress one

² vin'yërd.

³ frööt.

ánóther; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the LORD your God.

18 Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.

19 And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety.

20 And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase:

21 Then I will cōmmānd' my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.

22 And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store.

23 The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for ye are strāngers and sō'journers with me.

24 And in all the land of your pōssēs'sion ye shall grant a redemption for the land.

25 If thy bróther be waxen poor, and hath sold āwāy some of his pōssēs'sions, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his bróther sold.

26 And if the man have nōne to redeem it, and himself be able to redeem it;

27 Then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it, that he may return unto his pōssēs'sion.

28 But if he be not able to restore it to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it until the year of jubilee: and in the jubilee it shall go out, and he shall return unto his pōssēs'sion.

29 And if a man sell a dwelling-house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year āfter it is sold; *within* a full year may he redeem it.

30 And if it be not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall be estāb'lished for ever to him that bought it, throughout his generations: it shall not go out in the jubilee.

31 But the houses of the villages which have no walls round ābout' them shall be counted as the fiēlds of the country; they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubilee.

32 Notwithstanding, the cities of the Lē'vites, and the houses of the cities of their pōssēs'sion, may the Lē'vites redeem at any time.

33 And if a man pūr'chāse of the Lē'vites, then the house that was sold, and the city of his pōssēs'sion, shall go out in the year of jubilee: for the houses of the cities of the Lē'vites are their pōssēs'sion āmōng the children of Iſ'ra-ēl.

¹ pēr-pēt'ishū-āl.

34 But the fiēld of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold; for it is their pēr-pēt'ual¹ pōssēs'sion.

35 And if thy bróther be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee, then thou shalt relieve him; *yēa, though he be a strānger, or a sō'journer*; that he may live with thee.

36 Take thou no usury of him, or increase: but fear thy God; that thy bróther may live with thee.

37 Thou shalt not give him thy mōney upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals² for increase.

38 I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Ē'g̃ypt, to give you the land of Čā'na-ān, and to be your God.

39 And if thy bróther that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee, thou shalt not compel him to sērve as a bond-servant:

40 But as a hired sērvant, and as a sō'journer, he shall be with thee, and shall sērve 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 pōssēs'sion of his fathers shall he return.

42 For they are my sērvants, which I brought forth out of the land of Ē'g̃ypt: they shall not be sold as bondmen.

43 Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour, but shalt fear thy God.

44 Both thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids which thou shalt have, shall be of the heathen that are round ābout' you; of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids.

45 Moreover, of the children of the strāngers that do sō'journ āmōng 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 pōssēs'sion.

46 And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children āfter you, to inherit them for a pōssēs'sion; they shall be your bondmen for ever: but over your brēthren, the children of Iſ'ra-ēl, ye shall not rule one over ānóther with rigour.

47 And if a sō'journer or strānger wax rich by thee, and thy bróther that dwelleth by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the strānger or sō'journer by thee, or to the stock of the strānger's family:

48 Āfter that he is sold he may be redeemed āgain'; one of his brēthren may redeem him:

49 Ēither his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or, if he be able, he may redeem himself.

50 And he shall reckon with him that

² vīt'tiz.

bought him from the year that he was sold to him unto the year of jubilee: and the price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years; according to the time of a hired servant shall it be with him.

51 If there be yet many years behind, according unto them he shall give again' the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for.

52 And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubilee, then he shall count with him, and according unto his years shall he give him again' the price of his redemption.

53 And as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him: and the other shall not rule with rigour over him in thy sight.

54 And if he be not redeemed in these years, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, both he, and his children with him.

55 For unto me the children of Is'ra-ël are servants; they are my servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of E'gypt: I am the LORD your God.

CHAP. XXVI.

YE shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the LORD your God.

2 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD.

3 If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

4 Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

5 And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage,¹ and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing-time; and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

8 And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

9 For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

10 And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.

11 And I will set my tabernacle amongst you: and my soul shall not abhor you.

12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

13 I am the LORD your God, which

brought you forth out of the land of E'gypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.

14 But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;

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, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

17 And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth 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 if 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 chastise you seven times for your sins.

29 And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.

30 And I will destroy your high places

and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.

31 And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours.

32 And I will bring the land into desolation; and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished 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 lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase 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 If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also 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 uncircumcised¹ hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity;

42 Then will I remember my covenant with Jācōb, and also my covenant with Iśāac, and also my covenant with Ābrahām will I remember; and I will remember the land.

43 The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity; because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes.

44 And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them,

to destroy' them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the LORD their God.

45 But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of E'gypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the LORD.

46 These are the statutes and judgments and laws which the LORD made between him and the children of Iś'ra-ēl in Mōunt Sī'nāi, by the hand of Mō'sēs.

CHAP. XXVII.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iś'ra-ēl, 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 sixty 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 a male, then thy estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

8 But if he be poorer than thy estimation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to his ability that vowed shall the priest value him.

9 And if it be a beast, whereof 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, who art the priest, 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

¹ ūn-sēr'kūm-sī-zed.

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 mōney of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be his.

16 And if a man shall sanctify unto the LORD some part of a fiēld of his pōssēs'sion, then thy estimation shall be according to the seed thereof : a homer of barley seed shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver.

17 If he sanctify his fiēld from the year of jubilee, according to thy estimation it shall stand.

18 But if he sanctify his fiēld āfter the jubilee, then the priest shall reckon unto him the mōney according to the years that remain, even unto the year of the jubilee, and it shall be ābāted from thy estimation.

19 And if he that sanctified the fiēld will in any wise redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the mōney of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be assured to him.

20 And if he will not redeem the fiēld, or if he have sold the fiēld to ānōther man, it shall not be redeemed any more ;

21 But the fiēld, when it goeth out in the jubilee, shall be holy unto the LORD, as a fiēld devoted ; the pōssēs'sion thereof shall be the priest's.

22 And if a man sanctify unto the LORD a fiēld which he hath bought, which is not of the fiēlds of his pōssēs'sion ;

23 Then the priest shall reckon unto him the wōrth of thy estimation, even unto the year of the jubilee : and he shall give thine estimation in that day, as a holy thing unto the LORD.

24 In the year of the jubilee the fiēld shall return unto him of whom it was

bought, even to him to whom the pōssēs'sion 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 sheep ; it is the LORD's.

27 And if it be of an unclean beast, then he shall 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 fiēld of his pōssēs'sion, shall be sold or redeemed : every devoted thing is most holy unto the LORD.

29 Nōne devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed ; but shall surely be put to death.

30 And all the tithē 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 aught of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof.

32 And cōncē'ning the tithē of the hērd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.

33 He shall not sēarch whether it be good or bad, nēither shall he chānge it : and if he chānge it at all, then both it and the chānge thereof shall be holy ; it shall not be redeemed.

34 These āre the commānd'ments which the LORD cōmmānd'ed Mō'sēs for the children of Iŷ'ra-ēl, in Mōunt Sī'nāi.

¶ The FOURTH Book of MO'SES, called NUMBERS.

CHAPTER I.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs in the wilderness of Sī'nāi,¹ in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first day of the second mōnth, in the second year āfter they wēre come out of the land of Ē'gypt, saying,

2 Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Iŷ'ra-ēl, āfter their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male by their pōll ;

3 From twenty years old and ūp'wārd, all that āre able to go forth to war in Iŷ'ra-ēl : thou and Aārōn shall number them by their 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 āre the names of the men that shall stand with you : Of the tribe of Reū'bēn ; Ē-lī'zūr the son of Shēd'e-ūr.

6 Of Sīm'e-ōn ; Shē-lū'mi-ēl the son of Zū-ri-shād'da-ī.

7 Of Jūdāh ; Nāh'shōn the son of Āmin'a-dāb.

8 Of Iŷ'sa-çhār ; Nē-thān'e-ēl the son of Zū'ār.

9 Of Zēb'u-lōn ; Ē-lī'āb the son of Hē'lōn.

10 Of the children of Jō'sēph : of Ē-phra-īm, Ē-līsh'a-mā the son of Ām-mī'hūd : of Ma-nās'seh, Ga-mā'li-ēl the son of Pēd'ah-zūr.

¹ Sī'nāy.

- 11 Of Bēn'ja-mīn; Āb'i-dān the son of Gīd-e-ō'nī.
- 12 Of Dān; Ā-hi-ē'zēr the son of Ām-mī-shād'da-i.
- 13 Of Āsh'er; Pā'gi-ēl the son of Ūc'rān.
- 14 Of Gād; Ē-li'a-sāph the son of Dē-ū'ēl.
- 15 Of Nāph'ta-li; Ā-hī'rā the son of Ē'nān.
- 16 These wēre the renowned of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, heads of thousands in Iṣ'ra-ēl.
- 17 And Mō'sēs and Aārōn 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 ūp'wārd, by their pōlls.
- 19 As the LORD cōmmānded Mō'sēs, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sī'nāi.
- 20 And the children of Reū'bēn, Iṣ'ra-ēl's eldest son, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their pōlls, every male from twenty years old and ūp'wārd, all that wēre able to go forth to war;
- 21 Those that wēre numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Reū'bēn, wēre forty and six thousand and five hundred.
- 22 Of the children of Sim'e-ōn, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, those that wēre numbered of them, according to the number of the names, by their pōlls, every male from twenty years old and ūp'wārd, all that wēre able to go forth to war;
- 23 Those that wēre numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Sim'e-ōn, wēre fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.
- 24 Of the children of Gād, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and ūp'wārd, all that wēre able to go forth to war;
- 25 Those that wēre numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Gād, wēre forty and five thousand six hundred and fifty.
- 26 Of the children of Jū'dāh, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and ūp'wārd, all that wēre able to go forth to war;
- 27 Those that wēre numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Jū'dāh, wēre threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.
- 28 Of the children of Is'sa-ḥār, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and ūp'wārd, all that wēre able to go forth to war;
- 29 Those that wēre numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Is'sa-ḥār, wēre fifty and four thousand and four hundred.
- 30 Of the children of Zēb'u-lōn, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and ūp'wārd, all that wēre able to go forth to war;
- 31 Those that wēre numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Zēb'u-lōn, wēre fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.
- 32 Of the children of Jō'sēph, *namely*, of the children of Ē'phra-īm, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and ūp'wārd, all that wēre able to go forth to war;
- 33 Those that wēre numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Ē'phra-īm, wēre forty thousand and five hundred.
- 34 Of the children of Ma-nās'seh, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and ūp'wārd, all that wēre able to go forth to war;
- 35 Those that wēre numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Ma-nās'seh, wēre thirty and two thousand and two hundred.
- 36 Of the children of Bēn'ja-mīn, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and ūp'wārd, all that wēre able to go forth to war;
- 37 Those that wēre numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Bēn'ja-mīn, wēre thirty and five thousand and four hundred.
- 38 Of the children of Dān, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and ūp'wārd, all that wēre able to go forth to war;
- 39 Those that wēre numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Dān, wēre threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.
- 40 Of the children of Āsh'er, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and ūp'wārd, all that wēre able to go forth to war;
- 41 Those that wēre numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Āsh'er, wēre forty and one thousand and five hundred.
- 42 Of the children of Nāph'ta-li, throughout their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty

years old and ūp'wārd, all that wēre able to go forth to war ;

43 Those that wēre numbered of them, even of the tribe of Nāph'ta-lī, wēre fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

44 These *are* those that wēre numbered, which Mō'sēs and Aā'rōn numbered, and the princes of Iṣ'ra-ēl, *being* twelve men : each one was for the house of his fathers.

45 So wēre all those that wēre numbered of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and ūp'wārd, all that wēre able to go forth to war in Iṣ'ra-ēl ;

46 Even all they that wēre numbered wēre six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

47 But the Lē'vites āfter the tribe of their fathers, wēre not numbered āmong them.

48 For the LORD had spoken unto Mō'sēs, saying,

49 Only thou shalt not number the tribe of Lē'vi, nēither take the sum of them āmong the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl :

50 But thou shalt appoint the Lē'vites over the tabernacle of tēs'timōny, 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 ābout' the tabernacle.

51 And when the tabernacle setteth fōr'wārd, the Lē'vites shall take it down : and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Lē'vites shall set it up : and the strānger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

52 And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts.

53 But the Lē'vites shall pitch round ābout' the tabernacle of tēs'timōny, that there be no wrāth upon the congregation of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl : and the Lē'vites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of tēs'timōny.

54 And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl did according to all that the LORD cōmmānd'ed Mō'sēs, so did they.

CHAP. II.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs and unto Aā'rōn, saying,

2 Every man of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house : far off ābout' the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.

3 And on the east side, tō'wārd the rising of the sun, shall they of the standard of the camp of Jū'dāh pitch, throughout their armies : and Nāh'shōn, the son of Ām-mīn'a-dāb, shall be cāp'tain of the children of Jū'dāh.

4 And his host, and those that wēre numbered of them, wēre threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

5 And those that do pitch next unto him shall be the tribe of Iṣ'sa-ḡhār : and Nē-thān'e-ēl, the son of Zū'ār, shall be cāp'tain of the children of Iṣ'sa-ḡhār.

6 And his host, and those that wēre numbered thereof, wēre fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

7 Then the tribe of Zēb'u-lōn : and Ē-lī'āb, the son of Hē'lōn, shall be cāp'tain of the children of Zēb'u-lōn.

8 And his host, and those that wēre numbered thereof, wēre fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.

9 All that wēre numbered in the camp of Jū'dāh wēre a hundred thousand, and fourscore thousand, and six thousand and four hundred, throughout their armies. These shall first set forth.

10 On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reū'bēn, according to their armies : and the cāp'tain of the children of Reū'bēn shall be Ē-lī'zūr, the son of Shēd'e-ūr.

11 And his host, and those that wēre numbered thereof, wēre forty and six thousand and five hundred.

12 And those which pitch by him shall be the tribe of Sim'e-ōn : and the cāp'tain of the children of Sim'e-ōn shall be Shē-lū'mī-ēl, the son of Zū-ri-shād'da-ī.

13 And his host, and those that wēre numbered of them, wēre fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

14 Then the tribe of Gād : and the cāp'tain of the sons of Gād shall be Ē-lī'a-sāph, the son of Rē-ū'ēl.

15 And his host, and those that wēre numbered of them, wēre forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty.

16 All that wēre numbered in the camp of Reū'bēn wēre a hundred thousand, and fifty and one thousand, and four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies. And they shall set forth in the second rank.

17 Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall set fōr'wārd, with the camp of the Lē'vites in the midst of the camp ; as they encamp so shall they set fōr'wārd, every man in his place by their standards.

18 On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ē'phra-īm, according to their armies : and the cāp'tain of the sons of Ē'phra-īm shall be Ē-lish'a-mā, the son of Ām-mī'hūd.

19 And his host, and those that wēre numbered of them, wēre forty thousand and five hundred.

20 And by him shall be the tribe of Ma-nās'seh : and the cāp'tain of the children of Ma-nās'seh shall be Ga-mā'li-ēl, the son of Pēd'ah-zūr.

21 And his host, and those that wēre

numbered of them, *were* thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

22 Then the tribe of *Bēn'ja-mīm* : and the cāp'tain of the sons of *Bēn'ja-mīm* shall be *Āb'i-dān*, the son of *Gīd-e-ō'ūi*.

23 And his host, and those that *were* numbered of them, *were* thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

24 All that *were* numbered of the camp of *E'phra-im* *were* a hundred thousand, and eight thousand and a hundred, throughout their armies. And they shall go fōr wārd in the third rank.

25 The standard of the camp of *Dān* shall be on the north side by their armies : and the cāp'tain of the children of *Dān* shall be *Ā-hi-ē'zēr*, the son of *Ām-mi-shād'da-ī*.

26 And his host, 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 *Āsh'er* : and the cāp'tain of the children of *Āsh'er* shall be *Pā'gi-ēl* the son of *Ūc'rān*.

28 And his host, and those that *were* numbered of them, *were* forty and one thousand and five hundred.

29 Then the tribe of *Nāph'ta-lī* : and the cāp'tain of the children of *Nāph'ta-lī* shall be *Ā-hī'rā*, the son of *E'nān*.

30 And his host, 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 *Dān* *were* a 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 *Iš'ra-ēl* by the house of their fathers : all those that *were* numbered of the camps, throughout their hosts, *were* six hundred thousand, and three thousand, and five hundred and fifty.

33 But the *Lē'vites* *were* not numbered among the children of *Iš'ra-ēl* ; as the *LORD* cōmmān'ded *Mō'sēs*.

34 And the children of *Iš'ra-ēl* did according to all that the *LORD* cōmmān'ded *Mō'sēs* : so they pitched by their standards, and so they set fōr wārd, every one after their families, according to the house of their fathers.

CHAP. III.

THESE also *are* the generations of *Aārōn* and *Mō'sēs*, in the day that the *LORD* spake with *Mō'sēs* in mount *Sī'nāi*.

2 And these *are* the names of the sons of *Aārōn* ; *Nā'dāb* the first-born, and *Ā-bī'hū*, *E-le-āzār*, and *Ith'a-mār*.

3 These *are* the names of the sons of *Aārōn*, the priests which *were* anointed, whom he consecrated to minister in the priest's office.

4 And *Nā'dāb* and *Ā-bī'hū* died before

the *LORD*, when they offered strānge fire before the *LORD* in the wilderness of *Sī'nāi*, and they had no children : and *E-le-āzār* and *Ith'a-mār* ministered in the priest's office in the sight of *Aārōn* their father.

5 ¶ And the *LORD* spake unto *Mō'sēs*, saying,

6 Bring the tribe of *Lē'vī* near, and present them before *Aārōn* 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 sēr'vice of the tabernacle.

8 And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of *Iš'ra-ēl*, to do the sēr'vice of the tabernacle.

9 And thou shalt give the *Lē'vites* unto *Aārōn* and to his sons : they *are* wholly given unto him out of the children of *Iš'ra-ēl*.

10 And thou shalt appoint *Aārōn* and his sons, and they shall wait on their priest's office ; and the strānger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

11 And the *LORD* spake unto *Mō'sēs*, saying,

12 And I, behold, I have taken the *Lē'vites* from among the children of *Iš'ra-ēl* instead of all the first-born that openeth the mā'trix among the children of *Iš'ra-ēl* ; there'fore the *Lē'vites* shall be mine ;

13 Because all the first-born *are* mine ; for on the day that I smote all the first-born in the land of *E'gypt* I hallowed unto me all the first-born in *Iš'ra-ēl*, both man and beast ; mine they shall be : I *am* the *LORD*.

14 And the *LORD* spake unto *Mō'sēs* in the wilderness of *Sī'nāi*, saying,

15 Number the children of *Lē'vī*, after the house of their fathers, by their families : every male from a month old and up'wārd shalt thou number them.

16 And *Mō'sēs* numbered them, according to the word of the *LORD*, as he was cōmmān'ded.

17 And these *were* the sons of *Lē'vī* by their names ; *Gēr'shōn*, and *Kō'hāth*, and *Mēr'a-rī*.

18 And these *are* the names of the sons of *Gēr'shōn*, by their families ; *Lib'nī*, and *Shim'e-ī*.

19 And the sons of *Kō'hāth*, by their families ; *Ām'rām*, and *Iz'e-hār*, *Hē'brōn*, and *Ūz-zī'ēl*.

20 And the sons of *Mēr'a-rī*, by their families ; *Māh'lī*, and *Mū'shī*. These *are* the families of the *Lē'vites* according to the house of their fathers.

21 Of *Gēr'shōn* was the family of the *Lib'nites*, and the family of the *Shim'ites* : these *are* the families of the *Gēr'shōn-ites*.

22 Those that *were* numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and up'wārd, *even* those

that wēre numbered of them, wēre seven thousand and five hundred.

23 The families of the Gēr'shōn-ites shall pitch behind the tabernacle wēst'wārd.

24 And the chiēf of the house of the father of the Gēr'shōn-ites shall be Ē-lī'a-sāph the son of Lā'ēl.

25 And the charge of the sons of Gēr'shōn, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall be the tabernacle, and the tent, the cōv'ring thereof, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

26 And the hangings of the court, and the cūr'tain for the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle, and by the altar round ābout', and the cords of it, for all the sēr'vice thereof.

27 And of Kō'hāth was the family of the Ānrām-ites, and the family of the Iz'hār-ites, and the family of the Hē'brōn-ites, and the family of the Ūz-zī'el-ites: these āre the families of the Kō'hāth-ites.

28 In the number of all the males, from a mōnth old and ūp'wārd, wēre eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary.

29 The families of the sons of Kō'hāth shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle sōūth'wārd.

30 And the chiēf of the house of the father of the families of the Kō'hāth-ites shall be Ē-līz'a-phān the son of Ūz-zī'ēl.

31 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 sēr'vice thereof.

32 And Ē-le-āzār the son of Aārōn the priest shall be chiēf over the chiēf of the Lē'vites, and hare the oversight of them that keep the charge of the sanctuary.

33 Of Mēr'a-rī was the family of the Māh'lites, and the family of the Mū'shītes: these āre the families of Mēr'a-rī.

34 And those that wēre numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a mōnth old and ūp'wārd, wēre six thousand and two hundred.

35 And the chiēf of the house of the father of the families of Mēr'a-rī was Zū'ri-ēl the son of Āb-i-hā'il: these shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle nōrth'wārd.

36 And under the custody and charge of the sons of Mēr'a-rī shall be the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets thereof, and all the vessels thereof, and all that sēr'veth thereto,

37 And the pillars of the court round ābout', and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

38 But those that encamp before the tabernacle tō'wārd the east, even before the tabernacle of the congregation east'wārd, shall be Mō'sēs, and Aārōn and his sons,

keeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl; and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

39 All that wēre numbered of the Lē'vites, which Mō'sēs and Aārōn numbered at the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD, throughout their families, all the males, from a mōnth old and ūp'wārd, wēre twenty and two thousand.

40 ¶ And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Number all the first-born of the males of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, from a mōnth old and ūp'wārd, and take the number of their names.

41 And thou shalt take the Lē'vites for me (I am the LORD) instead of all the first-born āmōng the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl; and the cattle of the Lē'vites instead of all the firstlings āmōng the cattle of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

42 And Mō'sēs numbered, as the LORD cōmmān'ded him, all the first-born āmōng the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

43 And all the first-born males, by the number of names, from a mōnth old and ūp'wārd, of those that wēre numbered of them, wēre twenty and two thousand two hundred and threescore and thirteen.

44 And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

45 Take the Lē'vites instead of all the first-born āmōng the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and the cattle of the Lē'vites instead of their cattle; and the Lē'vites shall be mine: I am the LORD.

46 And for those that āre to be redeemed of the two hundred and threescore and thirteen of the first-born of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, which āre more than the Lē'vites;

47 Thou shalt even take five shekels āpiēce by the pōll; āfter the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take them: (the shekel is twenty gerahs:)

48 And thou shalt give the mōney, wherewith the odd number of them is to be redeemed, unto Aārōn and to his sons.

49 And Mō'sēs took the redemption mōney of them that wēre over and ābōve them that wēre redeemed by the Lē'vites:

50 Of the first-born of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl took he the mōney; a thousand three hundred and threescore and five shekels, āfter the shekel of the sanctuary:

51 And Mō'sēs gave the mōney of them that wēre redeemed unto Aārōn, and to his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD cōmmān'ded Mō'sēs.

CHAP. IV.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs and unto Aārōn, saying,

2 Take the sum of the sons of Kō'hāth from āmōng the sons of Lē'vī, after their families, by the house of their fathers;

3 From thirty years old and ūp'wārd, even until fifty years old, all that enter

into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 This shall be the sēr'vice of the sons of Kō'hāth, in the tabernacle of the congregation, *about* the most holy things.

5 And when the camp setteth fōr'wārd, Aārōn shall come, and his sons, and they shall take down the cōv'ering-veil, and cōver the ark of tēs'timōny with it ;

6 And shall put thereon the cōv'ering of badgers' skins, and shall spread over it a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in the stāves thereof.

7 And upon the table of show-bread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bōwls, and cōvers to cōver withal : and the continual bread shall be thereon.

8 And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cōver the same with a cōv'ering of badgers' skins, and shall put in the stāves thereof.

9 And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cōver the candlestick of the light, and his lamps, and his tongs, and his snuff-dishes, and all the oil vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it :

10 And they shall put it, and all the vessels thereof, within a cōv'ering of badgers' skins, and shall put it upon a bar.

11 And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cōver it with a cōv'ering of badgers' skins, and shall put to the stāves thereof.

12 And they shall take all the instruments of ministry, wherewith they minister in the sanctuary, and put them in a cloth of blue, and cōver them with a cōv'ering of badgers' skins, and shall put them on a bar.

13 And they shall take āwāy the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth thereon :

14 And they shall put upon it all the vessels thereof, wherewith they minister *about* it, *even* the censers, the flesh-hooks, and the shōv'els, and the basins, all the vessels of the altar : and they shall spread upon it a cōv'ering of badgers' skins, and put to the stāves of it.

15 And when Aārōn and his sons have made an end of cōv'ering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set fōr'wārd ; āfter that, the sons of Kō'hāth shall come to bear it : but they shall not tōuch *any* holy thing, lēst they die. These things are the burden of the sons of Kō'hāth in the tabernacle of the congregation.

16 And to the office of Ē-le-ā'zār, the son of Aārōn the priest, pērtāin'eth the oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the daily meat-offering, and the anointing oil, and the oversight of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein is, in the sanctuary, and in the vessels thereof.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'šēs and unto Aārōn, saying,

18 Cut ye not off the tribe of the families of the Kō'hāth-ites from among the Lē'vites.

19 But thus do unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto the most holy things : Aārōn and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his sēr'vice and to his burden :

20 But they shall not go in to see when the holy things are cōvered, lēst they die.

21 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'šēs, saying,

22 Take also the sum of the sons of Gēr'shōn, throughout the houses of their fathers, by their families ;

23 From thirty years old and ūp'wārd, until fifty years old, shalt thou number them : all that enter in to pērfōrm' the sēr'vice, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

24 This is the sēr'vice of the families of the Gēr'shōn-ites, to sēr've, and for burdens.

25 And they shall bear the cūr'tains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, his cōv'ering, and the cōv'ering of the badgers' skins that is ābōve 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 sēr'vice, and all that is made for them : so shall they sēr've.

27 At the appointment of Aārōn and his sons shall be all the sēr'vice of the sons of the Gēr'shōn-ites, in all their burdens, and in all their sēr'vice : and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all their burdens.

28 This is the sēr'vice of the families of the sons of Gēr'shōn in the tabernacle of the congregation : and their charge shall be under the hand of Ith'a-mār, the son of Aārōn the priest.

29 As for the sons of Mēr'a-rī, thou shalt number them āfter their families, by the house of their fathers :

30 From thirty years old and ūp'wārd, even unto fifty years old, shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the sēr'vice, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation.

31 And this is the charge of their burden, according to all their sēr'vice in the tabernacle of the congregation ; the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and sockets 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 sēr'vice : and by name ye shall reckon the instruments of the charge of their burden.

33 This is the sēr'vice of the families

of the sons of Mēr'a-rī, according to all their sēr'vice in the tabernacle of the congregation, under the hand of İth'a-mār, the son of Aārōn the priest.

34 And Mō'sēs and Aārōn, and the chief of the congregation, numbered the sons of the Kō'hāth-ites, after their families, and after the house of their fathers,

35 From thirty years old and üp'wārd, even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the sēr'vice, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation :

36 And those that wēre numbered of them, by their families, wēre two thousand seven hundred and fifty.

37 These wēre they that wēre numbered of the families of the Kō'hāth-ites, all that might do sēr'vice in the tabernacle of the congregation, which Mō'sēs and Aārōn did number, according to the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD by the hand of Mō'sēs.

38 And those that wēre numbered of the sons of Gēr'shōn, throughout their families, and by the house of their fathers,

39 From thirty years old and üp'wārd, even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the sēr'vice, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation,

40 Even those that wēre numbered of them, throughout their families, by the houses of their fathers, wēre two thousand and six hundred and thírty.

41 These are they that wēre numbered of the families of the sons of Gēr'shōn, of all that might do sēr'vice in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Mō'sēs and Aārōn did number, according to the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD.

42 And those that wēre numbered of the families of the sons of Mēr'a-rī, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers,

43 From thirty years old and üp'wārd, even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the sēr'vice, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation,

44 Even those that wēre numbered of them, after their families, wēre three thousand and two hundred.

45 These be those that wēre numbered of the families of the sons of Mēr'a-rī, whom Mō'sēs and Aārōn numbered, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Mō'sēs.

46 All those that wēre numbered of the Lē'vites, whom Mō'sēs and Aārōn and the chief of İsr'a-ël numbered, after their families, and after the house of their fathers,

47 From thirty years old and üp'wārd, even unto fifty years old, every one that came to do the sēr'vice of the ministry, and the sēr'vice of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation,

48 Even those that wēre numbered of them, wēre eight thousand and five hundred and fourscore.

49 According to the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD they wēre numbered by the hand of Mō'sēs, every one according to his sēr'vice, and according to his burden : thus wēre they numbered of him, as the LORD cōmmānd'ed Mō'sēs.

CHAP. V.—

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 Cōmmānd' the children of İsr'a-ël, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever 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 İsr'a-ël did so, and put them out without the camp : as the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, so did the children of İsr'a-ël.

5 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

6 Speak unto the children of İsr'a-ël ; When a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to do a trēs'päss against¹ the LORD, and that pērson be guilty ;

7 Then they shall confess their sin which they have done : and he shall recompense his trēs'päss with the principal thereof, and add unto it the fifth part thereof, and give it unto him against whom he hath trēs'pässed.

8 But if the man have no kinsman to recompense the trēs'päss unto, let the trēs'päss 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 İsr'a-ël, 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 Mō'sēs, saying,

12 Speak unto the children of İsr'a-ël, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trēs'päss against him,

13 And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her hüsbānd, 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 jēalousy come upon him, and he be jēalous of his wife, and she be defiled : or if the spirit of jēalousy come upon him, and he be jēalous of his wife, and she be not defiled ;

15 Then shall the man bring his offering to the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth part of an éph'ah of barley meal ; he shall pour no oil upon

¹ ä-gēnst.

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 holy water in an 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 curse.

19 And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness with another instead of thy hús'bánd, be thou free from this bitter water that causeth the curse :

20 But if thou hast gone aside to another instead of thy hús'bánd, and if thou be defiled, and some man hath lain with thee beside thine hús'bánd ;

21 Then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing ; and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD dóth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell :

22 And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make thy belly to swell, and thy thigh to rot. And the woman shall say, *A'mén', a'mén'.*

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 curse : and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter.

25 Then the priest shall 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 a handful of the offering, even the memorial thereof, and burn it upon the altar, and áftérward 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 trés'päss against her hús'bánd, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot : and the woman shall be a curse among her people.

28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean ; then she shall be free, and shall concéive seed.

29 This is the law of jeál'ousies, when a wife goeth aside to another instead of her hús'bánd, 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.

CHAP. VI.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sès, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Íš'ra-él, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall separate themselves to vow a vow of a Náz'a-rite, 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 kernels¹ even to the husk.

5 All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head : until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth himself unto the LORD, he shall 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 móther, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die ; because the consecration of his God is upon his head.

8 All the days of his separation he is holy unto the LORD.

9 And if any man die very suddenly by him, and he hath defiled the head of his consecration ; then he shall 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,² 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 sinned by the dead, and shall hallow his head that same day.

12 And he shall consecrate unto the LORD the days of his separation, and shall bring a lamb of the first year for a trés'-päss-offering : but the days that were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled.

13 And this is the law of the Náz'a-rite, 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

¹ kër'nílz.

² pí'd'jins.

the LORD, one he-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 peace-offerings,

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-offering, 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 Nāz'a-rite 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 sodden 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 Nāz'a-rite, 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-breast and heave-shoulder: and after that the Nāz'a-rite may drink wine.

21 This *is* the law of the Nāz'a-rite who hath vowed, and of his offering unto the LORD for his separation, besides that that his hand shall get: according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation.

22 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

23 Speak unto Aārōn, and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, saying unto them,

24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee;

25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl, and I will bless them.

CHAP. VII.

AND it came to pass on the day that Mō'sēs 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl, 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 wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they brought them before the tabernacle.

4 And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

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 Lē'vites, to every man according to his service.

6 And Mō'sēs took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Lē'vites.

7 Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of Gēr'shōn, according to their service:

8 And four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Mēr'a-rī, according unto their service, under the hand of Ith'a-mār, the son of Aārōn the priest.

9 But unto the sons of Kō'hāth he gave none; because the service of the sanctuary 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 Mō'sēs, 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 Nāh'shōn, the son of Ām-min'a-dāb, of the tribe of Jū'dāh:

13 And his offering *was* one silver charger, the weight thereof *was* a 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:

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 Nāh'shōn, the son of Ām-min'a-dāb.

18 ¶ On the second day Nē-thān'e-ēl, the son of Zū'ār, prince of Iṣ'sa-ḥār, did offer:

19 He offered for his offering one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them 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-offering

- ings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Nē-thān'e-ēl, the son of Zū'ār.
- 24 ¶ On the third day Ē-lī'āb, the son of Hē'lōn, prince of the children of Zēb'u-lōn, did offer :
- 25 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bōwl of seventy shekels, āfter the shekel of the sanctuary ; both of them 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 sǎc'rifiçe of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Ē-lī'āb, the son of Hē'lōn.
- 30 ¶ On the fourth day Ē-lī'zūr, the son of Shēd'e-ūr, prince of the children of Reu'bēn, did offer :
- 31 His offering was one silver charger of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bōwl of seventy shekels, āfter the shekel of the sanctuary ; both of them 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 sǎc'rifiçe of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Ē-lī'zūr, the son of Shēd'e-ūr.
- 36 ¶ On the fifth day Shē-lū'mi-ēl, the son of Zū-ri-shād'da-i, prince of the children of Sim'e-ōn, did offer :
- 37 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bōwl of seventy shekels, āfter the shekel of the sanctuary ; both of them 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 sǎc'rifiçe of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Shē-lū'mi-ēl, the son of Zū-ri-shād'da-i.
- 42 ¶ On the sixth day Ē-lī'a-sāph, the son of Dē-ū'ēl, prince of the children of Gād, offered :
- 43 His offering was one silver charger, of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels, a silver bōwl of seventy shekels, āfter the shekel of the sanctuary ; both of them 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 sǎc'rifiçe of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Ē-lī'a-sāph, the son of Dē-ū'ēl.
- 48 On the seventh day Ē-lish'a-mā, the son of Ām-mī'hūd, prince of the children of Ēphra-im, offered :
- 49 His offering was one silver charger the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bōwl of seventy shekels, āfter the shekel 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 sǎc'rifiçe of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Ē-lish'a-mā, the son of Ām-mī'hūd.
- 54 ¶ On the eighth day offered Ga-mā'li-ēl, the son of Pēd'ah-zūr, prince of the children of Ma-nās'seh :
- 55 His offering was one silver charger of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bōwl of seventy shekels, āfter the shekel 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 sǎc'rifiçe of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Ga-mā'li-ēl, the son of Pēd'ah-zūr.
- 60 ¶ On the ninth day Āb'i-dān, the son of Gīd-e-ō'nī, prince of the children of Bēn'ja-min, offered :
- 61 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bōwl of seventy shekels, āfter the shekel 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 Āb'i-dān, the son of Gīd-e-ō'nī.

66 ¶ On the tenth day Ā-hi-ē-zér, the son of Ām-mi-shād'da-i, prince of the children of Dān, offered :

67 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel 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 Ā-hi-ē-zér, the son of Ām-mi-shād'da-i.

72 ¶ On the eleventh day Pā'gi-ēl, the son of Ōc'rān, prince of the children of Āsh'er, offered :

73 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel 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 Pā'gi-ēl, the son of Ōc'rān.

78 ¶ On the twelfth day Ā-hi'rā, the son of Ē'nān, prince of the children of Nāph'ta-lī, offered :

79 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel 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 Ā-hi'rā, the son of Ē'nān.

84 This was the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, by the

princes of Iṣ'ra-ēl : twelve chargers of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve spoons of gold :

85 Each charger of silver weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, each bowl seventy : all the silver vessels weighed two thousand and four hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary :

86 The golden spoons were twelve, full of incense, weighing ten shekels apiece, after the shekel of the sanctuary : all the gold of the spoons was a hundred and twenty shekels.

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 Mō'sēs was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with him, then he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the mercy-seat that was upon the ark of tēs'timóny, from between the two cherubims : and he spake unto him.

CHAP. VIII.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 Speak unto Āā'rōn, and say unto him, When thou lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light over against' the candlestick.

3 And Āā'rōn did so ; he lighted the lamps thereof over against' the candlestick, as the LORD cōmmānded Mō'sēs.

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 showed Mō'sēs, so he made the candlestick.

5 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

6 Take the Lē'vites from among the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, 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 And thou shalt bring the Lē'vites before the tabernacle of the congregation : and thou shalt gather the whole assembly of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, together :

10 And thou shalt bring the Lē'vites before the LORD : and the children of

Īṣ'ra-ēl shall put their hands upon the Lē'vites :

11 And Aā'rōn shall offer the Lē'vites before the LORD for an offering of the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl, that they may execute the sēr'vice of the LORD.

12 And the Lē'vites 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 Lē'vites.

13 And thou shalt set the Lē'vites before Aā'rōn, and before his sons, and offer them for an offering unto the LORD.

14 Thus shalt thou separate the Lē'vites from āmōng the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl : and the Lē'vites shall be mine.

15 And āfter that shall the Lē'vites go in to do the sēr'vice 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 āmōng the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl ; instead of such as open every womb, even instead of the first-born of all the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl, have I taken them unto me.

17 For all the first-born of the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl are mine, both man and beast : on the day that I smote every first-born in the land of Ē'ḡypt, I sanctified them for myself.

18 And I have taken the Lē'vites for all the first-born of the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl.

19 And I have given the Lē'vites as a gift to Aā'rōn and to his sons from āmōng the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl, to do the sēr'vice of the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl : that there be no plague āmōng the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl, when the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl come nigh unto the sanctuary.

20 And Mō'šēs, and Aā'rōn, and all the congregation of the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl, did to the Lē'vites according unto all that the LORD cōmmān'ded Mō'šēs cōncēr'ning the Lē'vites, so did the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl unto them.

21 And the Lē'vites wēre purified, and they wāshed their clothes ; and Aā'rōn offered them as an offering before the LORD ; and Aā'rōn made an atonement for them to cleanse them.

22 And āfter that went the Lē'vites in to do their sēr'vice in the tabernacle of the congregation before Aā'rōn, and before his sons : as the LORD had cōmmān'ded Mō'šēs cōncēr'ning the Lē'vites, so did they unto them.

23 And the LORD spake unto Mō'šēs, saying,

24 This is it that *belongeth* unto the Lē'vites : from twenty and five years old and ūp'wārd they shall go in to wait upon

the sēr'vice of the tabernacle of the congregation :

25 And from the age of fifty years they shall cease waiting upon the sēr'vice thereof, and shall sēr've no more :

26 But shall minister with their brēthren in the tabernacle of the congregation, to keep the charge, and shall do no sēr'vice. Thus shalt thou do unto the Lē'vites touch'ing their charge.

CHAP. IX.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'šēs in the wilderness of Sī'nāi, in the first month of the second year āfter they wēre come out of the land of Ē'ḡypt, saying,

2 Let the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl also keep the pāssover at his appointed season.

3 In the fourteenth day of this month, at even, ye shall keep it in his appointed season : according to all the rites of it, and according to all the cēr'emōnīes thereof, shall ye keep it.

4 And Mō'šēs spake unto the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl, that they should keep the pāssover.

5 And they kept the pāssover on the fourteenth day of the first month, at even, in the wilderness of Sī'nāi : according to all that the LORD cōmmān'ded Mō'šēs, so did the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl.

6 ¶ And there wēre cēr'tāin men who wēre defiled by the dead body of a man, that they could not keep the pāssover on that day : and they came before Mō'šēs and before Aā'rōn on that day :

7 And those men said unto him, We are defiled by the dead body of a man : wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer an offering of the LORD in his appointed season āmōng the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl ?

8 And Mō'šēs said unto them, Stand still, and I will hear what the LORD will cōmmān'd' cōncēr'ning you.

9 And the LORD spake unto Mō'šēs, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl, saying, If any man of you or of your posterity shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be in a jōurney āfār off, yet he shall keep the pāssover unto the LORD.

11 The fourteenth day of the second month at even they shall keep it, and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter hērbs.

12 They shall leave nōne of it unto the morning, nor break any bone of it : according to all the ordinances of the pāssover they shall keep it.

13 But the man that is clean, and is not in a jōurney, and forbearth to keep the pāssover, even the same soul shall be cut off from his people : because he brought not the offering of the LORD in his appointed season, that man shall bear his sin.

14 And if a strānger shall sō'journ āmōng you, and will keep the pāssover unto the

The cloud guideth the Iſ'ra-el-ites. NUMBERS. *They remove from Si'nai to Pārān.*

LORD; according to the ordinance of the pāssover, and according to the manner thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one ordinance, both for the strānger, and for him that was born in the land.

15 ¶ And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, *namely*, the tent of the tēs'timóny: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it wēre the appearance of fire, until the morning.

16 So it was ālwāy: the cloud covered it *by day*, and the appearance of fire by night.

17 And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then āfter that the children of Iſ'ra-ēl jōurneyed: and in the place where the cloud ābōde, there the children of Iſ'ra-ēl pitched their tents.

18 At the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD the children of Iſ'ra-ēl jōurneyed, and at the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD they pitched: as long as the cloud ābōde upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents.

19 And when the cloud tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Iſ'ra-ēl kept the charge of the LORD, and jōurneyed not.

20 And so it was, when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; according to the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD they ābōde in their tents, and according to the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD they jōurneyed.

21 And so it was, when the cloud ābōde from even unto the morning, and *that* the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they jōurneyed; whether *it was* by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they jōurneyed.

22 Or *whether it wēre* two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Iſ'ra-ēl ābōde in their tents, and jōurneyed not: but when it was taken up, they jōurneyed.

23 At the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD they rested in their tents, and at the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD they jōurneyed: they kept the charge of the LORD, at the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD by the hand of Mō'sēs.

CHAP. X.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 Make thee two trumpets of silver: of a whole piēce shalt thou make them, that thou mayst use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the jōurneying 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 Iſ'ra-ēl, shall gāther themselves unto thee.

5 When ye blow an ālārm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go fōrwārd.

6 When ye blow an ālārm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their jōurney: they shall blow an ālārm for their jōurneys.

7 But when the congregation is to be gāthered togethēr, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an ālārm.

8 And the sons of Aārōn, 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 āgāinst' the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an ālārm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

10 Also 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 sār'rifices 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 pās on the twentieth *day* of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the tēs'timóny.

12 And the children of Iſ'ra-ēl took their jōurneys out of the wilderness of Si'nai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Pārān.

13 And they first took their jōurney according to the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD by the hand of Mō'sēs.

14 In the first *place* went the standard of the camp of the children of Jūdāh according to their armies: and over his host was Nāh'shōn the son of Ām-mīn'a-dāb.

15 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Is'sa-ḡhār was Nē-thān'e-ēl, the son of Zū'ār.

16 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zēb'u-lōn was Ē-lī'āb the son of Hē'lōn.

17 And the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gēr'shōn and the sons of Mēr'a-rī set fōrwārd, bearing the tabernacle.

18 And the standard of the camp of Re'úbēn set fōrwārd according to their armies: and over his host was Ē-lī'zūr the son of Shēd'e-ūr.

19 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Sim'e-ōn was Shē-lū'mi-ēl the son of Zū-ri-shād'da-ī.

20 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gād was Ē-lī'a-sāph the son of Dē-ū'ēl.

21 And the Kō-hāth'ites set fōrwārd, bearing the sanctuary: and *the other* did set up the tabernacle āgāinst' they came.

22 And the standard of the camp of the children of E'phra-im set for'wārd according to their armies: and over his host was E-līsh'a-mā the son of Ām-mī'hād.

23 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Ma-nās'seh was Ga-mā'li-ēl the son of Pēd'ah-zūr.

24 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Bēn'ja-mīn was Ab'i-dān the son of Gīd-e-ō'nī.

25 And the standard of the camp of the children of Dān set for'wārd, which was the rear'wārd of all the camps throughout their hosts: and over his host was Ā-hi-ē'zēr the son of Ām-mi-shād'da-ī.

26 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Āsh'er was Pā'gi-ēl the son of ōc'rān.

27 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Nāph'ta-lī was Ā-hī'rā the son of E'nān.

28 Thus wēre the jōur'neyings of the children of I's'ra-ēl according to their armies, when they set for'wārd.

29 And Mō'sēs said unto Hō'bāb, the son of Ra-gū'ēl the Mid'i-an-ite, Mō'sēs' father-in-law, We āre jōur'neying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the LORD hath spoken good concērn'ing I's'ra-ēl.

30 And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred.

31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee: forasmuch as thou knowest how we āre to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayst be to us instead of eyes.

32 And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what goodness the LORD shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee.

33 And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' jōurney: and the ark of the cōvānt of the LORD went before them in the three days' jōurney, to sēarch out a resting-place for them.

34 And the cloud of the LORD was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp.

35 And it came to pās, when the ark set for'wārd, that Mō'sēs said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered, and let them that hate thee flee before thee.

36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of I's'ra-ēl.

CHAP. XI.

AND when the people complained, it displeas'd the LORD: and the LORD heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt āmōng them, and consumed them that wēre in the uttermost parts of the camp.

2 And the people cried unto Mō'sēs;

and when Mō'sēs prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched.

3 And he called the name of the place Tāb'e-rāh; because the fire of the LORD burnt āmōng them.

4 And the mixed multitude that was āmōng them fell a lusting: and the children of I's'ra-ēl also wept āgain', and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?

5 We remember the fish which we did eat in E'gypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:

6 But now our soul is dried āwāy: there is nōthing at all, besides this manna, before our eyes.

7 And the manna was as coriander-seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium.¹

8 And the people went ābout', and gāthered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil.

9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

10 Then Mō'sēs heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Mō'sēs also was displeas'd.

11 And Mō'sēs said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy sērvant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?

12 Have I concēived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldst say unto me, Carry them in thy bō'sōm, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?

13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.

14 I am not able to bear all this people ālōne, 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 Mō'sēs, Gāther unto me seventy men of the elders of I's'ra-ēl, 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 ālōne.

18 And say thou unto the people, Sanc-

¹ dēl'yūm.

tify yourselves against to-morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears 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 be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?

21 And Moses said, The people amongst whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month.

22 Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?

23 And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD's hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

24 And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle.

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 did not cease.

26 But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Merdad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp.

27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Merdad do prophesy in the camp.

28 And Josphua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them.

29 And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? Would God that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!

30 And Moses gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

31 And there went forth 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 high upon the face of the earth.

32 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.

33 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.

34 And he called the name of that place Kibroth-hat-tava: because there they buried the people that lusted.

35 And the people journeyed from Kibroth-hat-tava unto Hazeroth; and abode at Hazeroth.

CHAP. XII.

AND Mir'i-ām and Aarōn spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

2 And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it.

3 (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

4 And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aarōn, and unto Mir'i-ām, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.

5 And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aarōn and Mir'i-ām: and they both came forth.

6 And he said, Hear now my words: if there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

7 My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house?

8 With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

9 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed.

10 And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Mir'i-ām became leprous, white as snow: and Aarōn looked upon Mir'i-ām, and, behold, she was leprous.

11 And Aarōn said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned.

12 Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.

13 And Moses cried unto the LORD;

saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.

14 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be āshā'med seven days? Let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and āfter that let her be received in āgain'.

15 And Mir'i-ām was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeied not till Mir'i-ām was brought in āgain'.

16 And āf'terwārd the people removed from Hāz-ērōth, and pitched in the wilderness of Pārān.

CHAP. XIII.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 Send thou men, that they may search the land of Čā'na-ān, which I give unto the children of Iš'ra-ēl: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler āmōng them.

3 And Mō'sēs by the cōmmand'ment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Pārān: all those men wēre heads of the children of Iš'ra-ēl.

4 And these wēre their names: Of the tribe of Reū'bēn, Shām-mū'ā the son of Zāç'çūr.

5 Of the tribe of Sim'e-ōn, Shā'phāt the son of Hō'rī.

6 Of the tribe of Jū'dāh, Čālēb the son of Jē-phūn'neh.

7 Of the tribe of I'ssa-çhār, I'gāl the son of Jō'sēph.

8 Of the tribe of Ē'phra-īm, Ō'she-ā the son of Nūn.

9 Of the tribe of Bēn'ja-mīn, Pāl'tī the son of Rā'phū.

10 Of the tribe of Zēb'u-lōn, Gād'dī-ēl the son of Sō'dī.

11 Of the tribe of Jō'sēph, *namely*, of the tribe of Ma-nās'seh, Gād'dī the son of Sū'sī.

12 Of the tribe of Dān, Ām'mi-ēl the son of Gē-māl'lī.

13 Of the tribe of Āsh'er, Sē'thūr the son of Mī'çha-ēl.

14 Of the tribe of Nāph'ta-li, Nāh'bī the son of Vōph'sī.

15 Of the tribe of Gād, Gē-ū'ēl the son of Mā'çhī.

16 These *are* the names of the men which Mō'sēs sent to spy out the land. And Mō'sēs called Ō'she-ā the son of Nūn, Jē-hōsh'u-ā.

17 And Mō'sēs sent them to spy out the land of Čā'na-ān, and said unto them, Get you up this wāy sōuthwārd, and go up into the mōūn'tāin:

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 first ripe grapes.

21 So they went up, and searched the land, from the wilderness of Zin unto Rē'hōb, as men come to Hā'māth.

22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hē'brōn, where Ā-hī'mān, Shē'shāi,¹ and Tāl'māi,² the children of Ā'nāk, wēre. (Now Hē'brōn was built seven years before Zō'ān in Ē'çypt.)

23 And they came unto the brook of Ēsh'çōl, and cut down from thence a brānch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a stāff; and *they brought* of the pōmegrān'ātes, and of the figs.

24 The place was called the brook Ēsh'çōl, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Iš'ra-ēl cut down from thence.

25 And they returned from search'ing of the land āfter forty days.

26 And they went and came to Mō'sēs, and to Āārōn, and to all the congregation of the children of Iš'ra-ēl, unto the wilderness of Pārān, to Kādēsh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land.

27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and hōney; 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 Ā'nāk there.

29 The Ām'a-lēk-ites dwell in the land of the south; and the Hit'tites, and the Jēb'u-sites, and the Ām'o-rites, dwell in the mōūn'tāins; and the Čā'nāan-ites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jō'dān.

30 And Čālēb stilled the people before Mō'sēs, and said, Let us go up at once and pōssēs' 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 āgainst' 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 Iš'ra-ēl, 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 Ā'nāk, *which come* of the giants; and we wēre in our own sight as grāsshoppers, and so we wēre in their sight.

¹ Shē'shay.² Tāl'may.

CHAP. XIV.

AND all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.

2 And all the children of Iſ'ra-ēl murmured āgainst' Mō'sēs and āgainst' Aā'rōn : and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Ē'gypt ! or would God we had died in this wilderness !

3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the swōrd, that our wives and our children should be a prey ? wēre it not better for us to return into Ē'gypt ?

4 And they said one to ānōther, Let us make a cāp'tain, and let us return into Ē'gypt.

5 Then Mō'sēs and Aā'rōn fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Iſ'ra-ēl.

6 And Jōsh'u-ā the son of Nūn, and Čā'lēb the son of Jē-phūn'neh, which wēre of them that sēarched the land, rent their clothes :

7 And they spake unto all the cōpany of the children of Iſ'ra-ēl, saying, The land, which we pāssed through to sēarch 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 hōney.

9 Only rebel not ye āgainst' the LORD, nēither fear ye the people of the land ; for they āre bread for us : their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us : fear them not.

10 But all the congregation bāde stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation, before all the children of Iſ'ra-ēl.

11 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, How long will this people provoke me ? and how long will it be ēre¹ they beliēve me, for all the signs which I have showed āmōng 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 Mō'sēs said unto the LORD, Then the Ē-gypt'ti-āns² shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from āmōng them ;)

14 And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land : for they have hēard that thou LORD art āmōng this people ; that thou LORD 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 hēard the fame of thee will speak, saying,

16 Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore unto them, thēre'fōre 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 long-suffering, and of great mērcy, 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 unto the greatness of thy mērcy, and as thou hast forgiven this people from Ē'gypt even until now.

20 And the LORD said, I have pardoned, according to thy word :

21 But as truly as I live, all the ēarth 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 Ē'gypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice ;

23 Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, nēither shall any of them that provoked me see it .

24 But my sērvant Čā'lēb, because he had ānōther spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went ; and his seed shall pōssēs it.

25 (Now the Am'a-lēk-ites and the Čān'aan-ites dwelt in the valley.) Tomorrow turn ye, and get ye into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.

26 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs and unto Aā'rōn, saying,

27 How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur āgainst' me ? I have hēard the murmurings of the children of Iſ'ra-ēl, which they murmur āgainst' me.

28 Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you :

29 Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness ; and all that wēre numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and up'wārd, which have murmured āgainst' me,

30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land cōncē'nāng which I swear to make you dwell therein, save Čā'lēb the son of Jē-phūn'neh, and Jōsh'u-ā the son of Nūn.

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 dēspīsed.

32 But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness.

¹ are² Ē-gypt'she-ānz.

33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.

34 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, *even* forty years; and ye shall know my breach of promise:

35 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it 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 Mō'sēs 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 Jōsh'u-ā the son of Nūn, and Cā'tēb the son of Jē-phūn'neh, *which were* of the men that went to search the land, lived *still*.

39 ¶ And Mō'sēs told these sayings unto all the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl: and the people mourned greatly.

40 And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mōūn'tain, saying, Lo, we be *here*, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned.

41 And Mō'sēs said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the cōmmānd'ment 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 Ām'a-lēk-ites and the Cān'aān-ites *are* there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, there'fore the LORD will not be with you.

44 But they presumed to go up unto the hill-top: nevertheless the ark of the cōvenant of the LORD, and Mō'sēs, departed not out of the camp.

45 Then the Ām'a-lēk-ites came down, and the Cān'aān-ites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, *even* unto Hōr'māh.

CHAP. XV.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, 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 sãc'rifice in pẽrfõr'ming a vow, or in a free-will-offering, or in your solemn feasts, to make a sweet savour unto the LORD, of the hẽrd, 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 a hin of oil.

5 And the fourth *part* of a hin of wine for a drink-offering shalt thou prepare, with the burnt-offering or sãc'rifice, 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 a hin of oil.

7 And for a drink-offering thou shalt offer the third *part* of a hin of wine, for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

8 And when thou preparest a bullock for a burnt-offering, or for a sãc'rifice in pẽrfõr'ming 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 a hin of oil.

10 And thou shalt bring for a drink-offering half a 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 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 savour unto the LORD.

14 And if a stranger sõi'journe with you, or whosoever be among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; as ye do, so he shall do.

15 One ordinance shall be both for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sõi'journe 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 sõi'journe with you.

17 And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

18 Speak unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, 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 a heave-offering unto the LORD.

20 Ye shall offer up a cake of the first of your dough for a 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 a heave-offering in your generations.

22 And if ye have erred, and not observed all these cōmmānd'ments which the LORD hath spoken unto Mō'sēs,

23 Even all that the LORD hath cōm-māu'ded you by the hand of Mō'sēs, from the day that the LORD cōmmānded Mō'sēs, and henceforward āmōng your generations ;

24 Then it shall be, if *ought* be committed by ignorance, without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bullock for a burnt-offering, for a sweet savour 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 Iſ'ra-ēl, 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 Iſ'ra-ēl, and the stranger that so'journeth āmōng them ; seeing all the people *were* in ignorance.

27 And if any soul sin through ignorance, then he shall bring a she-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 āmōngst the children of Iſ'ra-ēl, and for the stranger that so'journeth āmōng them.

30 But the soul that doeth *ought* presumptuously, *whether* he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD ; and that soul shall be cut off from āmōng his people.

31 Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his cōmmānd'ment, that soul shall utterly be cut off ; his iniquity *shall* be upon him.

32 ¶ And while the children of Iſ'ra-ēl *were* in the wilderness, they found a man that gāthered sticks upon the sabbath-day.

33 And they that found him gāth'ering sticks brought him unto Mō'sēs and Aā'rōn, and unto all the congregation :

34 And they put him in wārd, because it was not declared what should be done to him.

35 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, The man shall be surely put to death : all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.

36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died ; as the LORD cōmmānded Mō'sēs.

37 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

38 Speak unto the children of Iſ'ra-ēl, 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 rib¹ and¹ of blue :

39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the cōmmānd'ments of the LORD, and do them ; and that ye seek not āfter your own heart, and your own eyes, āfter which ye use to go a whoring :

40 That ye may remember, and do all my cōmmānd'ments, and be holy unto your God.

41 I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Ē'gypt, to be your God : I am the LORD your God.

CHAP. XVI.

NOW Kō'rāh the son of Iz'hār, the son of Kō'hāth, the son of Lē'vī, and Dā'thān and Ā-bī'rām the sons of Ē-lī'āh, and Ōn the son of Pē'lēth, sons of Reú'bēn, took *men* :

2 And they rose up before Mō'sēs, with cēr'tain of the children of Iſ'ra-ēl, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown :

3 And they gāthered themselves together āgainst' Mō'sēs and āgainst' Aā'rōn, and said unto them, *Ye take* too much upon you, seeing all the congregation *are* holy, every one of them, and the LORD *is* āmōng them : wherefore then lift ye up yourselves ābōve the congregation of the LORD ?

4 And when Mō'sēs heard *it*, he fell upon his face :

5 And he spake unto Kō'rāh, and unto all his cōmpany, saying, Even to-morrow the LORD will show who *are* his, and who *is* holy ; and will cause *him* to come near unto him : even *him* whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him.

6 This do : Take you censers, Kō'rāh, and all his cōmpany :

7 And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the LORD to-morrow : and it shall be, *that* the man whom the LORD dóth choose, he *shall* be holy : *ye take* too much upon you, ye sons of Lē'vī.

8 And Mō'sēs said unto Kō'rāh, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Lē'vī :

9 *Seemeth it* but a small thing unto you, that the God of Iſ'ra-ēl hath separated you from the congregation of Iſ'ra-ēl, to bring you near to himself, to do the sēr'vice of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation, to minister unto them ?

10 And he hath brought thee near to *him*, and all thy brēthren the sons of Lē'vī with thee : and seek ye the priesthood also ?

11 For which cause *both* thou and all thy cōmpany *are* gāthered together āgainst

¹ rib'bīn.

the LORD: and what is *Āā'rōn*, that ye murmur āgainst' him?

12 And Mō'sēs sent to call Dā'thān and Ā-bī'rām, the sons of Ē-lī'āb; which said, We will not come up.

13 *Is it* a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and hōney, to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thyself ālto-gēther a prince over us?

14 Moreover, thou hast not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and hōney, or given us inheritance of fiēlds and vine'yards:¹ wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.

15 And Mō'sēs was very wroth, and said unto the LORD, Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one āss from them, nēither have I hurt one of them.

16 And Mō'sēs said unto Kō'rāh, Be thou and all thy cōmpany before the LORD, thou, and they, and *Āā'rōn*, to-morrow:

17 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 *Āā'rōn*, each of you his censer.

18 And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Mō'sēs and *Āā'rōn*.

19 And Kō'rāh gāthered all the congregation āgainst' them, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation.

20 And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, and unto *Āā'rōn*, saying,

21 Separate yourselves from āmōng this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.

22 And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?

23 And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from ābout' the tabernacle of Kō'rāh, Dā'thān, and Ā-bī'rām.

25 And Mō'sēs rose up, and went unto Dā'thān and Ā-bī'rām; and the elders of *Īs'ra-ēl* followed him.

26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nōthing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.

27 So they gat up from the tabernacle of Kō'rāh, Dā'thān, and Ā-bī'rām, on every side: and Dā'thān and Ā-bī'rām came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children.

28 And Mō'sēs 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 āfter the visitation of all men; then the LORD hath not sent me:

30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the ēarth open her mouth, and swāl' lōw them up, with all that āppertāin' 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 pāss, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave āsūn'der that was under them:

32 And the ēarth opened her mouth, and swāl'lōwed them up, and their houses, and all the men that āppertāin'ed unto Kō'rāh, and all their goods.

33 They, and all that āppertāin'ed to them, went down ālive into the pit, and the ēarth closed upon them: and they perished from āmōng the congregation.

34 And all *Īs'ra-ēl* that were round ābout' them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lēst the ēarth swāl'lōw us up also.

35 And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

36 And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

37 Speak unto Ē-le-ā'zār the son of *Āā'rōn* the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yōnder; for they āre hallowed.

38 The censers of these sinners āgainst' their own souls, let them make them broad plates for a cōv'ering of the altar; for they offered them before the LORD, thēre'fōre they āre hallowed: and they shall be a sign unto the children of *Īs'ra-ēl*.

39 And Ē-le-ā'zār the priest took the brazen censers, wherewith they that were burnt had offered; and they were made broad plates for a cōv'ering of the altar;

40 *To be* a memorial unto the children of *Īs'ra-ēl*, that no strānger, which is not of the seed of *Āā'rōn*, come near to offer incense before the LORD; that he be not as Kō'rāh, and as his cōmpany: as the LORD said to him by the hand of Mō'sēs.

41 ¶ But, on the morrow, all the congregation of the children of *Īs'ra-ēl* murmured āgainst' Mō'sēs and āgainst' *Āā'rōn*, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD.

42 And it came to pāss, when the congregation was gāthered āgainst' Mō'sēs and āgainst' *Āā'rōn*, that they looked tō'wārd the tabernacle of the congregation: and,

behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.

43 And Mō'sēs and Aārōn came before the tabernacle of the congregation.

44 And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

45 Get ye up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces.

46 And Mō'sēs said unto Aārōn, 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; the plague is begun.

47 And Aārōn took, as Mō'sēs cōmmanded, 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 wēre fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Kō'rāb.

50 And Aārōn returned unto Mō'sēs, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed.

CHAP. XVII.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and take of every one of them a rod, according to the house of their fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers, twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod.

3 And thou shalt write Aārōn's name upon the rod of Lēvī: for one rod shall be for the head of the house of their fathers.

4 And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation, before the tēs'timōny, where I will meet with you.

5 And it shall come to pass that the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, whereby they murmur against you.

6 And Mō'sēs spake unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl; and every one of their princes gave him a rod āpiēce, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aārōn was among their rods.

7 And Mō'sēs laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness.

8 And it came to pass, that, on the morrow, Mō'sēs went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aārōn, for the house of Lēvī, was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.

9 And Mō'sēs brought out all the rods

¹ āgēn'.

from before the LORD unto all the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl: and they looked, and took every man his rod.

10 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Bring Aārōn's rod again¹ before the tēs'timōny, to be kept for a token against² the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die not.

11 And Mō'sēs did so: as the LORD cōmmanded him, so did he.

12 And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl spake unto Mō'sēs, 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. XVIII.

AND the LORD said unto Aārōn, 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 shall bear the iniquity of your priest-hood.

2 And thy brethren also of the tribe of Lēvī, 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 sērvice 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl.

6 And I, behold I, have taken your brethren the Lēvites from among the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl; to you they are given as a gift for the LORD, to do the sērvice 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 veil; and ye shall sērve: I have given your priest's office unto you as a sērvice of gift: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

8 And the LORD spake unto Aārōn, Behold, I also have given thee the charge of mine heave-offerings of all the hallowed things of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl; 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, reserved from the fire; Every obla-

² āgēns'.

tion of theirs, every meat-offering of theirs, and every sin-offering of theirs, and every trespass-offering of theirs, 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 Iſ'ra-ël: 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 thy house shall eat of it.

12 All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the first-fruits 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 Every thing devoted in Iſ'ra-ël shall be thine.

15 Every thing that openeth the mā'trix in all flesh, which they bring unto the LORD, whether it be of men or beasts, shall be thine: nevertheless the first-born of man shalt thou surely 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 holy: thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

18 And the flesh of them shall be thine, as the wave-breast and as the right shoulder are thine.

19 All the heave-offerings of the holy things, which the children of Iſ'ra-ël 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 Aā'rōn, 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 Iſ'ra-ël.

21 And, behold, I have given the children of Lē'vī all the tenth in Iſ'ra-ël for an inheritance, for their sēr'vice which they serve, even the sēr'vice of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 Neither must the children of Iſ'ra-ël henceforth come nigh the tabernacle of

the congregation, lest they bear sin, and die.

23 But the Lē'vites shall do the sēr'vice 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 Iſ'ra-ël they have no inheritance.

24 But the tithes of the children of Iſ'ra-ël, which they offer as a heave-offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Lē'vites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, among the children of Iſ'ra-ël they shall have no inheritance.

25 And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

26 Thus speak unto the Lē'vites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Iſ'ra-ël the tithes, which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up a heave-offering of it for the LORD, even a tenth part of the tithes.

27 And this your heave-offering shall be reckoned unto you as though it were the corn of the threshing-floor, and as the fullness of the wine-press.

28 Thus ye also shall offer a heave-offering unto the LORD of all your tithes which ye receive of the children of Iſ'ra-ël; and ye shall give thereof the LORD's heave-offering to Aā'rōn the priest.

29 Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave-offering of the LORD, of all the best thereof, even the hallowed part thereof, out of it.

30 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye have heaved the best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Lē'vites as the increase of the threshing-floor, and as the increase of the wine-press.

31 And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your households: for it is your reward for your sēr'vice in the tabernacle of the congregation.

32 And ye shall bear no sin by reason of it, when ye have heaved from it the best of it: neither shall ye pollute the holy things of the children of Iſ'ra-ël, lest ye die.

CHAP. XIX.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, and unto Aā'rōn, saying,

2 This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath cōmmā'nded, saying, Speak unto the children of Iſ'ra-ël, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke.

3 And ye shall give her unto E-le-ā'zār the priest, that he may bring her forth without the camp, and one shall slay her before his face.

4 And E-le-ā'zār the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times.

5 And *one* shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn:

6 And the priest shall take cedar-wood, and hyssóp, and scarlet, and cast *it* into the midst of the burning of the heifer.

7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and áf'térward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even.

8 And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even.

9 And a man *that is* clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay *them* up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Ís'ra-él, for a water of separation: it *is* a purification for sin.

10 And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Ís'ra-él, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.

11 ¶ He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days.

12 He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.

13 Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from Ís'ra-él: because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness *is* yet upon him.

14 This *is* the law when a man dieth in a tent; All that come into the tent, and all that *is* in the tent, shall be unclean seven days.

15 And every open vessel, which hath no ców'ering bound upon it, *is* unclean.

16 And whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a swórd in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

17 And for an unclean *pérson* they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel;

18 And a clean *pérson* shall take hyssóp, and dip *it* in the water, and sprinkle *it* upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the *pérsons* that wére there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave:

19 And the clean *pérson* shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even.

20 But the man that shall be unclean,

and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him; he *is* unclean.

21 And it shall be a *pérpétual* statute unto them, that he that sprinkleth the water of separation shall wash his clothes; and he that toucheth the water of separation shall be unclean until even.

22 And whatsoever the unclean *pérson* toucheth shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth *it* shall be unclean until even.

CHAP. XX.

THEN came the children of Ís'ra-él, *even* the whole congregation, into the dés'ert of Zin, in the first month: and the people ábode in Kádesh; and Mir'i-ám died there, and was buried there.

2 And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together ágainst' Mō'sēs and ágainst' Áá'rón.

3 And the people chode with Mō'sēs, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our bréthren died before the LORD!

4 And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?

5 And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of E'gýpt, to bring us in unto this evil place? *it is* no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pómegrán'átes; néither *is* there any water to drink.

6 And Mō'sēs and Áá'rón 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.

7 And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

8 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou and Áá'rón thy bróther, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

9 And Mō'sēs took the rod from before the LORD, as he cōmmán'ded him.

10 And Mō'sēs and Áá'rón 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?

11 And Mō'sēs lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out ábün'dantly: and the congregation drank, and their beasts *also*.

12 And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs and Áá'rón, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Ís'ra-él, théré'fóre ye shall not bring

this congregation into the land which I have given them.

13 This is the water of Mër'i-bàh ; because the children of Iş'ra-ël strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified in them.

14 ¶ And Mo'sès sent messengers from Ka'desh unto the king of E'dòm, Thus saith thy brother Iş'ra-ël, Thou knowest all the travail that hath befallen us ;

15 How our fathers went down into E'gypt, and we have dwelt in E'gypt a long time ; and the E-gypt'î-ânş vexed us and our fathers :

16 And when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an ångel, and hath brought us forth out of E'gypt ; and, behold, we are in Ka'desh, 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 E'dòm said unto him, Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out ågainst' thee with the sword.

19 And the children of Iş'ra-ël 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 E'dòm came out ågainst' him with much people, and with a strong hand.

21 Thus E'dòm refused to give Iş'ra-ël passage through his border : wherefore Iş'ra-ël turned åway from him.

22 ¶ And the children of Iş'ra-ël, even the whole congregation, jour'neyed from Ka'desh, and came unto mount Hôr.

23 And the LORD spake unto Mō'sès and Aã'rôn in mount Hôr, by the coast of the land of E'dòm, saying,

24 Aã'rôn shall be gathered unto his people : for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Iş'ra-ël, because ye rebelled ågainst' my word at the water of Mër'i-bàh.

25 Take Aã'rôn and E-le-ã'zâr his son, and bring them up unto mount Hôr ;

26 And strip Aã'rôn of his garments, and put them upon E-le-ã'zâr his son : and Aã'rôn shall be gathered unto his people, and shall die there.

27 And Mō'sès did as the LORD cõm-mãnded : and they went up into mount Hôr, in the sight of all the congregation.

28 And Mō'sès stripped Aã'rôn of his garments, and put them upon E-le-ã'zâr his son ; and Aã'rôn died there in the top of the mount : and Mō'sès and E-le-ã'zâr came down from the mount.

29 And when all the congregation saw

that Aã'rôn was dead, they mourned for Aã'rôn thirty days, even all the house of Iş'ra-ël.

CHAP. XXI.

AND when king A'rad the Çån'aån-îte, which dwelt in the south, heard tell that Iş'ra-ël came by the way of the spies ; then he fought ågainst' Iş'ra-ël, and took some of them prisoners.

2 And Iş'ra-ël vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly deströy' their cities.

3 And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Iş'ra-ël, and delivered up the Çån'aån-îtes ; and they utterly deströy'ed them and their cities : and he called the name of the place Hôr'mäh.

4 ¶ And they jour'neyed from mount Hôr by the way of the Red Sea, to cõm-päss the land of E'dòm : and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.

5 And the people spake ågainst' God, and ågainst' Mō'sès, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of E'gypt, to die in the wilderness ? for there is no bread, neither is there any water ; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

6 And the LORD sent fiery serpents åmõng the people, and they bit the people ; and much people of Iş'ra-ël died.

7 Therẽ'fore the people came to Mō'sès, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken ågainst' the LORD, and ågainst' thee ; pray unto the LORD, that he take åwåy the serpents from us. And Mō'sès prayed for the people.

8 And the LORD said unto Mō'sès, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole : and it shall come to pæss, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

9 And Mō'sès made a serpent of bräss, and put it upon a pole : and it came to pæss, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of bräss, he lived.

10 ¶ And the children of Iş'ra-ël set för'wård, and pitched in õ'bõth.

11 And they jour'neyed from õ'bõth, and pitched at Ig-ẽ-ãb'a-rim, ¹ in the wilderness which is before Mō'ãb, tõwård the sun-rising.

12 From thence they removed, and pitched in the valley of Zã'rød.

13 From thence they removed, and pitched on the other side of År'nõn, which is in the wilderness that cometh out of the coasts of the Åm'o-rîtes : for År'nõn is the border of Mō'ãb, between Mō'ãb and the Åm'o-rîtes.

14 Wherefore it is said in the book of the wars of the LORD, What he did in the Red Sea, and in the brooks of År'nõn,

15 And at the stream of the brooks that

goeth down to the dwelling of Ār, and lieth upon the border of Mō'āb.

16 And from thence *they went* to Bē'ēr: that is the well whereof the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, Gāther the people together, and I will give them water.

17 Then Iṣ'ra-ēl sang this song, Spring up, O well: sing ye unto it.

18 The princes digged the well, the nobles of the people digged it, by the direction of the law-giver, with their staves. And from the wilderness *they went* to Māt'tān-āh:

19 And from Māt'tān-āh to Na-hā'li-ēl: and from Na-hā'li-ēl to Bā'mōth:

20 And from Bā'mōth in the valley, that is in the country of Mō'āb, to the top of Piṣ'gāh, which looketh to'ward Jēsh'i-mōn.

21 ¶ And Iṣ'ra-ēl sent messengers unto Sī'hōn king of the Ām'o-rites, saying,

22 Let me pāss through thy land: we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards;¹ we will not drink of the waters of the well: but we will go ālong' by the king's high-way, until we be pāst thy borders.

23 And Sī'hōn would not suffer Iṣ'ra-ēl to pāss through his border; but Sī'hōn gāthered all his people together, and went out āgainst' Iṣ'ra-ēl into the wilderness: and he came to Jā'hāz, and fought āgainst' Iṣ'ra-ēl.

24 And Iṣ'ra-ēl smote him with the edge of the swōrd, and pōssēs's'ed his land from Ār'nōn unto Jāb'bōk, even unto the children of Ām'mōn: for the border of the children of Ām'mōn was strong.

25 And Iṣ'ra-ēl took all these cities: and Iṣ'ra-ēl dwelt in all the cities of the Ām'o-rites, in Hēsh'bōn, and in all the villages thereof.

26 For Hēsh'bōn was the city of Sī'hōn the king of the Ām'o-rites, who had fought āgainst' the former king of Mō'āb, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Ār'nōn.

27 Wherefore they that speak in proverbs say, Come into Hēsh'bōn, let the city of Sī'hōn be built and prepared:

28 For there is a fire gone out of Hēsh'bōn, a flame from the city of Sī'hōn: it hath consumed Ār of Mō'āb, and the lords of the high places of Ār'nōn.

29 Wo to thee, Mō'āb! thou art undone, O people of Chē'mōsh: he hath given his sons that ēscāped, and his daughters, into captivity unto Sī'hōn king of the Ām'o-rites.

30 We have shot at them: Hēsh'bōn is perished even unto Dī'bōn, and we have laid them waste even unto Nō'phāh, which reacheth unto Mēd'e-ba.

31 ¶ Thus Iṣ'ra-ēl dwelt in the land of the Ām'o-rites.

32 And Mō'sēs sent to spy out Jā-ā-zér;

and they took the villages thereof, and drove out the Ām'o-rites that were there.

33 And they turned, and went up by the way of Bā'shān: and ōg the king of Bā'shān went out āgainst' them, he and all his people, to the battle at Ed're-ī.

34 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, 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 Sī'hōn king of the Ām'o-rites, which dwelt at Hēsh'bōn.

35 So they smote him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left him ālive: and they pōssēs's'ed his land.

CHAP. XXII.

AND the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl set fōr'-wārd, and pitched in the plains of Mō'āb, on this side Jōr'dān by Jēri-čhō.

2 And Bā'lāk, the son of Zīp'pōr, saw all that Iṣ'ra-ēl had done to the Ām'o-rites.

3 And Mō'āb was sore āfrāid of the people, because they were many: and Mō'āb was distressed because of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

4 And Mō'āb said unto the elders of Mid'i-ān, Now shall this cōmpany lick up all that are round ābout' us, as the ox licketh up the grāss of the fiēld. And Bā'lāk, the son of Zīp'pōr, was king of the Mō'āb-ites at that time.

5 He sent messengers, thēre'fōre, unto Bā'lāam, the son of Bē'ōr, to Pē'thōr, 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 Ē'gypt: behold, they cōver the face of the ēarth, and they ābide over āgainst' me.

6 Come now, thēre'fōre, I pray thee, curse me this people, for they are too mighty for me: pēradvēn'ture I shall prevāil, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blēs'sed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed.

7 And the elders of Mō'āb, and the elders of Mid'i-ān, departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Bā'lāam, and spake unto him the words of Bā'lāk.

8 And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word āgain', as the LORD shall speak unto me: And the princes of Mō'āb ābode with Bā'lāam.

9 And God came unto Bā'lāam, and said, What men are these with thee?

10 And Bā'lāam said unto God, Bā'lāk the son of Zīp'pōr, king of Mō'āb, hath sent unto me, saying,

11 Behold, there is a people come out of Ē'gypt, which cōvereth the face of the ēarth: come now, curse me them; pēradvēn'ture I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.

12 And God said unto Bā'lāam, Thou

¹ vīn'yērdz.

shall not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blēss'ed.

13 And Bā'lāam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Bā'lāk, Get you into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with you.

14 And the princes of Mō'āb rose up, and they went unto Bā'lāk, and said, Bā'lāam refuseth to come with us.

15 And Bā'lāk sent yet āgain' princes, more, and more hōnourable than they.

16 And they came to Bā'lāam, and said to him, Thus saith Bā'lāk, the son of Zīp'pōr, Let nōthing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me:

17 For I will promote thee unto very great hōnour, and I will do whātsoever thou sayest unto me: come, thērē'fōre, I pray thee, curse me this people.

18 And Bā'lāam ānswered and said unto the sērvaunts of Bā'lāk, If Bā'lāk would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyōnd the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more.

19 Now, thērē'fōre, 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 Bā'lāam 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 Bā'lāam rose up in the morning, and saddled his äss, and went with the princes of Mō'āb.

22 And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the āngel of the LORD stood in the way for an ad'vērsāry āgainst' him. Now he was riding upon his äss, and his two sērvaunts wēre with him.

23 And the äss saw the āngel of the LORD standing in the way, and his swōrd drawn in his hand: and the äss turned āside out of the way, and went into the field; and Bā'lāam smote the äss, to turn her into the way.

24 But the āngel of the LORD stood in a pāth of the vineyards,¹ a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.

25 And when the äss saw the āngel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Bā'lāam's foot āgainst' the wall: and he smote her āgain'.

26 And the āngel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where wās no way to turn, ēither to the right hand or to the left.

27 And when the äss saw the āngel of the LORD, she fell down under Bā'lāam: and Bā'lāam's anger was kindled, and he smote the äss with a stāff.

28 And the LORD opened the mouth of the äss; and she said unto Bā'lāam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

29 And Bā'lāam said unto the äss, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there wēre a swōrd in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.

30 And the äss said unto Bā'lāam, Am not I thine äss, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.

31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Bā'lāam, and he saw the āngel of the LORD standing in the way, and his swōrd drawn in his hand: and he bōwed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

32 And the āngel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine äss these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is pērvēse' before me:

33 And the äss saw me, and turned from me these three times; unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her ālive.

34 And Bā'lāam said unto the āngel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way āgainst' me: now, thērē'fōre, if it displease thee, I will get me back āgain'.

35 And the āngel of the LORD said unto Bā'lāam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Bā'lāam went with the princes of Bā'lāk.

36 And when Bā'lāk hēard that Bā'lāam was come, he went out to meet him unto a city of Mō'āb, which is in the border of Ār'nōn, which is in the utmost coast.

37 And Bā'lāk said unto Bā'lāam, Did I not ēarnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to hōn'ōür?

38 And Bā'lāam said unto Bā'lāk, 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 Bā'lāam went with Bā'lāk, and they came unto Kir'jāth-Hūzōth.

40 And Bā'lāk offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Bā'lāam, and to the princes that wēre with him.

41 And it came to pāss on the morrow, that Bā'lāk took Bā'lāam, and brought him up into the high places of Bā'āl, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people.

CHAP. XXIII.

AND Bā'lāam said unto Bā'lāk, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.

2 And Bā'lāk did as Bā'lāam had spok-en; and Bā'lāk and Bā'lāam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram.

3 And Bā'lāam said unto Bā'lāk, Stand

¹ vin'yērdz.

by thy burnt-offering, and I will go; p̄r-advēnture the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he showeth me I will tell thee. And he went to a high place.

4 And God met Bālāam: 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 Bālāam's mouth, and said, Return unto Bālāk, and thus thou shalt speak.

6 And he returned unto him; and, lo, he stood by his burnt-sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Mō'āb.

7 And he took up his parable, and said, Bālāk the king of Mō'āb hath brought me from Ā'rām, out of the mōūntains of the east, saying, Come, curse me Jā'çöb, and come, defy İş'ra-ël.

8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied?

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 not be reckoned among the nations.

10 Who can count the dust of Jā'çöb, and the number of the fourth part of İş'ra-ël? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

11 And Bālāk said unto Bālāam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether.

12 And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?

13 And Bālāk said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayst see them: thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all; and curse me them from thence.

14 And he brought him into the field of Zō'phim, to the top of Pīş'gāh, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.

15 And he said unto Bālāk, Stand here by thy burnt-offering, while I meet the LORD yonder.

16 And the LORD met Bālāam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Bālāk, and say thus.

17 And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt-offering, and the princes of Mō'āb with him. And Bālāk said unto him, What hath the LORD spoken?

18 And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Bālāk, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zīp'pōr:

19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

20 Behold, I have received commandment to bless, and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jā'çöb, neither hath he seen p̄rvērseness in İş'ra-ël: the LORD his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them.

22 God brought them out of E'ğypt: he hath as it were the strength of a unicorn.

23 Surely there is no enchantment against Jā'çöb, neither is there any divination against İş'ra-ël: according to this time it shall be said of Jā'çöb and of İş'ra-ël, What hath God wrought!

24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.

25 And Bālāk said unto Bālāam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all.

26 But Bālāam answered and said unto Bālāk, Told not I thee, saying, All that the LORD speaketh, that I must do?

27 And Bālāk said unto Bālāam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another place: p̄radvēnture it will please God that thou mayst curse me them from thence.

28 And Bālāk brought Bālāam unto the top of Pē'ōr, that looketh toward Jēsh'imōn.

29 And Bālāam said unto Bālāk, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams.

30 And Bālāk did as Bālāam had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.

CHAP. XXIV.

AND when Bālāam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless İş'ra-ël, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.

2 And Bālāam lifted up his eyes, and he saw İş'ra-ël 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, Bālāam the son of Bē'ōr 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 Jā'çöb, and thy tabernacles, O İş'ra-ël!

6 As the valleys are they 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 Ā'gāg and his kingdom shall be exalted.

8 God brought him forth out of E'ğypt,

he hath as it were the strength of a unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce *them* through with his arrows.

9 He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Bless'ed is he that blésseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.

10 And Bā'lāk's anger was kindled against Bā'lāam, and he smote his hands together: and Bā'lāk said unto Bā'lāam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether bléss'ed *them* these three times.

11 There'fore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great hōn'our; but, lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from hōn'our.

12 And Bā'lāam said unto Bā'lāk, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying,

13 If Bā'lāk would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD, to do *either* good or bad of mine own mind; but what the LORD saith,¹ that will I speak?

14 And now, behold, I go unto my people: come *there'fore*, and I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.

15 And he took up his parable, and said, Bā'lāam the son of Bē'or hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said;

16 He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the Most High, *which* saw the vision of the Āl-migh'ty, falling into a trānce, but having his eyes open:

17 I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Stār out of Jā'çöb, and a Scēp'tre shall rise out of İş'ra-ël, and shall smite the corners of Mō'āb, and dēstrōy' all the children of Shēth.

18 And Ē'dōm shall be a pōssēs'sion, Sē'ir also shall be a pōssēs'sion for his enemies; and İş'ra-ël shall do valiantly.

19 Out of Jā'çöb shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall dēstrōy' him that remaineth of the city.

20 And when he looked on Ām'a-lēk, he took up his parable, and said, Ām'a-lēk was the first of the nations; but his latter end *shall be*, that he perish for ever.

21 And he looked on the Kēn'ites, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwelling-place, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock.

22 Nevertheless the Kēn'ite shall be wasted until Āsh'ūr shall carry thee āwāy captive.

23 And he took up his parable, and said, Ālās, who shall live when God doeth *this*!

24 And ships shall come from the coasts of Chit'tim, and shall afflict Āsh'ūr, and shall afflict Ē'bér, and he also shall perish for ever.

25 And Bā'lāam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Bā'lāk also went his way.

CHAP. XXV.—

AND İş'ra-ël ābōde in Shit'tim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Mō'āb.

2 And they called the people unto the sār'rifīces of their gods: and the people did eat, and bōwed down to their gods.

3 And İş'ra-ël joined himself unto Bā'āl-Pē'or: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against İş'ra-ël.

4 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against' the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned āwāy from İş'ra-ël.

5 And Mō'sēs said unto the judges of İş'ra-ël, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Bā'āl-Pē'or.

6 ¶ And, behold, one of the children of İş'ra-ël came, and brought unto his brethren a Mid'i-ān-i-tish woman, in the sight of Mō'sēs, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of İş'ra-ël, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 And when Phin'e-hās the son of Ē-le-āzār, the son of Āārōn the priest, saw *it*, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;

8 And he went āfter the man of İş'ra-ël into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of İş'ra-ël, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of İş'ra-ël.

9 And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

10 And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

11 Phin'e-hās the son of Ē-le-āzār, the son of Āārōn the priest, hath turned my wrath āwāy from the children of İş'ra-ël, (while he was zēalous for my sake among them,) that I consumed not the children of İş'ra-ël in my jēalousy.

12 Wherefore, say, Behold, I give unto him my cōvenant of peace:

13 And he shall have it, and his seed āfter him, *even* the cōvenant of an ēvēr-lās'ting priesthood; because he was zēalous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of İş'ra-ël.

14 Now the name of the İş'ra-ël-ite that was slain, *even* that was slain with the Mid'i-ān-i-tish woman, was Zim'ri the son of Sā'lū, a prince of a chief house among the Sim'e-ōn-ites.

15 And the name of the Mid'i-ān-i-tish

¹ *scilicet*.

woman that was slain was *Cōz'bī*, the daughter of *Zūr*; he was head over a people, and of a chief house in *Mid'i-ān*.

16 And the LORD spake unto *Mō'sēs*, saying,

17 Vex the *Mid'i-ān-ites*, and smite them:

18 For they vex you with their wives, wherewith they have beguiled you, in the matter of *Pē'ōr*, and in the matter of *Cōz'-bī*, the daughter of a prince of *Mid'i-ān*, their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague, for *Pē'ōr's* sake.

CHAP. XXVI.

AND it came to pass, after the plague, that the LORD spake unto *Mō'sēs*, and unto *E-le-ā-zār* the son of *Āārōn* the priest, saying,

2 Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of *İs'ra-ël*, from twenty years old and up'ward, throughout their father's house, all that are able to go to war in *İs'ra-ël*.

3 And *Mō'sēs* and *E-le-ā-zār* the priest spake with them in the plains of *Mō'ab*, by *Jōr'dān* near *Jēr'i-çhō*, saying,

4 Take the sum of the people, from twenty years old and up'ward; as the LORD cōmmānded *Mō'sēs*, and the children of *İs'ra-ël*, which went forth out of the land of *E'gypt*.

5 *Reu'bēn*, the eldest son of *İs'ra-ël*: the children of *Reu'bēn*; *Hā'nōçh*, of whom cometh the family of the *Hā'nōçh-ites*: of *Pāl'lū*, the family of the *Pāl'lū-ites*:

6 Of *Hēz'rōn*, the family of the *Hēz'rōn-ites*: of *Çār'mī*, the family of the *Çār'mites*.

7 These are the families of the *Reu'bēn-ites*: and they that were numbered of them were forty and three thousand and seven hundred and thirty.

8 And the sons of *Pāl'lū*; *Ē-lī'āb*.

9 And the sons of *Ē-lī'āb*; *Nēm-ū'ēl*, and *Dā'thān*, and *Ā-bī'rām*. This is that *Dā'thān* and *Ā-bī'rām* which were famous in the congregation, who strove against *Mō'sēs* and against *Āārōn* in the cōmpany of *Kō'rāh*, when they strove against the LORD:

10 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with *Kō'rāh*, when that cōmpany died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men: and they became a sign.

11 Notwithstanding, the children of *Kō'rāh* died not.

12 The sons of *Sim'e-ōn* after their families: of *Nēm-ū'ēl*, the family of the *Nēm-ū'ēl-ites*: of *Jā'mīn*, the family of the *Jā'mīn-ites*: of *Jā'çhīn*, the family of the *Jā'çhīn-ites*:

13 Of *Zē'rāh*, the family of the *Zār'nites*: of *Shā'ul*, the family of the *Shā'ul-ites*.

14 These are the families of the *Sim'e-*

ōn-ites, twenty and two thousand and two hundred.

15 The children of *Gād*, after their families: of *Zē'phōn*, the family of the *Zē'phōn-ites*: of *Hāg'gī*, the family of the *Hāg'gites*: of *Shū'nī*, the family of the *Shū'nites*:

16 Of *ōz'nī*, the family of the *ōz'nites* of *E'ri*, the family of the *E'rites*:

17 Of *Ā'rōd*, the family of the *Ā'rōd-ites*: of *Ā're-lī*, the family of the *Ā're-lites*.

18 These are the families of the children of *Gād*, according to those that were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred.

19 The sons of *Jū'dāh* were *Ēr* and *Ū'nān*: and *Ēr* and *Ū'nān* died in the land of *Çā'nā-ān*.

20 And the sons of *Jū'dāh* after their families were; of *Shē'lāh*, the family of the *Shē'lān-ites*: of *Phā'rēz*, the family of the *Phār'zites*: of *Zē'rāh*, the family of the *Zār'hites*:

21 And the sons of *Phā'rēz* were; of *Hēz'rōn*, the family of the *Hēz'rōn-ites*: of *Hā'mūl*, the family of the *Hā'mūl-ites*.

22 These are the families of *Jū'dāh* according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and sixteen thousand and five hundred.

23 Of the sons of *İs'sa-çhār* after their families: of *Tō'lā*, the family of the *Tō'lā-ites*: of *Pū'ā*, the family of the *Pū'nites*:

24 Of *Jāsh'üb*, the family of the *Jāsh'üb-ites*: of *Shīm'rōn*, the family of the *Shīm'rōn-ites*.

25 These are the families of *İs'sa-çhār* according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and four thousand and three hundred.

26 Of the sons of *Zēb'u-lōn* after their families: of *Sēr'ed*, the family of the *Sār'dites*: of *Ē'lōn*, the family of the *Ē'lōn-ites*: of *Jāh'le-ēl*, the family of the *Jāh'le-ēl-ites*.

27 These are the families of the *Zēb'u-lōn-ites*, according to those that were numbered of them, threescore thousand and five hundred.

28 The sons of *Jō'sēph*, after their families, were *Ma-nās'-seh* and *E'phra-īm*.

29 Of the sons of *Ma-nās'seh*: of *Mā'çhīr*, the family of the *Mā'çhīr-ites*; and *Mā'çhīr* begat *Gīl'e-ād*: of *Gīl'e-ād* come the family of the *Gīl'e-ād-ites*.

30 These are the sons of *Gīl'e-ād*: of *Jē-ēzér*, the family of the *Jē-ēzér-ites*: of *Hē'lēk*, the family of the *Hē'lēk-ites*:

31 And of *Āş'ri-ēl*, the family of the *Āş'ri-ēl-ites*: and of *Shē'çhēm*, the family of the *Shē'çhēm-ites*:

32 And of *Shē-mīdā*, the family of the *Shē-mīdā-ites*: and of *Hē'phér*, the family of the *Hē'phér-ites*.

33 ¶ And *Zē-lō'phe-hād* the son of

He'phér had no sons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Ze-ló'phé had *were* Máh'fah, and No'ah, Hög'láh, Mal'cah, and Tír'zah.¹

34 These *are* the families of Ma-nás'sch, and those that *were* numbered of them, fifty and two thousand and seven hundred.

35 These *are* the sons of Ephra-ím after their families: of Shú'the-láh, the family of the Shú'thál-ites: of Bě'chér, the family of the Bäch'rites: of Tá'hán, the family of the Tá'hán-ites.

36 And these *are* the sons of Shú'the-láh: of E'rán, the family of the E'rán-ites.

37 These *are* the families of the sons of Ephra-ím, according to those that *were* numbered of them, thirty and two thousand and five hundred. These *are* the sons of Jó'séph after their families.

38 The sons of Běn'ja-mín after their families: of Bě'lá, the family of the Bě'la-ites: of Ásh'běl, the family of the Ásh'běl-ites: of Á-hí'rám, the family of the Á-hí'rám-ites:

39 Of Shū'phám, the family of the Shū'phám-ites: of Hū'phám, the family of the Hū'phám-ites.

40 And the sons of Bě'lá *were* Árd and Ná'a-mán: of Árd, the family of the Árd-ites: and of Ná'a-mán, the family of the Ná'a-mites:

41 These *are* the sons of Běn'ja-mín, after their families: and they that *were* numbered of them *were* forty and five thousand and six hundred.

42 These *are* the sons of Dán, after their families: of Shū'hám, the family of the Shū'hám-ites. These *are* the families of Dán, after their families.

43 All the families of the Shū'ham-ites, according to those that *were* numbered of them, *were* threescore and four thousand and four hundred.

44 Of the children of Ásh'er, after their families: of Jim'ná, the family of the Jim'nites: of Jě'su-í, the family of the Jě'su-ites: of Bě-rí'áh, the family of the Bě-rí-ites.

45 Of the sons of Bě-rí'áh: of Hě'bér, the family of the Hě'bér-ites: of Mál'çhi-él, the family of the Mál'çhi-él-ites.

46 And the name of the daughter of Ásh'er *was* Sā ān.

47 These *are* the families of the sons of Ásh'er, according to those that *were* numbered of them, *who* *were* fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

48 Of the sons of Nāph'ta-lí, after their families: of Jáh'ze-él, the family of the Jáh'ze-él-ites: of Gū'ní, the family of the Gū'nites:

49 Of Jě'zér, the family of the Jě'zér-ites: of Shil'lēm, the family of the Shil'lēm-ites.

50 These *are* the families of Nāph'ta-lí,

¹ Tír'zā.

according to their families: and they that *were* numbered of them *were* forty and five thousand and four hundred.

51 These *were* the numbered of the children of Íš'ra-él, six hundred thousand, and a thousand seven hundred and thirty.

52 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

53 Unto these the land shall be divided for an inheritance, according to the number of names.

54 To many thou shalt give the more inheritance, and to few thou shalt give the less inheritance: to every one shall his inheritance be given according to those that *were* numbered of him.

55 Notwithstanding the land shall be divided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit.

56 According to the lot shall the pōš-šēs'sion thereof be divided between many and few.

57 ¶ And these *are* they that *were* numbered of the Lē'vites, after their families: of Gě'r'shōn, the family of the Gě'r'shōn-ites: of Kō'háth, the family of the Kō'háth-ites: of Mě'r'a-rí, the family of the Mě'r'a-rites.

58 These *are* the families of the Lē'vites: the family of the Lib'nites, the family of the Hě'brōn-ites, the family of the Máh'lites, the family of the Mū'shites, the family of the Kō'ráth-ites: and Kō'háth begat Ám'rám.

59 And the name of Ám'rám's wife *was* Jöch'e-béd, the daughter of Lē'ví, whom *her* *mother* bare to Lē'ví in Ē'gypt: and she bare unto Ám'rám, Áā'rōn, and Mō'sēs, and Mir'i-ám² their sister.

60 And unto Áā'rōn *was* born Ná'dáb, and Á-bí'hū, Ē-le-ā'zár, and Íth'a-már.

61 And Ná'dáb and Á-bí'hū died, when they offered strange fire before the LORD.

62 And those that *were* numbered of them *were* twenty and three thousand, all males, from a month old and up'ward: for they *were* not numbered among the children of Íš'ra-él, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Íš'ra-él.

63 ¶ These *are* they that *were* numbered by Mō'sēs and Ē-le-ā'zár the priest, who numbered the children of Íš'ra-él in the plains of Mō'áb, by Jōr'dán near Jěr'i-çhō.

64 But among these there was not a man of them whom Mō'sēs and Áā'rōn the priest numbered, when they numbered the children of Íš'ra-él in the wilderness of Sín'ai:

65 For the LORD had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, save Çá'lēb the son of Jē-phūn'neh, and Jōsh'u-á the son of Nūn.

² Měr'e-ām.

CHAP. XXVII.

THEN came the daughters of Zē-lō'phe-hād, the son of Hē'phér, the son of Gil'e-ād, the son of Mā'chir, the son of Ma-nās'seh, of the families of Ma-nās'seh the son of Jō'sēph: and these *are* the names of his daughters; Māh'lāh, Nō'āh, and Hōg'lāh, and Mil'cāh, and Tir'zūh.¹

2 And they stood before Mō'sēs, and before Ē-le-ā'zār 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 Kō'rāh; but died in his own sin, and had no sons.

4 Why should the name of our father be done away from among his family, because he hath no son? Give unto us, *thère'fore*, a pōssēs'sion among the brethren of our father.

5 And Mō'sēs brought their cause before the LORD.

6 And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

7 The daughters of Zē-lō'phe-hād speak right: thou shalt surely give them a pōssēs'sion 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter.

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 shall give his inheritance unto his father's orēthren.

11 And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall pōssēs's it: and it shall be unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl a statute of judgment; as the LORD cōmmā'nded Mō'sēs.

12 ¶ And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Get thee up into this mount Ab'a-rim, and see the land which I have given unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

13 And when thou hast seen it thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aā'rōn thy brother was gathered.

14 For ye rebelled against my cōmmā'ndment in the dēs'ert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the water before their eyes: that *is* the water of Mēr'i-bāh in Kā'dēsh, in the wilderness of Zin.

15 And Mō'sēs spake unto the LORD, saying,

16 Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,

17 Which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shēp'hērd.

18 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Take thee Jōsh'u-ā the son of Nūn, a man in whom *is* the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him;

19 And set him before Ē-le-ā'zār the priest, and before all the congregation: and give him a charge in their sight.

20 And thou shalt put *some* of thine hōn'our upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl may be obedient.²

21 And he shall stand before Ē-le-ā'zār the priest, who shall ask *counsel* for him, after the judgment of Ūrim before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, *both* he, and all the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl with him, even all the congregation.

22 And Mō'sēs did as the LORD cōmmā'nded him: and he took Jōsh'u-ā, and set him before Ē-le-ā'zār the priest, and before all the congregation.

23 And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD cōmmā'nded by the hand of Mō'sēs.

CHAP. XXVIII.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 Cōmmā'nd' the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and say unto them, My offering, *and* my bread for my sār'c'rif'ices made by fire *for* a sweet savour unto me, shall ye ob'serve' 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 shalt thou offer at even;

5 And a tenth *part* of an ēph'ah of flour for a meat-offering, mingled with the fourth *part* of a hin of beaten oil.

6 *It is* a continual burnt-offering, which was ordained in Mōunt Sī'nāi for a sweet savour, a sār'c'rif'ice made by fire unto the LORD.

7 And the drink-offering thereof shall be the fourth *part* of a hin for the one lamb: in the holy *place* shalt thou cause the strong wine to be poured unto the LORD for a drink-offering.

8 And the other lamb shalt thou offer at even: as the meat-offering of the morning, and as the drink-offering thereof, thou

¹ Tir'zūh.² ō-bē'je-ēnt.

shalt offer it, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour 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, and his drink-offering.

11 And in the beginnings 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 savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

14 And their drink-offerings shall be half a hin of wine unto a bullock, and the third part of a hin unto a ram, and a fourth part of a hin unto a lamb: this is the burnt-offering of every month throughout the months of the year.

15 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering unto the LORD shall be offered, besides the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

16 And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the passover of the LORD.

17 And in the fifteenth day of this month is the feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.

18 In the first day shall be a holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work therein:

19 But ye shall offer a sacrifice made by fire, for a burnt-offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven lambs of the first year: they shall be unto you without blemish:

20 And their meat-offerings shall be of flour mingled with oil: three tenth-deals shall ye offer for a bullock, and two tenth-deals for a ram;

21 A several tenth-deal shalt thou offer for every lamb, throughout the seven lambs:

22 And one goat for a sin-offering, to make an atonement for you.

23 Ye shall offer these beside the burnt-offering in the morning, which is for a continual burnt-offering.

24 After this manner ye shall offer daily, throughout the seven days, the meat of the sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: it shall be offered beside the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

25 And on the seventh day ye shall

have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

26 Also in the day of the first-fruits, when ye bring a new meat-offering unto the LORD, after your weeks be out, ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:

27 But ye shall offer the burnt-offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD; two young bullocks, one ram, seven lambs of the first year;

28 And their meat-offering of flour mingled with oil, three tenth-deals unto one bullock, two tenth-deals unto one ram;

29 A several tenth-deal unto one lamb, throughout the seven lambs;

30 And one kid of the goats, to make an atonement for you.

31 Ye shall offer them besides the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, (they shall be unto you without blemish,) and their drink-offerings.

CHAP. XXIX.

AND in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have a 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-offerings 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 a 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 for 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 a holy convocation; ye shall do no sèr'vile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days:

13 And ye shall offer a burnt-offering, a sàc'rifice 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;

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 spot:

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-offering 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 spot:

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 sèr'vile work therein:

36 But ye shall offer a burnt-offering, a sàc'rifice 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 bullock, for the ram, 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, besides your vows, and your free-will-offerings, for your burnt-offerings, and for your meat-offerings, and for your drink-offerings, and for your peace-offerings.

40 And Mō'sès told the children of Iſ'ra-èl, according to all that the LORD cōm'mànded Mō'sès.

CHAP. XXX.

AND Mō'sès spake unto the heads of the tribes concèr'ning the children of Iſ'ra-èl, saying, This is the thing which the LORD hath cōm'mànded.

2 If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

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 all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand.

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 a hüſ'bänd, when she vowed, or uttered aught out of her lips, wherewith she bound her soul ;

7 And her hüſ'bänd heard *it*, and held his peace at her in the day that he heard *it* ; then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.

8 But if her hüſ'bänd disallowed her on the day that he heard *it* ; then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, wherewith 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 she vowed in her hüſ'bänd's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath ;

11 And her hüſ'bänd 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 hüſ'bänd 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 hüſ'bänd hath made them void, and the LORD shall forgive her.

13 Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her hüſ'bänd may establish it, or her hüſ'bänd may make it void.

14 But if her hüſ'bänd 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 confirmeth¹ 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 Mō'sēs, between a man and his wife ; between the father and his daughter, being yet in her youth in her father's house.

CHAP. XXXI.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

2 Avēnge' the children of Iſ'ra-ël of the Mid'i-än-ites : afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people.

3 And Mō'sēs spake unto the people, saying, Arm some of yourselves unto the war, and let them go against' the Mid'i-än-ites and avēnge' the LORD of Mid'i-än.

4 Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Iſ'ra-ël, shall ye send to the war.

5 So there were delivered out of the thousands of Iſ'ra-ël, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.

6 And Mō'sēs sent them to the war, a thousand of every tribe, them and Phin'e-ās the son of E-le-ā'zār the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and the trumpets to blow, in his hand.

7 And they warred against' the Mid'i-än-ites, as the LORD commanded Mō'sēs ; and they slew all the males.

8 And they slew the kings of Mid'i-än, beside the rest of them that were slain ; namely, E'vī, and Rē'kēm, and Zūr, and Hūr, and Rē'bā, five kings of Mid'i-än : Bā'lāam also, the son of Bē'ōr, they slew with the sword.

9 And the children of Iſ'ra-ël took all the women of Mid'i-än 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 wherewith 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 Mō'sēs and E-le-ā'zār the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Iſ'ra-ël, unto the camp at the plains of Mō'āb, which are by Jōr'dān near Jēr'i-chō.

13 And Mō'sēs, and E-le-ā'zār the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp.

14 And Mō'sēs was wroth with the officers of the host, with the captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, which came from the battle.

15 And Mō'sēs said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive ?

16 Behold, these caused the children of Iſ'ra-ël, through the counsel of Bā'lāam, to commit trespass against' the LORD in the matter of Pē'ōr, 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.

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 whosoever hath touched any slain, purify both yourselves and your captives, on the third day, and on the seventh day.

20 And purify all your raiment, and all that is made of skins, and all work of goats' hair, and all things made of wood.

21 And E-le-ā'zār the priest said unto the men of war which went to the battle, This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD commanded Mō'sēs ;

22 Only the gold, and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead,

¹ kōn-fērm'ēth.

23 Every thing that may abide the fire, ye shall make it go through the fire, and it shall be clean; nevertheless it shall be purified with the water of separation: and all that abideth not the fire ye shall make go through the water.

24 And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterwards ye shall come into the camp.

25 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

26 Take the sum of the prey that was taken, both of man and of beast, thou, and Ē-le-ā'zār the priest, and the chief fathers of the congregation;

27 And divide the prey into two parts; between them that took the war upon them, who went out to battle, and between all the congregation:

28 And levy a tribute unto the LORD of the men of war which went out to battle: one soul of five hundred, both of the persons, and of the beeves, and of the asses, and of the sheep.

29 Take it of their half, and give it unto Ē-le-ā'zār the priest, for a heave-offering of the LORD.

30 And of the children of Īs'ra-ēl's half, thou shalt take one portion of fifty, of the persons, of the beeves, of the asses, and of the flocks, of all manner of beasts, and give them unto the Lē'vites, which keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD.

31 And Mō'sēs and Ē-le-ā'zār the priest did as the LORD cōmmanded Mō'sēs.

32 And the booty, being the rest of the prey which the men of war had caught, was six hundred thousand, and seventy thousand, and five thousand sheep,

33 And threescore and twelve thousand beeves,

34 And threescore and one thousand asses,

35 And thirty and two thousand persons in all, of women that had not known man by lying with him.

36 And the half, which was the portion of them that went out to war, was in number three hundred thousand, and seven and thirty thousand and five hundred sheep:

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 Mō'sēs gave the tribute, which was the LORD's heave-offering, unto Ē-le-ā'zār the priest; as the LORD cōmmanded Mō'sēs.

42 And of the children of Īs'ra-ēl's half which Mō'sēs divided from the men that warred,

43 (Now the half that pertain'd 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 Īs'ra-ēl's half, Mō'sēs took one portion of fifty, both of man and of beast, and gave them unto the Lē'vites, which kept the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD; as the LORD cōmmanded Mō'sēs.

48 ¶ And the officers which were over thousands of the host, the cāp'tains of thousands, and cāp'tains of hundreds, came near unto Mō'sēs:

49 And they said unto Mō'sēs, 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 there'fore brought an oblation for the LORD, what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, ear-rings, and tablets, to make an atonement for our souls before the LORD.

51 And Mō'sēs and Ē-le-ā'zār the priest took the gold of them, even all wrought jewels.

52 And all the gold of the offering that they offered up to the LORD, of the cāp'tains of thousands, and of the cāp'tains 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 Mō'sēs and Ē-le-ā'zār the priest took the gold of the cāp'tains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation, for a memorial for the children of Īs'ra-ēl before the LORD.

CHAP. XXXII.

NOW the children of Reu'bēn, and the children of Gād, had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jā'zēr, and the land of Gīl'e-ād, that, behold, the place was a place for cattle;

2 The children of Gād, and the children of Reu'bēn, came and spake unto Mō'sēs, and to Ē-le-ā'zār the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying,

3 Ā't-a-rōth, and Dī'bōn, and Jā'zēr, and Nim'rāh, and Hēsh'bōn, and Ē-le-ā'leh,¹ and Shē'bām, and Nē'bō, and Bē'ōn,

4 Even the country which the LORD smote before the congregation of Īs'ra-ēl, 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 Jôr'dân.

6 And Mo'ses said unto the children of Gäd, and to the children of Reu'bën, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?

7 And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of İ's'ra-ël from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them?

8 Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Ka'dësh-Bär'ne-ä to see the land.

9 For when they went up unto the valley of Esh'çöl, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of İ's'ra-ël, 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 up out of E'gypt, from twenty years old and up'ward, shall see the land which I sware unto Ä'bra-häm, unto İ's'aaç, and unto Jä'çöb; because they have not wholly followed me;

12 Save Cäl'ëb the son of Jë-phün'neh the Kën'e-zite, and Jösh'u-ä the son of Nün; for they have wholly followed the LORD.

13 And the LORD's anger was kindled against' İ's'ra-ël, 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 father's stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of the LORD tö'ward İ's'ra-ël.

15 For if ye turn äway from äfter him, he will yet ägain' leave them in the wilderness, and ye shall deströy' all this people.

16 And they came near unto him, and said, We will build sheep-folds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones;

17 But we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of İ's'ra-ël, 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 İ's'ra-ël have inherited every man his inheritance:

19 For we will not inherit with them on yönder side Jör'dän, or för'ward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jör'dän east'ward.

20 And Mo'ses 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 Jör'dän before the LORD, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him,

22 And the land be subdued before the LORD; then ä'térwärd ye shall return, and be guiltless before the LORD, and before İ's'ra-ël; and this land shall be your possession before the LORD.

23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned ägainst' the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.

24 Build ye 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 Gäd, and the children of Reu'bën, spake unto Mo'ses, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord cömmän'deth.

26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gil'e-äd;

27 But thy servants will pass over, every man armed for war, before the LORD to battle, as my lord saith.

28 So concér'ning them Mo'ses cömmän'ded È-le-ä'zär the priest, and Jösh'u-ä the son of Nün, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of İ's'ra-ël:

29 And Mo'ses said unto them, If the children of Gäd, and the children of Reu'bën, will pass with you over Jör'dän, every man armed to battle before the LORD, and the land shall be subdued before you, then ye shall give them the land of Gil'e-äd for a possession:

30 But if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Cä'na-än.

31 And the children of Gäd, and the children of Reu'bën, answered, saying, As the LORD hath said unto thy servants, so will we do.

32 We will pass over armed before the LORD into the land of Cä'na-än, that the possession of our inheritance on this side Jör'dän may be ours.

33 And Mo'ses gave unto them, even to the children of Gäd, and to the children of Reu'bën, and unto half the tribe of Ma-näs'seh the son of Jö'sëph, the kingdom of Sî'hön king of the Äm'o-rites, and the kingdom of Ög king of Bä'shän, the land, with the cities thereof in the coasts, even the cities of the country round about'.

34 And the children of Gäd built Dî'bön, and Ä't'a-röth, and Ä'r'o-er,

35 And Ä't'röth, Shö'phän, and Jä-ä'zër, and Jög'be-häh,

36 And Bëth-nim'räh, and Bëth-hä'rän, fenced cities; and folds for sheep.

37 And the children of Reu'bën built Hësh'bön, and È-le-ä'leh, and Kir'jäh'th-Ä'im,

38 And Në'bö, and Bä'al-Më'ön, (their names being changed,) and Shîb'mäh: and gave other names unto the cities which they builded.

39 And the children of Mä'çhîr, the son of Ma-näs'seh, went to Gil'e-äd, and took

it, and dispos'sess'd the *Am'o-rite* which was in it.

40 And *Mô'sès* gave *Gil'e-äd* unto *Mä'çhir* the son of *Ma-näs'seh*; and he dwelt therein.

41 And *Jä'ir*, the son of *Ma-näs'seh*, went and took the small towns thereof, and called them *Hä'vöth-Jä'ir*.

42 And *Nö'bäh* went and took *Kē'näth*, and the villages thereof, and called it *Nö'bäh*, after his own name.

CHAP. XXXIII.—

THIESE are the journeys of the children of *Is'ra-ël*, which went forth out of the land of *E'gypt* with their armies, under the hand of *Mô'sès* and *Aärön*.

2 And *Mô'sès* 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 *Ra-mēs'es* in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month: on the morrow after the passover the children of *Is'ra-ël* went out with a high hand in the sight of all the *E-gyp'ti-änš*.

4 (For the *E-gyp'ti-änš* buried all their first-born which the *LORD* had smitten among them: upon their gods also the *LORD* executed judgments.)

5 And the children of *Is'ra-ël* removed from *Ra-mēs'es*, and pitched in *Süç'çóth*.

6 And they departed from *Süç'çóth*, and pitched in *E'thäm*, which is in the edge of the wilderness.

7 And they removed from *E'thäm*, and turned again unto *Pi-ha-hi'röth*, which is before *Bä'al-Zē'phön*: and they pitched before *Mig'döl*.

8 And they departed from before *Pi-ha-hi'röth*, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and went three days' journey in the wilderness of *E'thäm*, and pitched in *Mä'räh*.

9 And they removed from *Mä'räh*, and came unto *E'lim*: and in *E'lim* were twelve föun'tains of water, and threescore and ten palm-trees; and they pitched there.

10 And they removed from *E'lim*, and encamped by the Red Sea.

11 And they removed from the Red Sea, and encamped in the wilderness of *Sin*.

12 And they took their journey out of the wilderness of *Sin*, and encamped in *Döph'käh*.

13 And they departed from *Döph'käh*, and encamped in *Ä'lüsh*.

14 And they removed from *Ä'lüsh*, and encamped at *Rēph'i-dim*, where was no water for the people to drink.

15 And they departed from *Rēph'i-dim*, and pitched in the wilderness of *Sin'ai*.

16 And they removed from the *dēš'ert* of *Sin'ai*, and pitched at *Kib'röth-Hät-tä'-a-väh*.

17 And they departed from *Kib'röth-Hät-tä'-a-väh*, and encamped at *Häz-ē'röth*

18 And they departed from *Häz-ē'röth*, and pitched in *Rith'mäh*.

19 And they departed from *Rith'mäh*, and pitched at *Rim'mön-Pä'rēz*.

20 And they departed from *Rim'mön-Pä'rēz*, and pitched in *Lih'näh*.

21 And they removed from *Lih'näh*, and pitched at *Ris'säh*.

22 And they journeyed from *Ris'säh*, and pitched in *Kē-hēl'a-thäh*.

23 And they went from *Kē-hēl'a-thäh*, and pitched in mount *Shä'phér*.

24 And they removed from mount *Shä'phér*, and encamped in *Här'a-däh*.

25 And they removed from *Här'a-däh*, and pitched in *Mäk-hē'löth*.

26 And they removed from *Mäk-hē'löth*, and encamped at *Tä'häth*.

27 And they departed from *Tä'häth*, and pitched at *Tä'räh*.

28 And they removed from *Tä'räh*, and pitched in *Mith'çäh*.

29 And they went from *Mith'çäh*, and pitched in *Häsh-mö'näh*.

30 And they departed from *Häsh-mö'näh*, and encamped at *Mö-sē'röth*.

31 And they departed from *Mö-sē'röth*, and pitched in *Bē-nē-jä'a-kän*.

32 And they removed from *Bē-nē-jä'a-kän*, and encamped at *Hör-ha-gid'gäd*.

33 And they went from *Hör-ha-gid'gäd*, and pitched in *Jöt'ba-thäh*.

34 And they removed from *Jöt'ba-thäh*, and encamped at *E-brö'näh*.

35 And they departed from *E-brö'näh*, and encamped at *E'zi-ön-Gä'bér*.

36 And they removed from *E'zi-ön-Gä'bér*, and pitched in the wilderness of *Zin*, which is *Kä'dēsh*.

37 And they removed from *Kä'dēsh*, and pitched in mount *Hör*, in the edge of the land of *E'döm*.

38 And *Aärön* the priest went up into mount *Hör*, at the commandment of the *LORD*, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of *Is'ra-ël* were come out of the land of *E'gypt*, in the first day of the fifth month.

39 And *Aärön* was a hundred and twenty and three years old when he died in mount *Hör*.

40 And king *Ä'räd* the *Cän'aän-ite*, which dwelt in the south, in the land of *Çä'na-än*, heard of the coming of the children of *Is'ra-ël*.

41 And they departed from mount *Hör*, and pitched in *Zäl-mö'näh*.

42 And they departed from *Zäl-mö'näh*, and pitched in *Pü'nön*.

43 And they departed from *Pü'nön*, and pitched in *Ö'böth*.

44 And they departed from *Ö'böth*, and pitched in *I'je-äb'a-rim*, in the border of *Mö'äb*.

45 And they departed from Tîm, and pitched in Dibou-Gâd.

46 And they removed from Dibôn-Gâd, and encamped in Âmôn-Dib-la-thâ'im.

47 And they removed from Âmôn-Dib-la-thâ'im, and pitched in the môûntains of Ab'a-rim, before Nê'bô.

48 And they departed from the môûntains of Ab'a-rim, and pitched in the plains of Mô'âb, by Jôr'dân near Jêr'i-çhô.

49 And they pitched by Jôr'dân from Bêth-jês'i-môthi, even unto A'hel-Shit'tim, in the plains of Mô'âb.

50 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mô'sès in the plains of Mô'âb, by Jôr'dân near Jêr'i-çhò, saying,

51 Speak unto the children of Iç'ra-êl, and say unto them, When ye are passed over Jôr'dân, into the land of Çá'na-ân ;

52 Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destrôy' all their pictures, and destrôy' all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places.

53 And ye shall dispôssès' the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein : for I have given you the land to pössès' it.

54 And ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families ; and to the more ye shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall give the less inheritance : every man's inheritance shall be in the place where his lot falleth ; according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit.

55 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.

56 Moreover, it shall come to pass, that I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them.

CHAP. XXXIV.

AND the LORD spake unto Mô'sès, saying,

2 Command' the children of Iç'ra-êl, and say unto them, When ye come into the land of Çá'na-ân, (this is the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance, even the land of Çá'na-ân, with the coasts thereof,)

3 Then your south quârter shall be from the wilderness of Zin, along' by the coast of Ê'dôm ; and your south border shall be the outmost coast of the salt sea east'wârd.

4 And your border shall turn from the south to the ascent of Âk-râb'bim, and pass on to Zin : and the going forth thereof shall be from the south to Kâ'dêsh-Bâr-ne-â, and shall go on to Hâ'zâr-Ad'dâr, and pass on to Âz'môn.

5 And the border shall fetch a côm'pass from Âz'môn unto the river of Ê'gypt, and the goings out of it shall be at the sea.

6 And as for the western border, you shall even have the great sea for a border : this shall be your west border.

7 And this shall be your north border ; from the great sea ye shall point out for you mount Hôr.

8 From mount Hôr ye shall point out your border unto the entrance of Hâ'mâth : and the goings forth of the border shall be to Zê'dâd.

9 And the border shall go on to Ziph'rôn, and the goings out of it shall be at Hâ'zâr-Ê'nân : this shall be your north border.

10 And ye shall point out your east border from Hâ'zâr-Ê'nân to Shê'phâm.

11 And the coast shall go down from Shê'phâm to Rib'lâh, on the east side of A'im ; and the border shall descend, and shall reach unto the side of the sea of Cin'ue-rêth east'wârd.

12 And the border shall go down to Jôr'dân, and the goings out of it shall be at the salt sea : this shall be your land, with the coasts thereof round about'.

13 And Mô'sès cômmand'ed the children of Iç'ra-êl, saying, This is the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which the LORD cômmand'ed to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half tribe.

14 For the tribe of the children of Reu' bèn according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gâd according to the house of their fathers, have received their inheritance, and half the tribe of Ma-nâs'seh have received their inheritance :

15 The two tribes and the half tribe have received their inheritance on this side Jôr'dân near Jêr'i-çhò, east'wârd, tô-wârd the sun-rising.

16 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mô'sès, saying,

17 These are the names of the men which shall divide the land unto you ; Ê-le-â'zâr the priest, and Jôsh'u-â the son of Nûn.

18 And ye shall take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land by inheritance.

19 And the names of the men are these : of the tribe of Jû'dâh, Çâlêb the son of Jê-phûn'neh.

20 And of the tribe of the children of Sim'e-ôn, Shê-mû'êl the son of Âm-mi'hûd.

21 Of the tribe of Bê'n'ja-min, Ê-li'dâd the son of Çhiç'lôn.

22 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Dân, Bûk'kî the son of Jôg'li.

23 The prince of the children of Jô'sêph, for the tribe of the children of Ma-nâs'seh, Hân'mi-êl the son of Ê'phôd.

24 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Ê'phra-im, Kêm-u'êl the son of Shiph'tân.

25 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Zêb'u-lôn, Ê-liz'a-phân the son of Pâr'nâch.

26 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Īs'a-ḡhār, Pāl'ti-ēl the son of Āz'zān.

27 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Āsh'er, Ā-hī'hūd the son of Shēl'o-mī.

28 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Nāph'ta-li, Pēd'a-hēl the son of Ām-mī'hūd.

29 These are they whom the LORD cōm-mān'ded to divide the inheritance unto the children of Īs'ra-ēl in the land of Čā'na-ān.

CHAP. XXXV.

AND the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs in the plains of Mō'āb, by Jōr'dān near Jēr'i-chō, saying,

2 Cōmmand' the children of Īs'ra-ēl, that they give unto the Lēvites, of the inheritance of their pōssēs'sion, cities to dwell in; and ye shall give also unto the Lēvites suburbs for the cities round ābout' 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 Lēvites, shall reach from the wall of the city and outward, a thousand cubits round ābout'.

5 And ye shall mēasure from 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 city.

6 And āmōng the cities which ye shall give unto the Lēvites, there shall be six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the man-slayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye shall add forty and two cities.

7 So all the cities which ye shall give to the Lēvites 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 pōssēs'sion of the children of Īs'ra-ēl: 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 Lēvites, according to his inheritance which he inheriteth.

9 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'sēs, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Īs'ra-ēl, and say unto them, When ye be come over Jōr'dān into the land of Čā'na-ān;

11 Then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any pēson at unawares.

12 And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the āvēn'ger; that the man-

slayer die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment.

13 And of these cities which ye shall give, six cities shall ye have for refuge.

14 Ye shall give three cities on this side Jōr'dān, and three cities shall ye give in the land of Čā'na-ān, which shall be cities of refuge.

15 These six cities shall be a refuge, both for the children of Īs'ra-ēl, and for the stranger, and for the sōjournēr āmōng them; that every one that killeth any pēson unawares may flee thither.

16 And if he smite him with an instrument of iron, so that he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

17 And if he smite him with throwing a stone, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

18 Or if he smite him with a hand-weapon of wood, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

19 The revenger of blood himself shall slay the murderer: when he meeteth him, he shall slay him.

20 But if he thrust him of hatred, or hurl at him by laying of wait, that he die;

21 Or in enmity smite him with his hand, that he die; he that smote him shall surely be put to death; for he is a murderer: the revenger of blood shall slay the murderer when he meeteth him.

22 But if he thrust him suddenly without enmity, or have cāst upon him any thing without laying of wait,

23 Or with any stone, wherewith a man may die, seeing him not, and cāst it upon him that he die, and was not his enemy, nēither sought his harm;

24 Then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the revenger of blood according to these judgments:

25 And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall ābide in it unto the death of the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oil.

26 But if the slayer shall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled;

27 And the revenger of blood find him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the revenger of blood kill the slayer; he shall not be guilty of blood;

28 Because he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest: but āfter the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his pōssēs'sion.

29 So these things shall be for a statute

of judgment unto you, throughout your generations, in all your dwellings.

30 Whoso killeth any përsön, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify ägainst' any përsön to cause him to die.

31 Moreover, ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death; but he shall be surely put to death.

32 And ye shall take no satisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come ägain' to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest.

33 So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye äre; for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.

34 Defile not thêrê'fore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I the LORD dwell ämong the children of Iſ'ra-el.

CHAP. XXXVI.

AND the chief fathers of the families of the children of Gil'e-äd, the son of Ma'çhîr, the son of Ma-näs'seh, of the families of the sons of Jô'sêph, came near, and spake before Mō'şês, and before the princes, the chief fathers of the children of Iſ'ra-el:

2 And they said, The LORD cōmmänd'ed my lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the children of Iſ'ra-el: and my lord was cōmmänd'ed by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zê-lô'phe-häd to our brother unto his daughters.

3 And if they be married to any of the sons of the other tribes of the children of Iſ'ra-el, then shall their inheritance be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and shall be put to the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they äre received: so shall it be taken from the lot of our inheritance.

4 And when the jubilee of the children of Iſ'ra-el shall be, then shall their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they äre received: so shall their inheritance be taken äway from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

5 And Mō'şês cōmmänd'ed the children of Iſ'ra-el, according to the word of the LORD, saying, The tribe of the sons of Jô'sêph hath said well.

6 This is the thing which the LORD doth cōmmänd' cōncërn'ing the daughters of Zê-lô'phe-häd, saying, Let them marry to whom they think best; only to the family of the tribe of their fathers shall they marry:

7 So shall not the inheritance of the children of Iſ'ra-el remove from tribe to tribe; for every one of the children of Iſ'ra-el shall keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 And every daughter, that pössëss'eth an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Iſ'ra-el, shall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Iſ'ra-el may enjoy every man the inheritance of his fathers.

9 Nêither shall the inheritance remove from one tribe to änothër tribe; but every one of the tribes of the children of Iſ'ra-el shall keep himself to his own inheritance.

10 Even as the LORD cōmmänd'ed Mō'şês, so did the daughters of Zê-lô'phe-häd.

11 For Mäh'läh, Tir'zäh,¹ and Hög'läh, and Mil'çäh, and Nô'äh, the daughters of Zê-lô'phe-häd, wêre married unto their father's brothers' sons.

12 And they wêre married into the families of the sons of Ma-näs'seh, the son of Jô'sêph; and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.

13 These äre the cōmmänd'ments and the judgments which the LORD cōmmänd'ed, by the hand of Mō'şês, unto the children of Iſ'ra-el, in the plains of Mō'äb, by Jôr'dän near Jér'i-çhō.

¶ The FIFTH Book of MOSES, called DEUTERON'OMY.

CHAPTER I.

THESE be the words which Mō'şês spake unto all Iſ'ra-el on this side Jôr'dän, in the wilderness, in the plain over ägainst' the Red Sea, between Pärän, and Tô'phël, and Lâ'bän, and Häz-ê'röth, and Diz'a-häb.

2 (There äre eleven days' journey from Hô'rêb, by the way of mount Sê'ir, unto Kä'dêsh-Bär'ne-ä.)

3 And it came to päss in the fortieth year, in the eleventh mönth, on the first

day of the mönth, that Mō'şês spake unto the children of Iſ'ra-el, according unto all that the LORD had given him in cōmmänd'ment unto them;

4 Äfter he had slain Si'hön the king of the Äm'o-rites, which dwelt in Hêsh'bön, and Ög the king of Bä'shän, which dwelt at Äs'ta-röth in Êd're-i:

5 On this side Jôr'dän, in the land of Mō'äb, began Mō'şês to declare this law, saying,

6 The LORD our God spake unto us in

¹ Tir'zäh.

Hō'rēb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount.

7 Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Ām'o-rites, and unto all the places nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the sea-side, to the land of the Čān'aān-ites, and unto Lēb'a-nōn, unto the great river, the river Eu-plirā-tēs.¹

8 Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and pōššēs' the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers, Ā'brahām, Ī'šāāc, and Jā'cōb, to give unto them, and to their seed after them.

9 And I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself ālōne:

10 The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye āre this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

11 (The LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye āre, and bless you, as he hath promised you!)

12 How can I myself ālōne bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife?

13 Take ye wise men, and understanding, and known āmōng your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you.

14 And ye ānswered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken is good for us to do.

15 So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, cap'tains over thousands, and cap'tains over hundreds, and cap'tains over fifties, and cap'tains over tens, and officers āmōng your tribes.

16 And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brēthren, and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him.

17 Ye shall not respect pērsōns in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be āfrāid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it.

18 And I cōmmān'ded you at that time all the things which ye should do.

19 And when we departed from Hō'rēb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the mōūn'tain of the Ām'o-rites, as the LORD our God cōmmān'ded us; and we came to Kā'dēsh-Bār'ne-ā.

20 And I said unto you, Ye āre come unto the mōūn'tain of the Ām'o-rites, which the LORD our God dóth give unto us.

21 Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up and pōššēs' it, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath

said unto thee; fear not, nēither be discouraged.

22 And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall sēarch us out the land, and bring us word āgain' by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come.

23 And the saying pleased me well: and I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe:

24 And they turned, and went up into the mōūn'tain, and came unto the valley of Ēsh'cōl, and sēarched it out.

25 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto us, and brought us word āgain', and said, It is a good land which the LORD our God dóth give us.

26 Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled āgainst' the cōmmān'dment of the LORD your God:

27 And ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Ē'gypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Ām'o-rites, to destrōy' us.

28 Whither shall we go up? our brēthren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people is greater and taller than we; the cities āre great, and walled up to heaven: and, moreover, we have seen the sons of the Ān'a-kims there.

29 Then I said unto you, Dread not, nēither be āfrāid of them.

30 The LORD your God, which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Ē'gypt before your eyes;

31 And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God bare thee, as a man dóth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.

32 Yet in this thing ye did not believ the LORD your God,

33 Who went in the way before you, to sēarch you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to show you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day.

34 And the LORD hēard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and sware, saying,

35 Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers,

36 Save Čālēb the son of Jē-phūn'neh; he shall see it; and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the LORD.

37 Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou also shalt not go in thither.

¹ Yū-frā'tēs.

33 But Jeshu'ua the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: encourage him; for he shall cause Iſ'ra-ël to inherit it.

39 Moreover, your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

40 But as for you, turn ye, and take your journey into the wilderness, by the way of the Red Sea.

41 Then ye answered and said unto me, We have sinned against the LORD; we will go up, and fight, according to all that the LORD our God commanded us. And when ye had girded¹ on every man his weapons² of war, ye were ready to go up into the hill.

42 And the LORD said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither fight; for I am not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies.

43 So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and went presumptuously up into the hill.

44 And the Am'orites which dwelt in that mount'ain, came out against you, and chased you as bees do, and destroyed you in Se'ir, even unto Hor'mah.

45 And ye returned, and wept before the LORD; but the LORD would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you.

46 So ye abode in Ka'desh many days, according unto the days that ye abode there.

CHAP. II.

THEN we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness, by the way of the Red Sea, as the LORD spake unto me: and we compassed mount Se'ir many days.

2 And the LORD spake unto me, saying,

3 Ye have compassed this mount'ain long enough: turn you northward.

4 And command thou the people, saying, Ye are to pass through the coast of your brethren the children of Esau, which dwell in Se'ir; and they shall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore:

5 Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no not so much as a foot breadth, because I have given mount Se'ir unto Esau for a possession.

6 Ye shall buy meat of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money, that ye may drink.

7 For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand; he knoweth thy walking through this great

wilderness: these forty years the LORD thy God hath been with thee, thou hast lacked nothing.

8 And when we passed by from our brethren the children of Esau, which dwelt in Se'ir, through the way of the plain from Elath, and from E'zi-on-Gaber, we turned, and passed by the way of the wilderness of Mo'ab.

9 And the LORD said unto me, Distress not the Mo'ab-ites, neither contend with them in battle; for I will not give thee of their land for a possession, because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession.

10 The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the An'a-kims;

11 Which also were accounted giants, as the An'a-kims; but the Mo'ab-ites call them Emims.

12 The Horims also dwelt in Se'ir before-time; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Iſ'ra-ël did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.

13 Now rise up, said I, and get you over the brook Zered: and we went over the brook Zered.

14 And the space in which we came from Ka'desh-Bar'ne-a, until we were come over the brook Zered, was thirty and eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host, as the LORD sware unto them.

15 For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from among the host, 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 art to pass over through Ar, the coast of Mo'ab, this day.

19 And when thou comest nigh over against the children of Am'mon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Am'mon 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 Am'mon-ites call them Zam-zumims;

21 A people great, and many, and tall, as the An'a-kims; 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 Se'ir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them; and they suc

¹ girded

² equip'nt.

ceded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day :

22 And the Am'ims which dwelt in Haz'e-rim, even unto Az'zah, the Caph'to-rims, which came forth out of Caph'tor, destrôyed them, and dwelt in their stead.)

24 Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Ar'non: behold, I have given into thy hand Sihon the Am'orite, king of Hesh'bon, 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 Ked'e-moth, unto Sihon king of Hesh'bon, with words of peace, saying,

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 sell 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 Se'ir, and the Moab-ites which dwell in Ar, did unto me;) until I shall pass over Jor'dan, into the land which the LORD our God giveth us.

30 But Sihon king of Hesh'bon 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 appeareth this day.

31 And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou mayst inherit his land.

32 Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.

33 And the LORD our God delivered him before us; and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people.

34 And we took all his cities at that time, and utterly destrôyed 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 Ar'o-er, which is by the brink of the river of Ar'non, and from the city that is by the river, even unto Gil'e-ad, there was not one city too strong for us: the LORD our God delivered all unto us.

37 Only unto the land of the children of Am'mon thou camest not, nor unto any place of the river Jab'bok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto whatever the LORD our God forbade us.

CHAP. III.

THEN we turned, and went up the way to Bas'han: and Og the king of Bas'han came out against¹ us, he and all his people, to battle at Ed're-i.

2 And the LORD said unto me, Fear him not: for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Am'orites, which dwelt at Hesh'bon.

3 So the LORD our God delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Bas'han, and all his people: and we smote him, until none was left to him remaining.

4 And we took all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we took not from them, threescore cities, all the region of Ar'gob, the kingdom of Og in Bas'han.

5 All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates and bars; beside unwalled towns a great many.

6 And we utterly destrôyed them, as we did unto Sihon king of Hesh'bon, utterly destrôying the men, women, and children, of every city.

7 But all the cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey to ourselves.

8 And we took at that time, out of the hand of the two kings of the Am'orites, the land that was on this side Jor'dan, from the river of Ar'non unto Mount Her'mon;

9 (Which Her'mon the Si-doni'ans call Sir'i-on; and the Am'orites call it She'nir;)

10 All the cities of the plain, and all Gil'e-ad, and all Bas'han, unto Salf'chah and Ed're-i, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bas'han.

11 For only Og king of Bas'han remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron: is it not in Rab'bah of the children of Am'mon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

12 And this land, which we possess'ed at that time, from Ar'o-er, which is by the river Ar'non, and half mount Gil'e-ad, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reuben-ites, and to the Gad'ites.

13 And the rest of Gil'e-ad, and all Bas'han, being the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half-tribe of Man'asseh; all the region of Ar'gob, with all Bas'han, which was called the land of giants.

14 Jair the son of Man'asseh took all the country of Ar'gob, unto the coasts of Gesh'u-ri and Ma'ach'a-thi; and called them after his own name, Bas'han-Ha'voth-jair, unto this day.

15 And I give Gil'e-ad unto Machir.

16 And unto the Reuben-ites, and unto the Gad'ites, I gave from Gil'e-ad even

¹ a-gens'.

unto the river Ār'nōn, half the valley, and the border, even unto the river Jāb'bōk, which is the border of the children of Ām'mōn:

17 The plain also, and Jōr'dān, and the coast thereof, from Cin'ne-rēth even unto the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, under Āsh'dōth-Piṣ'gāh east'wārd.

18 And I cōmmān'ded you at that time, saying, The LORD your God hath given you this land to pōssēs's' it: ye shall pass over armed before your brēthren the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, all that are meet for the war.

19 But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle, (for I know that ye have much cattle,) shall ābīde in your cities which I have given you;

20 Until the LORD have given rest unto your brēthren, as well as unto you, and until they also pōssēs's' the land which the LORD your God hath given them beyōnd Jōr'dān: and then shall ye return every man unto his pōssēs's'ion which I have given you.

21 ¶ And I cōmmān'ded Jōsh'u-ā 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 kingdoms whither thou pāssest.

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 show thy sērvaunt thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in ēarth 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 beyōnd Jōr'dān, that goodly mōūn'tāin, and Lēb'a-nōn.

26 But the LORD was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it sūffīce' thee; speak no more unto me of this matter.

27 Get thee up into the top of Piṣ'gāh, and lift up thine eyes west'wārd, and north'wārd, and south'wārd, and east'wārd, and behold it with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jōr'dān.

28 But charge Jōsh'u-ā, 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 ābōde in the valley over āgainst' Bēth-pē'ōr.

CHAP. IV.

NOW thēre'fōre hearken, O Iṣ'ra-ēl, unto the statutes and unto the judgments which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and pōssēs's' the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I cōmmān'd' you, nēither shall you diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the cōmmān'd'ments of the LORD your God which I cōmmān'd' you.

3 Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Bā'al-Pē'ōr: for all the men that followed Bā'al-Pē'ōr, the LORD thy God hath destrōy'ed them from āmōng you.

4 But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God are ālive every one of you this day.

5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God cōmmān'ded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to pōssēs's' it.

6 Keep, thēre'fōre, and do them: for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life; but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

10 Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Hō'rēb, when the LORD said unto me, Gāther me the people tōgēther, and I will make them hear my words, that they may lēarn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the ēarth, and that they may teach their children.

11 And ye came near, and stood under the mōūn'tāin; and the mōūn'tāin burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness.

12 And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice.

13 And he declared unto you his cōve-nant, which he cōmmān'ded you to pēr-form', even ten cōmmān'd'ments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

14 And the LORD cōmmān'ded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to pōssēs's' it.

15 Take ye thēre'fōre good heed unto yourselves, (for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spake unto you in Hō'rēb out of the midst of the fire,)

16 Lēst ye corrupt yourselves, and make

you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female :

17 The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air ;

18 The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth :

19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, *even* all the host of heaven, shouldst be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

20 But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace,¹ *even* out of E'gypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as *ye* are this day.

21 Furthermore, the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and sware that I should not go over Jôr'dân, and that I should not go in unto that good land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance :

22 But I must die in this land, I must not go over Jôr'dân : but ye shall go over, and possess' that good land.

23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.

24 For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, *even* a jealous God.

25 When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and shalt have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger ;

26 I call heaven and earth to witness against' you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto you go over Jôr'dân to possess' it ; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destrôy'ed.

27 And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you.

28 And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

29 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.

30 When thou art in tribulation, and all these 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,

31 (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God,) he will not forsake thee, neither destrôy' thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers, which he sware unto them.

32 For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon earth, and ask from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it ?

33 Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live ?

34 Or hath God assayed to go and take him 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 your God did for you in E'gypt before your eyes ?

35 Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightst know that the LORD he is God ; there is none else besides him.

36 Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee : and upon earth he showed thee his great fire ; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire.

37 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 E'gypt ;

38 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.

39 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.

40 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 mayst prolong thy days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.

41 ¶ Then Mô'ses severed three cities on this side Jôr'dân, toward the sun-rising ;

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, Bê'zér in the wilderness, in the plain country of the Reû'bên-ites ; and Râ'môth in Gil'e-âd, of the Gâd-ites ; and Gô'lân in Bâ'shân, of the Ma-nâs-sites.

44 And this is the law which Mô'ses set before the children of Iſra-él :

¹ furnace

45 These *are* the tēs'timōnies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which Mō'sēs spake unto the children of Iſ'ra-ēl, after they came forth out of E'g'gypt,

46 On this side Jōr'dān, in the valley over against Bēth-pē'ōr, in the land of Siphōn king of the Am'o-rites, who dwelt at Hēsh'bēn, whom Mō'sēs and the children of Iſ'ra-ēl smote, after they wēre come forth out of E'g'gypt :

47 And they possēs'sed his land, and the land of Ōg king of Bā'shān, two kings of the Am'o-rites, which wēre on this side Jōr'dān, tō'wārd the sun-rising ;

48 From Ār'o-er, which *is* by the bank of the river Ār'nōn, even unto mount Sī'ōn, which *is* Hēr'mōn ;

49 And all the plain on this side Jōr'dān east'wārd, even unto the sea of the plain, under the springs of Piſ'gāh.

CHAP. V.

AND Mō'sēs called all Iſ'ra-ēl, and said unto them, Hear, O Iſ'ra-ēl, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may lēarn them, and keep and do them.

2 The LORD our God made a cōvenant with us in Hō'rēb.

3 The LORD made not this cōvenant with our fathers, but with us, *even* us, who *are* all of us here ālive 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 show you the word of the LORD ; for ye wēre āfrāid by reason 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 E'g'gypt, from the house of bondage.

7 Thou shalt have nōne other gods before me.

8 Thou shalt not make thee *any* graven image, or any likeness of *any thing* that *is* in heaven ābōve, or that *is* in the ēarth beneath, or that *is* in the waters beneath the ēarth :

9 Thou shalt not hōw down thyself unto them, nor sērve them : for I the LORD thy God am a jēalous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me,

10 And showing mērcy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my cōmāndments.

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 cōmānd'd thee.

13 Six days thou shalt 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-sērvant, nor thy maid-sērvant, nor thine ox, nor thine āss, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy strānger that *is* within thy gates ; that thy man-sērvant and thy maid-sērvant may rest as well as thou.

15 And remember that thou wast a sēr-vant in the land of E'g'gypt, and *that* the LORD thy God brought thee out thence, through a mighty hand, and by a stretched-out arm : thērē'fore the LORD thy God cōmānd'd thee to keep the sabbath-day.

16 Hōn'our thy father and thy mōther, as the LORD thy God hath cōmānd'd 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 Nēither shalt thou commit adultery.

19 Nēither shalt thou steal.

20 Nēither shalt thou bear false witness āgainst' thy neighbour.

21 Nēither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, nēither shalt thou cōvet thy neighbour's house, his fiēld, or his man-sērvant, or his maid-sērvant, his ox, or his āss, 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 pāss, when ye hēard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mōūn'tain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, *even* all the heads of your tribes, and your elders ;

24 And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath showed us his glory and his greatness, and we have hēard his voice out of the midst of the fire : we have seen this day that God dōth talk with man, and he liveth.

25 Now thērē'fore 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 hēard 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 speak thou unto us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee ; and we will hear *it*, and do *it*.

28 And the LORD hēard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me ; and the LORD said unto me, I have hēard 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 wēre such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep my cōmmānd'ments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

30 Go say to them, Get you into your tents āgain'.

31 But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the cōmmānd'ments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do *them* in the land which I give them to pōssēs's' it.

32 Ye shall ob'serve' to do thērē'fōre as the LORD your God hath cōmmānd'ed you: you shall not turn āside to the right hand or to the left.

33 Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath cōmmānd'ed you, that ye may live, and *that it may be* well with you, and *that ye may prolong your days* in the land which ye shall pōssēs's'.

CHAP. VI.

NOW these *āre* the cōmmānd'ments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God cōmmānd'ed to teach you, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye go to pōssēs's' it:

2 That thou mightst fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his cōmmānd'ments which I cōmmānd' thee; thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may oe prolonged.

3 Hear thērē'fōre, O I's'ra-ēl, and ob'serve' 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 hōney.

4 Hear, O I's'ra-ēl: 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 cōmmānd' 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 frōntlets 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 Ābrahām, to I'sāac, and to Jācōb, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not,

11 And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged,

¹ *vīn'yērdz.*

which thou diggedst not, vineyards¹ and olive-trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten, and be full;

12 Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Ēgypt, from the house of bondage.

13 Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and sērve him, and shalt swear by his name.

14 Ye shall not go āfter other gods, of the gods of the people which *āre* round about' you;

15 (For the LORD thy God is a jēalous God āmōng you,) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled āgainst' thee, and dēstrōy' thee from off the face of the earth.

16 Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted *him* in Mās'sāh.

17 Ye shall diligently keep the cōmmānd'ments of the LORD your God, and his tēs'timōnies, and his statutes, which he hath cōmmānd'ed 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 mayst go in and pōssēs's' the good land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers;

19 To cāst out all thine enemies from before thee, as the LORD hath spoken.

20 And when thy son āsketh thee in time to come, saying, What *mean* the tēs'timōnies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD our God hath cōmmānd'ed you?

21 Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We wēre Phāraōh's bondmen in Ēgypt; and the LORD brought us out of Ēgypt with a mighty hand:

22 And the LORD showed signs and wōnders, great and sore, upon Ēgypt, upon Phāraōh, 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 cōmmānd'ed us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might prēs'erve' us ālive, as *it is* at this day.

25 And it shall be our righteousness, if we ob'serve' to do all these cōmmānd'ments before the LORD our God, as he hath cōmmānd'ed us.

CHAP. VII.

WHEN the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to pōssēs's' it, and hath cāst out many nations before thee, the Hit'tites, and the Gir'ga-shites,² and the Ām'o-rites, and the Cān'aān-ites, and the Pēr'iz-zites, and the Hī'vites, and the Jēb'u-sites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou:

2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite

² *Gir'ga-shites.*

them, and utterly *dēstrōy'* them: thou shalt make no *cōvenant* with them, nor show *mērcy* unto them:

3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy *dāughter* thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his *dāughter* shalt thou take unto thy son.

4 For they will turn *āwāy* thy son from following me, that they may *sērvē* other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled *āgainst'* you, and *dēstrōy'* thee suddenly.

5 But thus shall ye deal with them: ye shall *dēstrōy'* their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

6 For thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, *ābōve* all people that *āre* upon the face of the *ēarth*.

7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor *chōōse* you, because ye *wēre* more in number than any people; for ye *wēre* 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 Phāraōh king of E'gypt.

9 Know *thēre'fōre* that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keepeth *cōvenant* and *mērcy* with them that love him and keep his *cōmmānd'ments*, to a thousand generations;

10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to *dēstrōy'* them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

11 Thou shalt *thēre'fōre* keep the *cōmmānd'ments*, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I *cōmmānd'* thee this day, to do them.

12 Wherefore it shall come to *pāss*, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the *cōvenant* and the *mērcy* 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 to give thee.

14 Thou shalt be *blēss'ed* *ābōve* all people: there shall not be male or female barren *āmong* you, or *āmong* your cattle.

15 And the LORD will take *āwāy* from thee all sickness, and will put *nōne* of the *civil* diseases of E'gypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.

16 And thou shalt consume all the peo-

ple which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: *nēither* shalt thou *sērvē* their gods; for that *will* be a snare unto thee.

17 If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations *āre* more than I; how can I *dēspōssēs'* them?

18 Thou shalt not be *āfrāid* of the a; but shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Phāraōh, and unto all E'gypt;

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 *āfrāid*.

20 Moreover, the LORD thy God will send the hornet *āmong* them, until they that *āre* left, and hide themselves from thee, be *dēstrōy'ed*.

21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God *is* *āmong* you, a mighty God and terrible.

22 And the LORD thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayst not consume them at once, *lēst* the beasts of the *fiēld* increase upon thee.

23 But the LORD thy God shall deliver them unto thee, and shall *dēstrōy'* them with a mighty destruction, until they be *dēstrōy'ed*.

24 And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt *dēstrōy'* their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have *dēstrōy'ed* them.

25 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire; thou shalt not desire the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* unto thee, *lēst* thou be snared therein: for it *is* an abomination to the LORD thy God.

26 Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, *lēst* thou be a cursed thing like it: *but* thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it *is* a cursed thing.

CHAP. VIII.

ALL the *cōmmānd'ments* which I *cōm-mānd'* thee this day shall ye *ōbsērvē'* to do, and ye may live, and multiply, and go in and *pōssēs'* 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 *hūmble* thee, and to prove thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldst keep his *cōmmānd'ments*, or no.

3 And he *hūmbled* thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, (which thou knewest not, *nēither* did thy fathers know,) that he might make thee

know that man dóth not live by bread only, but by every *word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD dóth man live.

4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, néither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heàrt, that, as a man chāsteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chāsteneth thee.

6 Thère'fore thou shalt keep the cōmānd'ments 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 fōun'tains, and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig-trees, and pómegrān'ātes; a land of oil-olive, and hóney;

9 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scārceness, thou shalt not lack any *thing* in it; a land whose stones *are* iron, and out of whose hills thou mayst dig brāss.

10 When thou hast eaten, and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God, for the good land which he hath given thee.

11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his cōmānd'ments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I cōmānd' thee this day:

12 Lēst, *when* thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt *therein*;

13 And *when* thy hērd's and thy flock's multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

14 Then thine heàrt be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of E'gypt, from the house of bondage;

15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, *wherein wēre* fiery sērpents, and scorpions, and drōught;¹ where *there was* no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might hūmble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

17 And thou say in thine heàrt, My power, and the might of *mine* hand, hath gotten me this wealth.

18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may estāb'lish his cōvenant, which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.

19 And it shall be, if thou do at all scēret the LORD thy God, and walk āfter other gods, and sērve them, and wór'ship

them, I testify āgainst' you this day, that ye shall surely perish.

20 As the nations which the LORD dē strōy'eth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient² unto the voice of the LORD your God.

CHAP. IX.

HEAR, O Iš'ra-ēl; Thou *art* to pāss over Jōr'dān this day, to go in to pōssēs's' nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great, and fenced up to heaven;

2 A people great and tall, the children of the An'a-kims, whom thou knowest, and of *whom* thou hast heard *say*, Who can stand before the children of Ā'nāk!

3 Understand thère'fore this day, that the LORD thy God *is* he which goeth over before thee; as a consuming fire he shall dēstrōy' them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and dēstrōy' them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee.

4 Speak not thou in thine heàrt, āfter that the LORD thy God hath cāst them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to pōssēs's' this land; but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD dóth drive them out from before thee.

5 Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heàrt, dóst thou go to pōssēs's' their land; but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God dóth drive them out from before thee, and that he may pērfōrm' the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Ā'bra-hām, Ī'sāac, and Jā'cōb.

6 Understand thère'fore that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to pōssēs's' it for thy right'eousness; for thou *art* a stiff-necked people.

7 Remember, *and* forget not, how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to wrāth in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of E'gypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious āgainst' the LORD.

8 Also in Hō'rēb ye provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you, to have dēstrōy'ed you.

9 When I was gone up into the mount, to receive the tables of stone, *even* the tables of the cōvenant which the LORD made with you, then I ābōde in the mount forty days and forty nights; I néither did eat bread nor drink water:

10 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.

11 And it came to pāss, at the end of forty days and forty nights, *that the LORD*

¹ drōwt.² o-be'je-ent.

gave me the two tables of stone, *even* the tables of the cōvenant.

12 And the LORD said unto me, *Arise*, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of E'g'yp't have corrupted *themselves*: they are quickly turned *aside* out of the way which I cōmmān'ded them; they have made them a molten image.

13 Furthermore, the LORD spake unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, *it is* a stiff-necked people:

14 Let me *ālōne*, that I may *dēstrōy'* them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.

15 So I turned, and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire: and the two tables of the cōvenant *wēre* in my two hands.

16 And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned *āgainst'* the LORD your God, and had made you a molten calf: ye had turned *āsīde* quickly out of the way which the LORD had cōmmān'ded you.

17 And I took the two tables, and cāst them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes.

18 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 of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger:

19 For I was *āfrāid* of the anger and hot displeasure wherewith the LORD was wroth *āgainst'* you to *dēstrōy'* you. But the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also.

20 And the LORD was very angry with *Āā'rōn* to have *dēstrōy'ed* him: and I prayed for *Āā'rōn* also the same time.

21 And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, and ground *it* very small, *even* until it was as small as dust: and I cāst the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.

22 And at Tāb'e-rāh, and at Mās'sāh, and at Kib'rōth-Hāt-tā'a-vāh, ye provoked the LORD to wrāth.

23 Likewise, when the LORD sent you from Kā'dēsh-Bār-ne-ā, saying, Go up and pōssēs's' the land which I have given you; then ye rebelled *āgainst'* the cōmmān'dment of the LORD your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice.

24 Ye have been rebellious *āgainst'* the LORD from the day that I knew you.

25 Thus I fell down before the LORD forty days and forty nights, as I fell down *at the first*; because the LORD had said he would *dēstrōy'* you.

26 I prayed *thēre'fore* unto the LORD, and said, O Lord God, *dēstrōy'* not thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou hast

redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of E'g'yp't with a mighty hand.

27 Remember thy sērvants, *Ā'bra-hām*, *I'sāac*, and *Jā'cōb*: look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin;

28 Lēst the land whence thou broughtest us out say, Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness.

29 Yet they *are* thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power, and by thy stretched-out arm.

CHAP. X.

AT that time the LORD said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood.

2 And I will write on the tables the words that wēre in the first tables, which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark.

3 And I made an ark of shittim-wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand.

4 And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten cōmmān'dments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire, in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me.

5 And I turned myself, and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the LORD cōmmān'ded me.

6 And the children of Iſ'ra-ēl took their journey from Bē-ērōth of the children of Jā'a-kān to Mō-sē'rā: there *Āā'rōn* died, and there he was buried; and *E-le-āzār* his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead.

7 From thence they journeyed unto Gūd'go-dāh; and from Gūd'go-dāh to Jōt'-bāth, a land of rivers of waters.

8 At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Lē'vī, to bear the ark of the cōvenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day.

9 Wherefore Lē'vī hath no part nor inheritance with his brēthren: the LORD *is* his inheritance, according as the LORD thy God promised him.

10 And I stayed in the mount, according to the first time, forty days and forty nights; and the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also, and the LORD would not *dēstrōy'* thee.

11 And the LORD said unto me, *Arise*, take *thy* journey before the people, that they may go in and pōssēs's' the land,

which I sware unto their fathers to give unto them.

12 And now, Iš'ra-ēl, what dóth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to sērvē the LORD thy God with all thy heārt, and with all thy soul,

13 To keep the cōmmānd'ments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I cōmmānd' thee this day for thy good ?

14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens *is* the LORD's thy God, the earth *also*, with all that therein *is*.

15 Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed āfter them, *even* you ābōve all people, as *it is* this day.

16 Circumcise thērē'fōre the foreskin of your heārt, and be no more stiff-necked.

17 For the LORD your God *is* God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not pērsōns, nor taketh reward :

18 He dóth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the strānger, in giving him food and raiment.

19 Love ye, thērē'fōre, the strānger : for ye wēre strāngers in the land of Ē'ġypt.

20 Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God ; him shalt thou sērvē, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name.

21 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 Ē'ġypt with threescore and ten pērsōns ; and now Ū e LORD thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

CHAP. XI.

THĒRĒ'FŌRE thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his cōmmānd'ments, *alway*.

2 And know ye this day : for *I speak* not with your children which have not known, and which have not seen the chastisement of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched-out arm,

3 And his miracles, and his acts which he did in the midst of Ē'ġypt, unto Phā'raōh the king of Ē'ġypt, and unto all his land ;

4 And what he did unto the army of Ē'ġypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots ; how he made the water of the Red Sea to overflow them as they pursued āfter you, and *how* the LORD hath dēstrōy'ed them unto this day ;

5 And what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came into this place.

6 And what he did unto Dā'thān and Ā-bī'rām, the sons of Ē-lī'āb, the son of Reū'bēn : how the earth opened her mouth,

and swāllowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance that *was* in their pōssēs'sion, in the midst of all Iš'ra-ēl :

7 But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD which he did.

8 Thērē'fōre shall ye keep all the cōmmānd'ments which I cōmmānd' you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and pōssēs's' the land whither ye go to pōssēs's' it ;

9 And that ye may prolong *your* days in the land, which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and hōney.

10 For the land, whither thou goest in to pōssēs's' it, *is* not as the land of Ē'ġypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst *it* with thy foot, as a gārden of hērbs :

11 But the land, whither ye go to pōssēs's' 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 : the eyes of the LORD thy God āre always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

13 And it shall come to pāss, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my cōmmānd'ments which I cōmmānd' you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to sērvē him with all your heārt, and with all your soul,

14 That I will give *you* the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayst gāther in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

15 And I will send grāss in thy fiēlds for thy cattle, that thou mayst eat and be full.

16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heārt be not decēived, and ye turn āside, and sērvē other gods, and wōr'ship them ;

17 And *then* the LORD's wrāth be kindled āgāinst' you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yiēld not her fruit ; and *lest* ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.

18 Thērē'fōre shall ye lay up these my words in your heārt and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frōntlets 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 thine 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 cõmmãnd'ments which I cõmmãnd' you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to 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 whercon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours : from the wilderness and LĒb'a-nõn, from the river, the river Eû-phrà'tēs, even unto the uttermost sea, shall your coast be.

25 There shall no man be able to stand before you : for the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you.

26 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse :

27 A blessing, if ye obey the cõmmãnd'ments of the LORD your God, which I cõmmãnd' you this day ;

28 And a curse, if ye will not obey the cõmmãnd'ments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I cõmmãnd' you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

29 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess' it, that thou shalt put the blessing upon mount Gēr'i-zim, and the curse upon mount E'bäl.

30 *Are* they not on the other side Jôr'dån, by the way where the sun goeth down, in the land of the Çån'aân-ites, which dwell in the champaign over against' Gil-gäl, beside the plains of Mõ'reh ?

31 For ye shall pass over Jôr'dån, to go in to possess' the land which the LORD your God giveth you, and ye shall possess' it, and dwell therein.

32 And ye shall observe' to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day.

CHAP. XII.

THESSE are the statutes and judgments which ye shall observe' to do in the land which the LORD God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess' it, all the days that ye live upon the earth.

2 Ye shall utterly destróy' all the places wherein the nations which ye shall possess' served their gods, upon the high móun'tains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree :

3 And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire ; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destróy' the names of them out of that place.

4 Ye shall not do so unto the LORD your God.

5 But unto the place which the LORD your God shall chõdse 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 sãc'rifîces, and your tithes, and heave-offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your free-will-offerings, and the firstlings of your hërds and of your flocks :

7 And there ye shall eat before the LORD your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the LORD thy God hath bless'ed thee.

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 your God giveth you.

10 But *when* ye go over Jôr'dån, 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 there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall chõdse, to cause his name to dwell there ; thither shall ye bring all that I cõmmãnd' you ; your burnt-offerings, and your sãc'rifîces, your tithes, and the heave-offering of your hand, and all your choice 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 men-servants, and your maid-servants, and the Lévite 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 seest :

14 But in the place which the LORD shall chõdse in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I cõmmãnd' thee.

15 Notwithstanding thou mayst kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy 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 mayst not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oil, or the firstlings of thy hërds or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy free-will-offerings, or heave-offering of thine hand :

18 But thou must eat them before the

LORD thy God, in the place which the **L**ORD thy God shall chòðse, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maid-servant, and the **L**é'vite that *is* within thy gates: and thou shalt rejoice before the **L**ORD thy God in all that thou puttest thine hands unto.

19 Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the **L**é'vite as long as thou livest upon the earth.

20 When the **L**ORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, (because thy soul longeth to eat flesh,) thou mayst eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

21 If the place which the **L**ORD 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 **L**ORD 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 shall eat of them alike.

23 Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood *is* the life; and thou mayst 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 **L**ORD.

26 Only thy holy things which thou hast, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which the **L**ORD shall chòðse:

27 And thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the **L**ORD thy God: and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the **L**ORD 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 **L**ORD thy God.

29 When the **L**ORD thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess' them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land;

30 Take heed to thyself, that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destrôy'ed from before thee; and that thou inquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.

31 Thou shalt not do so unto the **L**ORD thy God: for every abomination to the **L**ORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

32 What thing soever I command' you, observe' to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

CHAP. XIII.

IF there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder,

2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass whereof he spake unto thee, 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 **L**ORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the **L**ORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 Ye shall walk after the **L**ORD 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 **L**ORD your God, which brought you out of the land of **E**gypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the **L**ORD 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 shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him;

9 But thou shalt surely kill him: thine 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 **L**ORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of **E**gypt, from the house of bondage.

11 And all **I**s'ra-él shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

12 If thou shalt hear *say* in one of thy cities, which the **L**ORD thy God hath given thee to dwell there, saying,

13 *Certain* men, the children of **B**é'li-ál, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known;

14 Then shalt thou inquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it be truth, and the thing cēr'tain, that such abomination is wrought among you;

15 Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroy'ing 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 burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof every whit, for the LORD thy God: and it shall be a heap for ever; it shall not be built again'.

17 And there shall cleave nought of the cursed thing to thine hand; that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and show thee 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 cōmmand'ments which I cōmmand' thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

CHAP. XIV.

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 a 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 roebuck, and the fallow-deer, and the wild goat, and the p̄y-gārg, and the wild ox, and the chamois'.¹

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 cōney: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof: thēre-fōre 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, nor touch their dead carcass.

9 These ye shall eat of all that are in the waters: all that have fins and scales shall ye 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 they of which ye shall

¹ shā-mōc'.

² A kind of eagle.

not eat: the eagle, and the os'sifrāge,² and the ospray,³

13 And the glede, and the kite, and the vulture⁴ after his kind,

14 And every raven after his kind,

15 And the owl, and the night-hawk, and the cūc'kòd, and the hawk after his kind,

16 The little owl, and the great owl, and the swān,

17 And the pēf'ican, and the giēr'eagle, and the cōrmorant,

18 And the stork, and the hēron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.

19 And every creeping thing that flieth 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 mayst sell it unto an alien for thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mōther's milk.

22 ¶ Thou shalt truly tithē all the increase of thy seed, that the fiēld bringeth forth year by year.

23 And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall chōdse to place his name there, the tithē of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy hērdz, and of thy flocks; that thou mayst learn to fear the LORD thy God always.

24 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 chōdse to set his name there, when the LORD thy God hath blēss'ed thee;

25 Then shalt thou turn it into mōney, and bind up the mōney in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall chōdse:

26 And thou shalt bestow that mōney for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth: and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household,

27 And the Lēv'ite that is within thy gates; thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.

28 At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithē of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates:

29 And the Lēv'ite, (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 shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest

³ The sea-eagle.

⁴ vūl'tshure.

CHAP. XV.

AT the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release.

2 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.

3 Of a foreigner thou mayst exact *it* again': but *that* which is thine with thy brother, thine hand shall release;

4 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:

5 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.

6 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.

7 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 thy heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother;

8 But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, *in that* which he wanteth.

9 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 unto the LORD against thee, and it be sin unto thee.

10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.

11 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.

12 And if thy brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years, then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee.

13 And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty:

14 Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy wine-press: of *that* wherewith the

LORD thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.

15 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.

16 And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee, (because he loveth thee and thine house, because he is well with thee,)

17 Then thou shalt take an awl, and thrust *it* through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever: And also unto thy maid-servant thou shalt do likewise.

18 It shall not seem hard unto thee, when thou sendest 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 firstling males that come of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt sanctify unto the LORD thy God: thou shalt do 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 which 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 clean person shall eat *it* alike, as the roebuck, and as the hart.

23 Only thou shalt not eat the blood thereof; thou shalt pour *it* upon the ground as water.

CHAP. XVI.

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 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 mayst 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 coasts seven days; neither shall there any thing of the flesh which thou sacrificedst the first day at even, remain all night until the morning.

5 Thou mayst 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 chōōse to place his name in, there thou shalt sãc'rifise the pãssover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of E'gypt.

7 And thou shalt roast and eat *it* in the place which the LORD thy God shall chōōse: 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 solemn assembly to 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 beginnest 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 free-will-offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the LORD thy God, according as the LORD thy God hath blẽss'ed thee:

11 And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy dãughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Lẽvite that is within thy gates, and the strãnger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *ãre* among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there.

12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in E'gypt: and thou shalt õbserve' and do these statutes.

13 ¶ Thou shalt õbserve' the feast of tabernacles seven days, ãfter that thou hast gãthered in thy corn and thy wine:

14 And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy dãughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Lẽvite, the strãnger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *ãre* within thy gates.

15 Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD shall chōōse: because the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy increase, 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 chōōse; 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 shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, throughout thy tribes: and they shall judge the people with just judgment.

19 Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect pẽrsons, nẽither

take a gift: for a gift dõth blind the eyes of the wise, and pẽrvẽr't the words of the righteous.

20 That which is ãltogẽther just shalt thou follow, that thou mayst live, and inherit the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

21 Thou shalt not plãnt thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the LORD thy God, which thou shalt make thee.

22 Nẽither shalt thou set thee up *any* image, which the LORD thy God hateth.

CHAP. XVII.

THOU shalt not sãc'rifise unto the LORD thy God *any* bullock or sheep wherein is blemish, or *any* evil-favouredness; for that is an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

2 ¶ If there be found among you, within 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 cõvenant,

3 And hath gone and sãrved other gods, and wõrshipped them, eĩther the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not cõmmãnd'ed;

4 And it be told thee, and thou hast hẽard of *it*, and inquired diligently, and behold, *it* be true, and the thing cẽrtain, that such abomination is wrought in I's'ra-ël:

5 Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, *even* that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die.

6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is wõrthy of death be put to death; *but* at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

7 The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and ãfterwãrd the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil ãwãy from among you.

8 ¶ If there ãrise 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 ãrise, and get thee up into the place which the LORD thy God shall chōōse;

9 And thou shalt come unto the priests the Lẽvites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and inquire; and they shall show thee the sentence of judgment:

10 And thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of that place which the LORD shall chōōse shall show thee; and thou shalt õbserve' to do according to all that they inform thee.

11 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 show thee, *to the right hand nor to the left.*

12 And the man that will do pręšump'tuoušly, 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 awāy the evil from Iš'ra-ěl.

13 And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more pręšump'tuoušly.

14 ¶ When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt pōššess' it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that *are* about' me;

15 Thou shalt in any wise set *him* king over thee whom the LORD thy God shall chōše: *one* from among thy bręthren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayst not set a strānger over thee, which *is* not thy bróther.

16 But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Ē'gýpt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.

17 Nęither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heārt turn not awāy: nęither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

18 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 Lęv'ites:

19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may lęarn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

20 That his heārt be not lifted up abóve his bręthren, and that he turn not āside from the cōmmānd'ment, *to the right hand, or to the left:* to the end that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Iš'ra-ěl.

CHAP. XVIII.

THE priests the Lęv'ites, *and* all the tribe of Lęv'í, shall have no part nor inheritance with Iš'ra-ěl: they shall eat the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and his inheritance.

2 Thęręfore shall they have no inheritance among their bręthren: the LORD *is* their inheritance, as he hath said unto them.

3 And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from them that offer a sęc'rifíce, whether *it be* ox or sheep; and they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw.

4 The first-fruit *also* of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first

of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him.

5 For the LORD thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the LORD, him and his sons for ever.

6 And if a Lęv'ite come from any of thy gates out of all Iš'ra-ěl, where he sō-journed, and come with all the desire of his mind unto the place which the LORD shall chōše;

7 Then he shall minister in the name of the LORD his God, as all his bręthren the Lęv'ites *do*, which stand there before the LORD.

8 They shall have like pōrtions to eat, besides that which cometh of the sale of his pāt'rimony.

9 ¶ When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not lęarn to do āfter the abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pāss through the fire, *or* that useth divination, *or* an obšęrv'er of times, *or* an enchānter, *or* a witch,

11 *Or* a charmer, *or* a consulter with familiar spirits, *or* a wizard, *or* a nęc'romāncer.

12 For all that do these things *are* an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God dóth drive them out from before thee.

13 Thou shalt be pęfect with the LORD thy God.

14 For these nations, which thou shalt pōššess,' hearkened unto obšęrv'ers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee *so to do.*

15 ¶ The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prōph'et from the midst of thee, of thy bręthren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Hō'ręb, in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear āgain' the voice of the LORD my God, nęither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well *spoken* *that* which they have spoken.

18 I will raise them up a Prōph'et from among their bręthren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall cōm mānd' him.

19 And it shall come to pāss, *that* who-soever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.

20 But the prōph'et which shall presume to speak a word in my name which I have not cōm mānd'ed him to speak, o

that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prôph'et shall die.

21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?

22 When a prôph'et 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 prôph'et hath spoken it prësump'tuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

CHAP. XIX.

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;

2 Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to pössëss' it.

3 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.

4 And this *is* the case of the slayer which shall flee thither, that he may live. Whoso killeth his neighbour ignorantly, whom he hated not in time past;

5 As when a man goeth into the wood with his neighbour to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slippeth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he shall flee unto one of those cities, and live:

6 Lëst the ävën'ger of the blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him; whereas he *was* not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past.

7 Wherefore I cömmänd' thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for thee.

8 And if the LORD thy God enlarge thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers;

9 If thou shalt keep all these cömmänd'ments to do them, which I cömmänd' thee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three;

10 That innocent blood be not shed in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee.

11 But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up ägainst' him, and smite him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities:

12 Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the ävën'ger of blood, that he may die.

13 Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put äway *the guilt of* innocent blood from İ's'ra-ël, that it may go well with thee.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to pössëss' it.

15 ¶ One witness shall not rise up ägainst' a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be estäb'lished.

16 If a false witness rise up ägainst' any man, to testify ägainst' him *that which is wrong*;

17 Then both the men, between whom the controversy *is*, shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges which shall be in those days;

18 And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, *if* the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely ägainst' his brother;

19 Then shall ye do unto him as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil äway from ämong you.

20 And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil ämong 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.

WHEN thou goest out to battle ägainst' thine enemies, and seest horses and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not äfräid of them: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of E'gypt.

2 And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach, and speak unto the people,

3 And shall say unto them, Hear, O İ's'ra-ël, Ye approach this day unto battle ägainst' your enemies: let not your hearts faint; fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them:

4 For the LORD your God *is* he that goeth with you, to fight for you ägainst' your enemies, to save you.

5 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, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it.

6 And what man *is he* that hath plänted a vineyard, and hath not yet eaten of it? let him also go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man eat of it.

7 And what man *is there* that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her?

let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in battle, and another man take her.

8 And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man is there that is fearful and faint-hearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart.

9 And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people, that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.

10 ¶ When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it.

11 And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, that all the people that is found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee.

12 And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it:

13 And when the LORD thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword:

14 But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

15 Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities which are very far off from thee, which are not of the cities of these nations.

16 But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth:

17 But thou shalt utterly destroy them; namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee:

18 That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the LORD your God.

19 When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an axe against them: for thou mayst eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down (for the tree of the field is man's life) to employ them in the siege:

20 Only the trees which thou knowest that they be not trees for meat, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou shalt build bulwarks against the city that maketh war with thee, until it be subdued.

CHAP. XXI.

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 a 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 the sons of Levi 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 shave her head, and pare her nails;

13 And she shall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and 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 merchandize of her, because thou hast humbled her.

15 ¶ If a man have two wives, one beloved, and another hated, and they have borne him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the first-born son be hers 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 first-born before the son of the hated, *which is indeed the first-born* :

17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated *for* the first-born, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath : for he *is* the beginning of his strength ; the right of the first-born *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 ; he 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 Iſ'ra-ël 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 hang 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 thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

CHAP. XXII.—

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 things of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise : thou mayst 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 pertain'eth 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 they 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 mayst 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 thence.

9 Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds ; lest the fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled.

10 Thou shalt not plough with an ox and an ass together.

11 Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, *as* of woollen and linen together.

12 Thou shalt make thee fringes upon the four quarters of thy vesture,¹ 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 up 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 virginity² 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 hateth her ;

17 And, lo, he hath given occasions of speech against her, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid ; and yet these *are the tokens of* my daughter's virginity : And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.

18 And the elders of that city shall take that man, and chastise him ;

19 And they shall amerce' him in an hundred *shekels* of silver, and give *them* unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin³ of Iſ'ra-ël : and she shall be his wife ; he may not put her away all his days.

20 But if this thing be true, and *the tokens of* virginity be not found for the damsel :

21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die ; because she hath wrought folly in Iſ'ra-ël, to play the whore in her father's house : so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

22 ¶ If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, *both* the man that lay with the woman, and the woman : so shalt thou put away evil from Iſ'ra-ël.

23 ¶ If a damsel *that is* a virgin be

¹ vës'tshüre.

² vër-jin'e-te.

³ vër-jin.

betrothed unto a huſband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her ;

24 Then ye ſhall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye ſhall ſtone them with ſtones that they die ; the damſel becauſe ſhe cried not, *being* in the city ; and the man, becauſe he hath humbled his neighbour's wife : ſo thou ſhalt put away evil from among you.

25 But if a man find a betrothed damſel in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her ; then the man only that lay with her ſhall die :

26 But unto the damſel thou ſhalt do nothing ; *there is* in the damſel no ſin worthy of death : for as when a man riſeth againſt his neighbour, and ſlayeth him, even ſo *is* this matter :

27 For he found her in the field, and the betrothed damſel cried, and *there was* none to ſave her.

28 ¶ If a man find a damſel *that is* a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found ;

29 Then the man that lay with her ſhall give unto the damſel's father fifty ſhekels of ſilver, and ſhe ſhall be his wife : becauſe he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.

30 ¶ A man ſhall not take his father's wife, nor diſcover his father's ſkirt.¹

CHAP. XXIII.

HE that is wounded in the ſtones, or hath his privy member cut off, ſhall not enter into the congregation of the LORD.

2 A baſtard ſhall not enter into the congregation of the LORD ; even to his tenth generation ſhall he not enter into the congregation of the LORD.

3 An Am'mon-ite or Mo'ab-ite ſhall not enter into the congregation of the LORD ; even to their tenth generation ſhall they 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 E'gypt ; and becauſe they hired againſt thee Ba'l'alam the ſon of Be'or, of Pe'thor of Mes-o-pō-tā'mi-ā, to curſe thee.

5 Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Ba'l'alam ; 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 E'dom-ite ; for he is thy brother : thou ſhalt not abhor an E-gyp'ti-ān, 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.

¹ skirt.

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 : and when the ſun is down, he ſhall come into the camp *again*'.

12 Thou ſhalt have a place alſo without the camp, whither thou ſhalt go forth abroad :

13 And thou ſhalt have a paddle upon thy weapon ; and it ſhall be, when thou wilt eaſe thyſelf abroad, thou ſhalt dig therewith, and ſhalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee :

14 For the LORD thy God walketh in the miſt of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee ; therefore ſhall thy camp be holy ; that he ſee no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.

15 ¶ Thou ſhalt not deliver unto his maſter the ſervant which is eſcaped from his maſter unto thee :

16 He ſhall dwell with thee, *even* among you, in that place which he ſhall chooſe in one of thy gates, where it liketh him beſt : thou ſhalt not oppreſs him.

17 There ſhall be no whore of the daughters of Iſ'ra-ël, nor a sodomite of the ſons of Iſ'ra-ël.

18 Thou ſhalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the houſe of the LORD thy God for any vow : for even both theſe are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

19 ¶ Thou ſhalt not lend upon uſury to thy brother ; uſury of mōney, uſury of vict'uals, uſury of any thing that is lent upon uſury.

20 Unto a ſtranger thou mayſt lend upon uſury ; but unto thy brother thou ſhalt not lend upon uſury : that the LORD thy God may bleſs thee in all that thou ſetteſt thine hand to in the land whither thou goeſt to poſſeſs it.

21 ¶ When thou ſhalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou ſhalt not ſlack to pay it : for the LORD thy God will ſurely require it of thee ; and it would be ſin in thee.

22 But if thou ſhalt forbear to vow, it ſhall be no ſin in thee.

23 That which is gone out of thy lips thou ſhalt keep and perform' ; *even* a free-will-offering, according as thou haſt vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou haſt promiſed with thy mouth.

24 ¶ When thou comest into thy neighbour's vineyard,² then thou mayſt eat

² vin'yērd.

grapes thy fill, at thine own pleas'ure; but thou shalt not put *any* in thy vessel.

25 When thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbour, then thou mayst pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbour's standing corn.

CHAP. XXIV.

WHEN a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness 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, she may go and be another man's wife.

3 And *if* the latter hūsbānd 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 hūsbānd die, which took her *to be* his wife;

4 Her former hūsbānd, 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, neither 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 millstone to pledge: for he taketh *a man's* life to pledge.

7 ¶ If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Iſ'ra-ēl, and maketh mērchāndise 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 Lēvites shall teach you: as I cōmmānd'ed them, *so* ye shall observe' to do.

9 Remember what the LORD thy God did unto Mir'i-ām¹ by the way, after that ye wēre come forth out of E'gypt.

10 ¶ When thou dost lend thy brother any thing, 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 bless thee: and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the LORD thy God.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not oppress a hired servant *that is* poor and needy, *whether he be* of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that *are* in thy land within thy gates:

15 At his day thou shalt give *him* his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he *is* poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against' thee unto the LORD, and it be sin unto thee.

16 ¶ The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

17 ¶ Thou shalt not pērvērt' the judgment of the stranger, *nor* of the fatherless; nor take a widow's raiment to pledge:

18 But thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in E'gypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee thence: therē'fore I cōmmānd' thee to do this thing.

19 ¶ When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again' to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.

20 When thou beatest thine olive-tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again': it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

21 When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean *it* afterwārd: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

22 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of E'gypt; therē'fore I cōmmānd' thee to do this thing.

CHAP. XXV.

IF there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that *the judges* may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked.

2 And it shall be, if the wicked man *be* worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a cēr'tain number.

3 Forty stripes he may give him, and not exceed: lest, *if* he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.

4 ¶ Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out *the* corn.

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 hūsbānd's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and pērfōrm' the duty of a hūsbānd's brother unto her.

6 And it shall be, *that* the first-born which she beareth shall succeed in the

¹ Mē'r'e-ām.

name of his brother *which is* dead, that his name be not put out of Iſ'ra-ël.

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 hūſ'bānd's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Iſ'ra-ël, he will not perform' the duty of my hūſ'bānd'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 loōse his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house.

10 And his name shall be called in Iſ'ra-ël, The house of him that hath his shoe loōsed.

11 ¶ When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her hūſ'bānd 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 mēasures, a great and a small.

15 *But* thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just mēasure 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 Am'a-lēk did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of E'gypt ;

18 How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, *even* all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary ; and he feared not God.

19 Thēre'fore 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 an inheritance to possēs's' it, *that* thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Am'a-lēk from under heaven : thou shalt not forget it.

CHAP. XXVI.

AND it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possēs's't 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 chōōse 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 am come unto the country which the LORD sware unto our fathers for to give us.

4 And the priest shall take the basket 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 Syr'i-ān ready to perish was my father ; and he went down into E'gypt, and sō'journed there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous ;

6 And the E-gyp'ti-āns 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 E'gypt with a mighty hand, and with an out-stretched arm, and with great terrible-ness, and with signs, and with wōnders ;

9 And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, *even* a land that floweth with milk and hōney.

10 And now, behold, I have brought the first-fruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and wōr'ship 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 Lē'vite, and the strānger that is among you.

12 ¶ When thou hast made an end of tith'ing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, *which is* the year of tith'ing, and hast given it unto the Lē'vite, the strānger, 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 hallowed things out of mine house, and also have given them unto the Lē'vite, and unto the strānger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy cōm-mānd'ments, which thou hast cōm-mānd'ed me : I have not transgressed thy cōm-mānd'ments, 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 cōm-mānd'ed me.

15 Look down from thy holy habitation,

from heaven, and bless thy people İř'ra-ël, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

16 ¶ This day the LORD thy God hath cömmän'ded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt there'fore 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 cömmänd'ments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice:

18 And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that *thou* shouldst keep all his cömmänd'ments;

19 And to make thee high äbove all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in hön'our; and that thou mayst be a holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

CHAP. XXVII.

AND Mō'sēs, with the elders of İř'ra-ël, cömmän'ded the people, saying, Keep all the cömmänd'ments which I cömmänd' you this day.

2 And it shall be, on the day when ye shall päss over Jör'dän unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, that thou shalt set thee up great stones, and pläster them with pläster:

3 And thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art pässed over, that thou mayst go in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and höney; as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee.

4 There'fore it shall be, when ye be gone over Jör'dän, *that* ye shall set up these stones, which I cömmänd' you this day, in mount Ē'bäl, and thou shalt pläster them with pläster.

5 And there shalt thou build an altar unto the LORD thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt not lift up *any* iron *tool* upon them.

6 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:

7 And thou shalt offer peace-offerings, and shalt eat there, and rejoice before the LORD thy God.

8 And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.

9 ¶ And Mō'sēs, and the priests the Lē'vites, spake unto all İř'ra-ël, saying, Take heed, and hearken, O İř'ra-ël; This day thou art become the people of the LORD thy God.

10 Thou shalt there'fore obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his cöm-

mänd'ments and his statutes, which I cömmänd' thee this day.

11 And Mō'sēs charged the people the same day, saying,

12 These shall stand upon mount Gēr'i-zim to bless the people, when ye äre come over Jör'dän; Sim'e-ön, and Lē'vi, and Jü'däh, and İř'sa-çhär, and Jō'seph, and Bën'ja-min.

13 And these shall stand upon mount Ē'bäl to curse; Reu'bën, Gäd, and Äsh'er, and Zëb'u-lön, Dän, and Näph'ta-li.

14 And the Lē'vites shall speak, and say unto all the men of İř'ra-ël with a loud voice,

15 Cursed *be* the man that maketh *any* graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the cräftsman, and putteth *it* in a secret *place*. And all the people shall änsver and say, Ä'mën'.

16 Cursed *be* he that setteth light by his father or his möther. And all the people shall say, Ä'mën'.

17 Cursed *be* he that removeth his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say, Ä'mën'.

18 Cursed *be* he that maketh the blind to wänder out of the way. And all the people shall say, Ä'mën'.

19 Cursed *be* he that përvërt'eth the judgment of the stränger, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Ä'mën'.

20 Cursed *be* he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncövereth his father's skirt.¹ And all the people shall say, Ä'mën'.

21 Cursed *be* he that lieth with *any* manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Ä'mën'.

22 Cursed *be* he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his möther. And all the people shall say, Ä'mën'.

23 Cursed *be* he that lieth with his möther-in-law. And all the people shall say, Ä'mën'.

24 Cursed *be* he that smiteth his neighbour secretly. And all the people shall say, Ä'mën'.

25 Cursed *be* he that taketh reward to slay an innocent përson. And all the people shall say, Ä'mën'.

26 Cursed *be* he that cönnfirm'eth² not *all* the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Ä'mën'.

CHAP. XXVIII.

AND it shall come to päss, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to öbsërve' and to do all his cömmänd'ments which I cömmänd thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high äbove all nations of the earth:

¹ skërti.

² kön-fërm ëth.

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

3 Blés'sed shall thou be in the city, and blés'sed shall thou be in the field.

4 Blés'sed shall 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 Blés'sed shall be thy bäske and thy store.

6 Blés'sed shall thou be when thou comest in, and blés'sed shall thou be when thou goest out.

7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up ägainst' thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out ägainst' thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

8 The LORD shall cömmänd' the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

9 The LORD shall estäb'lish thee a holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the cömmänd'ments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

10 And all people of the äarth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be äfräid of thee.

11 And the LORD shall make thee plén'teous 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 LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good tréas'ure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be äböve only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the cömmänd'ments of the LORD thy God, which I cömmänd' thee this day, to öb'serve' and to do them:

14 And thou shalt not go äside from any of the words which I cömmänd' thee this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go äfter other gods to sërve them.

15 But it shall come to päss, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to öb'serve' to do all his cömmänd'ments and his statutes which I cömmänd' thee this day, that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee.

16 Cursed shall thou be in the city, and cursed shall thou be in the field.

17 Cursed shall be thy bäske and thy store.

18 Cursed 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 Cursed shall thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shall thou be when thou goest out.

20 The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be deströy'ed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

21 The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land whither thou goest to possëss' it.

22 The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the swörd, and with bläst'ing, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.

23 And the heaven that is over thy head shall be bräss, and the äarth that is under thee shall be iron.

24 The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be deströy'ed.

25 The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way ägainst' them, and flee seven ways before them; and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the äarth.

26 And thy carcass shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the äarth, and no man shall fray them äway.

27 The LORD will smite thee with the botch of E'gypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.

28 The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:

29 And thou shalt gröpe at noon-day, as the blind gröpeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.

30 Thou shalt betröth a wife, and änöther man shall lie with her: thou shalt build a house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plänt a vineyard,² and shalt not gäther the grapes thereof.

31 Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine äss shall be violently taken äway from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have nöue to res-cue them.

32 Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail *with longing* for them all the day long; and *there shall be no might in thine hand.*

33 The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed away:

34 So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

35 The LORD 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 LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.

37 And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a by-word, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee.

38 Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt 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 cast *his fruit.*

41 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt 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 hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:

46 And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.

47 Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;

48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies, which the LORD shall 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 show favour to the young:

51 And 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 straitness 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 wife 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 whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness 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: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.

58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayst fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;

59 Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, *even* great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance.

60 Moreover, he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.

61 Also every sickness, and every plague, which *is* not written in the book

of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destrōy'ed.

62 And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye wēre 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 you to destrōy' you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possēs' it.

64 And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt sērve other gods, which nēither thou nor thy fathers have known, *even* wood and stone.

65 And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, nēither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:

66 And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have nōne assurance of thy life:

67 In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it wēre even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it wēre morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

68 And the LORD shall bring thee into Ē'gypt again' with ships, by the way wherof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again': and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bond women, and no man shall buy you.

CHAP. XXIX.

THESSE are the words of the cōvenant, which the LORD cōmmānded Mō'sēs to make with the children of Īs'ra-ēl in the land of Mō'āb, beside the cōvenant which he made with them in Hō'rēb.

2 ¶ And Mō'sēs called unto all Īs'ra-ēl, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Ē'gypt unto Phā'raōh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land;

3 The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles:

4 Yet the LORD hath not given you a heart to pērcēivē', and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.

5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.

6 Ye have not eaten bread, nēither have you drunk wine or strong drink: that ye might know that I *am* the LORD your God.

7 And when ye came unto this place,

Sī'hōn the king of Hēsh'bōn, and Ūg the king of Bā'shān, came out against' us unto battle, and we smote them:

8 And we took their land, and gave it for an inheritance unto the Reū'bēn-ites, and to the Gād'ites, and to the half tribe of Ma-nās'seh.

9 Keep thērē'fōre the words of this cōvenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.

10 Ye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your cāp'tains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, *with* all the men of Īs'ra-ēl,

11 Your little ones, your wives, and thy strānger that *is* in thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water:

12 That thou shouldst enter into cōvenant with the LORD thy God, and into his oath, which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day:

13 That he may estāb'lish thee to-day for a people unto himself, and *that* he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Ā'bra'hām, to Ī'sāac, and to Jā'cōb.

14 Nēither with you only do I make this cōvenant and this oath;

15 But with *him* that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, and also with *him* that *is* not here with us this day:

16 (For ye know how we have dwelt in the land of Ē'gypt; and how we came through the nations which ye passed by;

17 And ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which *wēre* among them:)

18 Lēst there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth āwāy this day from the LORD our God, to go *and* sērve the gods of these nations; lēst there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wōrm'wood;¹

19 And it come to pass, when he hear eth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst:

20 The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jēalousy shall smoke against' that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven.

21 And the LORD shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Īs'ra-ēl, according to all the curses of the cōvenant that are written in this book of the law.

22 So that the generation to come of your children, that shall rise up after you, and the strānger that shall come from a

¹ wūrm'wōd.

far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the LORD hath laid upon it;

23 And that the whole land thereof is brimstone, and salt, and burning, that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sôd'om, and Gô-môr'râh, Âd'mâh, and Zê-bô'im, which the LORD overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath;

24 Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what meaneth the heat of this great anger?

25 Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Ê'gÿpt:

26 For they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and whom he had not given unto them:

27 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book:

28 And the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.

29 The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us, and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

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 outmost 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 mayst live.

7 And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on 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 hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers;

10 If thou shalt 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 hidden from thee, neither is it far off.

12 It is not in heaven, that thou shouldst 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 shouldst 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 mayst do it.

15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death 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 mayst 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 prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jôr'dân to go to possess it.

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

20 That thou mayst love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayst obey his voice, and that thou mayst cleave unto him; (for he is thy life, and the length of thy days;) that thou mayst dwell in the land

which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Ā'bra-hām, to Ī'sāaç, and to Jā'çöb, to give them.

CHAP. XXXI.

AND Mō'sēs went, and spake these words unto all Ī's'ra-ël.

2 And he said unto them, I am a hundred and twenty years old this day: I can no more go out and come in: also the LORD hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Jör'dän.

3 The LORD thy God, he will go over before thee, and he will deströy' these nations from before thee, and thou shalt pō's'sess' them: and Jōsh'u-ā, he shall go over before thee, as the LORD hath said.

4 And the LORD shall do unto them as he did to Sī'hön and to Ög, kings of the Ām'o-rites, and unto the land of them whom he deströy'ed.

5 And the LORD shall give them up before your face, that ye may do unto them according unto all the cōmmānd'ments which I have cōmmānd'ed you.

6 Be strong and of a good cōurage,¹ fear not, nor be āfrāid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *it is* that dōth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

7 And Mō'sēs called unto Jōsh'u-ā, and said unto him in the sight of all Ī's'ra-ël, Be strong and of a good cōurage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.

8 And the LORD, he *it is* that dōth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, nēither forsake thee: fear not, nēither be dīgmāy'ed.

9 ¶ And Mō'sēs wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Lē'vī, which bare the ark of the cōvenant of the LORD, and unto all the elders of Ī's'ra-ël.

10 And Mō'sēs cōmmānd'ed them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles,

11 When all Ī's'ra-ël is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall chōōse, thou shalt read this law before all Ī's'ra-ël in their hearing.

12 Gāther the people togēther, men, and women, and children, and thy strānger that *is* within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may lēarn, and fear the LORD your God, and öb'serve' to do all the words of this law;

13 And *that* their children, which have not known *any thing*, may hear, and lēarn to fear the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jör'dän to pō's'sess' it.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Jōsh'u-ā, and present yourselves in

the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Mō'sēs and Jōsh'u-ā went and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation.

15 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.

16 And the LORD said unto Mō'sēs, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring āfter the gods of the strāngers of the land whither they go to be āmōngst them, and will forsake me, and break my cōvenant which I have made with them.

17 Then my anger shall be kindled āgainst' 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 befāl them; so that they will say in that day, Āre not these evils come upon us, because our God *is* not āmōngst us?

18 And I will surely hide my face in that day, for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they āre turned unto other gods.

19 Now thērē'fōre write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Ī's'ra-ël: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me āgainst' the children of Ī's'ra-ël.

20 For when I shall have brought them into the land which I sware unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and hōney; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and sērve them, and provoke me, and break my cōvenant.

21 And it shall come to pāss, when many evils and troubles āre befallen them, that this song shall testify āgainst' them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know their imagination which they go ābout', even now, before I have brought them into the land which I sware.

22 Mō'sēs thērē'fōre wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Ī's'ra-ël.

23 And he gave Jōsh'u-ā the son of Nūn a charge, and said, Be strong and of a good cōurage: for thou shalt bring the children of Ī's'ra-ël into the land which I sware unto them: and I will be with thee.

24 ¶ And it came to pāss, when Mō'sēs had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they wēre finished,

25 That Mō'sēs cōmmānd'ed the Lē'vītes, which bare the ark of the cōvenant of the LORD, saying,

26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the cōvenant

¹ kūr'ridje.

of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness āgainst' thee.

27 For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet ālive with you this day ye have been rebellious āgainst' the LORD; and how much more āfter my death?

28 Gāther unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and ēarth to rēcōrd' āgainst' them.

29 For I know that āfter my death ye will utterly corrupt *yourselves*, and turn āside from the way which I have cōm-mān'ded you; and evil will befāl you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

30 And Mō'sēs spake in the ears of all the congregation of Iś'ra-ēl the words of this song, until they wēre ended.

CHAP. XXXII.

GIVE ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O ēarth, the words of my mouth.

2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender hērb, and as the showers upon the grās :

3 Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

4 *He is* the Rōck, his work *is* pērfect; for all his ways *āre* 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 āre* a pērvēse' and crooked generation.

6 Do ye thus requite the LORD? O foolish people and unwise! *is* not he thy father *that* hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and ēstāb'lished thee?

7 Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: āsk thy father, and he will show thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee;

8 When the Most High dīvidēd to the nations their inheritance, when he separatēd the sons of Ād'ām, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Iś'ra-ēl.

9 For the LORD's pōrtion *is* his people; Jā'cōb *is* the lot of his inheritance.

10 He found him in a dēs'ērt land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him ābout', he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

11 As an eagle stīrreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth ābroād her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings;

12 So the LORD ālōne did lead him, and *there was* no strānge god with him.

13 He made him ride on the high places of the ēarth, that he might eat the

increase of the fiēlds; and he made him to suck hōney 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 Bā'shān, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.

15 But Jēsh'u-rūn waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art cōvered *with fatness*: then he forsook God *which* made him, and lightly esteemed the Rōck of his salvation.

16 They provoked him to jēalousy with strānge *gods*, with abominations provoked they him to anger.

17 They sacrificēd unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new *gods that* came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.

18 Of the Rōck *that* begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

19 And when the LORD saw *it*, he abhorred *them*, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his dāughters.

20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end *shall be*: for they *āre* a very frō'wārd generation, children in whom *is* no faith.

21 They *have* moved me to jēalousy with *that which is* not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities. and I will movē them to jēalousy with *those which āre* 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 ēarth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mōūn'tains.

23 I will heap mīs'chīefs upon them: I will spend mine arrows upon them.

24 *They shall be* burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of sērpents of the dust.

25 The *swōrd* without, and terror within, shall destrōy' both the young man and the vir'gīn, 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 āmōng men:

27 Wēre it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lēst their ād'vērsaries should behave themselves strāngely, and lēst they should say, Our hand *is* high, and the LORD hath not done all this.

28 For they *āre* a nation void of counsel, nēither *is there* any understanding in them.

29 O that they wēre wise, *that* they understood this, *that* they would consider their latter end!

30 How should one chāse a thousand,

and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Röck had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?

31 For their rock *is* not as our Röck, even our enemies themselves *being* judges.

32 For their vine *is* of the vine of Söd'om, and of the fields of Gö-mör'rah: their grapes *are* grapes of gall, their clusters *are* bitter:

33 Their wine *is* the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of äsps.

34 *Is* not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treäasures?

35 To me *belongeth* vengeance, and recompense; their foot shall slide in *due* time: for the day of their calamity *is* at hand, and the things that shall come upon 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 *äre* their gods, *their* rock in whom they trusted;

38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrificés, and drank the wine of their drink-offerings? let them rise up and help you, and be your protection.

39 See now that I, *eren* 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.

40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.

41 If I whet my glittering swörd, 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 swörd shall devour flesh; and *that* with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.

43 Rejoice, O ye nations, *with* his people; for he will ävenge' the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his äd'versaries, and will be merciful unto his land, *and* to his people.

44 And Mō'sés came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hö-she'ä the son of Nün.

45 And Mō'sés made an end of speaking all these words to all I's'ra-ël:

46 And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall cōrmand' your children to ob'serve', 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 Jör'dän to pō'ssess' it.

48 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Mō'sés that selfsame day, saying,

49 Get thee up into this möün'tain Äb'a-rim, unto mount Nö'bö, which *is* in the land of Mō'äb, that *is* over ägainst' Jër'i-chö; and behold the land of Cä'na-än, which I give unto the children of I's'ra-ël for a pō'ssés'sion:

50 And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Äärön thy bröther died in mount Hôr, and was gathered unto his people:

51 Because ye trës'pässed ägainst' me among the children of I's'ra-ël at the waters of Mër'i-bäh-Kä'dësh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of I's'ra-ël.

52 Yet thou shalt see the land before *thee*; but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of I's'ra-ël.

CHAP. XXIII.

AND this *is* the blessing, wherewith Ä Mō'sés the man of God bless'ed the children of I's'ra-ël before his death.

2 And he said, The LORD came from Sī'näi, and rose up from Së'ir unto them; he shined forth from mount Pärän, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand *went* a fiery law for them.

3 Yëa, he loved the people: all his saints *äre* in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; *every one* shall receive of thy words.

4 Mō'sés cōmmänded us a law, *eren* the inheritance of the congregation of Jä'cöb.

5 And he was king in Jesh'u-rim, when the heads of the people and the tribes of I's'ra-ël wëre gathered toëther.

6 Let Reüb'en live, and not die; and let *not* his men be few.

7 And this *is* the blessing of Jü'däh: and he said, Hear, LORD, the voice of Jü'däh, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be sufficient for him; and be thou a help *to him* from his enemies.

8 And of Lë'vi he said, *Let* thy Thüm'mim and thy Ü'rim *be* with thy holy one, whom thou didst prove at Mäs'säh, *and with* whom thou didst strive at the waters of Mër'i-bäh;

9 Who said unto his father and to his möther, I have not seen him; neither did he acknowledge his brëthren, nor knew his own children: for they have ob'serv'ed thy word, and kept thy cövenant.

10 They shall teach Jä'cöb thy judgments, and I's'ra-ël thy law: they shall put incense before thee, and whole burnt sacrificé upon thine altar.

11 Bless, LORD, his substance, and accept the work of his hands: smite through the loins of them that rise ägainst' him, and of them that hate him, that they rise not ägain'.

12 *And* of Bën'ja-min he said, The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by

¹ mä'd'jes-*lc.*

Mō'sēs blesseth the twelve tribes. DEUTERONOMY. *His age, death, and burial.*

him; and the LORD shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.

13 And of Jō'sēph he said, Blēs'sed of the LORD be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that cōucheth 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 mōū'tains, and for the precious things of the lās'ting hills,

16 And for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bŭsh: let the blessing come upon the head of Jō'sēph, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brēthren.

17 His glory is like the firstling of his 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 ten thousands of Ē'phraim, and they are the thousands of Ma-nās'seh.

18 And of Zēb'u-lōn he said, Rejoice, Zēb'u-lōn, in thy going out; and, Īs'sa-çhār, in thy tents.

19 They shall call the people unto the mōū'tain; there they shall offer sac'ri-fices of righ'teousness: for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of trēas'ures hid in the sand.

20 And of Gād he said, Blēs'sed be he that enlargeth Gād: he dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the arm with the crown of the head.

21 And he provided the first part for himself, because there, in a portion of the lawgiver, was he seated; and he came with the heads of the people, he executed the justice of the LORD, and his judgments with Īs'ra-ēl.

22 And of Dān he said, Dān is a lion's whelp: he shall leap from Bā'shān.

23 And of Nāph'ta-lī he said, O Nāph'ta-lī, satisfied with favour, and full with the blessing of the LORD: possēs's' thou the west and the south.

24 And of Ašh'cr he said, Let Ašh'er be blēs'sed with children; let him be acceptable to his brēthren, and let him dip his foot in oil.

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 Jēsh'u-rūn, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.

27 The eternal God is thy refuge, and

underneath are the év'rlās'ting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Dēstrōy' them.

28 Īs'ra-ēl then shall dwell in safety alōne: the sōū'tain of Jā'çōb shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.

29 Happy art thou, O Īs'ra-ēl: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the swōrd of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee: and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

CHAP. XXXIV.

AND Mō'sēs went up from the plains of Mō'āb unto the mōū'tain of Nē'bō, to the top of Piš'gāh, that is over against Jēr'i-çhō. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gil'e-ād, unto Dān,

2 And all Nāph'ta-lī, and the land of Ē'phra-īm, and Ma-nās'seh, and all the land of Jū'dāh, unto the utmost sea,

3 And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jēr'i-çhō, the city of palm-trees, unto Zō'ār.

4 And the LORD said unto him, This is the land which I swear unto Ā'bra-hām, unto Īšāaç, and unto Jā'çōb, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

5 So Mō'sēs the sērvant of the LORD died there in the land of Mō'āb, according to the word of the LORD.

6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Mō'āb, over against Bēth-pē'ōr: but no man knoweth of his sēpulchre unto this day.

7 And Mō'sēs was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

8 And the children of Īs'ra-ēl wept for Mō'sēs in the plains of Mō'āb thirty days: so the days of weeping and mourning for Mō'sēs were ended.

9 And Jōsh'u-ā the son of Nūn was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Mō'sēs had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Īs'ra-ēl hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD cōmmān'ded Mō'sēs.

10 And there arose not a prophet since in Īs'ra-ēl like unto Mō'sēs, whom the LORD knew face to face,

11 In all the signs and the wōnders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Ē'çypt to Phā'raōh, and to all his sērvants, and to all his land,

12 And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Mō'sēs showed in the sight of all Īs'ra-ēl.

¶ The BOOK of JOSH'UA.

CHAPTER I.

NOW äfter the death of Mō'sēs the sērvant of the LORD, it came to päss, that the LORD spake unto Jōsh'u-ä the son of Nūn, Mō'sēs' minister, saying,

2 Mō'sēs my sērvant is dead ; now thērē-fōre äri'se, go over this Jōr'dän, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of İ's'ra-ël.

3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Mō'sēs.

4 From the wilderness and this Lēb'anōn, even unto the great river, the river Eū-phrā'tēs, all the land of the İfit'tites, and unto the great sea tō'wärd the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life : as I was with Mō'sēs, so I will be with thee : I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6 Be strong and of a good cōurage ; for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be thou strong and very cōurageous, that thou mayst öb'sērve' to do according to all the law which Mō'sēs my sērvant cōmmān'ded thee : turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayst prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth ; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayst öb'sērve' 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 cōmmān'ded thee ? Be strong and of a good cōurage ; be not äfräid, nēither be thou dīsmāy'ed : for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

10 ¶ Then Jōsh'u-ä cōmmān'ded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Päss through the host, and cōmmān'd' the people, saying, Prepare your victuals ; for within three days ye shall päss over this Jōr'dän, to go in to pōssēs's' the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to pōssēs's' it.

12 And to the Ret'bēn-ites, and to the Gäd'ites, and to half the tribe of Ma-näs'seh, spake Jōsh'u-ä, saying,

13 Remember the word which Mō'sēs the sērvant of the LORD cōmmān'ded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land.

14 Your wives, your little ones, and

¹ knew.

your cattle, shall remain in the land which Mō'sēs gave you on this side Jōr'dän ; but ye shall päss before your brēthren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them,

15 Until the LORD have given your brēthren rest, as *he hath given* you, and they also have pōssēs's'ed the land which the LORD your God giveth them : then ye shall return unto the land of your pōssēs's'ion, and enjoy it, which Mō'sēs, the LORD's sērvant, gave you on this side Jōr'dän, tō'wärd the sun-rising.

16 And they änswered Jōsh'u-ä, saying, All that thou cōmmāndest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us we will go.

17 According as we hearkened unto Mō'sēs in all things, so will we hearken unto thee : only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Mō'sēs.

18 Whosoever *he be* that döth rebel ägainst' thy cōmmān'd'ment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou cōmmāndest him, he shall be put to death ; only be strong and of a good cōurage.

CHAP. II.

AND Jōsh'u-ä the son of Nūn sent out of Slut'tim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jēr'i-chō. And they went, and came into a harlot's house, named Rā'hāb, and lodged there.

2 And it was told the king of Jēr'i-chō, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to-night of the children of İ's'ra-ël, to sēarch out the country.

3 And the king of Jēr'i-chō sent unto Rā'hāb, saying, Bring forth the men that äre come to thee, which äre entered into thine house : for they be come to sēarch out all the country.

4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist¹ not whence they wēre :

5 And it came to päss, äbout' the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out : whither the men went I wot² not : pursue äfter them quickly ; for ye shall overtake them.

6 But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.

7 And the men pursued äfter them the way to Jōr'dän, unto the fords : and as soon as they which pursued äfter them wēre gone out, they shut the gate.

8 And before they wēre laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof ;

9 And she said unto the men, I know

² know.

that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you, when ye came out of Ē'g̃ỹpt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Ām'o-rītes that were on the other side Jōr'dān, Sī'hōn and ōg, whom ye utterly dēstrōy'ed.

11 And as soon as we had heard *these things*, our hearts did melt, nēither did there remain any more cōurage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven ābōve, and in ēarth beneath.

12 Now thērē'fōre, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have showed you kindness, that ye will also show kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token:

13 And *that* ye will save ālive my father, and my mōther, and my brēthren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.

14 And the men ānswered her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.

16 And she said unto them, Get you to the mōūn'tāin, lēst the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and āf'tērward may ye go your way.

17 And the men said unto her, We will be blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear.

18 Behold, *when* we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by; and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mōther, and thy brēthren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee.

19 And it shall be, *that* whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if *any* hand be upon him.

20 And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quit of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear.

21 And she said, According unto your words so be it. And she sent them āwāy, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

22 And they went, and came unto the mōūn'tāin, and ābōde there three days,

until the pursuers wēre returned: And the pursuers sought *them* throughout all the way, but found *them* not.

23 So the two men returned, and descended from the mōūn'tāin, and pāsseed over, and came to Jōsh'u-ā the son of Nūn, and told him all *things* that befel them:

24 And they said unto Jōsh'u-ā, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.

CHAP. III.

AND Jōsh'u-ā rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shīt'tim, and came to Jōr'dān, he and all the children of Īs'ra-ēl, and lodged there before they pāsseed over.

2 And it came to pās, āfter three days, that the officers went through the host;

3 And they cōmmānd'ed the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the cōvenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Lēvītes bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go āfter it.

4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, ābout' two thousand cubits by mēāsure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not pāsseed *this* way heretofore.

5 And Jōsh'u-ā said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to-morrow the LORD will do wōnders āmōng you.

6 And Jōsh'u-ā spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the cōvenant, and pās over before the people. And they took up the ark of the cōvenant, and went before the people.

7 And the LORD said unto Jōsh'u-ā, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Īs'ra-ēl, that they may know that, as I was with Mō'sēs, so I will be with thee.

8 And thou shalt cōmmānd' the priests that bear the ark of the cōvenant, saying, When ye āre come to the brink of the water of Jōr'dān, ye shall stand still in Jōr'dān.

9 And Jōsh'u-ā said unto the children of Īs'ra-ēl, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God.

10 And Jōsh'u-ā said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is āmōng you, and *that* he will without fail drive out from before you the Cān'aān-ītes, and the Hit'tites, and the Hīvītes, and the Pēr'iz-zītes, and the Gir'ga-shītes,¹ and the Ām'o-rītes, and the Jēb'u-sītes.

11 Behold, the ark of the cōvenant of the LORD of all the ēarth pāsseth over before you into Jōr'dān.

12 Now thērē'fōre take ye twelve men out of the tribes of Īs'ra-ēl, out of every tribe a man.

13 And it shall come to pās, as soon as

¹ Gir'ga-shītes.

the soles 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 Jôr'dân, that the waters of Jôr'dân shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon a heap.

14 ¶ And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jôr'dân, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;

15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jôr'dân, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jôr'dân overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)

16 That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon a heap very far from the city Ad'âm, that is beside Zâr'e-tân: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jêr'i-chô.

17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm¹ on dry ground in the midst of Jôr'dân; and all the Iſ'ra-ël-ites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jôr'dân.

CHAP. IV.

AND it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jôr'dân, that the LORD spake unto Jôsh'u-â, saying,

2 Take ye twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,

3 And command' you them, saying, Take ye hence out of the midst of Jôr'dân, 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 you shall lodge this night.

4 Then Jôsh'u-â called the twelve men whom he had prepared of the children of Iſ'ra-ël, out of every tribe a man:

5 And Jôsh'u-â said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jôr'dân, and take ye up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Iſ'ra-ël:

6 That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones?

7 Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jôr'dân were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jôr'dân, the waters of Jôr'dân were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Iſ'ra-ël for ever.

8 And the children of Iſ'ra-ël did so as

Jôsh'u-â commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jôr'dân, as the LORD spake unto Jôsh'u-â, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Iſ'ra-ël, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

9 And Jôsh'u-â set up twelve stones in the midst of Jôr'dân, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.

10 For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jôr'dân, until every thing was finished that the LORD commanded Jôsh'u-â to speak unto the people, according to all that Mo'sês commanded Jôsh'u-â: and the people hastened and passed over.

11 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.

12 And the children of Reù'bên, and the children of Gâd, and half the tribe of Ma-nâs'sch, passed over armed before the children of Iſ'ra-ël, as Mo'sês spake unto them:

13 About' forty thousand prepared for war passed over before the LORD unto battle, to the plains of Jêr'i-chô.

14 On that day the LORD magnified Jôsh'u-â in the sight of all Iſ'ra-ël; and they feared him, as they feared Mo'sês, all the days of his life.

15 And the LORD spake unto Jôsh'u-â, saying,

16 Command' the priests that bear the ark of the tês'timóny, that they come up out of Jôr'dân.

17 Jôsh'u-â there'fore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of Jôr'dân.

18 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 Jôr'dân, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jôr'dân returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as they did before.

19 And the people came up out of Jôr'dân on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gil'gâl, in the east border of Jêr'i-chô.

20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jôr'dân, did Jôsh'u-â pitch in Gil'gâl.

21 And he spake unto the children of Iſ'ra-ël, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones?

22 Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Iſ'ra-ël came over this Jôr'dân on dry land.

23 For the LORD your God dried up the

¹ firm.

waters of Jōr'dān from before you, until ye wēre pāssed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, until we wēre gone over :

24 That all the people of the ēarth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty ; that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever.

CHAP. V.

AND it came to pāss, when all the kings of the Ām'o-rites, which wēre on the side of Jōr'dān wēst'wārd, and all the kings of the Çan'aân-ites, which wēre by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jōr'dān from before the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, until we wēre pāssed over, that their heārt melted, nēither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

2 At that time the LORD said unto Jōsh'u-ā, Make thee sharp knives, and cir'cūmçise¹ āgain' the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl the second time.

3 And Jōsh'u-ā made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl at the hill of the foreskins.

4 And this is the cause why Jōsh'u-ā did circumcise : All the people that came out of E'g'yp't, that wēre males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, āfter they came out of E'g'yp't.

5 Now all the people that came out wēre circumcised : but all the people that wēre born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of E'g'yp't, them they had not circumcised.

6 For the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that wēre men of war, which came out of E'g'yp't, wēre consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD : unto whom the LORD sware that he would not show them the land which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and hōney.

7 And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them Jōsh'u-ā circumcised : for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.

8 And it came to pāss, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they ābōde in their places in the camp till they wēre whole.

9 And the LORD said unto Jōsh'u-ā, This day have I rolled āwāy the reproach of E'g'yp't from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gil'gāl unto this day.

10 And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl encamped in Gil'gāl, and kept the pāssover on the fourteenth day of the mōnth, at even, in the plains of Jër'i-çhō.

11 And they did eat of the old corn of

the land, on the morrow āfter the pāss-over, unleavened cakes and parched corn in the selfsame day.

12 And the manna ceased on the morrow āfter they had eaten of the old corn of the land ; nēither had the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl manna any more ; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Çā'na-ān that year.

13 ¶ And it came to pāss, when Jōsh'u-ā was by Jër'i-çhō, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over āgainst' him with his swōrd drawn in his hand : and Jōsh'u-ā went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries ?

14 And he said, Nay ; but as cāp'tain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Jōsh'u-ā fell on his face to the ēarth, and did wōr'ship, and said unto him, What saith my LORD unto his sērvant ?

15 And the cāp'tain of the LORD's host said unto Jōsh'u-ā, Lōose thy shoe from off thy foot ; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Jōsh'u-ā did so.

CHAP. VI.

NOW Jër'i-çhō was straitly shut up, because of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl : nōne went out, and nōne came in.

2 And the LORD said unto Jōsh'u-ā, See, I have given into thine hand Jër'i-çhō, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valor.

3 And ye shall cōm'pāss the city, all ye men of war, and go round ābout' the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days.

4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns : and the seventh day ye shall cōm'pāss the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.

5 And it shall come to pāss, that when they make a long blāst with the rams' horns, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout ; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up, every man straight before him.

6 And Jōsh'u-ā the son of Nūn called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the cōvenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD.

7 And he said unto the people, Pāss on, and cōm'pāss the city, and let him that is armed pāss on before the ark of the LORD.

8 And it came to pāss, when Jōsh'u-ā had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns pāssed on before the LORD, and blew with the trumpets ; and the ark of the cōvenant of the LORD followed them.

9 And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rearward came āfter the ark, the priests

¹ sēr' kūm-sīze.

going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

10 And Jōsh'u-ä had cōmmān'ded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout nor make any noise with your voice, nēither shall *any* word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout.

11 So the ark of the LORD cōm'pāssed the city, going ābout' *it* once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

12 And Jōsh'u-ä rose ēarly in the morning, and the priēsts took up the ark of the LORD.

13 And seven priēsts, 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 āfter the ark of the LORD, *the priēsts* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

14 And the second day they cōm'pāssed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.

15 And it came to pāss on the seventh day, that they rose ēarly ābout' the dawning of the day, and cōm'pāssed the city āfter the same manner seven times: only on that day they cōm'pāssed the city seven times.

16 And it came to pāss at the seventh time, when the priēsts blew with the trumpets, Jōsh'u-ä said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.

17 And the city shall be accursed, *even* it and all that *āre* therein, to the LORD: only Rā'hāb the harlot shall live, she and all that *āre* with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl a curse, and trouble it.

19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brās and iron, *āre* consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the trēas'ury of the LORD.

20 So the people shouted when *the priēsts* blew with the trumpets: and it came to pāss, when the people hēard 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:

21 And they utterly dēstrōy'ed all that *was* in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and āss, with the edge of the swōrd.

22 But Jōsh'u-ä had said unto 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 ye sware unto her.**

23 And the young men that wēre spies went in, and brought out Rā'hāb, and her father, and her mōther, and her brēthren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Iṣ'ra-el.

24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that *was* therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brās and of iron, they put into the trēas'ury of the house of the LORD.

25 And Jōsh'u-ä saved Rā'hāb the harlot ālive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Iṣ'ra-ēl *even* unto this day; because she hid the messengers which Jōsh'u-ä sent to spy out Jēr'i-çhō.

26 And Jōsh'u-ä adjured *them* at that time, saying, Cursed *be* the man before the LORD that riseth up and buildeth this city Jēr'i-çhō: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his first-born, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it.

27 So the LORD was with Jōsh'u-ä; and his fame was *noised* throughout all the country.

CHAP. VII.

BUT the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl committed a trēs'pāss in the accursed thing: for Ā'çhān, the son of Çār'mī, the son of Zāb'dī, the son of Zē'rāh, of the tribe of Jū'dāh, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled āgainst' the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

2 And Jōsh'u-ä sent men from Jēr'i-çhō to Ā'ī, which *is* beside Bēth-ā'vēn, on the east side of Bēth'ēl, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ā'ī.

3 And they returned to Jōsh'u-ä, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let ābout' two or three thousand men go up and smite Ā'ī; *and* make not all the people to labour thither; for they *āre but* few.

4 So there went up thither of the people ābout' three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ā'ī.

5 And the men of Ā'ī smote of them ābout' thirty and six men: for they chased them *from* before the gate *even* unto Shēb'a-rim, and smote them in the going down; wherefore the hēarts of the people melted, and became as water.

6 And Jōsh'u-ä rent his clothes, and fell to the ēarth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the even-tide, he and the elders of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and put dust upon their heads.

7 And Jōsh'u-ä said, Ālās! O LORD God, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jōr'dān, to deliver us into the hand of the Ām'o-rites, to dēstrōy' us? Would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jōr'dān!

8 O LORD, what shall I say, when Iṣ'

ra-ēl turneth their backs before their enemies!

9 For the Cān'aān-ites, 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 do unto thy great name?

10 And the LORD said unto Jōsh'u-ā, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?

11 Iſ'ra-ēl hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I cōmmanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff.

12 Therefore the children of Iſ'ra-ēl 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 the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Iſ'ra-ēl, There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Iſ'ra-ēl: 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 shall take shall come by households; and the household which the LORD shall take shall come man by man.

15 And it shall be, that he that is 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 Iſ'ra-ēl.

16 So Jōsh'u-ā rose up early in the morning, and brought Iſ'ra-ēl by their tribes; and the tribe of Jū'dāh was taken:

17 And he brought the family of Jū'dāh; and he took the family of the Zār'hites: and he brought the family of the Zār'hites man by man; and Zāb'dī was taken:

18 And he brought his household man by man; and Ā'chān, the son of Cār'mī, the son of Zāb'dī, the son of Zēr'rāh, of the tribe of Jū'dāh, was taken.

19 And Jōsh'u-ā said unto Ā'chān, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Iſ'ra-ēl, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me.

20 And Ā'chān answered Jōsh'u-ā, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Iſ'ra-ēl, and thus and thus have I done:

21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Bāb-y-lō'nish 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 Jōsh'u-ā 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 Jōsh'u-ā, and unto all the children of Iſ'ra-ēl, and laid them out before the LORD.

24 And Jōsh'u-ā, and all Iſ'ra-ēl with him, took Ā'chān the son of Zēr'rāh, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Ā'chōr.

25 And Jōsh'u-ā said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Iſ'ra-ēl stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.

26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Ā'chōr, unto this day.

CHAP. VIII.

AND the LORD said unto Jōsh'u-ā, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ā'i: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ā'i, and his people, and his city, and his land.

2 And thou shalt do to Ā'i and her king as thou didst unto Jēr'i-chō and her king: only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto your selves; lay thee an ambush for the city behind it.

3 So Jōsh'u-ā arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ā'i: and Jōsh'u-ā chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them away by night.

4 And he cōmmanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, even behind the city: go not very 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 flee 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, *nat* ye shall set the city on fire: according to the cômmand'ment of the LORD shall ye do. See, I have cômmand'ed you.

9 Jôsh'u-â thêrê'fôre sent them forth: and they went to lie in ambush, and âbôde between Bêth'êl and A'î, on the west side of A'î: but Jôsh'u-â lodged that night âmông the people.

10 And Jôsh'u-â rose up éarly in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Iş'ra-êl, before the people to A'î.

11 And all the people, *even the people* of war that *wêre* with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north side of A'î: now *there was* a valley between them and A'î.

12 And he took âbout' five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between Bêth'êl and A'î, on the west side of the city.

13 And when they had set 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, Jôsh'u-â went that night into the midst of the valley.

14 And it came to pâss, when the king of A'î saw *it*, that they hasted and rose up éarly, and the men of the city went out âgainst' Iş'ra-êl to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but he wist¹ not that *there wêre* liers in ambush âgainst' him behind the city.

15 And Jôsh'u-â and all Iş'ra-êl made as if they wêre beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

16 And all the people that *wêre* in A'î wêre called tôgêther to pursue âfter them: and they pursued âfter Jôsh'u-â, and wêre drawn âway from the city.

17 And there was not a man left in A'î or Bêth'êl that went not out âfter Iş'ra-êl: and they left the city open, and pursued âfter Iş'ra-êl.

18 And the LORD said unto Jôsh'u-â, Stretch out the spear that *is* in thy hand tô'wârd A'î: for I will give it into thine hand. And Jôsh'u-â stretched out the spear that *he had* in his hand tô'wârd the city.

19 And the ambush ârôse quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand: and they entered into the city, and took it, and hasted, and set the city on fire.

20 And when the men of A'î 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 tae wilderness turned back upon the pursuers.

21 And when Jôsh'u-â and all Iş'ra-êl

saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned âgain', and slew the men of A'î.

22 And the other issued out of the city âgainst' them; so they wêre in the midst of Iş'ra-êl, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they let nône of them remain or êscape'.

23 And the king of A'î they took âlive, and brought him to Jôsh'u-â.

24 And it came to pâss, when Iş'ra-êl had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of A'î in the field, in the wilderness wherein they châsed them, and when they wêre all fallen on the edge of the swôrd, until they wêre consumed, that all the Iş'ra-êl-ites returned unto A'î, and smote it with the edge of the swôrd.

25 And *so* it was, *that* all that fell that day, both of men and women, *wêre* twelve thousand, *even* all the men of A'î.

26 For Jôsh'u-â drew not his hand back, wherewith he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly dêstrôy'ed all the inhabitants of A'î.

27 Only the cattle and the spoil of that city, Iş'ra-êl took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the LORD, which he cômmand'ed Jôsh'u-â.

28 And Jôsh'u-â burnt A'î, and made it a heap for ever, *even* a desolation, unto this day.

29 And the king of A'î he hanged on a tree until even-tide: and as soon as the sun was down, Jôsh'u-â cômmand'ed that they should take his carcass down from the tree, and câst 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 Jôsh'u-â built an altar unto the LORD God of Iş'ra-êl in mount Ê'bâl,

31 As Mô'sês the sêrvant of the LORD cômmand'ed the children of Iş'ra-êl, as it is wri'ten in the book of the law of Mô'sês, An altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lifted up *any* iron: and they offered thereon burnt-offerings unto the LORD, and sâc'rifîçed peace-offerings.

32 And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Mô'sês, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Iş'ra-êl.

33 And all Iş'ra-êl, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side, before the priests the Lê'vites, which bare the ark of the côvenant of the LORD, as well the strânger as he that was born âmông them: half of them over âgainst' mount Gerî-zim; and half of them over âgainst' mount Ê'bâl; as Mô'sês the sêrvant of the LORD had cômmand'ed before, that they should bless the people of Iş'ra-êl

34 And aftérwârd he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law.

35 There was not a word of all that Mō'sēs cōmmān'ded which Jōsh'u-ā read not before all the congregation of Iṣ'ra-ēl, with the women, and the little ones, and the strāngers that wēre cōn'vēr'sant āmōng them.

CHAP. IX.

AND it came to pāss, when all the kings which wēre on this side Jōrdān, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over āgāinst' Lēb'a-nōn, the Hî'tî'tite, and the Ām'o-rite, the Čān'aān-ite, the Pēr'iz-zite, the Hî'vite, and the Jēb'u-site, hēard thereof,

2 That they gāthēred themselves togēthēr, to fight with Jōsh'u-ā and with Iṣ'ra-ēl, with one accord.

3 And when the inhabitants of Gîb'e-ōn hēard what Jōsh'u-ā had done unto Jēr'î-čhō and to Ā'ī,

4 They did work wîllily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors; and took old sacks upon their āsses, and wine-bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;

5 And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old gārments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and mouldy.

6 And they went to Jōsh'u-ā unto the camp at Gil'gāl, and said unto him, and to the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl, We be come from a far country: now thērē'fōre make ye a league with us.

7 And the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl said unto the Hî'vites, Pēradvēn'ture ye dwell āmōng us; and how shall we make a league with you?

8 And they said unto Jōsh'u-ā, We āre thy sēr'vants. And Jōsh'u-ā said unto them, Who āre ye? and from whence come ye?

9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy sēr'vants āre come, because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have hēard the fame of him, and all that he did in Ē'g'yp't,

10 And all that he did to the two kings of the Ām'o-rites that wēre beyōnd Jōrdān, to Sî'hōn king of Hēsh'bōn, and to ōg king of Bā'shān, which was at Āsh'tarōth.

11 Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, Take victuals with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We āre your sēr'vants: thērē'fōre now make ye a league with us.

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, wēre new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our gārments and our shoes āre become old by reason of the very long jōurney.

14 And the men took of their victuals, and āsked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD.

15 And Jōsh'u-ā made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them.

16 And it came to pāss, at the end of three days, āfter they had made a league with them, that they hēard that they wēre their neighbours, and that they dwell āmōng them.

17 And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl jōurneyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities wēre Gîb'e-ōn, and Čhēph'î-rāh, and Bē-ērōth, and Kir'jāth Jē'a-rim.¹

18 And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl. And all the congregation murmured āgāinst' the princes.

19 But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl: now, thērē'fōre, we may not tōuch them.

20 This we will do to them; we will even let them live; lēst wrath be upon us, because of the oāth which we sware unto them.

21 And the princes said 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 Jōsh'u-ā called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We āre very far from you; when ye dwell āmōng us?

23 Now thērē'fōre ye āre cursed; and there shall nōne of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.

24 And they āns'wered Jōsh'u-ā, and said, Because it was cēr'tainly told thy sēr'vants, how that the LORD thy God cōmmān'ded his sēr'vant Mō'sēs to give you all the land, and to dēstrōy' all the inhabitants of the land from before you, thērē'fōre we wēre sore āfrāid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

25 And now, behold, we āre 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl, that they slew them not.

27 And Jōsh'u-ā made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water, for the congregation and for the altar of the

¹ Kēr'jāth-Jē-ā-rim.

LORD, even unto this day, in the place which he should chōdse.

CHAP. X.

NOW it came to pās, when Ā-dōn-i-zē'dēk king of Jē-rū'sa-lēm had heard how Jōsh'u-ā had taken Ā'ī, and had utterly destrōy'ed it; as he had done to Jēr'i-chō and her king, so he had done to Ā'ī and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gib'e-ōn had made peace with Iṣ'ra-ēl, and wēre āmōng them;

2 That they feared greatly, because Gib'e-ōn was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ā'ī, and all the men thereof wēre mighty.

3 Wherefore Ā-dōn-i-zē'dēk king of Jē-rū'sa-lēm sent unto Hō'hām king of Hē'brōn, and unto Pī'rām king of Jār'mūth, and unto Ja-phī'ā king of Lāch'ish, and unto Dē'bīr king of Ēg'lōn, saying,

4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gib'e-ōn: for it hath made peace with Jōsh'u-ā and with the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

5 Thērē'fōre the five kings of the Ām'o-rites, the king of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, the king of Hē'brōn, the king of Jār'mūth, the king of Lāch'ish, the king of Ēg'lōn, gāthēred themselves togēther, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gib'e-ōn, and made war āgāinst' it.

6 And the men of Gib'e-ōn sent unto Jōsh'u-ā to the camp at Gil'gāl, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy sērvants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Ām'o-rites that dwell in the mōūntāins āre gāthēred togēther āgāinst' us.

7 So Jōsh'u-ā ascended from Gil'gāl, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour.

8 And the LORD said unto Jōsh'u-ā, Fear them not; for I have delivered them into thine hand: there shall not a man of them stand before thee.

9 Jōsh'u-ā thērē'fōre came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gil'gāl all night.

10 And the LORD discomfited them before Iṣ'ra-ēl, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gib'e-ōn, and chāsed them ālōng' the way that goeth up to Bēth-hō'rōn, and smote them to Ā-zē'kāh, and unto Māk-kē'dāh.

11 And it came to pās, as they fled from before Iṣ'ra-ēl, and wēre in the going down to Bēth-hō'rōn, that the LORD cāst down great stones from heaven upon them unto Ā-zē'kāh, and they died: they wēre more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl slew with the swōrd.

12 Then spake Jōsh'u-ā to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the

Ām'o-rites before the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and he said in the sight of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Sun, stand thou still upon Gib'e-ōn; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Āj'a-lōn.¹

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had āvēnged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jāsh'er? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down ābout' a whole day.

14 And there was no day like that before it or āfter it, that the LORD hearkenēd unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Iṣ'ra-ēl.

15 And Jōsh'u-ā returned, and all Iṣ'ra-ēl with him, unto the camp to Gil'gāl.

16 But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Māk-kē'dāh.

17 And it was told Jōsh'u-ā, saying, The five kings āre found hid in a cave at Māk-kē'dāh.

18 And Jōsh'u-ā said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it for to keep them:

19 And stay ye not, but pursue āfter your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for the LORD your God hath delivered them into your hand.

20 And it came to pās, when Jōsh'u-ā and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they wēre consumed, that the rest which remained of them entered into fenced cities.

21 And all the people returned to the camp to Jōsh'u-ā at Māk-kē'dāh in peace: nōne moved his tōngue āgāinst' any of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

22 Then said Jōsh'u-ā, 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 Jē-rū'sa-lēm, the king of Hē'brōn, the king of Jār'mūth, the king of Lāch'ish, and the king of Ēg'lōn.

24 And it came to pās, when they brought out those kings unto Jōsh'u-ā, that Jōsh'u-ā called for all the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and said unto the cāp'tains 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 Jōsh'u-ā said unto them, Fear not, nor be dīsmāy'ed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies āgāinst' whom ye fight.

26 And āftérwārd Jōsh'u-ā smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they wēre hanging upon the trees until the evening.

¹ Ād'ja-lōn.

27 And it came to p^{ass} at the time of the going down of the sun, *that* Jōsh'u-ā cōmmān'ded, and they took them down off the trees, and cāst them into the cave where in they had been hid, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, *which remāin* until this very day.

28 And that day Jōsh'u-ā took Māk-kē'dāh, and smote it with the edge of the swōrd, and the king thereof he utterly dēstrōy'ed, them, and all the souls that *wēre* therein; he let nōne remāin: and he did to the king of Māk-kē'dāh as he did unto the king of Jēr'i-çhō.

29 Then Jōsh'u-ā p^{ass}ed from Māk-kē'dāh, and all İş'ra-ël with him, unto Lib'nāh, and fought āgainst' Lib'nāh:

30 And the LORD delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of İş'ra-ël; and he smote it with the edge of the swōrd, and all the souls that *wēre* therein; he let nōne remāin in it; but did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Jēr'i-çhō.

31 And Jōsh'u-ā p^{ass}ed from Lib'nāh, and all İş'ra-ël with him, unto Lāçh'ish, and encamped āgainst' it, and fought āgainst' it:

32 And the LORD delivered Lāçh'ish into the hand of İş'ra-ël, which took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the swōrd, and all the souls that *wēre* therein, according to all that he had done to Lib'nāh.

33 Then Hō'rām king of Gē'zér came up to help Lāçh'ish; and Jōsh'u-ā smote him and his people, until he had left him nōne remāining.

34 And from Lāçh'ish Jōsh'u-ā p^{ass}ed unto Ēg'lōn, and all İş'ra-ël with him; and they encamped āgainst' it, and fought āgainst' it:

35 And they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the swōrd; and all the souls that *wēre* therein he utterly dēstrōy'ed that day, according to all that he had done to Lāçh'ish.

36 And Jōsh'u-ā went up from Ēg'lōn, and all İş'ra-ël with him, unto Hē'brōn; and they fought āgainst' it:

37 And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the swōrd, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that *wēre* therein; he left nōne remāining, according to all that he had done to Ēg'lōn; but dēstrōy'ed it utterly, and all the souls that *wēre* therein.

38 And Jōsh'u-ā returned, and all İş'ra-ël with him, to Dē'bír, and fought āgainst' it:

39 And he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the swōrd, and utterly dēstrōy'ed all the souls that *wēre* therein; he left nōne remāining: as he had done to Hē'brōn, so he did to Dē'

bír, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Lib'nāh, and to her king.

40 So Jōsh'u-ā 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 nōne remāining, but utterly dēstrōy'ed all that breathed, as the LORD God of İş'ra-ël cōmmān'ded.

41 And Jōsh'u-ā smote them from Kā'dēsh-Bār'ne-ā even unto Gā'zá, and all the country of Gō'shēn even unto Gib'e-ōn.

42 And all these kings and their land did Jōsh'u-ā take at one time, because the LORD God of İş'ra-ël fought for İş'ra-ël.

43 And Jōsh'u-ā returned, and all İş'ra-ël with him, unto the camp to Gil'gāl.

CHAP. XI.

AND it came to p^{ass}, when Jā'bīn king of Hā'zōr had hēard *those things*, that he sent to Jō'bāb king of Mā'dōn, and to the king of Shim'rōn, and to the king of Açh'shāph,

2 And to the kings that *wēre* on the north of the mōūn'tains, and of the plains south of Cīn'ne-rōth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dōr on the west,

3 *And to* the Çān'aān-īte on the east and on the west, and to the Ām'o-rīte, and the Hit'tite, and the Pēr'iz-zīte, and the Jēb'u-sīte in the mōūn'tains, and to the Hī'vīte under Hēr'mōn, in the land of Miz'peh.

4 And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that *is* upon the sea-shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many.

5 And when all these kings wēre met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Mē'rōm, to fight āgainst' İş'ra-ël.

6 And the LORD said unto Jōsh'u-ā, Be not āfrāid because of them: for to-morrow ābout' this time will I deliver them up all slain before İş'ra-ël: thou shalt hough¹ their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

7 So Jōsh'u-ā came, and all the people of war with him, āgainst' them by the waters of Mē'rōm suddenly; and they fell upon them.

8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of İş'ra-ël, who smote them, and chased them unto great Zī'dōn, and unto Miş're-phōth-Mā'im, and unto the valley of Miz'peh ēast'wārd; and they smote them, until they left them nōne remāining.

9 And Jōsh'u-ā did unto them as the LORD bāde him: he hough'ed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

10 And Jōsh'u-ā at that time turned back, and took Hā'zōr, and smote the king thereof with the swōrd: for Hā'zōr before-time was the head of all those kingdoms.

11 And they smote all the souls that

were therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destrōy'ing them: there was not any left to breathe: and he burnt Hā'zōr with fire.

12 And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Jōsh'u-ā take, and smote them with the edge of the sword; and he utterly destrōy'ed them, as Mō'sēs the sērvant of the LORD cōmmān'ded.

13 But as for the cities that stood still in their strength, Iṣ'ra-ēl burned none of them save Hā'zōr only; that did Jōsh'u-ā burn.

14 And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destrōy'ed them, neither left they any to breathe.

15 As the LORD cōmmān'ded Mō'sēs his sērvant, so did Mō'sēs cōmmān'd Jōsh'u-ā, and so did Jōsh'u-ā; he left nōthing undone of all that the LORD cōmmān'ded Mō'sēs.

16 So Jōsh'u-ā took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Gō'shēn, and the valley, and the plain, and the mōūn'tain of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and the valley of the same;

17 Even from the mount Hā'lāk, that goeth up to Sē'ir, unto Bā'al-Gād, in the valley of Lēb'a-nōn, unto mount Hēr'mōn; and all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them.

18 Jōsh'u-ā made war a long time with all those kings.

19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, save the Hī'vītes, the inhabitants of Gib'e-on': all other they took in battle.

20 For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come āgainst Iṣ'ra-ēl in battle, that he might destrōy' them utterly, and that they might have no favour, but that he might destrōy' them, as the LORD cōmmān'ded Mō'sēs.

21 And at that time came Jōsh'u-ā, and cut off the Ān'a-kims from the mōūn'tains, from Hē'brōn, from Dē'bīr, from Ā'nāb, and from all the mōūn'tains of Jūdāh, and from all the mōūn'tains of Iṣ'ra-ēl: Jōsh'u-ā destrōy'ed them utterly with their cities.

22 There was none of the Ān'a-kims left in the land of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl: only in Gā'zā, in Gāth, and in Āsh'dōd, there remained.

23 So Jōsh'u-ā took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Mō'sēs; and Jōsh'u-ā gave it for an inheritance unto Iṣ'ra-ēl, according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

CHAP. XII.

NOW these are the kings of the land, which the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl smote, and pōssēs'ed their land on the other side Jōrdān, tōwārd the rising of the sun;

from the river Ār'nōn unto mount Hēr'mōn, and all the plain on the east:

2 Sī'hōn king of the Ām'o-rites, who dwelt in Hēsh'bōn, and ruled from Ār'o-er, which is upon the bank of the river Ār'nōn, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gil'e-ād, even unto the river Jāb'bōk, which is the border of the children of Ām'mōn;

3 And from the plain to the sea of Cīn'ne-rōth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain, even the salt sea on the east, the way to Bēth-jēsh'i-mōth; and from the south, under Āsh'dōth-Pīṣ'gāh:

4 And the coast of ōg king of Bā'shān, which was of the remnant of the giants, that dwelt at Āsh'ta-rōth and at Ēd're-ī,

5 And reigned in mount Hēr'mōn, and in Sāl'cāh, and in all Bā'shān, unto the border of the Gēsh'u-rites, and the Mā-āch-a-thites, and half Gil'e-ād, the border of Sī'hōn king of Hēsh'bōn.

6 Them did Mō'sēs the sērvant of the LORD and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl smite and Mō'sēs the sērvant of the LORD gave it for a pōssēs'sion unto the Reū'bēn-ites, and Gād'ites, and the half tribe of Manā'sseh.

7 And these are the kings of the country which Jōsh'u-ā and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl smote on this side Jōrdān on the west, from Bā'al-Gād in the valley of Lēb-a-nōn even unto the mount Hā'lāk, that goeth up to Sē'ir; which Jōsh'u-ā gave unto the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl for a pōssēs'sion, according to their divisions:

8 In the mōūn'tains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the south country; the Hī'tītes, the Ām'o-rites, and the Cān'aan-ites, the Pēr'iz-zītes, the Hī'vītes, and the Jēb'u-sītes:

9 The king of Jēr'i-chō, one; the king of Ā'ī, which is beside Bēth'el, one;

10 The king of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, one; the king of Hē'brōn, one;

11 The king of Jār'mūth, one; the king of Lāch'ish, one;

12 The king of Ēg'lōn, one; the king of Gē'zēr, one;

13 The king of Dē'bīr, one; the king of Gē'dér, one;

14 The king of Hōr'māh, one; the king of Ā'rād, one;

15 The king of Lib'nāh, one; the king of Ā-dūl'lām, one;

16 The king of Māk-kē'dāh, one; the king of Bēth'el, one;

17 The king of Tāp'pu-āh, one; the king of Hē'phér, one;

18 The king of Ā'phēk, one; the king of La-shā'rōn, one;

19 The king of Mā'dōn, one; the king of Hā'zōr, one;

20 The king of Shīm'rōn-Mē'rōn, one; the king of Āch'shāph, one;

21 The king of Tã'a-nãch, one ; the king of Më-gid'dô, one ;

22 The king of Kë'dësh, one ; the king of Jök'ne-ãm of Câr'mël, one ;

23 The king of Dôr in the coast of Dôr, one ; the king of the nations of Gil'gâl, one ;

24 The king of Tir'zãh,¹ one : All the kings thirty and one.

CHAP. XIII.

NOW Jôsh'u-ã 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 pössëss'ed.

2 This is the land that yet remaineth : all the borders of the Phi-lis'tines, and all Gësh'u-ri,

3 From Sî'hôr, which is before Ê'gypt, even unto the borders of Êk'rôn north-wãrd, which is counted to the Cãn'aãn-ite : five lords of the Phi-lis'tines ; the Gã'zãth-ites, and the Åsh'dôth-ites, the Êsh'ka-lôn-ites, the Git'tites, and the Êk'rôn-ites ; also the Å'vites :

4 From the south, all the land of the Cãn'aãn-ites, and Më-ã'rãh that is beside the Si-dô'ni-ãnş, unto Å'phëk, to the borders of the Åm'o-rites :

5 And the land of the Gib'lites, and all Lëb'a-nôn, tô wãrd the sun-rising, from Bã'al-Gãd under mount Ilër'môn unto the entering into Hã'mãth :

6 All the inhabitants of the hill country, from Lëb'a-nôn unto Miş're-phôth-Mã'im, and all the Si-dô'ni-ãnş, them will I drive out from before the children of Iş'ra-ël : only divide thou it by lot unto the Iş'ra-ël-ites for an inheritance, as I have cômmand'ed thee.

7 Now therë'fore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes and the half tribe of Ma-nãs'seh,

8 With whom the Reù'bën-ites and the Gãd'ites have received their inheritance, which Mõ'sës gave them, beyond Jôr'dãn east wãrd, even as Mõ'sës the sêrvant of the LORD gave them ;

9 From År'o-er, that is upon the bank of the river År'nôn, and the city that is in the midst of the river, and all the plain of Med'e-bã unto Dî'bôn ;

10 And all the cities of Sî'hôn king of the Åm'o-rites, which reigned in Hësh'bôn, unto the border of the children of Åm'môn ;

11 And Gil'e-ãd, and the border of the Gësh'u-rites and Mã-ãch'a-thites, and all mount Hër'môn, and all Bã'shãn unto Sãl'çãh ;

12 All the kingdom of Ög in Bã'shãn, which reigned in Åsh'ta-rôth and in Ed're-i, who remained of the remnant of the giants : for these did Mõ'sës smite, and cãst them out.

13 Nevertheless the children of Iş'ra-ël expelled not the Gësh'u-rites, nor the Mã-ãch'a-thites ; but the Gësh'u-rites and

the Mã-ãch'a-thites dwell among the Iş'ra-ël-ites until this day.

14 Only unto the tribe of Lë'vi he gave none inheritance ; the sãcrifices of the LORD God of Iş'ra-ël made by fire are their inheritance, as he said unto them.

15 And Mõ'sës gave unto the tribe of the children of Reù'bën inheritance according to their families :

16 And their coast was from År'o-er, that is on the bank of the river År'nôn, and the city that is in the midst of the river, and all the plain by Mëd'e-bã ;

17 Hësh'bôn, and all her cities that are in the plain ; Dî'bôn, and Bã'môth-Bã'al, and Bëth-bã-ãl-më'ôn,

18 And Ja-hã'zã, and Këd'e-môth, and Mëph'a-ãth,

19 And Kir'jãth-Å'im, and Sib'mãh, and Zã'rëth-Shã'hãr in the mount of the valley,

20 And Bëth-pë'ôr, and Åsh'dôth-Piş'gãh, and Bëth-jësh'i-môth,

21 And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sî'hôn king of the Åm'o-rites, which reigned in Hësh'bôn, whom Mõ'sës smote with the princes of Mid'i-ãn, Ê'vi, and Rë'këm, and Zür, and Hür, and Rë'bã, which were dukes of Sî'hôn, dwelling in the country.

22 Bã'lãam also the son of Bë'ôr, the soothsayer, did the children of Iş'ra-ël slay with the swôrd among them that were slain by them.

23 And the border of the children of Reù'bën was Jôr'dãn, and the border thereof. This was the inheritance of the children of Reù'bën after their families, the cities and villages thereof.

24 And Mõ'sës gave inheritance unto the tribe of Gãd, even unto the children of Gãd, according to their families :

25 And their coast was Jã'zër, and all the cities of Gil'e-ãd, and half the land of the children of Åm'môn, unto År'o-er that is before Rãb'bãh ;

26 And from Hësh'bôn unto Rã'mãth-Miz'peh, and Bët'o-nim ; and from Mã-ha-nã'im unto the border of Dë'bîr ;

27 And in the valley, Bëth'a-rãm, and Bëth-nim'rãh, and Süc'çôth, and Zã'phôn, the rest of the kingdom of Sî'hôn king of Hësh'bôn, Jôr'dãn and his border, even unto the edge of the sea of Cin'ne-rôth, on the other side Jôr'dãn east wãrd.

28 This is the inheritance of the children of Gãd after their families, the cities, and their villages.

29 And Mõ'sës gave inheritance unto the half tribe of Ma-nãs'seh : and this was the pössëssion of the half tribe of the children of Ma-nãs'seh by their families :

30 And their coast was from Mã-ha-nã'im, all Bã'shãn, all the kingdom of Ög king of Bã'shãn, and all the towns of Jã'ür, which are in Bã'shãn, threescore cities ;

¹ Tir'zãh.

31 And half Gil'e-ād, and Āsh'ta-rōth, and Ēd're-ī, cities of the kingdom of ōg in Bā'shān, were pertain'ing unto the children of Mā'chir the son of Ma-nās'seh, even to the one half of the children of Mā'chir by their families.

32 These are the countries which Mō'sēs did distribute for inheritance in the plains of Mō'āb, on the other side Jōr'dān, by Jēr'i-chō, east'ward.

33 But unto the tribe of Lē'vī, Mō'sēs gave not any inheritance: the LORD God of Īs'ra-ēl was their inheritance, as he said unto them.

CHAP. XIV.

AND these are the countries which the children of Īs'ra-ēl inherited in the land of Cā'na-ān, which Ē-lē-ā'zār the priest, and Jōsh'u-ā the son of Nūn, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Īs'ra-ēl, distributed for inheritance to them.

2 By lot was their inheritance, as the LORD cōmmand'ed by the hand of Mō'sēs, for the nine tribes, and for the half tribe.

3 For Mō'sēs had given the inheritance of two tribes and a half tribe on the other side Jōr'dān: but unto the Lē'vites he gave none inheritance among them.

4 For the children of Jō'sēph were two tribes, Ma-nās'seh and E'phra-im: thēre'fore they gave no part unto the Lē'vites in the land, save cities to dwell in, with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance.

5 As the LORD cōmmand'ed Mō'sēs, so the children of Īs'ra-ēl did, and they divided the land.

6 ¶ Then the children of Jū'dāh came unto Jōsh'u-ā in Gil'gāl: and Cāl'ēb the son of Jē-phūn'neh the Kēn'e-zite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Mō'sēs the man of God cōncērn'ing me and thee in Kā'dēsh-Bār'ne-ā.

7 Forty years old was I when Mō'sēs the sērvant of the LORD sent me from Kā'dēsh-Bār'ne-ā to espy out the land; and I brought him word āgain' as it was in mine hēart.

8 Nevertheless my brēthren that went up with me made the hēart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

9 And Mō'sēs sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Mō'sēs, while the children of Īs'ra-ēl wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old

11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Mō'sēs sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out and to come in

12 Now thēre'fore give me this mōūn'tain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Āu'a-kims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

13 And Jōsh'u-ā blēss'ed him, and gave unto Cāl'ēb, the son of Jē-phūn'neh, Hē'brōn for an inheritance.

14 Hē'brōn thēre'fore became the inheritance of Cāl'ēb, the son of Jē-phūn'neh the Kēn'e-zite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Īs'ra-ēl.

15 And the name of Hē'brōn before was Kir'jāth-Ār'bā: which Ār'bā was a great man among the Ān'a-kims. And the land had rest from war.

CHAP. XV.

THIS then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Jū'dāh by their families, even to the border of Ē'dōm; the wilderness of Zin sōūth'ward was the uttermost part of the south coast.

2 And their south border was from the shore of the salt sea, from the bay that looketh sōūth'ward:

3 And it went out to the south side to Mā-āl'eh-Ā-grāb'bim, and passed ālōng' to Zin, and ascended up on the south side unto Kā'dēsh-Bār'ne-ā; and passed ālōng' to Hēz'rōn, and went up to Ā'dār, and fetch'd a cōmpāss to Kār'ka-ā:

4 From thence it pass'd tō'wārd Āz mōn, and went out unto the river of Ē'gypt; and the goings out of that coast were at the sea: This shall be your south coast.

5 And the east border was the salt sea, even unto the end of Jōr'dān. And thier border in the north quārtēr was from the bay of the sea at the uttermost part of Jōr'dān:

6 And the border went up to Bēth-hōg'lāh, and pass'd ālōng' by the north of Bēth-ār'a-bāh; and the border went up to the stone of Bō'hān the son of Reū'bēn:

7 And the border went up tō'wārd Dē'bīr from the valley of Āch'or, and so nōrth'wārd, looking tō'wārd Gil'gāl, that is before the going up to Ā-dūm'mim, which is on the south side of the river: and the border pass'd tō'wārd the waters of Ēn'she-mēsh, and the goings out there-of were at Ēn-rō'gēl:

8 And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hīn'nōm unto the south side of the Jēb'u-site; the same is Jē-rū'sa-lēm: and the border went up to the top of the mōūn'tain that lieth before the valley of Hīn'nōm wēst'wārd, which is at

the end of the valley of the giants northward :

9 And the border was drawn from the top of the hill unto the foun'tain of the water of Nēp'tho-āh, and went out to the cities of mount E'phrōn ; and the border was drawn to Bā'a-lāh, which is Kir'jāth-Jē'a-rim :¹

10 And the border cōm'pāssed from Bā'a-lāh westward unto mount Sē'ir, and pāssed ālōng' unto the side of mount Jē'a-rim, which is Chēs'a-lōn, on the north side, and went down to Bēth'she-mēsh, and pāssed on to Tim'nāh :

11 And the border went out unto the side of Ēk'rōn northward : and the border was drawn to Shī'erōn, and pāssed ālōng' to mount Bā'a-lāh, and went out unto Jāb'ne-ēl ; and the goings out of the border wēre at the sea.

12 And the west border was to the great sea, and the coast thereof. This is the coast of the children of Jūdāh round about', according to their families.

13 And unto Cālēb the son of Jē-phūn'neh he gave a part among the children of Jūdāh, according to the cōmmandment of the LORD to Jōsh'u-ā, even the city of Ā'rbā the father of Ā'nāk, which city is Hē'brōn.

14 And Cālēb drove thence the three sons of Ā'nāk, Shē'shāi, and Ā-hī'mān, and Tāl'māi, the children of Ā'nāk.

15 And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Dē'bīr : and the name of Dē'bīr before was Kir'jāth-Sē'phēr.

16 And Cālēb said, He that smiteth Kir'jāth-Sē'phēr, and taketh it, to him will I give Āch'sāh my daughter to wife.

17 And ōth'nī-ēl the son of Kē'nāz, the brōther of Cālēb, took it : and he gave him Āch'sāh his daughter to wife.

18 And it came to pāss, as she came unto him, that she moved him to āsk of her father a fiēld : and she lighted off her āss ; and Cālēb said unto her, What wōldst thou ?

19 Who ānswēred, 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 nēther springs.

20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Jūdāh according to their families.

21 And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Jūdāh, tō'ward the coast of E'dōm southward, wēre Kāb'ze-ēl, and E'dér, and Jā'gūr,

22 And Kī'nāh, and Di-mō'nāh, and Ād'a-dāh,

23 And Kē'dēsh, and Hā'zōr, and Ith'nān,

24 Ziph, and Tē'lēm, and Bē'a-lōth,

25 And Hā'zōr, Ha-dāt'tāh, and Kē'ri-ōth, and Hēz'rōn, which is Hā'zōr,

26 Ā'mām, and Shē'mā, and Mō'l'a-dāh, and Ād' Hā'zār-Gād'dāh, and Hēsh'mōn, and Bēth-pā'lēt,

28 And Hā'zār-Shū'āl, and Bē-ēr'she-bā, and Biz-i-jō-thī'jāh,

29 Bā'a-lāh, and I'im, and Ā'zēm,

30 And El'to-lād, and Chēs'sil, and Hōr'māh,

31 And Zik'lāg, and Mād-mā'nāh, and Sān-sā'nāh,

32 And Lēb'a-ōth, and Shil'him, and Ā'in, and Rīm'mōn : all the cities are twenty and nine, with their villages :

33 And in the valley, Esh'ta-ōl, and Zō're-āh, and Āsh'nāh,

34 And Za-nō'āh, and Ēn-gān'nim, Tāp'pu-āh, and E'nām,

35 Jār'mūth, and Ā-dū'lām, Sō'cōh, and Ā-zē'kāh,

36 And Shār'a-im, and Ād-i-thā'im, and Gē-dē'rāh, and Gēd-ē-rōth-ā'im ; fourteen cities with their villages :

37 Zē'nān, and Hād'a-shāh, and Mig'dāl-Gād,

38 And Dil'e-ān, and Miz'peh, and Jōk'the-ēl,

39 Lā'chish, and Bōz'kāth, and Ēg'lōn.

40 And Cāb'bōn, and Lāh'mām, and Kīth'līsh,

41 And Gē-dē'rōth, Bēth-dā'gōn, and Nā'a-māh, and Māk-kē'dāh ; sixteen cities with their villages :

42 Lib'nāh, and E'ther, and Ā'shān,

43 And Jiph'tāh, and Āsh'nāh, and Nē'zib,

44 And Kē'ilāh,² and Āch'zib, and Mārē'shāh ; nine cities with their villages.

45 Ēk'rōn with her towns and her villages :

46 From Ēk'rōn even unto the sea, all that lay near Āsh'dōd, with their villages :

47 Āsh'dōd with her towns and her villages, Gā'zā with her towns and her villages, unto the river of E'gypt, and the great sea, and the border thereof :

48 And in the mōun'tāins, Shā'mīr, and Jāt'tīr, and Sō'cōh,

49 And Dān'nāh, and Kir'jāth-Sān'nāh, which is Dē'bīr,

50 And Ā'nāb, and Ēsh'te-mōh, and Ā'nim,

51 And Gō'shēn, and Hō'lōn, and Gī'lōh ; eleven cities with their villages :

52 Ā'rāb, and Dū'māh, and E'she-ān,

53 And Jā'nūm, and Bēth-tāp'pu-āh, and Ā-phē'kāh,

54 And Hūm'tāh, and Kir'jāth-Ā'rbā (which is Hē'brōn), and Zī'or ; nine cities with their villages :

55 Mā'ōn, Çār'mēl, and Ziph, and Jūt'tāh,

56 And Jēz're-ēl, and Jōk'de-ām, and Za-nō'āh,

57 Çāin, Gīb'e-āh, and Tim'nāh ; ten cities with their villages :

¹ Kir'jāth-Jē'a-rim.

² Kē'ilāh.

58 Hā'phūl, Bēth-zūr, and Gē'dōr,

59 And Mā'a-rāth, and Bēth'a-nōth, and El'te-kōn; six cities with their villages:

60 Kir'jāth-Bā'al (which is Kir'jāth-Jē'a-rim), and Rāb'bāh; two cities with their villages.

61 In the wilderness, Bēth-ār'a-bāh, Mūd'din, and Sē'a-çāh,

62 And Nib'shān, and the city of Sālt, and En'ge-dī 1; six cities with their villages.

63 As for the Jēb'u-sites, the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, the children of Ju'dāh could not drive them out: but the Jēb'u-sites dwell with the children of Ju'dāh at Jē-rū'sa-lēm unto this day.

CHAP. XVI.

AND the lot of the children of Jō'sēph fell from Jōr'dān by Jēr'i-çhō, unto the water of Jēr'i-çhō on the east, to the wilderness that goeth up from Jēr'i-çhō throughout mount Bēth'el,

2 And goeth out from Bēth'el to Lūz, and pāsseth ālōng' unto the borders of Ā'r'chī to Ā't'a-rōth,

3 And goeth down wēst'wārd to the coast of Jāph'le-tī, unto the coast of Bēth-hō'rōn the nēther, and to Gē'zēr: and the goings out thereof āre at the sea.

4 So the children of Jō'sēph, Ma-nās'seh and Ē'phra-īm, took their inheritance.

5 And the border of the children of Ē'phra-īm, according to their families, was thus; even the border of their inheritance on the east side was Ā't'a-rōth-Ā'dār, unto Bēth-hō'rōn the upper:

6 And the border went out tō'wārd the sea to Miçh'me-thāh on the north side; and the border went ābout' east'wārd unto Tē'a-nāth-Shī'lōh, and pāsseed by it on the east to Ja-nō'hāh:

7 And it went down from Ja-nō'hāh to Ā't'a-rōth, and to Nā'a-rāth, and came to Jēr'i-çhō, and went out at Jōr'dān.

8 The border went out from Tāp'pu-āh wēst'wārd unto the river Kā'nāh; and the goings out thereof wēre at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ē'phra-īm by their families.

9 And the separate cities for the children of Ē'phra-īm wēre āmong the inheritance of the children of Ma-nās'seh, all the cities with their villages.

10 And they drave not out the Çān'aan-ites that dwell in Gē'zēr; but the Çān'aan-ites dwell āmong the Ē'phra-īm-ites unto this day, and sērve under tribute.

CHAP. XVII.

THERE was also a lot for the tribe of Ma-nās'seh, (for he was the first-born of Jō'sēph); to wīl, for Mā'çhīr the first-born of Ma-nās'seh, the father of Gil'e-ād; because he was a man of war, thēre'fōre he had Gil'e-ād and Bā'shān.

2 There was also a lot for the rest of

¹ g hard.

the children of Ma-nās'seh by their families; for the children of Ā-bi-e'zēr, and for the children of Hē'lek, and for the children of Ā'yri-ēl, and for the children of Shē'çhēm, and for the children of He'phēr, and for the children of Shē-mī'dā: these wēre the male children of Ma-nās'seh the son of Jō'sēph by their families.

3 But Ze-lophe-hād, the son of He'phēr, the son of Gil'e-ād, the son of Mā'çhīr, the son of Ma-nās'seh, had no sons, but daughters: and these āre the names of his daughters, Māh'lāh, and Nō'ah, Hōg'lāh, Mīl'çāh, and Tir'zāh.²

4 And they came near before E-lē-āzār the priest, and before Jōsh'a-ā the son of Nūn, and before the princes, saying, The LORD cōmmānded Mo'sēs to give us an inheritance āmong our brēthren. Thēre'fōre, according to the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD, he gave them an inheritance āmong the brēthren of their father.

5 And there fell ten pōrtions to Ma-nās'seh, beside the land of Gil'e-ād and Bā'shān, which wēre on the other side Jōr'dān;

6 Because the daughters of Ma-nās'seh had an inheritance āmong his sons: and the rest of Ma-nās'seh's sons had the land of Gil'e-ād.

7 And the coast of Ma-nās'seh was from Āsh'er to Miçh'me-thāh, that lieth before Shē'çhēm; and the border went ālōng' on the right hand unto the inhabitants of Ēn-tāp'pu-āh.

8 Now Ma-nās'seh had the land of Tāp'pu-āh: but Tāp'pu-āh, on the border of Ma-nās'seh, belonged to the children of Ē'phra-īm.

9 And the coast descended unto the river Kā'nāh, sōuth'wārd of the river: these cities of Ē'phra-īm āre āmong the cities of Ma-nās'seh: the coast of Ma-nās'seh also was on the north side of the river, and the out-goings of it wēre at the sea:

10 Sōuth'wārd it was Ē'phra-īm's, and nōrth'wārd it was Ma-nās'seh's, and the sea is his border; and they met tōgēther in Āsh'er on the north, and in Is'sa-çhār on the east.

11 And Ma-nās'seh had in Is'sa-çhār, and in Āsh'er, Bēth-shē'ān and her towns, and Ib'le-ām and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dōr and her towns, and the inhabitants of Ēn'dōr and her towns, and the inhabitants of Tā'a-nāçh and her towns, and the inhabitants of Mē-gid'dō and her towns, even three countries.

12 Yet the children of Ma-nās'seh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Çān'aan-ites would dwell in that land.

13 Yet it came to pās, when the children of Iş'ra-ēl wōre waxen strong, that

² Tir'zāh.

they put the Cān'aān-ites to tribute ; but did not utterly drive them out.

14 And the children of Jō'sēph spake unto Jōsh'u-ā, saying, Why hast thou given me *but* one lot and one pōrtion to inherit, seeing I *am* a great people, forasmuch as the LORD hath blēss'ed me hitherto?

15 And Jōsh'u-ā 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 Pēr'iz-zites and of the giants, if mount Ēphra-īm be too narrow for thee.

16 And the children of Jō'sēph said, The hill is not enough for us : and all the Cān'aān-ites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, *both they* who *are* of Bēth-shē'an and her towns, and *they* who *are* of the valley of Jēz're-ēl.

17 And Jōsh'u-ā spake unto the house of Jō'sēph, *even* to Ēphra-īm and to Manā'seh, saying, Thou *art* a great people, and hast great power ; thou shalt not have one lot *only* :

18 But the môûn'tain shall be thine ; for it *is* a wood, and thou shalt cut it down : and the out-goings of it shall be thine : for thou shalt drive out the Cān'aān-ites, though they have iron chariots, and though they *be* strong.

CHAP. XVIII.

AND the whole congregation of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl assembled togēther at Shī'lōh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

2 And there remained among the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl seven tribes which had not yet received their inheritance.

3 And Jōsh'u-ā said unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, How long *are* ye slack to go to pōssēss' 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 : Jū'dāh shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Jō'sēph 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 cāst lots for you here before the LORD our God.

7 But the Lē'vites have no part among you ; for the priesthood of the LORD *is* their inheritance : and Gād, and Reū'bēn, and half the tribe of Ma-nās'seh, have received their inheritance beyond Jōr'dān on the east, which Mō'sēs the sērvant of the LORD gave them.

8 And the men ārōse, and went āwāy : and Jōsh'u-ā 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 cāst lots for you before the LORD in Shī'lōh.

9 And the men went, and pāssed through the land, and described it by cities, into seven parts, in a book, and came *again'* to Jōsh'u-ā to the host at Shī'lōh.

10 And Jōsh'u-ā cāst lots for them in Shī'lōh before the LORD : and there Jōsh'u-ā divided the land unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, according to their divisions.

11 And the lot of the tribe of the children of Bēn'ja-mīn came up according to their families : and the coast of their lot came forth between the children of Jū'dāh and the children of Jō'sēph.

12 And their border, on the north side, was from Jōr'dān : and the border went up to the side of Jēr'i-qbō on the north side, and went up through the môûn'tains wēst'wārd ; and the goings out thereof wēre at the wilderness of Bēth-ā'vén.

13 And the border went over from thence tō'wārd Lūz, to the side of Lūz, (which *is* Bēth'el), sōûth'wārd ; and the border descended to Āt'a-rōth-Ā'dār, near the hill that *lieth* on the south side of the nēther Bēth-hō'rōn.

14 And the border was drawn *thence*, and cōm'pāssed the corner of the sea sōûth'wārd, from the hill that *lieth* before Bēth-hō'rōn sōûth'wārd ; and the goings out thereof wēre at Kir'jāth-Bā'al (which *is* Kir'jāth-Jē'a-rim), a city of the children of Jū'dāh : this *was* the west quāter.

15 And the south quāter *was* from the end of Kir'jāth-Jē'a-rim ; and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nēph-tō'āh :

16 And the border came down to the end of the môûn'tain that *lieth* before the valley of the son of Hin'nōm, and which *is* in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hin'nōm, to the side of Jē-bū'sī on the south, and descended to Ēn-rō'gēl,

17 And was drawn from the north, and went forth to Ēn-shē'mēsh, and went forth tō'wārd Gēl'i-lōth, which *is* over *against* the going up of Ā-dūm'mim, and descended to the stone of Bō'hān the son of Reū'bēn,

18 And pāssed ālōng' tō'wārd the side over *against'* Ār'a-bāh north'wārd, and went down unto Ār'a-bāh :

19 And the border pāssed ālōng' to the side of Bēth-hōg'lāh north'wārd : and the outgoings of the border wēre at the north bay of the salt sea, at the south end of Jōr'dān : this *was* the south coast.

20 And Jōr'dān was the border of it on the east side. This *was* the inheritance of the children of Bēn'ja-mīn, by the

coasts thereof round âbout', according to their families.

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Bën'ja-mîn, according to their families, wêre Jér'i-çhò, and Beth-hôg'lâh, and the valley of Ké'ziz,

22 And Beth-âr'a-bâh, and Zêm-a-râ'im, and Bêth'êl,

23 And Á'vim, and Pá'râh, and Ôph'râh,

24 And Chê'phâr-Hâ-âm'mo-nâi, and Ôph'nî, and Gâ'bâ; twelve cities with their villages:

25 Gib'e-ôn, and Râ'mâh, and Bê-ê'rôth,

26 And Miz'peh, and Chêph'i-râh, and Mô'zâh,

27 And Rê'kêm, and Ír'pe-êl, and Târ'a-lâh,

28 And Zê'lâh, Ê'lêph, and Jê-bû'sî (which is Jê-rû'sa-lêm), Gib'e-âth, and Kir'jâth;¹ fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Bën'ja-mîn, according to their families.

CHAP. XIX.

AND the second lot came forth to Sim'e-ôn, *even* for the tribe of the children of Sim'e-ôn according to their families. and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Jû'dâh.

2 And they had in their inheritance, Bê-êr'she-bâ and Shê'bâ and Mô'l'a-dâh,

3 And Hâ'zâr-Shû'âl, and Bâ'lâh, and Á'zêm,

4 And Êl'to-lâd, and Bê'thûl, and Hôr'mâh,

5 And Zik'lâg, and Bêth-mâr'ça-bôth, and Hâ'zâr-Sû'sâh,

6 And Bêth-lêb'a-ôth, and Sha-rû'hên; thirteen cities and their villages:

7 Á'in, Rêm'môn, and Ê'ther, and Á'shân; four cities and their villages:

8 And all the villages that wêre round âbout' these cities to Bâ'a-lâth-Bê'ér, Râ'mâh of the south. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Sim'e-ôn according to their families.

9 Out of the pòrtion of the children of Jû'dâh was the inheritance of the children of Sim'e-ôn; for the part of the children of Jû'dâh was too much for them; thêre'fòre the children of Sim'e-ôn had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

10 And the third lot came up for the children of Zêb'u-lôn, according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sâ'rîd:

11 And their border went up tò'wârd the sea, and Mâr'a-lâh, and reached to Dâb'ba-shêth, and reached to the river that is before Jôk'ne-âm;

12 And turned from Sâ'rîd east'wârd, tò'wârd the sun-rising, unto the border of Chis'lôth-Tâ'bôr, and then goeth out to Dâb'e-râth, and goeth up to Ja-phî'â,

13 And from thence pâsseth on âlông' on the east to Gît'tâh-Hê'phér, to It'tâh-Kâ'zîn, and goeth out to Rêm'môn-Mêth'o-âr to Né'âh:

14 And the border côm'pâsseth it on the north side to Hân'na-thôn: and the outgoings thereof âre in the valley of Jîph'thâh-êl:

15 And Kât'tâh, and Na-hâl'lâl, and Shûm'rôn, and Id'a-lâh, and Bêth'le-hêm: twelve cities with their villages.

16 This is the inheritance of the children of Zêb'u-lôn according to their families, these cities with their villages.

17 And the fourth lot came out to Ís'sa-çhâr, for the children of Ís'sa-çhâr according to their families.

18 And their border was tò'wârd Jêz're-êl, and Chê-sûl'lôth, and Shû'nêm,

19 And Hâph-râ'im, and Shî'hôn, and Ân-a-hâ'râth,

20 And Râb'bîth, and Kîsh'i-ôn, and Á'bêz,

21 And Rê'mêth, and Ên-gân'nîm, and Ên-hâd'dâh, and Bêth-pâz'zêz;

22 And the coast reacheth to Tâ'bôr, and Sha-hâz'i-mâh, and Bêth'she-mêsh; and the outgoings of their border wêre at Jôr'dân: sixteen cities with their villages.

23 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ís'sa-çhâr according to their families, the cities and their villages.

24 And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Ásh'er according to their families.

25 And their border was Hêl'kâth, and Hâ'li, and Bê'tén, and Áçh'shâph,

26 And Á-lâm'me-lêch, and Á'nâd, and Mî'she-âl; and reacheth to Çârmêl west'wârd, and to Shî'hôr-Lib'nâth;

27 And turneth tò'wârd the sun-rising to Bêth-dâ'gôn, and reacheth to Zêb'u-lôn, and to the valley of Jîph'thâh-êl, tò'wârd the north side of Bêth'e-mêk, and Né'i-êl, and goeth out to Çâ'bûl on the left hand,

28 And Hê'b'rôn, and Rê'ôb, and Hâm'môn, and Kâ'nâh, *even* unto great Zî'dôn;

29 And then the coast turneth to Râ'mâh, and to the strong city Týre; and the coast turneth to Hô'sâh; and the outgoings thereof âre at the sea, from the coast to Áçh'zîb:

30 Ûm'mâh also, and Á'phêk, and Rê'hôb: twenty and two cities with their villages.

31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ásh'er according to their families, these cities with their villages.

32 The sixth lot came out to the children of Nâph'ta-lî, *even* for the children of Nâph'ta-lî according to their families.

33 And their coast was from Hê'lêph, from Á'lôn to Zâ-â-nân'nîm, and Ád'a-mî, Né'kêb, and Jâb'ne-êl, unto Lâ'kûm; and the outgoings thereof wêre at Jôr'dân;

¹ Kêr'jâth.

34 And then the coast turneth westward to āz'nōth-Tā'bōr, and goeth out from thence to Hūk'kōk, and reacheth to Zēb'u-lōn on the south side, and reacheth to āsh'er on the west side, and to Jū'dāh upon Jōr'dān tō'wārd the sun-rising.

35 And the fenced cities are Zid'dīm, Zēr, and Hām'māth, Rāk'kāth, and Cim'ne-rēth,

36 And Ād'a-māh, and Rā'māh, and Hā'zōr.

37 And Kē'dēsh, and Ēd're-ī, and Ēn-hā'zōr,

38 And Ī'rōn, and Mig'da-lēl, Hō'rēm, and Bēth'a-nāth, and Bēth she-mēsh; nineteen cities with their villages.

39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Nāph'ta-li according to their families, the cities and their villages.

40 And the seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dān according to their families.

41 And the coast of their inheritance was Zō'rāh, and Esh'ta-ōl, and Īr-shē'mēsh,

42 And Shā-āl-āb'bīn, and Ā'ja-lōn,¹ and Jēth'lāh,

43 And Ē'lōn, and Thīm'na-thāh, and Ēk'rōn,

44 And Ēl'te-keh, and Gīb'be-thōn, and Rā'a-lāth,

45 And Jē'hūd, and Bēn-ēb'e-rāk, and Gāth-Rim'mōn,

46 And Mē-jār'kōn, and Rāk'kōn, with the border before Jā'phō.

47 And the coast of the children of Dān went out *too little* for them; therefore the children of Dān went up to fight against Lē'shēm, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Lē'shēm, Dān, after the name of Dān their father.

48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dān 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 Īs'ra-ēl gave an inheritance to Jōsh'u-ā the son of Nūn among them:

50 According to the word of the LORD, they gave him the city which he asked, even Tīm'nāth-Sē'rāh in mount Ē'phra-īm: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

51 These are the inheritances which Ē-lē-ā'zār the priest, and Jōsh'u-ā the son of Nūn, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Īs'ra-ēl, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shī'lōh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.

CHAP. XX.

THE LORD also spake unto Jōsh'u-ā, saying,

¹ Ād'ja-lōn.

2 Speak to the children of Īs'ra-ēl, saying, Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by the hand of Mō'sēs:

3 That the slayer that killeth any person unawares and unwittingly may flee thither: and they shall be your refuge from the āvēn'ger of blood.

4 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.

5 And if the āvēn'ger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand; because he smote his neighbour unwittingly, and hated him not beforetime.

6 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.

7 And they appointed Kē'dēsh in Gāl'i-lēē in mount Nāph'ta-li, and Shē'chēm in mount Ē'phra-īm, and Kir'jāth-Ar'bā² (which is Hē'brōn), in the mōūn'tāin of Jū'dāh.

8 And on the other side Jōr'dān by Jēr-i-chō eastward, they assigned Bē'zēr in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Re'ubēn, and Rā'mōth in Gīl'e-ād out of the tribe of Gād, and Gō'lān in Bā'shān out of the tribe of Ma-nās'seh.

9 These were the cities appointed for all the children of Īs'ra-ēl, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth any person at unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the āvēn'ger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

CHAP. XXI.

THEN came near the heads of the fathers of the Lē'vites unto Ē-lē-ā'zār the priest, and unto Jōsh'u-ā the son of Nūn, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Īs'ra-ēl;

2 And they spake unto them at Shī'lōh in the land of Čā'na-ān, saying, The LORD cōmmānd'ed by the hand of Mō'sēs to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle.

3 And the children of Īs'ra-ēl gave unto the Lē'vites out of their inheritance, at the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD, these cities and their suburbs.

4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kō'hāth-ites: and the children of Ā'rōn the priest, which were of the Lē'vites, had by lot, out of the tribe of Jū'dāh, and out of the tribe of Sim'e-ōn, and

² Kēr'jāth-Ar'bā.

out of the tribe of Bēn'ja-mīn, thirteen cities.

5 And the rest of the children of Kō'hāth had by lot, out of the families of the tribe of Ē'phra-īm, and out of the tribe of Dān, and out of the half tribe of Ma-nās'sch, ten cities.

6 And the children of Gēr'shōn had by lot, out of the families of the tribe of Is'sa-chār, and out of the tribe of Āsh'er, and out of the tribe of Nāph'ta-lī, and out of the half tribe of Ma-nās'sch in Bā'shan, thirteen cities.

7 The children of Mēr'a-rī, by their families, had, out of the tribe of Reū'bēn, and out of the tribe of Gād, and out of the tribe of Zēb'u-lōn, twelve cities.

8 And the children of Iſ'ra-ēl gave by lot unto the Lē'vites these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD cōmmand'ed by the mand of Mō'sēs.

9 And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Jūdāh, and out of the tribe of the children of Sim'e-ōn, these cities which are here mentioned by name.

10 Which the children of Aārōn, being of the families of the Kō'hāth-ites, who were of the children of Lē'vī, had: for theirs was the first lot.

11 And they gave them the city of Ār'bā, the father of Ā'nāk (which city is Hē'brōn), in the hill-country of Jūdāh, with the suburbs thereof round ābout' it.

12 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Cāl'ēb the son of Jē-phūn'neh for his pōssēs'sion.

13 Thus they gave to the children of Aārōn the priest, Hē'brōn with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Lib'nāh with her suburbs,

14 And Jāt'tīr with her suburbs, and Esh-tēm'o-ā with her suburbs,

15 And Hō'lōn with her suburbs, and Dē'bir with her suburbs,

16 And Ā'in with her suburbs, and Jūt'tāh with her suburbs, and Bēth'she-mēsh with her suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes.

17 And out of the tribe of Bēn'ja-mīn, Gīb'e-ōn with her suburbs, Gē'bā with her suburbs,

18 Ān'a-thōth with her suburbs, and Āl'mōn with her suburbs; four cities.

19 All the cities of the children of Aārōn, the priests, were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

20 And the families of the children of Kō'hāth, the Lē'vites which remained of the children of Kō'hāth, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ē'phra-īm.

21 For they gave them Shē'chēm with her suburbs in mount Ē'phra-īm, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Gē'zēr with her suburbs,

22 And Kib-zā'im with her suburbs, and Bēth-hō'rōn with her suburbs; four cities.

23 And out of the tribe of Dān, El'tē-kēh with her suburbs, Gīb'be-thōn with her suburbs,

24 Āj'a-lōn¹ with her suburbs, Gāth-Rim'mōn with her suburbs; four cities.

25 And out of the half tribe of Ma-nās'sch, Tā'a-nāch with her suburbs, and Gāth-Rim'mōn with her suburbs; two cities.

26 All the cities were ten, with their suburbs, for the families of the children of Kō'hāth that remained.

27 And unto the children of Gēr'shōn, of the families of the Lē'vites, out of the other half tribe of Ma-nās'sch, they gave Gō'lān in Bā'shān with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Bē'ēsh'te-rāh with her suburbs; two cities.

28 And out of the tribe of Is'sa-chār, Kī'shōn with her suburbs, Dāb'a-rēh with her suburbs,

29 Jār'mūth with her suburbs, Ēn-gūn'nīm with her suburbs; four cities.

30 And out of the tribe of Āsh'er, Mī'shāl with her suburbs, Āb'dōn with her suburbs,

31 Hēl'kāth with her suburbs, and Rē'hōb with her suburbs; four cities.

32 And out of the tribe of Nāph'ta-lī, Kē'dēsh in Gāl'i-lēē with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Hāmōth-Dōr with her suburbs, and Kār'tān with her suburbs; three cities.

33 All the cities of the Gēr'shōn-ites, according to their families, were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

34 And unto the families of the children of Mēr'a-rī, the rest of the Lē'vites, out of the tribe of Zēb'u-lōn, Jōk'ne-ām with her suburbs, and Kār'tāh with her suburbs,

35 Dīm'nāh with her suburbs, Na-hāl'āl with her suburbs; four cities.

36 And out of the tribe of Reū'bēn, Bē'zēr with her suburbs, and Ja-hā'zāh with her suburbs,

37 Kē'd'e-mōth with her suburbs, and Mēph'a-āth with her suburbs; four cities.

38 And out of the tribe of Gād, Rā'mōth in Gī'l'e-ād with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Mā-hanā'im with her suburbs,

39 Hēsh'bōn with her suburbs, Jā'zēr with her suburbs; four cities in all.

40 So all the cities for the children of Mēr'a-rī, by their families, which were remaining of the families of the Lē'vites, were, by their lot, twelve cities.

41 All the cities of the Lē'vites within the pōssēs'sion of the children of Iſ'ra-ēl were forty and eight cities with their suburbs.

42 These cities were every one with

¹ Ad'ja-lōn.

their suburbs round about them: thus were all these cities.

43 ¶ And the LORD gave unto Iſ'ra-ël all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers; and they possess'ed 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 There failed not aught of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Iſ'ra-ël; all came to pass.

CHAP. XXII.

THEN Jōsh'u-ā called the Re'ubēn-ites, and the Gād'ites, and the half tribe of Ma-nās'sch,

2 And said unto them, Ye have kept all that Mō'sēs the servant of the LORD cōmmand'ed you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I cōmmand'ed you:

3 Ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the cōmmand'ment of the LORD your God.

4 And now the LORD your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them: ther'fore now return ye, and get you unto your tents, and unto the land of your possess'ion, which Mō'sēs the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side Jōr dān.

5 But take diligent heed to do the cōmmand'ment and the law, which Mō'sēs the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his cōmmand'ments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

6 So Jōsh'u-ā blēss'ed them, and sent them āway: and they went unto their tents.

7 Now, to the one half of the tribe of Ma-nās'sch, Mō'sēs had given possess'ion in Bā'shān; but unto the other half thereof gave Jōsh'u-ā among their brethren on this side Jōr'dān west'ward. And when Jōsh'u-ā sent them āway also unto their tents, then he blēss'ed them;

8 And he spake unto them, saying, Return with much riches unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brāss, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.

9 And the children of Re'ubēn, and the children of Gād, and the half tribe of Ma-nās'sch, returned, and departed from the children of Iſ'ra-ël out of Shī'lōh, which is in the land of Cā'na-ān, to go into the country of Gil'e-ād, to the land of their possess'ion, whereof they were

possess'ed, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Mō'sēs.

10 And when they came unto the borders of Jōr'dān, that are in the land of Cā'na-ān, the children of Re'ubēn, and the children of Gād, and the half tribe of Ma-nās'sch, built there an altar by Jōr'dān, a great altar to see to.

11 And the children of Iſ'ra-ël heard say, Behold, the children of Re'ubēn, and the children of Gād, and the half tribe of Ma-nās'sch, have built an altar over against' the land of Cā'na-ān, in the borders of Jōr'dān, at the passage of the children of Iſ'ra-ël.

12 And when the children of Iſ'ra-ël heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Iſ'ra-ël gathered themselves together at Shī'lōh, to go up to war against' them.

13 And the children of Iſ'ra-ël sent unto the children of Re'ubēn, and to the children of Gād, and to the half tribe of Ma-nās'sch, into the land of Gil'e-ād, Phīn'e-hās, the son of E-le-āzār the priest;

14 And with him ten princes, of each chief house a prince throughout all the tribes of Iſ'ra-ël; and each one was a head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Iſ'ra-ël.

15 And they came unto the children of Re'ubēn, and to the children of Gād, and to the half tribe of Ma-nās'sch, unto the land of Gil'e-ād; and they spake with them, saying,

16 Thus saith the whole congregation of the LORD, What trēs'pass is this that ye have committed against' the God of Iſ'ra-ël, to turn āway this day from following the LORD, in that ye have builded you an altar, that ye might rebel this day against' the LORD?

17 Is the iniquity of Pē'ōr too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD,

18 But that ye must turn āway 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 Iſ'ra-ël.

19 Notwithstanding, if the land of your possess'ion be unclean, then pass ye over unto the land of the possess'ion of the LORD, wherein the LORD's tabernacle dwelleth, and take possess'ion 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 A'chān the son of Zē'rāh commit a trēs'pass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Iſ'ra-ël? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

21 Then the children of Re'ubēn, and the children of Gād, and the half tribe of

Ma-nās'seh, answered and said unto the heads of the thousands of *Īs'ra-ēl*,

22 The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and *Īs'ra-ēl* he shall know : if *it be* in rebellion, or if 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 you to do with the LORD God of *Īs'ra-ēl* ?

25 For the LORD hath made *Jōr'dān* a border between us and you ; ye children of *Reū'bēn*, and children of *Gād*, ye have no part in the LORD : so shall your children make our children cease from fearing the LORD.

26 *Thērē'fōre* we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt-offering, nor for *sāc'rifiçe* :

27 But *that it may be* a witness between us and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the *sēr'vice* of the LORD before him with our burnt-offerings, and with our *sāc'rifiçes*, and with our peace-offerings ; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the LORD.

28 *Thērē'fōre* said we, that it shall be, when they should *so* say to us, or to our generations in time to come, that we may say *again'*, Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt-offerings, nor for *sāc'rifiçes* ; but *it is* a witness between us and you.

29 God forbid that we should rebel against' the LORD, and turn this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt-offerings, for meat-offerings, or for *sāc'rifiçes*, besides the altar of the LORD our God that *is* before his tabernacle.

30 And when *Phīn'e-hās* the priest, and the princes of the congregation, and heads of the thousands of *Īs'ra-ēl* which *wēre* with him, heard the words that the children of *Reū'bēn* and the children of *Gād*, and the children of *Ma-nās'seh*, spake, it pleased them.

31 And *Phīn'e-hās* the son of *Ē-le-ā'zār* the priest said unto the children of *Reū'bēn*, and to the children of *Gād*, and to the children of *Ma-nās'seh*, This day we *pērcēivē'* that the LORD *is* among us, because ye have not committed this *trēs-pāss* against' the LORD : now ye have delivered the children of *Īs'ra-ēl* out of the hand of the LORD.

32 And *Phīn'e-hās* the son of *Ē-le-ā'zār* the priest, and the princes, returned from

the children of *Reū'bēn*, and from the children of *Gād*, out of the land of *Gil'eād*, unto the land of *Cā'na-ān*, to the children of *Īs'ra-ēl*, and brought them word *again'*.¹

33 And the thing pleased the children of *Īs'ra-ēl* ; and the children of *Īs'ra-ēl* *blēss'ed* God, and did not intend to go up against' them in battle, to *dēstrōy'* the land wherein the children of *Reū'bēn* and *Gād* dwelt.

34 And the children of *Reū'bēn*, and the children of *Gād*, called the altar *Ēd* : for it *shall be* a witness between us that the LORD *is* God.

CHAP. XXIII.

AND it came to pass, a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto *Īs'ra-ēl* from all their enemies round about', that *Jōsh'u-ā* waxed old *and* stricken in age.

2 And *Jōsh'u-ā* called for all *Īs'ra-ēl*, *and* for their elders, and for their 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 all these nations because of you : 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 *Jōr'dān*, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea west'ward.

5 And the LORD your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight ; and ye shall *pōss'ess'* their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you.

6 Be ye *thērē'fōre* very courageous, to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of *Mō'sēs*, that ye turn not aside therefrom *to* the right hand or *to* the left ;

7 That ye come not *among* these nations, these that remain *among* you ; *nēither* make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear *by them*, *nēither* serve them, nor *bōw* yourselves unto them :

8 But cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day.

9 For the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong : but *as for* you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day.

10 One man of you shall chase a thousand : for the LORD your God, he *it is* that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you.

11 Take good heed *thērē'fōre* unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God.

12 Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these na-

¹ *ā-gēn'*.

tions, *even* these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you :

13 Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out *any* of these nations from before you ; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land, which the LORD your God hath given you.

14 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.

15 There fore it shall come to pass, that as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you ; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until he have destrôy'ed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

16 When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commā'nded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them ; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against' you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

CHAP. XXIV.

AND Jōsh'u-ā gathered all the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl to Shē'chēm, and called for the elders of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers ; and they presented themselves before God.

2 And Jōsh'u-ā said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, *even* Tē'rāh the father of Ā'bra-hām, and the father of Nā'chōr : and they served other gods.

3 And I took your father Ā'bra-hām from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Čā'na-ān, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Iṣ'āaċ.

4 And I gave unto Iṣ'āaċ, Jā'ċōb and Ē'sāu ; and I gave unto Ē'sāu mount Sē'ir, to possess' it : but Jā'ċōb and his children went down into Ē'ġypt.

5 I sent Mō'sēs also and Ā'ārōn, and I plagued Ē'ġypt, according to that which I did among them : and āftérwārd I brought you out.

6 And I brought your fathers out of Ē'ġypt : and you came unto the sea ; and the Ē-ġy'p'ti-ānš pursued āfter your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red Sea.

7 And when they cried unto the LORD,

he put darkness between you and the Ē-ġy'p'ti-ānš, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them : and your eyes have seen what I have done in Ē'ġypt : and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season.

8 And I brought you into the land of the Ām'o-rites, which dwelt on the other side Jōr'dān ; and they fought with you : and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess' their land ; and I destrôy'ed them from before you.

9 Then Bā'lāk the son of Zip'pōr, king of Mō'āb, ārōse and warred āgainst' Iṣ'ra-ēl and sent and called Bā'lāam the son of Bē'ōr to curse you :

10 But I would not hearken unto Bā'lāam ; therēfore he bless'ed you still : so I delivered you out of his hand.

11 And ye went over Jōr'dān, and came unto Jēr'i-ċhō : and the men of Jēr'i-ċhō fought āgainst' you, the Ām'o-rites, and the Pēr'iz-zites, and the Čā'n'aan-ites, and the Hit'tites, and the Gir'ga-shites,¹ the Hī'vites, and the Jēb'u-sites ; and I delivered them into your hand.

12 And I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, *even* the two kings of the Ām'o-rites ; 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 vineyards² and oliveyards which ye plānted not, do ye eat.

14 Now therēfore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth : and put āwāy the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Ē'ġypt ; and serve ye the LORD.

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, chōḏže you this day whom you will serve ; whether the gods which your fathers served, that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Ām'o-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, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods ;

17 For the LORD our God, he *is* that brought us up, and our fathers, out of the land of Ē'ġypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and prēsērv'ed us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we pass'ed :

18 And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, *even* the Ām'o-rites which dwelt in the land : therēfore will we also serve the LORD ; for he *is* our God.

19 And Jōsh'u-ā said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD : for he *is* a holy God ; he *is* a jēalous God ; he will

¹ Gir'ga-shites.

² vin'yērdz.

not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

20 If ye forsake the LORD, and sēve strānge gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, āfter that he hath done you good.

21 And the people said unto Jōsh'u-ā, Nay, but we will sēve the LORD.

22 And Jōsh'u-ā said unto the people, Ye āre witnesses āgainst' yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to sēve him. And they said, We āre witnesses.

23 Now thēre'fōre put āwāy, said he, the strānge gods which āre āmong you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

24 And the people said unto Jōsh'u-ā, The LORD our God will we sēve, and his voice will we obey.

25 So Jōsh'u-ā made a cōvenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shē'chēm.

26 And Jōsh'u-ā 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 sānc'tuary¹ of the LORD.

27 And Jōsh'u-ā said unto all 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 thēre'fōre a witness unto you, lēst ye deny your God.

28 So Jōsh'u-ā let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

29 And it came to pāss āfter these things, that Jōsh'u-ā the son of Nūn, the sērvant of the LORD, died, being a hundred and ten years old.

30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Tim'nāth-Sē'rāh, which is in mount Ē'phra-īm, on the north side of the hill of Gā'āsh.

31 And Iṣ'ra-ēl sērvēd the LORD all the days of Jōsh'u-ā, and all the days of the elders that overlived Jōsh'u-ā, and which had known all the works of the LORD, that he had done for Iṣ'ra-ēl.

32 And the bones of Jō'sēph, which the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl brought up out of Ē'gypt, buried they in Shē'chēm, in a parcel of ground which Jā'cōb bought of the sons of Hā'mōr, the father of Shē'chēm, for a hundred piēces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Jō'sēph.

33 And Ē-le-ā'zār, the son of Aā'rōn, died; and they buried him in a hill that pērtāin'ed to Phīn'e-hās his son, which was given him in mount Ē'phra-īm.

¶ The BOOK of JUDGES.

CHAPTER I.

NOW, āfter the death of Jōsh'u-ā, it came to pāss, that the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl āsked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us āgainst' the Čān'aān-ītes first, to fight āgainst' them?

2 And the LORD said, Jū'dāh shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.

3 And Jū'dāh said unto Sīm'e-ōn his brōther, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight āgainst' the Čān'aān-ītes; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Sīm'e-ōn went with him.

4 And Jū'dāh went up; and the LORD delivered the Čān'aān-ītes and the Pēr'iz-zītes into their hand: and they slew of them in Bē'zēk ten thousand men.

5 And they found Ā-dō-ni-bē'zēk in Bē'zēk; and they fought āgainst' him, and they slew the Čān'aān-ītes and the Pēr'iz-zītes.

6 But Ā-dō-ni-bē'zēk fled: and they pursued āfter him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes.

7 And Ā-dō-ni-bē'zēk said, Threescore and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gāthered their meat under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they

brought him to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and there he died.

8 ¶ Now the children of Jū'dāh had fought āgainst' Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the swōrd, and set the city on fire.

9 And āftērwārd the children of Jū'dāh went down to fight āgainst' the Čān'aān-ītes, that dwelt in the mōun'tain, and in the south, and in the valley.

10 And Jū'dāh went āgainst' the Čān'aān-ītes that dwelt in Hē'brōn, (now the name of Hē'brōn before was Kir'jāth-ār-bā,) and they slew Shē'shāi, and Ā-hī-mān, and Tāl'māi.

11 And from thence he went āgainst' the inhabitants of Dē'bīr; (and the name of Dē'bīr before was Kir'jāth-Sē'phēr:)²

12 And Cālēb said, He that smiteth Kir'jāth-Sē'phēr, and taketh it, to him will I give Āch'sāh my daughter to wife.

13 And ōth'ni-ēl the son of Kē'nāz, Čā'lēb's younger brōther, took it: and he gave him Āch'sāh his daughter to wife.

14 And it came to pāss, when she came to him, that she moved him to āsk of her father a fiēld: and she lighted from off her āss; and Cālēb said unto her, What wilt thou?

15 And she said unto him, Give me a

¹ sāngk'tshu-ā-re.

² Kēr'jāth-Sē'fūr.

blessing: for thou hast given me a south land, give me also springs of water. And Čā'lēb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

16 ¶ And the children of the Kēn'ite, Mo'sēs' father-in-law, went up out of the city of palm-trees with the children of Jū'dāh, into the wilderness of Jū'dāh, which lieth in the south of Ā'rād: and they went and dwelt among the people.

17 And Jū'dāh went with Sim'e-ōn his brother, and they slew the Čān'aān-ites that inhabited Zē'phāth, and utterly de-strōy'ed it: (And the name of the city was called Hōr'māh.)

18 Also Jū'dāh took Gā'zā with the coast thereof, and Ās'ke-lōn with the coast thereof, and Ēk'rōn with the coast thereof.

19 And the LORD was with Jū'dāh, and he drave out the inhabitants of the mōūn'tain, but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron.

20 And they gave Hē'brōn unto Čā'lēb, as Mo'sēs said: and he expelled thence the three sons of Ā'nūk.

21 ¶ And the children of Bēn'ja-mīn did not drive out the Jēb'u-sites that inhabited Jē-rū'sa-lēm; but the Jēb'u-sites dwell with the children of Bēn'ja-mīn in Jē-rū'sa-lēm unto this day.

22 ¶ And the house of Jō'sēph, they also went up against Bēth'el: and the LORD was with them.

23 And the house of Jō'sēph sent to descry Bēth'el: (Now the name of the city before was Lūz.)

24 And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city; and they said unto him, Show us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will show thee mercy.

25 And when he showed 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 Hīt'ites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Lūz: which is the name thereof unto this day.

27 ¶ Neither did Ma-nās'seh drive out the inhabitants of Bēth-she'ān and her towns, nor Tā'a-nāch and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dōr and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Īb'le-ām and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Mē-gid'dō and her towns: but the Čān'aān-ites would dwell in that land.

28 And it came to pass, when Iṣ'ra-ēl was strong, that they put the Čān'aān-ites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.

29 Neither did Ē'phra-īm drive out the Čān'aān-ites that dwelt in Gē'zēr; but the Čān'aān-ites dwelt in Gē'zēr among them.

30 Neither did Zēb'u-lōn drive out the

inhabitants of Kit'rōn, nor the inhabitants of Nā'ha-lōl; but the Čān'aān-ites dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

31 Neither did Āsh'er drive out the inhabitants of Āč'chō, nor the inhabitants of Zī'dōn, nor of Āh'lāb, nor of Āč'zīb, nor of Hēl'bāh, nor of Ā'phēk, nor of Rē'hēb:

32 But the Āsh'er-ites dwelt among the Čān'aān-ites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out.

33 Neither did Nāph'ta-li drive out the inhabitants of Bēth'she-mēsh, nor the inhabitants of Bēth'a-nāth; but he dwelt among the Čān'aān-ites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Bēth'she-mēsh and of Bēth'a-nāth became tributaries unto them.

34 ¶ And the Ām'o-rites forced the children of Dān into the mōūn'tain: for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley:

35 But the Ām'o-rites would dwell in mount Hē'res in Ā'ja-lōn,¹ and in Shā-āl-bīm; yet the hand of the house of Jō'sēph prevailed, so that they became tributaries.

36 And the coast of the Ām'o-rites was from the going up to Āk-rāb'bīm, from the rock, and up'ward.

CHAP. II.

AND an angel of the LORD came up from Gil'gāl, to Bō'chīm, and said, I made you to go up out of Ē'gypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swear 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: but 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 their gods 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.

5 And they called the name of that place Bō'chīm: and they sac'rificed there unto the LORD.

6 ¶ And when Jōsh'u-ā had let the people go, the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl went every man unto his inheritance to possess' the land.

7 And the people served the LORD all the days of Jōsh'u-ā, and all the days of the elders that outlived Jōsh'u-ā, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Iṣ'ra-ēl.

8 And Jōsh'u-ā the son of Nūn, the servant of the LORD, died, being a hundred and ten years old.

9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Tim'nāth-Hē'res, in the

¹ Ā'd'ja-lōn.

mount of E'phra-īm, on the north side of the hill Gā'āsh.

10 And also all that generation wēre gathered unto their fathers: and there arose ānōther generation āfter them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Iṣ'ra-ēl.

11 And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl did evil in the sight of the LORD, and sērvēd Bā'al-īm:

12 And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of E'gypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that wēre round ābout' them, and bōwed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.

13 And they forsook the LORD, and sērvēd Bā'al and Ašh'ta-rōth.

14 And the anger of the LORD was hot āgainst' Iṣ'ra-ēl, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round ābout', so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was āgainst' them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they wēre greatly distressed.

16 Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

17 And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring āfter other gods, and bōwed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the cōmmān'dments of the LORD; but they did not so.

18 And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because of their groanings, by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

19 And it came to pāss, when the judge was dead, that they returned and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to sērve them, and to bōw down unto them: they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.

20 And the anger of the LORD was hot āgainst' Iṣ'ra-ēl; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my cōvenant which I cōmmān'ded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice,

21 I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Jōsh'u-ā left when he died;

22 That through them I may prove Iṣ'ra-ēl, whether they will keep the way of the LORD, to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not.

23 Therēfore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out hastily;

nēither delivered he them into the hand of Jōsh'u-ā.

CHAP. III.

NOW these āre the nations which the LORD left, to prove Iṣ'ra-ēl by them; (even as many of Iṣ'ra-ēl as had not known all the wars of Čā'na-ān;

2 Only that the generations of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl might know to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nōthing thereof;)

3 Namely, five lords of the Phi-lis'tines, and all the Čān'aān-ites, and the Si-dō'ni-ān-ū, and the Hi'vites that dwelt in mount Lēb'a-nōn, from mount Bā'al-Hēr'mōn unto the entering in of Hā'māth.

4 And they wēre to prove Iṣ'ra-ēl by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the cōmmān'dments of the LORD, which he cōmmān'ded their fathers by the hand of Mō'sēs.

5 ¶ And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl dwelt āmong the Čān'aān-ites, Hi'tites, and Am'o-rites, and Pēr'iz-zites, and Hi'vites, and Jēb'u-sites:

6 And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and sērvēd their gods.

7 And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgat the LORD their God, and sērvēd Bā'al-īm and the groves.

8 Therēfore the anger of the LORD was hot āgainst' Iṣ'ra-ēl, and he sold them into the hand of Čhūsh'ān-Rish-a-thā'īm king of Mēs-ō-pō-tā'mi-ā: and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl sērvēd Čhūsh'ān-Rish-a-thā'īm eight years.

9 And when the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer to the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, who delivered them, even ōth'ni-ēl the son of Kē'nāz, Čā'lēb's younger brōther.

10 And the Spir'it of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Iṣ'ra-ēl, and went out to war: and the LORD delivered Čhūsh'ān-Rish-a-thā'īm king of Mēs-ō-pō-tā'mi-ā into his hand; and his hand prevailed āgainst' Čhūsh'ān-Rish-a-thā'īm.

11 And the land had rest forty years and ōth'ni-ēl the son of Kē'nāz died.

12 ¶ And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl did evil āgain' in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD strengthened E'glōn the king of Mō'āb āgainst' Iṣ'ra-ēl, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD.

13 And he gathered unto him the children of Am'mōn and Am'a-lēk, and went and smote Iṣ'ra-ēl, and pōssēs'sed the city of palm-trees.

14 So the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl sērvēd E'glōn the king of Mō'āb eighteen years.

15 But when the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised them up a deliverer, E'hūd the son of Gē'rā, a Bēn'ja-mite, a man left-handed:

Ē'hūd killeth Ēg'lōn.

JUDGES. *Dēb'o-rāh and Bārāk deliver Iṣ'ra-ēl.*

and by him the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl sent a present unto Ēg'lōn the king of Mō'ab.

16 But Ē'hūd made him a dagger, which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird¹ it under his raiment upon his right thigh.

17 And he brought the present unto Ēg'lōn king of Mō'ab; and Ēg'lōn was a very fat man.

18 And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present.

19 But he himself turned again' from the quār'ries that were by Gil'gāl, 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 Ē'hūd came unto him; and he was sitting in a summer parlour, which he had for himself, alone: and Ē'hūd said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of his seat.

21 And Ē'hūd put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly.

22 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.

23 Then Ē'hūd went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them.

24 When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlour were locked, they said, Surely he covereth his feet in his summer chamber.

25 And they tarried till they were ashā'med; and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour: there'fore they took a key and opened them: and, behold, their lord was fallen down dead on the earth.

26 And Ē'hūd escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quār'ries, and escaped unto Sē'i-rāth.

27 And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ē'phra-īm, and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl 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 your enemies the Mō'ab-ites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jōr'dān toward Mō'ab, and suffered not a man to pass over.

29 And they slew of Mō'ab at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man.

30 So Mō'ab was subdued that day under the hand of Iṣ'ra-ēl. And the land had rest fourscore years.

31 And after him was Shām'gār, the

son of Ā'nāth, which slew of the Phi-lis'tines six hundred men with an ox-goad: and he also delivered Iṣ'ra-ēl.

CHAP. IV.

AND the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl again' did evil in the sight of the LORD, when Ē'hūd was dead.

2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jā'bīn king of Čā'na-ān, that reigned in Hā'zōr; the captain of whose host was Sis'e-rā, which dwelt in Hār'o-shēth of the Ġēn'tiles.

3 And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl cried unto the LORD; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron: and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

4 And Dēb'o-rāh a prophetess, the wife of Lāp'i-dōth, she judged Iṣ'ra-ēl at that time.

5 And she dwelt under the palm-tree of Dēb'o-rāh, between Rā'māh and Bēth-ēl in mount Ē'phra-īm; and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl came up to her for judgment.

6 And she sent and called Bārāk, the son of Ā-bin'o-ām, out of Kē'dēsh-Nāph'ta-lī, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl comman'ded, saying, Go, and draw toward mount Tā'bōr, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Nāph'ta-lī and of the children of Zēb'u-lōn?

7 And I will draw unto thee, to the river Kī'shōn, Sis'e-rā, the captain of Jā'bīn's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.

8 And Bārāk 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 hōn'our; for the LORD shall sell Sis'e-rā into the hand of a woman. And Dēb'o-rāh arose, and went with Bārāk to Kē'dēsh.

10 And Bārāk called Zēb'u-lōn and Nāph'ta-lī to Kē'dēsh; and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet: and Dēb'o-rāh went up with him.

11 Now Hē'bér the Kēn'ite, which was of the children of Hō'bāb, the father-in-law of Mō'šēs, had severed himself from the Kēn'ites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zā-ā-nā'im, which is by Kē'dēsh.

12 And they showed Sis'e-rā that Bārāk, the son of Ā-bin'o-ām, was gone up to mount Tā'bōr.

13 And Sis'e-rā gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Hār'o-shēth of the Ġēn'tiles unto the river of Kī'shōn.

14 And Dēb'o-rāh said unto Bārāk, Up; for this is the day in which the LORD

¹ gird.

bath delivered Sis'e-rā into thine hand : is not the LORD gone out before thee? So Bā'rāk went down from mount Tā'bōr, and ten thousand men after him.

15 And the LORD discomfited Sis'e-rā, and all *his* chariots, and all *his* host, with the edge of the sword, before Bā'rāk; so that Sis'e-rā lighted down off *his* chariot, and fled āwāy on his feet.

16 But Bā'rāk pursued āfter the chariots, and āfter the host, unto Hār'o-shēth of the Gēn'tiles: and all the host of Sis'e-rā fell upon the edge of the sword; and there was not a man left.

17 Howbeit, Sis'e-rā fled āwāy on his feet to the tent of Jā'el the wife of Hē'bér the Kēn'ite: for *there was* peace between Jā'bin the king of Hā'zōr and the house of Hē'bér the Kēn'ite.

18 And Jā'el went out to meet Sis'e-rā, 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 cōvered 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 cōvered him.

20 Āgain' he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent; and it shall be, when any man dōth come and inquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No.

21 Then Jā'el, Hē'bér's wife, took a nail of the tent, and took a 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 āslēep, and weary :) so he died.

22 And, behold, as Bā'rāk pursued Sis'e-rā, Jā'el came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will show thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sis'e-rā lay dead, and the nail *was* in his temples.

23 So God subdued on that day Jā'bin the king of Čā'na-ān before the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

24 And the hand of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl prospered, and prevailed āgainst' Jā'bin the king of Čā'na-ān, until they had destrōy'ed Jā'bin king of Čā'na-ān.

CHAP. V.

THEN sang Dēb'o-rāh, and Bā'rāk the son of Ā-bin'o-ām, on that day, saying,

2 Praise ye the LORD for the āven'ging of Iṣ'ra-ēl, when the people willingly offered themselves.

3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes: I, *even* I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

4 LORD, when thou wentest out of Sē'ir, when thou marchedst out of the field of

E'dōm, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.

5 The mōūn'tains melted from before the LORD, *even* that Sī'nāi from before the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

6 In the days of Shām'gār the son of Ā'nāth, in the days of Jā'el, the highways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through by-ways.

7 *The inhabitants of* the villages ceased, they ceased in Iṣ'ra-ēl, until that I Dēb'o-rāh arose, that I arose a mōther in Iṣ'ra-ēl.

8 They chose new gods; then *was* war in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen āmong forty thousand in Iṣ'ra-ēl?

9 My heart *is* tō'wārd the gōvernors of Iṣ'ra-ēl, that offered themselves willingly āmong the people. Bless ye the LORD.

10 Speak, ye that ride on white asses, ye that sit in judgment, and walk by the way.

11 *They that are delivered from* the noise of archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righ'teous acts of the LORD, *even* the righ'teous acts tō'wārd the inhabitants of his villages in Iṣ'ra-ēl: then shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates.

12 Āwāke, āwāke, Dēb'o-rāh; āwāke, āwāke; utter a song: arise, Bā'rāk, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Ā-bin'o-ām.

13 Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles āmong the people: the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.

14 Out of E'phra-īm *was there* a root of them āgainst' Ām'a-lēk; āfter thee, Bēn'ja-mīn, āmong thy people: out of Mā'chir came down gōvernors, and out of Zēb'u-lōn they that handle the pen of the writer.

15 And the princes of Iṣ'sa-čhār were with Dēb'o-rāh; *even* Iṣ'sa-čhār, and also Bā'rāk: he was sent on foot into the valley. For the divisions of Reu'bēn *there were* great thoughts of heart.

16 Why ābōdest thou āmong the sheep-folds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks? For the divisions of Reu'bēn *there were* great search'ings of heart.

17 Gil'e-ād ābode beyond Jōr'dān: and why did Dān remain in ships? Āsh'er continued on the sea-shore, and ābode in his breaches.

18 Zēb'u-lōn and Nāph'ta-lī were a people that jēop'arded their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.

19 The kings came and fought; then fought the kings of Čā'na-ān in Tā'a-nāch by the waters of Mē-gid'dō: they took no gain of mōney.

20 They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought āgainst' Sis'e-rā.

21 The river of Kī'shōn swept them

away, that ancient river, the river Kí-shôn. O my soul, thou hast trodden down strength.

22 Then wère the horse-hoofs broken by the means of the prân'cings, the prân'cings of their mighty ones.

23 Curse ye Mē'rōz, said the āngel of the LORD; curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD āgainst' the mighty.

24 Blēs'sed ābōve women shall Jā'él the wife of Hē'bér the Kēn'ite be; blēs'sed shall she be ābōve women in the tent.

25 He āsked water, and she gave him milk; she brought forth butter in a lordly dish.

26 She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workman's hammer; and with the hammer she smote Sis'e-rā; she smote off his head, when she had piērced and stricken through his temples.

27 At her feet he bōwed, he fell, he lay down: at her feet he bōwed, he fell; where he bōwed, there he fell down dead.

28 The mōther of Sis'e-rā 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?

29 Her wise ladies answered her, yēa, she returned ānswer to herself,

30 Have they not sped? have they not divided the prey; to every man a damsel or two? to Sis'e-rā a prey of dī'vērş colours, a prey of dī'vērş colours of needle-work, of dī'vērş colours of needle-work on both sides, meet for the necks of them that take the spoil?

31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: 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.

AND the children of Iš'ra-él did evil in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Mid'i-án seven years.

2 And the hand of Mid'i-án prevāiled āgainst' Iš'ra-él: and because of the Mid'i-án-ites the children of Iš'ra-él made them the dens which āre in the mōūn'tains, and caves, and strong holds.

3 And so it was, when Iš'ra-él had sown, that the Mid'i-án-ites came up, and the Ām'a-lēk-ites, and the children of the east, even they came up āgainst' them;

4 And they encamped āgainst' them, and dēstrōy'ed the increase of the ēārth, till thou come unto Gā'zā; and left no sustenance for Iš'ra-él, nēither sheep, nor ox, nor āss.

5 For they came up with their cattle, and their tents, and they came as grāss-hoppers for multitude: for both they and their camels wère without number: and they entered into the land to dēstrōy' it.

6 And Iš'ra-él was greatly impoverish-ed because of the Mid'i-án-ites; and the children of Iš'ra-él cried unto the LORD.

7 And it came to pāss, when the children of Iš'ra-él cried unto the LORD because of the Mid'i-án-ites,

8 That the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of Iš'ra-él, which said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Iš'ra-él, I brought you up from Ē'g̃ypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage;

9 And I delivered you out of the hand of the Ē-g̃y'p'ti-ānş, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land:

10 And I said unto you, I am the LORD your God; fear not the gods of the Ām'o-rītes, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

11 ¶ And there came an āngel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ōph'rāh, that pērtāin'ed unto Jō'āsh the Ā-bi-ēz'rite: and his son Gid'e-ón threshed wheat by the wine-press, to hide it from the Mid'i-án-ites.

12 And the āngel of the LORD appear-ed unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

13 And Gid'e-ón said unto him, Oh, my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Ē'g̃ypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Mid'i-án-ites.

14 And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Iš'ra-él from the hand of the Mid'i-án-ites: have not I sent thee?

15 And he said unto him, Oh, my Lord, wherewith shall I save Iš'ra-él? behold, my family is poor in Ma-nās'seh, and I am the least in my father's house.

16 And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Mid'i-án-ites as one man.

17 ¶ And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then show me a sign that thou talkest with me.

18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, untill I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come āgain'.

19 And Gid'e-ón went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ēph'ah of flour: the flesh he put in a bāsk-et, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the oak, and presented it.

20 And the āngel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so.

21 Then the āngel of the LORD put

forth the end of the staff that *was* in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

22 And when Gid'e-ōn perceived that he *was* an angel of the LORD, Gid'e-ōn said, Alās', 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 Gid'e-ōn built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jē-hō'vāh-Shāl'ōm: unto this day it *is* yet in ōph'rāh of the Ā-bi-ēz'rites.

25 And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Bā'āl that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that *is* by it;

26 And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt-sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.

27 Then Gid'e-ōn took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of 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 Bā'āl was cast down, and the grove was cut 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 inquired and asked, they said, Gid'e-ōn the son of Jō'ash hath done this thing.

30 Then the men of the city said unto Jō'ash, Bring out thy son, that he may die: because he hath cast down the altar of Bā'āl, and because he hath cut down the grove that *was* by it.

31 And Jō'ash said unto all that stood against him, Will ye plead for Bā'āl? 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 cast down his altar.

32 Therefore on that day he called him Jē-rūb'ba-āl, saying, let Bā'āl plead against him, because he hath thrown down his altar.

33 ¶ Then all the Mid'i-ān-ites, and the Ām'a-lēk-ites, and the children of the east,

were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jēz're-ēl.

34 But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gid'e-ōn, and he blew a trumpet; and Ā-bi-ēz'er was gathered after him.

35 And he sent messengers throughout all Ma-nās'seh; who also was gathered after him: and he sent messengers unto Āsh'er, and unto Zēb'u-lōn, and unto Nāph'ta-li; and they came up to meet them.

36 And Gid'e-ōn said unto God, If thou wilt save Iś'ra-ēl by mine hand, as thou hast said,

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 Iś'ra-ēl 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 wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.

39 And Gid'e-ōn 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.

CHAP. VII.

THEN Jē-rūb'ba-āl, (who *is* Gid'e-ōn,) and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Hār'ōd: so that the host of the Mid'i-ān-ites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Mō'rēh, in the valley.

2 And the LORD said unto Gid'e-ōn, The people that *are* with thee *are* too many for me to give the Mid'i-ān-ites into their hands, lest Iś'ra-ēl vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.

3 Now, therefore, go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever *is* fearful and afraid, let him return, and depart early from mount Gil'e-ād: and there returned of the people twenty and two thousand, and there remained ten thousand.

4 And the LORD said unto Gid'e-ōn, 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 Gid'e-ōn, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself, likewise every

¹ *fearful*, timorous—*fearful*, terrible.

one that bôweth down upon his knees to drink.

6 And the number of them that lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, wêre three hundred men : but all the rest of the people bôwed down upon their knees to drink water.

7 And the LORD said unto Gid'e-ön, by the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Mid'i-än-ites 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 Iş'ra-ël, every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men. And the host of Mid'i-än was beneath him in the valley.

9 And it came to pãss the same night, that the LORD said unto him, *ãrise*, 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 Phû'rãh thy sêrvant down to the host :

11 And thou shalt hear what they say, and *ãfterwãrd* shall thy hands be strengthened to go down unto the host. Then went he down with Phû'rãh his sêrvant unto the outside of the armed men that wêre in the host.

12 And the Mid'i-än-ites, and the ãm'alek-ites, and all the children of the east, lay *ãlông'* in the valley like grãsshoppers for multitude ; and their camels wêre without number, as the sand by the sea-side for multitude.

13 And when Gid'e-ön 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 bãrley-bread tumbled into the host of Mid'i-än, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay *ãlông'*.

14 And his fellow answered and said, This *is* nôthing else save the swôrd of Gid'e-ön the son of Jô'ãsh, a man of Iş'ra-ël : *for* into his hand hath God delivered Mid'i-än, and all the host.

15 And it was *so*, when Gid'e-ön heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he wôr'shipped, and returned into the host of Iş'ra-ël, and said, *ãrise* ; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Mid'i-än.

16 And he divided the three hundred men *into* three côm'panïes, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.

17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise : and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be, *that* as I do, so shall ye do.

18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that *ãre* with me, then blow ye the

trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, *The swôrd* of the LORD, and of Gid'e-ön.

19 So Gid'e-ön, and the hundred men that wêre with him, came unto the outside of the camp, in the beginning of the middle wãtch ; and they had but newly set the wãtch : and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, that wêre in their hands.

20 And the three côm'panïes 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 swôrd* of the LORD, and of Gid'e-ön.

21 And they stood every man in his place round *ãbout'* the camp : and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the LORD set every man's swôrd *ãgainst'* his fellow, even throughout all the host : and the host fled to Bêth-shit'ãh in Zêr'e-rãth, *and* to the border of ãbël-Mê-hô'lãh, unto Tãb'bãth.

23 And the men of Iş'ra-ël gãthêred themselves togethêr out of Nãph'ta-lï, and out of ãsh'er, and out of all Ma-nãs'seh, and pursued *ãfter* the Mid'i-än-ites.

24 And Gid'e-ön sent messengers throughout all mount Êphra-ïm, saying, Come down *ãgainst'* the Mid'i-än-ites, and take before them the waters unto Bêth-bã'rãh and Jôr'dãn. Then all the men of Êphra-ïm gãthêred themselves togethêr, and took the waters unto Bêth-bã'rãh and Jôr'dãn.

25 And they took two princes of the Mid'i-än-ites, O'rëb and Zë'ëb ; and they slew O'rëb upon the rock O'rëb, and Zë'ëb they slew at the wine-press of Zë'ëb, and pursued Mid'i-än, and brought the heads of O'rëb and Zë'ëb to Gid'e-ön on the other side Jôr'dãn.

CHAP. VIII.

AND the men of Êphra-ïm said unto him, Why hast thou sêrved us thus, that thou calledst us not when thou wentest to fight with the Mid'i-än-ites ? And they did chide with him sharply.

2 And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison of you ? *Is* not the gleaning of the grapes of Êphra-ïm better than the vintage of ã-bi-ë'zêr ?

3 God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Mid'i-än, O'rëb and Zë'ëb : and what was I able to do in comparison of you ? Then their anger was *ãbãted* tô'wãrd him, when he had said that.

4 And Gid'e-ön came to Jôr'dãn, *and* pãssed over, he, and the three hundred men that wêre with him, faint, yet pursuing them.

5 And he said unto the men of Sũç'çôth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me ; for they

be faint, and I am pursuing after Zē'bāh and Zāl-mūn'nā, kings of Mid'i-ān.

6 And the princes of Sūc'ōth said, *Are* the hands of Zē'bāh and Zāl-mūn'nā now in thine hands, that we should give bread unto thine army?

7 And Gid'e-ōn said, *Therē'fore*, when the LORD hath delivered Zē'bāh and Zāl-mūn'nā into mine hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briars.

8 And he went up thence to Pē-nū'ēl, and spake unto them likewise: and the men of Pē-nū'ēl answered him as the men of Sūc'ōth had answered him.

9 And he spake also unto the men of Pē-nū'ēl, saying, When I come again' in peace, I will break down this tower.

10 Now Zē'bāh and Zāl-mūn'nā were in Kār'kōr, and their hosts with them, about' fifteen thousand men, all that were left of all the hosts of the children of the east: for there fell a hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword.

11 And Gid'e-ōn went up by the way of them that dwell in tents, on the east of Nō'bāh and Jōg'be-hāh, and smote the host: for the host was secure.

12 And when Zē'bāh and Zāl-mūn'nā fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Mid'i-ān, Zē'bāh and Zāl-mūn'nā, and discorn'fited all the host.

13 And Gid'e-ōn, the son of Jō'āsh, returned from battle before the sun was up,

14 And caught a young man of the men of Sūc'ōth, and inquired of him: and he described unto him the princes of Sūc'ōth, and the elders thereof, *even* threescore and seventeen men.

15 And he came unto the men of Sūc'ōth, and said, Behold Zē'bāh and Zāl-mūn'nā, with whom ye did upbraid me, saying, *Are* the hands of Zē'bāh and Zāl-mūn'nā now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thy men *that are weary*?

16 And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briars, and with them he taught the men of Sūc'ōth.

17 And he beat down the tower of Pē-nū'ēl, and slew the men of the city.

18 Then said he unto Zē'bāh and Zāl-mūn'nā, What manner of men were they whom ye slew at Tā'bōr? And they answered, As thou art, so were they; each one resembled the children of a king.

19 And he said, They were my brethren, *even* the sons of my mother: as the LORD liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you.

20 And he said unto Jē'thēr his first-born, Up, and slay them: but the youth drew not his sword; for he feared, because he was yet a youth.

21 Then Zē'bāh and Zāl-mūn'nā said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man

is, so is his strength. And Gid'e-ōn arose, and slew Zē'bāh and Zāl-mūn'nā, and took away the ornaments that were on their camels' necks.

22 ¶ Then the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl said unto Gid'e-ōn, Rule thou over us, both thou and thy son, and thy son's son also; for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Mid'i-ān.

23 And Gid'e-ōn said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you.

24 And Gid'e-ōn said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the ear-rings of his prey: (for they had golden ear-rings, because they were Iṣ'ma-ēl-ites.)

25 And they answered, We will willingly give them. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the ear-rings of his prey.

26 And the weight of the golden ear-rings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred shekels of gold, beside ornaments, and collars, and purple raiment that was on the kings of Mid'i-ān, and beside the chains that were about' their camels' necks.

27 And Gid'e-ōn made an ēph'od thereof, and put it in his city, *even* in ōph'rāh: and all Iṣ'ra-ēl went thither a whoring after it; which thing became a snare unto Gid'e-ōn, and to his house.

28 Thus was Mid'i-ān subdued before the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, so that they lifted up their heads no more: and the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gid'e-ōn.

29 ¶ And Jē-rūb'ba-āl the son of Jō'āsh, went and dwelt in his own house.

30 And Gid'e-ōn had threescore and ten sons of his body begotten: for he had many wives.

31 And his concubine, that was in Shē'chēm, she also bare him a son, whose name he called Ā-bīm'e-lēch.

32 And Gid'e-ōn, the son of Jō'āsh, died in a good old age, and was buried in the sēpulchre of Jō'āsh, his father, in ōph'rāh of the Ā-bi-ēz'rites.

33 And it came to pass, as soon as Gid'e-ōn was dead, that the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl turned again', and went a whoring after Bā'al'im, and made Bā'al-Bē'rith their god.

34 And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl remembered not the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side:

35 Neither showed they kindness to the house of Jē-rūb'ba-āl, *namely* Gid'e-ōn, according to all the goodness which he had showed unto Iṣ'ra-ēl.

CHAP. IX.

AND Ā-bīm'e-lēch the son of Jē-rūb'ba-āl, went to Shē'chēm unto his

mother's brēthren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,

2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shē'chēm, Whether *is* better for you either that all the sons of Jē-rūb'ba-āl, which are 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 brēthren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shē'chēm all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Ā-bim'e-lēch; for they said, He *is* our brother.

4 And they gave him threescore and ten pīces of silver out of the house of Bā'al-Bē'rith; wherewith Ā-bim'e-lēch hired vain and light persons, which followed him.

5 And he went unto his father's house at Ōph'rāh, and slew his brēthren, the sons of Jē-rūb'ba-āl, being threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding, yet Jō'thām, the youngest son of Jē-rūb'ba-āl, was left: for he hid himself.

6 And all the men of Shē'chēm gathered together, and all the house of Mil'lō, and went and made Ā-bim'e-lēch king, by the plain of the pillar that *was* in Shē'chēm.

7 And when they told it to Jō'thām, he went and stood in the top of mount Gēr'izim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shē'chēm, that God may hearken unto you.

8 The trees went forth *on a time* to anoint a king over them: and they said unto the olive-tree, Reign thou over us.

9 But the olive-tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they hōn'our God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

10 And the trees said to the fig-tree, Come thou *and* reign over us.

11 But the fig-tree said unto them, Should I forsake 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 said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth 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 said 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 Lēb'a-nōn.

16 Now *théré'fore*, if ye have done truly and sincerely in that ye have made Ā-bim'e-lēch king, and if ye have dealt well with Jē-rūb'ba-āl and his house, and have

done unto him according to the dēš'erv'ing of his hands;

17 (For my father fought for you, and adventured his life far, and delivered you out of the hand of Mid'i-ān;

18 And ye are risen up āgainst' my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Ā-bim'e-lēch, the son of his maid-servant, king over the men of Shē'chēm, because he *is* your brother;)

19 If ye then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jē-rūb'ba-āl and with his house this day, *then* rejoice ye in Ā-bim'e-lēch, and let him also rejoice in you;

20 But if not, let fire come out from Ā-bim'e-lēch, and devour the men of Shē'chēm, and the house of Mil'lō; and let fire come out from the men of Shē'chēm, and from the house of Mil'lō, and devour Ā-bim'e-lēch.

21 And Jō'thām ran āwāy, and fled, and went to Bē'er, and dwelt there, for fear of Ā-bim'e-lēch his brother.

22 ¶ When Ā-bim'e-lēch had reigned three years over Iš'ra-ēl,

23 Then God sent an evil spirit between Ā-bim'e-lēch and the men of Shē'chēm; and the men of Shē'chēm dealt treacherously with Ā-bim'e-lēch:

24 That the cruelty *done* to the threescore and ten sons of Jē-rūb'ba-āl might come, and their blood be laid upon Ā-bim'e-lēch their brother, which slew them; and upon the men of Shē'chēm, which aided him in the killing of his brēthren.

25 And the men of Shē'chēm set liers in wait for him in the top of the mōūntains, and they robbed all that came ālōng' that way by them: and it was told Ā-bim'e-lēch.

26 And Gā'āl, the son of Ē'bēd, came with his brēthren, and went over to Shē'chēm: and the men of Shē'chēm put their confidence in him.

27 And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards,¹ and trōde the grapes, and made merry, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Ā-bim'e-lēch.

28 And Gā'āl, the son of Ē'bēd, said, Who *is* Ā-bim'e-lēch, and who *is* Shē'chēm, that we should sērve him? *Is not he* the son of Jē-rūb'ba-āl? and Zē'būl his officer? Sērve the men of Hā'mōr, the father of Shē'chēm; for why should we sērve him?

29 And would to God this people wēre under my hand! then would I remove Ā-bim'e-lēch. And he said to Ā-bim'e-lēch, Increase thine army, and come out.

30 And when Zē'būl, the ruler of the city, heard the words of Gā'āl, the son of Ē'bēd, his anger was kindled.

31 And he sent messengers unto Ā-bim'e-lēch privily, saying, Behold, Gā'āl

the son of Ē'bēd, and his brēthren, be come to Shē'chēm; and, behold, they for tify the city āgainst' thee.

32 Now, there'fore, 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 āgainst' thee, then mayst thou do to them as thou shalt find occasion.

34 And Ā-bim'e-lēch rose up, and all the people that *were* with him, by night, and they laid wait āgainst' Shē'chēm in four cōm'panies.

35 And Gā'āl, the son of Ē'bēd, went out, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and Ā-bim'e-lēch rose up, and the people that *were* with him, from lying in wait.

36 And when Gā'āl saw the people, he said to Zē'būl, Behold, there come people down from the top of the mōûntains. And Zē'būl said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mōûntains as *if they were* men.

37 And Gā'āl spake āgain', and said, See, there come people down by the middle of the land, and ānōther cōm'pany come ālōng' by the plain of Mē-ōn'e-nīm.

38 Then said Zē'būl unto him, Where *is* now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst, Who *is* Ā-bim'e-lēch, that we should sērve him? *Is* not this the people that thou hast dēspisēd? go out, I pray now, and fight with them.

39 And Gā'āl went out before the men of Shē'chēm, and fought with Ā-bim'e-lēch.

40 And Ā-bim'e-lēch chased him, and he fled before him; and many *were* overthrown and wounded, *even* unto the entering of the gate.

41 And Ā-bim'e-lēch dwelt at Ā-rū'māh: and Zē'būl thrust out Gā'āl and his brēthren, that they should not dwell in Shē'chēm.

42 And it came to pās on the morrow that the people went out into the field; and they told Ā-bim'e-lēch.

43 And he took the people, and divided them into three cōm'panies, and laid wait in the field, and looked, and, behold, the people *were* come forth out of the city; and he rose up āgainst' them, and smote them.

44 And Ā-bim'e-lēch, and the cōm'pany that *was* with him, rushed fōr'wārd, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and the two *other* cōm'panies ran upon all *the* people that *were* in the fields, and slew them.

45 And Ā-bim'e-lēch fought āgainst' the city all that day: and he took the city, and slew the people that *was* therein, and

beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.

46 And when all the men of the tower of Shē'chēm heard *that*, they entered into a hold of the house of the god Bē'rith.

47 And it was told Ā-bim'e-lēch that all the men of the tower of Shē'chēm *were* gathered together.

48 And Ā-bim'e-lēch gat him up to mount Zāl'mōn, he and all the people that *were* with him; and Ā-bim'e-lēch took an axe in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid it on his shoulder, and said unto 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 Ā-bim'e-lēch, and put *them* to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them; so that all the men of the tower of Shē'chēm died also, ābout' a thousand men and women.

50 Then went Ā-bim'e-lēch to Thē'bēz, and encamped āgainst' Thē'bēz, 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 gat them up to the top of the tower.

52 And Ā-bim'e-lēch came unto the tower, and fought āgainst' it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire.

53 And a cēr'tain woman cāst a piēce of a millstone upon Ā-bim'e-lēch's head, and all to break his skull.

54 Then he called hastily unto the young man his armour-bearer, and said unto him, Draw thy swōrd, 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 Iſ'ra-ēl saw that Ā-bim'e-lēch was dead, they departed every man unto his place.

56 Thus God rendered the wickedness of Ā-bim'e-lēch, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brēthren:

57 And all the evil of the men of Shē'chēm did God render upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Jō'thām the son of Jē-rūb'ba-āl.

CHAP. X.

AND āfter Ā-bim'e-lēch there ārōse, to defend Iſ'ra-ēl, Tō'lā the son of Pū-āh, the son of Dō'do, a man of Iſ'sa-çhār; and he dwelt in Shā'mír in mount É'phra-ím.

2 And he judged Iſ'ra-ēl twenty and three years, and died, and was buried in Shā'mír.

3 And āfter him ārōse Jā'ír, a Gil'e-ād-ite, and judged Iſ'ra-ēl twenty and two years.

4 And he had thirty *sons* that rode on

thirty āss-colts, and they had thirty cities, which āre called Hā'vōth-Jā'ir unto this day, which āre in the land of Gil'e-ād.

5 And Jā'ir died, and was buried in Cāmōn.

6 ¶ And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl did evil āgain' in the sight of the LORD, and sērvēd Bā'al-im, and Āsh'ta-rōth, and the gods of Sūr'i-ā, and the gods of Zī'dōn, and the gods of Mō'āb, and the gods of the children of Ām'mōn, and the gods of the Phi-lis'tines, and forsook the LORD, and sērvēd not him.

7 And the anger of the LORD was hot āgainst' Iṣ'ra-ēl, and he sold them into the hands of the Phi-lis'tines, and into the hands of the children of Ām'mōn.

8 And that year they vexed and oppressed the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl eighteen years, all the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl that wēre on the other side Jōr'dān, in the land of the Ām'o-rites, which is in Gil'e-ād :

9 (Moreover, the children of Ām'mōn pāssed over Jōr'dān to fight also āgainst' Jū'dāh, and āgainst' Bēn'ja-min, and āgainst' the house of Ē'phra-īm ;) so that Iṣ'ra-ēl was sore distressed.

10 And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl cried unto the LORD, saying, We have sinned āgainst' thee, both because we have forsaken our God, and also sērvēd Bā'al-im.

11 And the LORD said unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Did not I deliver you from the Ē-gypt'i-āns, and from the Ām'o-rites, from the children of Ām'mōn, and from the Phi-lis'tines ?

12 The Zī-dōn'i-āns also, and the Ām'a-lēk-ites, and the Mā'ōn-ites, did oppress you ; and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand.

13 Yet ye have forsaken me, and sērvēd 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl said unto the LORD, We have sinned, do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee ; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day.

16 And they put āwāy the strange gods from āmōng them, and sērvēd the LORD : and his soul was griēved for the misery of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

17 Then the children of Ām'mōn wēre gāthered togēther, and encamped in Gil'e-ād : and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl assembled themselves togēther, and encamped in Miz'pēh.

18 And the people and princes of Gil'e-ād said one to ānōther, What man is he that will begin to fight āgainst' the children of Ām'mōn ? he shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gil'e-ād.

NOW Jēph'thāh the Gil'e-ād-ite was a mighty man of valour, and he was the son of a harlot : and Gil'e-ād begat Jēph'thāh.

2 And Gil'e-ād's wife bare him sons : and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jēph'thāh, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house ; for thou art the son of a strange woman.

3 Then Jēph'thāh fled from his brēthren, and dwelt in the land of Tōb : and there wēre gāthered vain men to Jēph'thāh, and went out with him,

4 And it came to pāss in pōc'ess of time, that the children of Ām'mōn made war āgainst' Iṣ'ra-ēl.

5 And it was so, that when the children of Ām'mōn made war āgainst' Iṣ'ra-ēl, the elders of Gil'e-ād went to fetch Jēph'thāh out of the land of Tōb :

6 And they said unto Jēph'thāh, Come, and be our cāp'tain, that we may fight with the children of Ām'mōn.

7 And Jēph'thāh said unto the elders of Gil'e-ād, Did not ye hate me, and expel me out of my father's house ? and why āre ye come unto me now when ye āre in distress ?

8 And the elders of Gil'e-ād said unto Jēph'thāh, Thērē'fōre we turn āgain' to thee now, that thou mayst go with us, and fight āgainst' the children of Ām'mōn, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gil'e-ād.

9 And Jēph'thāh said unto the elders of Gil'e-ād, If ye bring me home āgain' to fight āgainst' the children of Ām'mōn, and the LORD deliver them before me, shall I be your head ?

10 And the elders of Gil'e-ād said unto Jēph'thāh, The LORD be witness between us, if we do not so according to thy words.

11 Then Jēph'thāh went with the elders of Gil'e-ād, and the people made him head and cāp'tain over them : and Jēph'thāh uttered all his words before the LORD in Miz'pēh.

12 And Jēph'thāh sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ām'mōn, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come āgainst' me to fight in my land ?

13 And the king of the children of Ām'mōn ānswered unto the messengers of Jēph'thāh, Because Iṣ'ra-ēl took āwāy my land when they came up out of Ē'gypt, from Ār'nōn even unto Jāb'bōk, and unto Jōr'dān : now, thērē'fōre, restore those lands āgain' peaceably.

14 And Jēph'thāh sent messengers āgain unto the king of the children of Ām'mōn,

15 And said unto him, Thus saith Jēph'thāh, Iṣ'ra-el took not āwāy the land of

Mō'āb, nor the land of the children of Ām'mōn:

16 But when Iṣ'ra-ēl came up from Ēḡypt, and walked through the wilderness unto the Red Sea, and came to Kā'dēsh;

17 Then Iṣ'ra-ēl sent messengers unto the king of Ē'dōm, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land: but the king of Ē'dōm would not hearken *thereto*. And in like manner they sent unto the king of Mō'āb; but he would not *consent*: and Iṣ'ra-ēl ābōde in Kā'dēsh.

18 Then they went ālōng' through the wilderness, and cōmpāssed the land of Ē'dōm and the land of Mō'āb, and came by the east side of the land of Mō'āb, and pitched on the other side of Ār'nōn, but came not within the border of Mō'āb: for Ār'nōn *was* the border of Mō'āb.

19 And Iṣ'ra-ēl sent messengers unto Sī'hōn king of the Ām'o-rites, the king of Hēsh'bōn; and Iṣ'ra-ēl said unto him, Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy land unto my place.

20 But Sī'hōn trusted not Iṣ'ra-ēl to pass through his coast: but Sī'hōn gāthēred all his people togēther, and pitched in Jā'hāz, and fought āgāinst' Iṣ'ra-ēl.

21 And the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl delivered Sī'hōn and all his people into the hand of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and they smote them: so Iṣ'ra-ēl pōssēss'ed all the land of the Ām'o-rites, the inhabitants of that country.

22 And they pōssēss'ed all the coasts of the Ām'o-rites, from Ār'nōn even unto Jāb'bōk, and from the wilderness even unto Jōr'dān.

23 So now the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl hath dispōssēss'ed the Ām'o-rites from before his people Iṣ'ra-ēl, and shouldst thou pōssēss' it?

24 Wilt not thou pōssēss' that which Chē'mōsh thy god giveth thee to pōssēss'? So whomsoever the LORD our God shall drive out from before us, them will we pōssēss'.

25 And now, *art* thou any thing better than Bā'lāk the son of Zip'pōr, king of Mō'āb? did he ever strive āgāinst' Iṣ'ra-ēl, or did he ever fight āgāinst' them,

26 While Iṣ'ra-ēl dwelt in Hēsh'bōn and her towns, and in Ār'o-er and her towns, and in all the cities that *be* ālōng' by the coasts of Ār'nōn, three hundred years? why therē'fore did ye not recōver *them* within that time?

27 Wherefore I have not sinned āgāinst' thee, but thou doest me wrong to war āgāinst' me: the LORD the Judge be judge this day between the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl and the children of Ām'mōn.

28 Howbeit the king of the children of Ām'mōn hearkened not unto the words of Jēph'thāh which he sent him.

29 Then the Spir'it of the LORD came upon Jēph'thāh; and he pāssed over Gil'e-ād and Ma-nās'seh, and pāssed over Miz'pēh of Gil'e-ād, and from Miz'ēh of Gil'e-ād he pāssed over *unto* the children of Ām'mōn.

30 And Jēph'thāh vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ām'mōn into mine hands,

31 Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ām'mōn, shall surely be the LORD's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.

32 So Jēph'thāh pāssed over unto the children of Ām'mōn, to fight āgāinst' them; and the LORD delivered them into his hands.

33 And he smote them from Ār'o-er, even till thou come to Min'uith, *even* twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ām'mōn wēre subduēd before the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

34 And Jēph'thāh came to Miz'pēh unto his house, and, behold, his dāughtēr came out to meet him with timbrels and with dānces; and she *was* his only child: beside her he had nēithēr son nor dāughtēr.

35 And it came to pāss, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Ālās', my dāughtēr! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back.

36 And she 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; forasmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, *even* of the children of Ām'mōn.

37 And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: Let me ālōne for two mōnth's, that I may go up and down upon the mōūn'tains, and bewail my virgīn'ity, I and my fellows.

38 And he said, Go. And he sent her āwāy for two mōnth's; and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virgīn'ity upon the mōūn'tains.

39 And it came to pāss, at the end of two mōnth's, 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl,

40 *That* the dāughtērs of Iṣ'ra-ēl went yearly to lament the dāughtēr of Jēph'thāh the Gil'e-ād-ite four days in a year.

CHAP. XII.

AND the men of Ē'phra-īm gāthēred themselves togēther, and went nōrth-wārd, and said unto Jēph'thāh, Wherefore

pāssedst thou over to fight āgainst' the children of Ām'mōn, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire.

2 And Jēph'thāh said unto them, I and my people wēre at great strife with the children of Ām'mōn; 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 pāssed over āgainst' the children of Ām'mōn, and the LORD delivered them into my hand: wherefore then āre ye come up unto me this day to fight āgainst' me?

4 Then Jēph'thāh gāthered togethēr all the men of Gil'e-ād, and fought with E'phra-īm: and the men of Gil'e-ād smote E'phra-īm, because they said, Ye Gil'e-ād-ītes āre fugitives of E'phra-īm āmōng the E'phra-īm-ītes, and āmōng the Mānās'ītes.

5 And the Gil'e-ād-ītes took the passages of Jōr'dān before the E'phra-īm-ītes: and it was so, that when those E'phra-īm-ītes which wēre ēscāped, said, Let me go over, that the men of Gil'e-ād said unto him, Art thou an E'phra-īm-īte? If he said, Nay;

6 Then said they unto him, Say now Shib'bo-lēth; and he said Sib'bo-lēth: for he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jōr'dān; and there fell at that time of the E'phra-īm-ītes forty and two thousand.

7 ¶ And Jēph'thāh judged Iṣ'ra-ēl six years: then died Jēph'thāh the Gil'e-ād-īte, and was buried in one of the cities of Gil'e-ād.

8 And āfter him Ib'zān of Bēth'le-hēm judged Iṣ'ra-ēl.

9 And he had thīrty sons, and thīrty dāughters, whom he sent ābroād, and took in thīrty dāughters from ābroād for his sons: and he judged Iṣ'ra-ēl seven years.

10 Then died Ib'zān, and was buried at Bēth'le-hēm.

11 And āfter him E'lōn a Zēb'u-lōn-īte judged Iṣ'ra-ēl; and he judged Iṣ'ra-ēl ten years.

12 And E'lōn the Zēb'u-lōn-īte died, and was buried in Āi'ja-lōn,¹ in the country of Zēb'u-lōn.

13 And āfter him Āb'dōn, the son of Hīl'lēl a Pir'a-thōn-īte,² judged Iṣ'ra-ēl.

14 And he had forty sons, and thīrty nēph'ew's,³ that rode on threescore and ten āss-colts: and he judged Iṣ'ra-ēl eight years.

15 And Āb'dōn, the son of Hīl'lēl the Pir'a-thōn-īte, died, and was buried in Pir'a-thōn, in the land of E'phra-īm, in the moont of the Ām'a-lēk-ītes.

¹ Ād'ja-lōn.

² Pēr'a-thōn-īte.

³ nēv'vūz.

CHAP. XIII.

AND the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl did evil āgain' in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Phi-lis'tines forty years.

2 And there was a cēr'tain man of Zō'rāh, of the family of the Dān'ītes, whose name was Ma-nō'āh; and his wife was barren, and bare not.

3 And the āngel of the LORD appeared unto the woman and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt concēive, and bear a son.

4 Now thērē'fōre beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing:

5 For, lo, thou shalt concēive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nāz'a-rīte unto God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Iṣ'ra-ēl out of the hand of the Phi-lis'tines.

6 Then the woman came, and told her hūsbānd, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an āngel of God, very terrible; but I āsked him not whence he was, nēither told he me his name.

7 But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt concēive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, nēither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nāz'a-rīte to God from the womb to the day of his death.

8 Then Ma-nō'āh entreated the LORD, and said, O my LORD, let the man of God which thou didst send come āgain' unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

9 And God hearkened to the voice of Ma-nō'āh; and the āngel of God came āgain' unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Ma-nō'āh her hūsbānd was not with her.

10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and showed her hūsbānd, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day.

11 And Ma-nō'āh ārōse, and went āfter 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 Ma-nō'āh said, Now let thy words come to pāss: how shall we order the child? and how shall we do unto him?

13 And the āngel of the LORD said unto Ma-nō'āh, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.

14 She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the vine, nēither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: all that I cōmmānded her let her ob'serve.

15 And Ma-nō'āh said unto the āngel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee until we shall have made ready a kid for thee.

16 And the āngel of the LORD said unto Ma-nō'āh, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread ; and if thou wilt offer a burnt-offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD : for Ma-nō'āh knew not that he was an āngel of the LORD.

17 And Ma-nō'āh said unto the āngel of the LORD, What *is* thy name, that, when thy sayings come to pāss, we may do thee hōn'our?

18 And the āngel of the LORD said unto him, Why āskest thou thus āfter my name, seeing it *is* secret?

19 So Ma-nō'āh took a kid, with a meat-offering, and offered *it* upon a rock unto the LORD : and the āngel did wondrously ; and Ma-nō'āh and his wife looked on.

20 For it came to pāss, when the flame went up tōwārd heaven from off the altar, that the āngel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar : and Ma-nō'āh and his wife looked on *it*, and fell on their faces to the ground.

21 (But the āngel of the LORD did no more appear to Ma-nō'āh and to his wife.) Then Ma-nō'āh knew that he *was* an āngel of the LORD.

22 And Ma-nō'āh said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God.

23 But his wife said unto him, If the LORD wēre pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt-offering and a meat-offering at our hands ; nēither would he have showed 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 Sām'sōn ; and the child grew, and the LORD blēss'ed him.

25 And the Spir'it of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dān, between Zō'rāh and Esh'ta-ōl.

CHAP. XIV.

AND Sām'sōn went down to Tim'nāth, and saw a woman in Tim'nāth of the daughters of the Phi-lis'tines.

2 And he came up and told his father and his mōther, and said, I have seen a woman in Tim'nāth of the daughters of the Phi-lis'tines ; now, thēr'fōre, get her for me to wife.

3 Then his father and his mōther said unto him, *Is there* never a woman āmōng the daughters of thy brēthren, or āmōng all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the ūncircūmcised Phi-lis'tines? And Sām'sōn said unto his father, Get her for me ; for she pleaseth me well.

4 But his father and his mōther knew not that it *was* of the LORD that he sought an occasion āgainst' the Phi-lis'tines : for

at that time the Phi-lis'tines had dominion over Is'ra-ēl.

5 Then went Sām'sōn down, and his father and his mōther, to Tim'nāth, and came to the vineyards² of Tim'nāth : and, behold, a young lion roared āgainst' him.

6 And the Spir'it of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and *he had* nōthing in his hand : but he told not his father or his mōther what he had done.

7 And he went down, and talked with the woman ; and she pleased Sām'sōn well.

8 And āfter a time he returned to take her, and he turned āside to see the carcass of the lion ; and, behold, *there was* a swārm of bees and hōney in the carcass of the lion.

9 And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mōther, and he gave them, and they did eat : but he told not them that he had taken the hōney out of the carcass of the lion.

10 So his father went down unto the woman : and Sām'sōn made there a feast ; for so used the young men to do.

11 And it came to pāss, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

12 And Sām'sōn said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you : if you can cērtainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find *it* out, then I will give you thirty sheets, and thirty chānge of gārments :

13 But if ye cannot declare *it* me, then shall ye give me thirty sheets, and thirty chānge of gārments. And they said unto him, Pūt forth thy riddle, that we may hear it.

14 And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle.

15 And it came to pāss on the seventh day, that they said unto Sām'sōn's wife, Entice thy hūsbānd, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire : have ye called us to take that we have ? *is it* not so ?

16 And Sām'sōn's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not : thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told *it* me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told *it* my father nor my mōther, and shall I tell *it* thee ?

17 And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lāsted : and it came to pāss on the seventh day that he told her, because she lay sore upon him ; and she told the riddle to the children of her people.

18 And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day, before the sun went down, What *is* sweeter than honey? and what *is* stronger than a lion? And he said unto them, If ye had not ploughed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle.

19 And the Spīr'it of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to āsh'kelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle: and his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.

20 But Sām'sōn's wife was *given* to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

CHAP. XV.

BUT it came to pās̄s within a while after, in the time of wheat-harvest, that Sām'sōn visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber: but her father would not suffer him to go in.

2 And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; there'fore I gave her to thy companion: *is* not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray thee, instead of her.

3 And Sām'sōn said concērn'ing them, Now shall I be more blameless than the Phi-lis'tines, though I do them a displeasure.

4 And Sām'sōn went and caught three hundred foxes, and took fire-brands, and turned tail to tail, and put a fire-brand in the midst between two tails.

5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he let *them* go into the standing corn of the Phi-lis'tines, and burnt up both the shocks and also the standing corn, with the vineyards and olives.

6 Then the Phi-lis'tines said, Who hath done this? And they answered, Sām'sōn, the son-in-law of the Tim'nite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Phi-lis'tines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire.

7 And Sām'sōn said unto them, Though ye have done this, yet will I be avēn'ged of you, and after that I will cease.

8 And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter; and he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock E'tām.

9 Then the Phi-lis'tines went up, and pitched in Jū'dāh, and spread themselves in Lē'hī.

10 And the men of Jū'dāh said, Why are ye come up against' us? And they answered, To bind Sām'sōn are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us.

11 Then three thousand men of Jū'dāh went to the top of the rock E'tām, and said to Sām'sōn, Knowest thou not that the Phi-lis'tines 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 are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Phi-lis'tines. And Sām'sōn 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 surely 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 Lē'hī, the Phi-lis'tines shouted against' him: and the Spīr'it 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 loosed from off his hands.

15 And he found a new jaw-bone of an ass, and put forth his hand and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith.

16 And Sām'sōn said, With the jaw-bone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men.

17 And it came to pās̄s, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jaw-bone out of his hand, and called that place Rā'māth-Lē'hī.

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 a hollow place that *was* in the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again', and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof Ēn-hāk'ko-re, which *is* in Lē'hī unto this day.

20 And he judged Iṣ'ra-ēl, in the days of the Phi-lis'tines, twenty years.

CHAP. XVI.—

THEN went Sām'sōn to Gā'zā, and saw there a harlot, and went in unto her.

2 And it was told the Gā'z'ites, saying, Sām'sōn 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, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him.

3 And Sām'sōn 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, bar and all, and put *them* upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of a hill that *is* before Hē'brōn.

4 And it came to pās̄s aftérwārd, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sō'rēk, whose name was Dēl'i-lāh.

5 And the lords of the Phi-lis'tines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail āgainst' him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and we will give thee, every one of us, eleven hundred piēces of silver.

6 And Dēl'i-lāh said to Sām'sōn, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightst be bound to afflict thee.

7 And Sām'sōn said unto her, If they bind me with seven green withes that wēre never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as ānōther man.

8 Then the lords of the Phi-lis'tines brought up to her seven green withes which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.

9 (Now there wēre men lying in wait, ābiding with her in the chāmber.) And she said unto him, The Phi-lis'tines be upon thee, Sām'sōn. And he brake the withes, as a thread of tōw is broken when it toucheth the fire: so his strength was not known.

10 And Dēl'i-lāh said unto Sām'sōn, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightst be bound.

11 And he said unto her, If they bind me fāst with new ropes that never wēre occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as ānōther man.

12 Dēl'i-lāh therē'fore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Phi-lis'tines be upon thee, Sām'sōn. (And there wēre liers in wait ābiding in the chāmber.) And he brake them from off his arms like a thread.

13 And Dēl'i-lāh said unto Sām'sōn, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightst be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.

14 And she fāstened it with the pin, and said unto him, The Phi-lis'tines be upon thee, Sām'sōn. And he āwāked out of his sleep, and went āwāy with the pin of the beam, and with the web.

15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine hēart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth.

16 And it came to pāss, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death,

17 That he told her all his hēart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nāz'a-rīte unto God from my mōther's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

18 And when Dēl'i-lāh saw that he had told her all his hēart, she sent and called for the lords of the Phi-lis'tines, saying, Come up this once; for he hath showed me all his hēart. Then the lords of the Phi-lis'tines came up unto her, and brought mōney in their hand.

19 And she made him sleep upon her knees: and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

20 And she said, The Phi-lis'tines be upon thee, Sām'sōn. And he āwōke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out, as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist¹ not that the LORD was departed from him.

21 But the Phi-lis'tines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gāzā, and bound him with fetters of brāss; and he did grind in the prison-house.

22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow āgain' āfter he was shaven.

23 Then the lords of the Phi-lis'tines gāthered them togēther for to offer a great sār'rifige unto Dā'gōn their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Sām'sōn our enemy into our hand.

24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god; for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the dēstrōy'er of our country, which slew many of us.

25 And it came to pāss, when their hēarts wēre mēry, that they said, Call for Sām'sōn, that he may make us sport. And they called for Sām'sōn out of the prison-house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.

26 And Sām'sōn 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.

27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Phi-lis'tines wēre there: and there wēre upon the roof ābout' three thousand men and women, that beheld while Sām'sōn made sport.

28 And Sām'sōn called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once āvēn'ged of the Phi-lis'tines for my two eyes.

29 And Sām'sōn 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.

30 And Sām'sōn said, Let me die with the Phi-lis'tines. And he bōwed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that wēre therein: so the dead which he

slew at his death wēre more than *they* which he slew in his life.

31 Then his brēthren, and all the house of his father, came down, and took him, and brought *him* up, and buried him between Zō'rāh and Esh'ta-ōl, in the burying-place of Ma-nō'āh his father. And he judged Iṣ'ra-ēl twenty years.

CHAP. XVII.

AND there was a man of mount Ēphraim, whose name was Mi'cāh.

2 And he said unto his mōther, The eleven hundred *shekels* of silver that wēre taken from thee, 'ābout' which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver *is* with me; I took it. And his mōther said, Blēs'sed be thou of the LORD, my son.

3 And when he had restored the eleven hundred *shekels* of silver to his mōther, his mōther said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the LORD, from my hand, for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image; now, thēre'fōre, I will restore it unto thee.

4 Yet he restored the mōney unto his mōther; and his mōther took two hundred *shekels* of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they wēre in the house of Mi'cāh.

5 And the man Mi'cāh had a house of gods, and made an ēph'od, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

6 In those days *there was* no king in Iṣ'ra-ēl, but every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

7 And there was a young man out of Bēth'le-hēm-Jū'dāh, of the family of Jū'dāh, who *was* a Lē'vite, and he sō'journed there.

8 And the man departed out of the city from Bēth'le-hēm-Jū'dāh, to sō'journ where he could find a *place*: and he came to mount Ēphraim, to the house of Mi'cāh, as he journeyed.

9 And Mi'cāh said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Lē'vite of Bēth'le-hēm-Jū'dāh, and I go to sō'journ where I may find a *place*.

10 And Mi'cāh said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten *shekels* of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Lē'vite went in.

11 And the Lē'vite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons.

12 And Mi'cāh consecrated the Lē'vite; and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Mi'cāh.

13 Then said Mi'cāh, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Lē'vite to *my* priest.

CHAP. XVIII.

IN those days *there was* no king in Iṣ'ra-ēl: and in those days the tribe of the Dān'ites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day *all their* inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

2 And the children of Dān sent of their family five men from their coasts, men of valour, from Zō'rāh, and from Esh'ta-ōl, to spy unto the land, and to sēarch it; and they said unto them, Go, sēarch the land: who, when they came to mount Ēphraim, to the house of Mi'cāh, they lodged there.

3 When they *wēre* by the house of Mi'cāh, they knew the voice of the young man the Lē'vite; and they turned in thither, and said unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what makest thou in this *place*? and what hast thou here?

4 And he said unto them, Thus and thus dealeth Mi'cāh with me, and hath hired me, and I am his priest.

5 And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous.

6 And the priest said unto them, Go in peace: before the LORD *is* your way wherein ye go.

7 Then the five men departed, and came to Lā'ish, and saw the people that *wēre* therein, how they dwelt careless after the manner of the Zi-dō'ni-āns, quiet and secure; and *there was* no magistrate in the land, that might put *them* to shame in any thing: and they *wēre* far from the Zi-dō'ni-āns, and had no business with any man.

8 And they came unto their brēthren to Zō'rāh and Esh'ta-ōl: and their brēthren said unto them, What *say* ye?

9 And they said, Āriṣe, 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 slōthful to go, and to enter to pōssēs's' 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 *there is* no wānt of any thing that *is* in the ēarth.

11 And there went from thence of the family of the Dān'ites, out of Zō'rāh and out of Esh'ta-ōl, six hundred men appointed with weapons of war.

12 And they went up, and pitched in Kir'jāth-Jē'a-rim,¹ in Jū'dāh: wherefore they called that place Mā'ha-nēh-Dān, unto this day: behold, it *is* behind Kir'jāth-Jē'a-rim.

13 And they pās'sed thence unto mount Ēphraim, and came unto the house of Mi'cāh.

14 Then answered the five men that

¹ Kir'jāth-Jē'a-rim.

went to spy out the country of Lā'ish, and said unto their brēthren, Do ye know that there is in these houses an ēph'od, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image? now, thēre'fore, consider what ye have to do.

15 And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of the young man the Lēvite, even unto the house of Mi'cāh, and saluted him.

16 And the six hundred men appointed with their weapons of war, which wēre of the children of Dān, 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 ēph'od, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood in the entering of the gate with the six hundred men that wēre appointed with weapons of war.

18 And these went into Mi'cāh's house, and fetched the carved image, the ēph'od, and 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 the house of one man, or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Iṣ'ra-ēl?

20 And the priest's heart was glad; and he took the ēph'od, 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 wēre a good way from the house of Mi'cāh, the men that wēre in the houses near to Mi'cāh's house wēre gāthered together, and overtook the children of Dān.

23 And they cried unto the children of Dān: and they turned their faces, and said unto Mi'cāh, What aileth thee, that thou comest with such a cōmpany?

24 And he said, Ye have taken āwāy my gods which I made, and the priest, and ye āre gone āwāy: and what have I more? and what is this that ye say unto me, What aileth thee?

25 And the children of Dān said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard āmōng us, lest angry fellows run upon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household.

26 And the children of Dān went their way: and when Mi'cāh saw that they wēre too strong for him, he turned, and went back unto his house.

27 And they took the things which Mi'cāh had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto Lā'ish, unto a people

that wēre at quiet and secure: and they smote them with the edge of the swōrd, and burnt the city with fire.

28 And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Zī'dōn, and they had no business with any man: and it was in the valley that lieth by Bēth're-hōb. And they built a city, and dwelt therein.

29 And they called the name of the city Dān, āfter the name of Dān their father, who was born unto Iṣ'ra-ēl: howbeit, the name of the city was Lā'ish at the first.

30 And the children of Dān set up the graven image: and Jōn'a-thān the son of Gēr'shōm, the son of Ma-nās'seh, he and his sons wēre priests to the tribe of Dān until the day of the captivity of the land.

31 And they set them up Mi'cāh's graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shī'lōh.

CHAP. XIX.—

AND it came to pāss in those days, when there was no king in Iṣ'ra-ēl, that there was a cēr'tain Lēvite sō'journing on the side of mount Ē'phra-im, who took to him a concubine out of Bēth'le-hēm-Jū'dāh.

2 And his concubine played the whore āgainst' him, and went āwāy from him unto her father's house to Bēth'le-hēm-Jū'dāh, and was there four whole mōnths.

3 And her hūs'bānd ārōse, and went āfter her, to speak friendly unto her, and to bring her āgain', having his sēr'vant with him, and a cōuple of ās'ses: and she brought him into her father's house; and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him.

4 And his father-in-law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he ābōde with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.

5 And it came to pāss on the fourth day, when they ārōse early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said unto his son-in-law, Cōm'fōrt thine heart with a morsel of bread, and āftērwārd go your way.

6 And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel's father had said unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry.

7 And when the man rose up to depart, his father-in-law urged him; thēre'fore he lodged there āgain'.

8 And he ārōse early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damsel's father said, Cōm'fōrt thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried until āfter noon, and they did eat both of them.

9 And when the man rose up to depart, he and his concubine and his sēr'vant, his father-in-law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold now, the day draweth

tō'wārd evening; I pray you tarry all night: behold, the day groweth to an end; lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to-morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayst go home.

10 But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came over āgainst' Jē'būs, which is Jē-rū'sa-lēm: and there wēre with him two āsses saddled; his concubine also was with him.

11 And when they wēre by Jē'būs, the day was far spent; and the sērvant said unto his mās̄ter, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn in unto this city of the Jēb'ūsites, and lodge in it.

12 And his mās̄ter said unto him, We will not turn āside hither into the city of a strānger, that is not of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl; we will pās̄s over to Gīb'e-àh.

13 And he said unto his sērvant, Come, and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Gīb'e-àh, or in Rāmāh.

14 And they pās̄sed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them when they wēre by Gīb'e-àh, which belongeth to Bēn'ja-min.

15 And they turned āside thither, to go in and to lodge in Gīb'e-àh: and when he went in, he sat him down in a street of the city; for there was no man that took them into his house to lodging.

16 And, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the fiēld at even, which was also of mount Ē'phra-īm; and he sō'journed in Gīb'e-àh: but the men of the place wēre Bēn'ja-mites.

17 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?

18 And he said unto him, We āre pās̄sing from Bēth'le-hēm-Jū'dāh tō'wārd the side of mount Ē'phra-īm; from thence am I: and I went to Bēth'le-hēm-Jū'dāh, but I am now going to the house of the LORD; and there is no man that receiveth me to house.

19 Yet there is both straw and provender for our āsses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for thy handmaid, and for the young man which is with thy sērvants: there is no wānt of any thing.

20 And the old man said, Peace be with thee: howsoever, let all thy wānts lie upon me; only lodge not in the street.

21 So he brought him into his house, and gave provender unto the āsses: and they wāshed their feet, and did eat and drink.

22 Now, as they wēre making their heārts merry, behold, the men of the city, cēr'tain sons of Bē'li-āl, beset the house round ābout', and beat at the door, and spake to the mās̄ter of the house, the old

man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him.

23 And the man, the mās̄ter of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brēthren, nay, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, do not this folly.

24 Behold, here is my daughter, a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and hūmble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not so vile a thing.

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 wēre upon the threshold.

28 And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going: but nōne ānswered. Then the man took her up upon an āss, and the man rose 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 bones, into twelve piēces, and sent her into all the coasts of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

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 Iṣ'ra-ēl came up out of the land of Ē'gypt, unto this day: consider of it, take advice, and speak your minds.

CHAP. XX.

THEN all the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dān even to Bē-ēr'she-bā, with the land of Gil'e-ād, unto the LORD in Miz'pēh.

2 And the chiēf of all the people, even of all the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew swōrd.

3 (Now the children of Bēn'ja-mīn heard that the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl wēre gone up to Miz'pēh.) Then said the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Tell us, how was this wickedness?

4 And the Lē'vite, the hūsbānd of the woman that was slain, ānswered and said, I came into Gīb'e-àh that belongeth to Bēn'ja-mīn, I and my concubine, to lodge

5 And the men of Gīb'e-àh rose āgainst

me, and beset the house round about upon me by night, *and* thought to have slain me; *and* my concubine have they forced, that she is dead.

6 And I took my concubine, and cut her in pièces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Iş'ra-ël: for they have committed lewdness and folly in Iş'ra-ël.

7 Behold, ye *à*re all children of Iş'ra-ël; give here your advice and counsel.

8 And all the people *à*rôse as one man, saying, We will not any *of us* go to his tent, neither will we any *of us* turn into his house:

9 But now, this *shall be* the thing which we will do to Gib'e-àh, *we will go up* by lot *à*gainst' it:

10 And we will take ten men of a hundred throughout all the tribes of Iş'ra-ël, and a hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victual for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gib'e-àh of Bën'ja-mîn, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Iş'ra-ël.

11 So all the men of Iş'ra-ël wêre gâth-ered *à*gainst' the city, knit togeth'er as one man.

12 And the tribes of Iş'ra-ël sent men through all the tribe of Bën'ja-mîn, saying, What wickedness *is* this that is done *à*mông you?

13 Now thêrê'fôre deliver *us* the men, the children of Bê'li-àl, which *à*re in Gib'e-àh, that we may put them to death, and put *à*way evil from Iş'ra-ël. But the children of Bën'ja-mîn would not hearken to the voice of their brêthren the children of Iş'ra-ël:

14 But the children of Bën'ja-mîn gâth-ered themselves togeth'er out of the cities unto Gib'e-àh, to go out to battle *à*gainst' the children of Iş'ra-ël.

15 And the children of Bën'ja-mîn wêre numbered at that time, out of the cities, twenty and six thousand men that drew swôrd, beside the inhabitants of Gib'e-àh, which wêre numbered seven hundred chosen men.

16 *À*mông all this people *thêrê wêre* seven hundred chosen men left-handed; every one could sling stones at a hair *brêdth*, and not miss.

17 And the men of Iş'ra-ël, beside Bën'ja-mîn, wêre numbered four hundred thousand men that drew swôrd: all these *wêre* men of war.

18 And the children of Iş'ra-ël *à*rôse, and went up to the house of God, and *à*skep counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle *à*gainst' the children of Bën'ja-mîn? And the LORD said, Jû'dâh *shall go up* first.

19 And the children of Iş'ra-ël rose up in the morning, and encamped *à*gainst' Gib'e-àh.

20 And the men of Iş'ra-ël went out to battle *à*gainst' Bën'ja-mîn; and the men of Iş'ra-ël put themselves in array to fight *à*gainst' them at Gib'e-àh.

21 And the children of Bën'ja-mîn came forth out of Gib'e-àh, and *dêstrôy'ed* down to the ground, of the Iş'ra-ël-ites that day, twenty and two thousand men.

22 And the people, the men of Iş'ra-ël, encouraged themselves, and set their battle *à*gainst' in array, in the place where they put themselves in array the first day.

23 (And the children of Iş'ra-ël went up, and wept before the LORD until even, and *à*skep counsel of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up *à*gainst' to battle *à*gainst' the children of Bën'ja-mîn my brôther? And the LORD said, Go up *à*gainst' him.)

24 And the children of Iş'ra-ël came near *à*gainst' the children of Bën'ja-mîn the second day.

25 And Bën'ja-mîn went forth *à*gainst' them out of Gib'e-àh the second day, and *dêstrôy'ed* down to the ground, of the children of Iş'ra-ël *à*gainst', eighteen thousand men; all these drew the swôrd.

26 Then all the children of Iş'ra-ël, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God and wept, and sat there before the LORD, and *fâst*ed that day until even, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before the LORD.

27 And the children of Iş'ra-ël inquired of the LORD, (for the ark of the côvenant of God *was* there in those days;

28 And Phîn'e-hâs, the son of Ê-le-â'zâr, the son of *À*â'rôn, stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet *à*gainst' go out to battle *à*gainst' the children of Bën'ja-mîn my brôther, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Go up; for to-morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.

29 And Iş'ra-ël set liers in wait round about' Gib'e-àh.

30 And the children of Iş'ra-ël went up *à*gainst' the children of Bën'ja-mîn on the third day, and put themselves in array *à*gainst' Gib'e-àh, as at other times.

31 And the children of Bën'ja-mîn went out *à*gainst' the people, and wêre drawn *à*way from the city; and they began to smite of the people *and* kill, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goeth up to the house of God, and the other to Gib'e-àh in the field, about' thirty men of Iş'ra-ël.

32 And the children of Bën'ja-mîn said, They *à*re smitten down before us, as at the first. But the children of Iş'ra-ël said, Let us flee, and draw them from the city unto the highways.

33 And all the men of Iş'ra-ël rose up out of their place, and put themselves in array at Bâ'al-Tâ'mâr; and the liers in wait of Iş'ra-ël came forth out of their places, *even* out of the meadows of Gib'e-àh.

34 And there came āgainst' Gib'e-āh ten thousand chosen men out of all Iṣ'ra-ēl, and the battle was sore: but they knew not that evil was near them.

35 And the LORD smote Bēn'ja-mīn before Iṣ'ra-ēl: and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl dēstrōy'ed of the Bēn'ja-mītes, that day twenty and five thousand and a hundred men: all these drew the swōrd.

36 So the children of Bēn'ja-mīn saw that they wēre smitten: for the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl gave place to the Bēn'ja-mītes, because they trusted unto the liers in wait which they had set beside Gib'e-āh.

37 And the liers in wait hasted, and rushed upon Gib'e-āh; and the liers in wait drew themselves ālōng', and smote all the city with the edge of the swōrd.

38 Now there was an appointed sign between the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl and the liers in wait, that they should make a great flame with smoke to rise up out of the city.

39 And when the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl retired in the battle, Bēn'ja-mīn began to smite and kill of the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl ābout' thīrty pērsōns; for they said, Surely they āre smitten down before us, as in the first battle.

40 But when the flame began to ārise up out of the city with a pillar of smoke, the Bēn'ja-mītes looked behind them, and, behold, the flame of the city ascended up to heaven.

41 And when the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl turned āgain', the men of Bēn'ja-mīn wēre āmāz-ed: for they saw that evil was come upon them.

42 Thērē'fōre they turned their backs before the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl unto the way of the wilderness; but the battle overtook them: and them which came out of the cities they dēstrōy'ed in the midst of them.

43 Thus they enclosed the Bēn'ja-mītes round ābout', and chased them, and trōde them down with ease, over āgainst' Gib'e-āh tō'wārd the sun-rising.

44 And there fell of Bēn'ja-mīn eighteen thousand men: all these wēre men of valour.

45 And they turned, and fled tō'wārd the wilderness unto the rock of Rīm'mōn: and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men; and pursued hard āfter them into Gī'dōm, and slew two thousand men of them.

46 So that all which fell that day of Bēn'ja-mīn wēre twenty and five thousand men that drew the swōrd: all these wēre men of valour.

47 But six hundred men turned, and fled to the wilderness unto the rock Rīm'mōn, and ābōde in the rock Rīm'mōn four mōnth's.

48 And the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl turned āgain' upon the children of Bēn'ja-mīn, and smote them with the edge of the swōrd, as well the men of every city as the beast, and all

that came to hand: also they set on fire all the cities that they came to.

CHAP. XXI.

NOW the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl had sworn in Miz'pēh, saying, There shall not any of us give his dāughter unto Bēn'ja-mīn to wife.

2 And the people came to the house of God, and ābōde there till even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore;

3 And said, O LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, why is this come to pāss in Iṣ'ra-ēl, that there should be to-day one tribe lacking in Iṣ'ra-ēl?

4 And it came to pāss on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings.

5 And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl said, Who is there āmōng all the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl that came not up with the congregation unto the LORD? For they had made a great oath cōncēr'ning him that came not up to the LORD to Miz'pēh, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

6 And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl repented them for Bēn'ja-mīn their brōther, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Iṣ'ra-ēl 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 dāughters to wives?

8 And they said, What one is there of the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl that came not up to Miz'pēh to the LORD? And, behold, there came nōne to the camp from Jā'bēsh-Gīl'e-ād to the assembly.

9 For the people wēre numbered, and, behold, there wēre nōne of the inhabitants of Jā'bēsh-Gīl'e-ād there.

10 And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and cōmmān'ded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jā'bēsh-Gīl'e-ād with the edge of the swōrd, with the women and the children.

11 And this is the thing that ye shall do, Ye shall utterly dēstrōy' every male, and every woman that hath lain by man.

12 And they found āmōng the inhabitants of Jā'bēsh-Gīl'e-ād four hundred young vir'gīns, that had known no man by lying with any male; and they brought them unto the camp to Shī'lōh, which is in the land of Čā'na-ān.

13 And the whole congregation sent some to speak to the children of Bēn'ja-mīn, that wēre in the rock Rīm'mōn, and to call peaceably unto them.

14 And Bēn'ja-mīn came āgain' at that time; and they gave them wives which they had saved ālive of the women of Jā'bēsh-Gīl'e-ād: and yet so they sūfficed them not.

15 And the people repented them for

Bên'ja-mîn, because that the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Iş'ra-ël.

16 Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destrô'y'ed out of Bën'ja-mîn?

17 And they said, *There must be an inheritance for them that be escap'ed of Bën'ja-mîn, that a tribe be not destrô'y'ed out of Iş'ra-ël.*

18 Howbeit we may not give them wives of our daughters: for the children of Iş'ra-ël have sworn, saying, Cursed be he that giveth a wife to Bën'ja-mîn.

19 Then they said, Behold, *there is a feast of the LORD in Shi'lôh yearly, in a place which is on the north side of Bêth'ël, on the east side of the highway that goeth up from Bêth'ël to Shê'çhêm, and on the south of Lē-bō'nāh.*

20 Therê'fore they cōmmān'ded the children of Bën'ja-mîn, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards;

21 And see, and behold, if the daughters of Shi'lôh come out to dānce in dānces,

then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shi'lôh, and go to the land of Bën'ja-mîn.

22 And it shall be, when their fathers or their brêthren come unto us to complain, that we will say unto them, Be favourable unto them for our sakes; because we rēsêrv'ed not to each man his wife in the war: for ye did not give unto them at this time, *that ye should be guilty.*

23 And the children of Bën'ja-mîn did so, and took *them* wives according to their number, of them that dānced, whom they caught: and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them:

24 And the children of Iş'ra-ël departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe, and to his family; and they went out from thence every man to his inheritance.

25 In those days *there was no king in Iş'ra-ël: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*

¶ The BOOK of RUTH.

CHAPTER I.

NOW it came to pāss, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a cêr'tain man of Bêth'le-hêm-Jū'dāh went to sō'journ in the country of Mō'āb, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

2 And the name of the man was E-lim'e-lêch, and the name of his wife Nā'o-mī, and the name of his two sons Māh'tôn and Chi-li'ôn, E'phrāth-ites of Bêth'le-hêm-Jū'dāh. And they came into the country of Mō'āb, and continued there.

3 And E-lim'e-lêch, Nā'o-mī's hūş'bānd, died; and she was left, and her two sons.

4 And they took them wives of the women of Mō'āb; the name of the one was Or'pāh, and the name of the other Ruth:¹ and they dwelled there ābout' ten years.

5 And Māh'tôn and Chi-li'ôn died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her hūş'bānd.

6 Then she ārôse, with her daughters-in-law, that she might return from the country of Mō'āb: for she had heard from the country of Mō'āb 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 Jū'dāh.

8 And Nā'o-mī 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 grānt you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her hūş'bānd. 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 Nā'o-mī said, Turn āgain', my daughters, why will you go with me? *are there yet any more sons in my womb, that they may be your hūş'bānds?*

12 Turn āgain', my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have a hūş'bānd. If I should say, I have hope, *if I should have a hūş'bānd also to-night, and should also bear sons;*

13 Would ye tarry for them till they wêre grown? would ye stay for them from having hūş'bānds? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much, for your sakes, that the hand of the LORD is gone out āgainst' me.

14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept āgain': and Or'pāh kissed her mother-in-law, but Rûth clave unto her.

15 And she said, Behold, thy sister-in-law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou āfter thy sister-in-law.

16 And Rûth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following āfter thee: for whether thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy

¹ Rôôth.—u long after r, sounds like oo.

Rûth gleaneth in Bô'áz' fiêld :

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who avoweth himself a kinsman.

people shall be my people, and thy God my God.

17 Where thou diest will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, *if aught* but death part thee and me.

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 Bêth'le-hêm. And it came to pass, when they wêre come to Bêth'le-hêm, that all the city was moved about' them; and they said, *Is this* Nâ'o-mî?

20 And she said unto them, Call me not Nâ'o-mî, call me Mârâ: for the Âl-mîgh'ty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

21 I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home âgain' empty: why *then* call ye me Nâ'o-mî, seeing the LORD hath testified âgainst' me, and the Âl-mîgh'ty hath afflicted me?

22 So Nâ'o-mî returned, and Rûth the Mô'âb-i-tëss, her daughter-in-law, with her, which returned out of the country of Mô'âb: and they came to Bêth'le-hêm in the beginning of barley-harvest.

CHAP. II.

AND Nâ'o-mî had a kinsman of her hûs'bând's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of E-lím'e-lêch; and his name *was* Bô'áz.

2 And Rûth the Mô'âb-i-tëss said unto Nâ'o-mî, Let me now go to the fiêld, and glean ears of corn âfter *him* in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the fiêld âfter the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the fiêld *belonging* unto Bô'áz, who *was* of the kindred of E-lím'e-lêch.

4 And, behold, Bô'áz came from Bêth'le-hêm, and said unto the reapers, The LORD *be* with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee.

5 Then said Bô'áz unto his sêrvant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel *is* this?

6 And the sêrvant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It *is* the Mô'âb-i-tish damsel that came back with Nâ'o-mî out of the country of Mô'âb:

7 And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gâther âfter the reapers âmong the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house.

8 Then said Bô'áz unto Rûth, Hearst thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in ânôther fiêld, nêither go from hence, but âbide here fast by my maidens:

9 Let thine eyes *be* on the fiêld that they do reap, and go thou âfter them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art

âthirst, 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 shouldst take knowledge of me, seeing I *am* a stranger?

11 And Bô'áz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been showed me all that thou hast done unto thy môther-in-law since the death of thine hûs'bând; and *how* thou hast left thy father and thy môther, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.

12 The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Iſ'ra-ël, 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 côm'forted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.

14 And Bô'áz said unto her, At meal-time come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched *corn*, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.

15 And when she was risen up to glean, Bô'áz côm'mân'ded his young men, saying, Let her glean even âmong the sheaves, and reproach her not:

16 And let fall also *some* 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 fiêld until *even*, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about' an êph'ah of barley.

18 And she took *it* up, and went into the city; and her môther-in-law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had rêsêrv'ed âfter she was sufficed.

19 And her môther-in-law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to-day? and where wroughtest thou? blês'sed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she showed her môther-in-law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to-day *is* Bô'áz.

20 And Nâ'o-mî said unto her daughter-in-law, Blês'sed *be* he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Nâ'o-mî said unto her, The man *is* near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.

21 And Rûth the Mô'âb-i-tëss said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.

22 And Nâ'o-mî said unto Rûth her daughter-in-law, *It is* good, my daughter,

that thou go out with his maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field.

23 So she kept fast by the maidens of Bō'áz to glean unto the end of barley-harvest, and of wheat-harvest; and dwelt with her móther-in-law.

CHAP. III.

THEN Nā'o-mī 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 Bō'áz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? behold, he winnoweth barley to-night in the threshing-floor.

3 Wash thyself, thère'fóre, 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 móther-in-law bade her.

7 And when Bō'áz 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 pæss, at midnight, that the man was áfráid, and turned himself; and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.

9 And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ráth thine handmaid; spread thère'fóre thy skirt¹ over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.

10 And he said, Blès'ed be thou of the LORD, my daughter; for thou hast showed 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 requirist: for all the city of my people dóth 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 pèrfórm' 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 she rose up before one could

know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor.

15 Also he said, Bring the veil that thou hast upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six mēas'ures of barley, and laid it on her; and she went into the city.

16 And when she came to her móther-in-law, she said, Who art thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her.

17 And she said, These six mēas'ures of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy móther-in-law.

18 Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

CHAP. IV.

THEN went Bō'áz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman, of whom Bō'áz spake, came by: unto whom he said, Ho, such-a-one! turn áside, sit down here. And he turned áside, and sat down.

2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down.

3 And he said unto the kinsman, Nā'o-mī, that is come ágain' out of the country of Mō'áb, selleth a parcel of land, which was our bróther É-lím'e-lèch's:

4 And I thought to ádvèrtise' thee, saying, Buy it before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it; but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know: for there is nóne to redeem it besides thee; and I am áfter thee. And he said, I will redeem it.

5 Then said Bō'áz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Nā'o-mī, thou must buy it also of Ráth the Mō'áb-i-tèss, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.

6 And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it.

7 Now this was the manner in former time in Ís'ra-él, concèr'ning redeeming, and concèr'ning chānging, for to cōfirm³ all things; A man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbour: and this was a tès'timóny in Ís'ra-él.

8 Thère'fóre the kinsman said unto Bō'áz, Buy it for thee: So he drew off his shoe.

9 And Bō'áz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day that I have bought all that was É-lím'e-lèch's, and all that was Çhi-lí'on's and Mäh'lón's, of the hand of Nā'o-mī.

¹ skért.² vèr'tshū-üs.³ kōn-fèrm'.

10 Moreover, Rûth the Mō'āb-ī-tēss, the wife of Māh'lōn, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from āmōng his brēthren, and from the gate of his place: ye *āre* witnesses this day.

11 And all the people that *wēre* in the gate, and the elders, said, *We āre* witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house like Rā'chēl and like Lē'āh, which two did build the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl: and do thou wōrthily in Ēph'rā-tāh, and be famous in Bēth'le-hēm:

12 And let thy house be like the house of Phā'rēz, (whom Tā'mār bare unto Jū'dāh,) of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman.

13 So Bō'āz took Rûth, and she was his wife: and, when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son.

14 And the women said unto Nā'o-mī, Blēs'sed be the LORD, which hath not left

thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Iṣ'ra-ēl.

15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter-in-law which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath borne him.

16 And Nā'o-mī took the child, and laid it in her bō'sóm, and became nurse unto it.

17 And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Nā'o-mī; and they called his name Ō'bēd: he *is* the father of Jēs'se, the father of Dā vid.

13 ¶ Now these *āre* the generations of Phā'rēz: Phā'rēz begat Hēz'rōn,

19 And Hēz'rōn begat Rām, and Rām begat Ām-mīn'a-dāb,

20 And Ām-mīn'a-dāb begat Nāh'shōn, and Nāh'shōn begat Sāl'mōn,

21 And Sāl'mōn begat Bō'āz, and Bō'āz begat Ō'bēd,

22 And Ō'bēd begat Jēs'se, and Jēs'se begat Dā'vid.

¶ The FIRST Book of SAM'UEL, otherwise called The FIRST Book of the KINGS.

CHAPTER I.

NOW there was a cēr'tain man of Rā-māth-ā'im-Zō'phīm, of mount Ē'phraim, and his name was Ēl'ka-nàh, the son of Jēr'o-hām, the son of Ē-lī'hū, the son of Tō'hū, the son of Zūph, an Ēph'rāth-īte:

2 And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hân'nàh, and the name of the other Pē-nīn'nāh: and Pē-nīn'nāh had children, but Hân'nàh had no children.

3 And this man went up out of his city yearly to wōr'ship, and to sāk'rīfīce unto the LORD of hosts in Shī'lōh. And the two sons of Ē'lī, Hōph'nī and Phīn'e-hās, the priests of the LORD, *wēre* there.

4 And when the time was that Ēl'ka-nàh offered, he gave to Pē-nīn'nāh his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, pōrtions:

5 But unto Hân'nàh he gave a wōrthy pōrtion: for he loved Hân'nàh; but the LORD had shut up her womb.

6 And her ād'vērsary also provoked her sore, 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 she provoked her; thērē'fōre she wept, and did not eat.

8 Then said Ēl'ka-nàh her hūš'bānd to her, Hân'nàh, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grīevēd? *am* not I better to thee than ten sons?

9 So Hân'nàh rose up, āfter they had eaten in Shī'lōh, and āfter they had drunk: (now Ē'lī the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD:)

10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

11 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 handmaid, 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 no razor come upon his head.

12 And it came to pās, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Ē'lī marked her mouth.

13 Now Hân'nàh, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not hēard: thērē'fōre Ē'lī thought she had been drunken.

14 And Ē'lī said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put āwāy thy wine from thee.

15 And Hân'nàh answered and said, No, my lord; I *am* a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk nēither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Bē'li-āl: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grīef have I spoken hitherto.

17 Then Ē'lī answered and said, Go in

peace : and the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl grānt thee thy petition that thou hast āsked of him.

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

19 And they rose up in the morning early, and wór'shipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Rā'māh : and Ēl'ka-nāh knew Hān'nāh his wife ; and the LORD remembered her.

20 Wherefore it came to pāss, when the time was come ābout' āfter Hān'nāh had cōncēived, that she bare a son, and called his name Sām'u-ēl, saying, Because I have āsked him of the LORD.

21 And the man Ēl'ka-nāh, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sāk'rifice, and his vow.

22 But Hān'nāh went not up ; for she said unto her hūš'bānd, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there ābide for ever.

23 And Ēl'ka-nāh her hūš'bānd said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good ; tarry until thou have weaned him ; only the LORD ēstāb'lish his word. So the woman ābode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ēph'ah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shilōh : and the child was young.

25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Ē'lī.

26 And she said, Oh, my lord ! as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD.

27 For this child I prayed ; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I āsked of him :

28 Therē'fōre also I have lent him to the LORD ; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he wór'shipped the LORD there.

CHAP. II.

AND Hān'nāh prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD ; mine horn is exalted in the LORD ; my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies : because I rejoice in thy salvation.

2 There is nōne holy as the LORD : for there is nōne beside thee ; nēither is there any rock like our God.

3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly ; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth : for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by his actions āre weighed.

4 The bōws of the mighty men āre broken, and they that stumbled āre gir'ded¹ with strength.

¹ gir'ded.

5 They that wēre full have hired out themselves for bread ; and they that wēre hungry ceased : so that the barren hath borne seven ; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble.

6 The LORD killeth, and maketh ālive : 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 āmōng princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory : for the pillars of the ēarth āre 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 ād'vēr'saries of the LORD shall be broken to piēces ; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them : the LORD shall judge the ends of the ēarth ; and he shall give strength unto his King, and exālt the horn of his Anointed.

11 ¶ And Ēl'ka-nāh went to Rā'māh to his house ; and the child did minister unto the LORD before Ē'lī the priest.

12 ¶ Now the sons of Ē'lī wēre sons of Bē'lī-āl ; they knew not the LORD.

13 And the priest's custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sāk'rifice, the priest's sēr'vant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a flesh-hook of three teeth in his hand ;

14 And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or cāl'drōn,² or pot ; all that the flesh-hook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shilōh unto all the Iṣ'ra-ēl-ites that came thither.

15 Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's sēr'vant came, and said to the man that sāk'rificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest ; for he will not have sodden 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 desireth ; then he would ānswer 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 Sām'u-ēl ministered before the LORD, being a child, gir'ded with a linen ēph'od.

19 Moreover, his mōther made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her hūš'bānd to offer the yearly sāk'rifice.

20 And Ē'lī blēss'ed Ēl'ka-nāh and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman, for the loan which is lent

² kāl'drōn.

to the LORD. And they went unto their own home.

21 And the LORD visited Hān'nāh, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Sām'u-ēl grew before the LORD.

22 ¶ Now E'li was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Iṣ'ra-ēl; 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 entreat for him? Notwithstanding, they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

26 (And the child Sām'u-ēl grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.)

27 And there came a man of God unto E'li, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in E'gypt in Phā'raōh's house?

28 And did I chōōse him out of all the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ēph'od before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl?

29 Wherefore kick ye at my sār'rif'ice and at mine offering, which I have cōmān'ded in my habitation, and hōn'ourest thy sons ābōve me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Iṣ'ra-ēl my people?

30 Wherefore the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that hōn'our me I will hōn'our, and they that dēspise me shall be lightly estēm'ed.

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 see an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Iṣ'ra-ēl: 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 griēve 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

Hōph'nī and Phīn'e-hās: 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 my heart, and in my 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 crōuch to him for a piēce of silver and a mōr'sel¹ of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priest's offices, that I may eat a piēce of bread.

CHAP. III.

AND the child Sām'u-ēl ministered unto the LORD before E'li. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

2 And it came to pass at that time, when E'li was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see;

3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Sām'u-ēl was laid down to sleep;

4 That the LORD called Sām'u-ēl: and he answered, Here am I.

5 And he ran unto E'li, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

6 And the LORD called yet again, Sām'u-ēl. And Sām'u-ēl ārōse, and went to E'li, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

7 Now Sām'u-ēl did not yet know the LORD, nēither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

8 And the LORD called Sām'u-ēl again the third time. And he ārōse, and went to E'li, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And E'li percēived that the LORD had called the child.

9 Thērēfore E'li said unto Sām'u-ēl, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy sērvant heareth. So Sām'u-ēl went and lay down in his place.

10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Sām'u-ēl, Sām'u-ēl. Then Sām'u-ēl answered, Speak; for thy sērvant heareth.

11 And the LORD said to Sām'u-ēl, Behold, I will do a thing in Iṣ'ra-ēl, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

12 In that day I will pērfōrm against E'li all things which I have spoken cōncēr'ning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

13 For I have told him, that I will judge his house for ever, for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons

¹ mōr'sil.

made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

14 And thêrê'fôre I have sworn unto the house of Ê'li, that the iniquity of Ê'li's house shall not be purged with sâc'rifîçe nor offering for ever.

15 ¶ And Sâ'm'u-ël lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD: and Sâ'm'u-ël feared to show Ê'li the vision.

16 Then Ê'li called Sâ'm'u-ël, and said, Sâ'm'u-ël, 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 Sâ'm'u-ël told him every whit, and hid nôthing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

19 ¶ And Sâ'm'u-ël grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let nône of his words fall to the ground.

20 And all İş'ra-ël, from Dâ'n even to Bê-êr'she-bâ, knew that Sâ'm'u-ël was estâ'blished *to be* a prophet of the LORD.

21 And the LORD appeared âgain' in Shî'lôh: for the LORD revealed himself to Sâ'm'u-ël in Shî'lôh by the word of the LORD.

CHAP. IV.

AND the word of Sâ'm'u-ël came to all İş'ra-ël. Now İş'ra-ël went out âgainst the Phi-lis'tines to battle, and pitched beside Eb-en-êzêr; and the Phi-lis'tines pitched in A'phêk.

2 And the Phi-lis'tines put themselves in array âgainst İş'ra-ël: and when they joined battle, İş'ra-ël was smitten before the Phi-lis'tines; and they slew of the army in the field âbout' four thousand men.

3 And when the people wêre come into the camp, the elders of İş'ra-ël said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to-day before the Phi-lis'tines? Let us fetch the ark of the côvenant of the LORD out of Shî'lôh unto us, that, when it cometh âmông us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

4 So the people sent to Shî'lôh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the côvenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth *between* the cherubims: and the two sons of Ê'li, Hôph'nî and Phîn'e-hâs, wêre there with the ark of the côvenant of God.

5 And when the ark of the côvenant of the LORD came into the camp, all İş'ra-ël shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang âgain'.

6 And when the Phi-lis'tines hêard the noise of the shout, they said, What *meaneth* the noise of this great shout in the

camp of the Hê'brews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp.

7 And the Phi-lis'tines wêre âfrâid; for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Wo unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore.

8 Wo unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these *are* the Gods that smote the E-gyp'ti-âns with all the plagues in the wilderness.

9 Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Phi-lis'tines, that ye be not sêrvants unto the Hê'brews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight.

10 And the Phi-lis'tines fought; and İş'ra-ël was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slâughter; for there fell of İş'ra-ël thirty thousand footmen.

11 And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Ê'li, Hôph'nî and Phîn'e-hâs, wêre slain.

12 And there ran a man of Bên'ja-mîn out of the army, and came to Shî'lôh the same day, with his clothes rent, and with éarth upon his head.

13 And when he came, lo, Ê'li sat upon a seat by the way-side, wâtch'ing: for his hêart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told *it*, all the city cried out.

14 And when Ê'li hêard the noise of the crying, he said, What *meaneth* the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Ê'li.

15 Now Ê'li was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes wêre dim, that he could not see.

16 And the man said unto Ê'li, I am he that came out of the army, and I fled to-day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son?

17 And the messenger answered and said, İş'ra-ël is fled before the Phi-lis'tines; and there hath been also a great slâughter âmông the people; and thy two sons also, Hôph'nî and Phîn'e-hâs, âre dead; and the ark of God is taken.

18 And it came to pâss, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward, by the side of the gate; and his neck brake, and he died; for he was an old man, and heavy and he had judged İş'ra-ël forty years.

19 And his daughter-in-law, Phîn'e-hâs' wife, was with child, *near* to be delivered: and when she hêard the tidings, that the ark of God was taken, and that her father-in-law and her hûs'bând wêre dead, she bôwed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her.

20 And âbout' the time of her death, the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not, for thou hast borne a son.

But she answered not, neither did she regard it.

21 And she named the child İçh'a-bōd, saying, The glory is departed from İř'ra-ël: (because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father-in-law and her hüř'bánd:)

22 And she said, The glory is departed from İř'ra-ël; for the ark of God is taken.

CHAP. V.

AND the Phi-lis'tines took the ark of God, and brought it from Ēb-ën-ē-zér unto Āsh'dōd.

2 When the Phi-lis'tines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dā'gōn, and set it by Dā'gōn.

3 And when they of Āsh'dōd ārōře early on the morrow, behold, Dā'gōn was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dā'gōn, and set him in his place again'.

4 And when they ārōře early on the morrow morning, behold, Dā'gōn was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dā'gōn and both the pālms of his hands wēre cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dā'gōn was left to him.

5 Thēre'fōre neither the priests of Dā'gōn, nor any that come into Dā'gōn's house, tread on the threshold of Dā'gōn in Āsh'dōd unto this day.

6 But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Āsh'dōd; and he dēstrōy'ed them, and smote them with emerods, even Āsh'dōd, and the coasts thereof.

7 And when the men of Āsh'dōd saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of İř'ra-ël shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dā'gōn our god.

8 They sent, thēre'fōre, and gāthered all the lords of the Phi-lis'tines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of İř'ra-ël? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of İř'ra-ël be carried about' unto Gāth. And they carried the ark of the God of İř'ra-ël about' thither.

9 And it was so, that, āfter they had carried it ābout', the hand of the LORD was āgainst' the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts.

10 Thēre'fōre they sent the ark of God to Ēk'rōn. And it came to pās, as the ark of God came to Ēk'rōn, that the Ēk'rōn-ites cried out, saying, They have brought ābout' the ark of the God of İř'ra-ël to us, to slay us and our people.

11 So they sent and gāthered togethēr all the lords of the Phi-lis'tines, and said, Send āwāy the ark of the God of İř'ra-ël, and let it go āgain' to his own place, that

it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

12 And the men that died not wēre smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

CHAP. VI.

AND the ark of the LORD was in the country of the Phi-lis'tines seven mōnths.

2 And the Phi-lis'tines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the LORD? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place.

3 And they said, If ye send āwāy the ark of the God of İř'ra-ël, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trēs'pās-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 trēs'pās-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 Phi-lis'tines: for one plague was on you all, and on your lords.

5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of İř'ra-ël; pēradvēnture he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods and from off your land.

6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Ē-gyp'ti-ānř and Phā'raōh hardened their hearts? When he had wrought wōnderfully āmōng them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?

7 Now thēre'fōre make a new cart, and take two milch¹ kine on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their cālves 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 trēs'pās-offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it āwāy, that it may go.

9 And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Bēth'she-mēř, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us; it was a chānce that happened to us.

10 And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their cālves at home.

11 And they laid the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods.

12 And the kine took the straight way to the way of Bēth'she-mēř, and went ālōng' the highway, lowing as they went,

¹ milsh.

and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Phi-lis'tines went after them unto the border of Bêth'she-mêsh.

13 And they of Bêth'she-mêsh 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 Jôsh'u-â, a Bêth'she-mîte, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt-offering unto the LORD.

15 And the Lê'vites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone: and the men of Bêth'she-mêsh offered burnt-offerings, and sacrificèd sacrificès, the same day unto the LORD.

16 And when the five lords of the Phi-lis'tines had seen it, they returned to Èk'rôn the same day.

17 And these are the golden emerods which the Phi-lis'tines returned for a trêss-pâss-offering unto the LORD; for Ash'dôd one, for Gâ'zâ one, for As'ke-lôn one, for Gâth one, for Èk'rôn one:

18 And the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Phi-lis'tines belonging to the five lords, both of fenced cities and of country villages, even unto the great stone of A'bêl, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD; which stone remaineth unto this day in the field of Jôsh'u-â the Bêth'she-mîte.

19 And he smote the men of Bêth'she-mêsh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore 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 Bêth'she-mêsh 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 Kir'jâth-Jê'a-rim, saying, The Phi-lis'tines have brought again' the ark of the LORD; come ye down, and fetch it up to you.

CHAP. VII.

AND the men of Kir'jâth-Jê'a-rim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of A-bin'a-dâb, in the hill, and sanctified È-le-â'zâr his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

2 And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kir'jâth-Jê'a-rim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Iſ'ra-ël lamented after the LORD.

3 ¶ And Sâ'm'u-êl spake unto all the house of Iſ'ra-ël, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then

put away the strange gods and Ash'ta-rôth 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 Phi-lis'tines.

4 Then the children of Iſ'ra-ël did put away Bâ'al-im and Ash'ta-rôth, and served the LORD only.

5 And Sâ'm'u-êl said, Gather all Iſ'ra-ël to Miz'pêh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD.

6 And they gathered together to Miz'pêh, 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 Sâ'm'u-êl judged the children of Iſ'ra-ël in Miz'pêh.

7 And when the Phi-lis'tines heard that the children of Iſ'ra-ël were gathered together to Miz'pêh, the lords of the Phi-lis'tines went up against Iſ'ra-ël. And when the children of Iſ'ra-ël heard it, they were afraid of the Phi-lis'tines.

8 And the children of Iſ'ra-ël said to Sâ'm'u-êl, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Phi-lis'tines.

9 And Sâ'm'u-êl took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt-offering wholly unto the LORD; and Sâ'm'u-êl cried unto the LORD for Iſ'ra-ël; and the LORD heard him.

10 And as Sâ'm'u-êl was offering up the burnt-offering, the Phi-lis'tines drew near to battle against Iſ'ra-ël: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Phi-lis'tines, and discómfited them; and they were smitten before Iſ'ra-ël.

11 And the men of Iſ'ra-ël went out of Miz'pêh, and pursued the Phi-lis'tines, and smote them, until they came under Bêth'çâr.

12 Then Sâ'm'u-êl took a stone, and set it between Miz'pêh and Shên, and called the name of it Èb-ên-ê'zêr, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.

13 So the Phi-lis'tines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Iſ'ra-ël, and the hand of the LORD was against the Phi-lis'tines all the days of Sâ'm'u-êl.

14 And the cities which the Phi-lis'tines had taken from Iſ'ra-ël were restored to Iſ'ra-ël, from Èk'rôn even unto Gâth; and the coasts thereof did Iſ'ra-ël deliver out of the hands of the Phi-lis'tines. And there was peace between Iſ'ra-ël and the Am'o-rites.

15 And Sâ'm'u-êl judged Iſ'ra-ël all the days of his life.

16 And he went from year to year in circuit¹ to Bêth'êl, and Gil'gâl, and Miz'pêh, and judged Iſ'ra-ël in all those places.

¹ sêr'kîl.

17 And his return *was* to Rā'māh; for there *was* his house: and there he judged *Iš'ra-ēl*; and there he built an altar unto the LORD.

CHAP. VIII.

AND it came to pāss, when Sām'u-ēl *was* old, that he made his sons judges over *Iš'ra-ēl*.

2 Now the name of his first-born *was* Jō'el, and the name of his second *ā-bī'āh*: *they wēre* judges in Bē-ēr'she-bā.

3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned *āsīde* āfter lucre, and took bribes, and pērvērt'ed judgment.

4 Then all the elders of *Iš'ra-ēl* gāth-ered themselves togēther, and came to Sām'u-ēl unto Rā'māh,

5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

6 But the thing displeasēd Sām'u-ēl, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Sām'u-ēl prayed unto the LORD.

7 And the LORD said unto Sām'u-ēl, Harken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

8 According to all the works which they have done, since the day that I brought them up out of *Ē'gypt* even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and sērvēd other gods; so do they also unto thee.

9 Now, thēre'fōre, hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and show them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

10 And Sām'u-ēl told all the words of the LORD unto the people that āsked of him a king.

11 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 chariots, and *to be* his horsemen; and *some* shall run before his chariots.

12 And he will appoint him cāp'tains over thousands, and cāp'tains over fifties, and *will set them* to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.

13 And he will take your dāughters *to be* confectionaries, and *to be* cooks, and *to be* bakers.

14 And he will take your fiēlds, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, *even the best of them*, and give *them* to his sērvants.

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

16 And he will take your men-sērvants, and your maid-sērvants, and your goodliest

young men, and your asses, and put *them* to his work.

17 He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his sērvants.

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

19 Nevertheless, the people refused to obey the voice of Sām'u-ēl: and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;

20 That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

21 And Sām'u-ēl heard all the words of the people, and he rebēarsēd them in the ears of the LORD.

22 And the LORD said to Sām'u-ēl, Harken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Sām'u-ēl said unto the men of *Iš'ra-ēl*, Go ye every man unto his city.

CHAP. IX.

NOW there *was* a man of Bēn'ja-mīn, whose name *was* Kīsh, the son of *Ā'bi-ēl*, the son of Zē'rōr, the son of Bēch-ō'rāth, the son of *ā-phī'āh*, a Bēn'ja-mīte, a mighty man of power.

2 And he had a son whose name *was* Sāul, a choice young man, and a goodly; and *there was* not āmōng the children of *Iš'ra-ēl* a goodlier pērson than he: from his shoulders and *ūp'wārd* *he was* higher than any of the people.

3 And the asses of Kīsh, Sāul's father, wēre lost: and Kīsh said to Sāul his son, Take now one of the sērvants with thee, and ārīse, go seek the asses.

4 And he pāsēd through mount *Ē'phra-īm*, and pāsēd through the land of Shā'lī-shā, but they found *them* not: then they pāsēd through the land of Shā'lim, and *there they wēre* not; and he pāsēd through the land of the Bēn'ja-mītes, but they found *them* not.

5 And when they wēre come to the land of Zūph, Sāul said to his sērvant that *was* with him, Come, and let us return; lēst my father leave *cāring* 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 hōn'ourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pās: now, let us go thither; pēradvēn'ture he can show us our way that we should go.

7 Then said Sāul to his sērvant, But, behold, *if* we go, what shall we bring 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 sērvant ānswered Sāul āgain', and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver; *that* will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.

9 (Beforetime in *Iš'ra-ēl*, when a man

went to inquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Proph'et, was before-time called a Sē'ér.)

10 Then said Sâul to his sêrvant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God was.

11 And as they went up the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here?

12 And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, he is before you: make haste now, for he came to-day to the city; for there is a sâc'rifice 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 dôth bless the sâc'rifice; and âftêr-wârd's they eat that be bidden. Now thêrê'fore get you up; for âbout' this time ye shall find him.

14 And they went up into the city; and when they wêre come into the city, behold, Sám'u-ël came out âgainst' them, for to go up to the high place.

15 Now the LORD had told Sám'u-ël in his ear a day before Sâul came, saying,

16 To-morrow, âbout' this time, I will send thee a man out of the land of Bën'jamin; and thou shalt anoint him to be eâp'tain over my people Iş'ra-ël, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Phi-lis'tines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.

17 And when Sám'u-ël saw Sâul, the LORD said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of: this same shall reign over my people.

18 Then Sâul drew near to Sám'u-ël in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is.

19 And Sám'u-ël answered Sâul, 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 thine asses that wêre lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom is all the desire of Iş'ra-ël; is it not on thee, and on all thy father's house?

21 And Sâul answered and said, Am not I a Bën'ja-mite, of the smallest of the tribes of Iş'ra-ël? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Bën'ja-min? wherefore then speakest thou so to me?

22 And Sám'u-ël took Sâul and his sêrvant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place

âmong them that wêre bidden, which wêre âbout' thirty pêrsons.

23 And Sám'u-ël said unto the cook, Bring the pòrtion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee.

24 And the cook took up the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Sâul. And Sám'u-ël said, Behold that which is left! set it before thee, and eat; for unto this time hath it been kept for thee, since I said, I have invited the people. So Sâul did eat with Sám'u-ël that day.

25 And when they wêre come down from the high place into the city, Sám'u-ël communed with Sâul upon the top of the house.

26 And they ârôse éarly: and it came to pâss, âbout' the spring of the day, that Sám'u-ël called Sâul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee âwây. And Sâul ârôse, and they went out both of them, he and Sám'u-ël, âbroâd.

27 And as they wêre going down to the end of the city, Sám'u-ël said to Sâul, Bid the sêrvant pâss on before us, (and he pâssed on,) but stand thou still a while, that I may show thee the word of God.

CHAP. X.

THEN Sám'u-ël took a vial of oil and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be câp'tain over his inheritance?

2 When thou art departed from me to-day, then thou shalt find two men by Râ-chêl's sêpulchre, in the border of Bën'jamin, at Zêl'zâh; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?

3 Then shalt thou go on fôr'wârd from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tâ'bôr, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Bêth'ël, 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 two loaves of bread, which thou shalt recêive of their hands.

5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Phi-lis'tines: and it shall come to pâss, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a cômpany 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 Spir'it 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 sēve thee; for God *is* with thee.

8 And thou shalt go down before me to Gī'l'gāl; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt-offerings, *and* to sāk'rifiċe sāk'rifiċes of peace-offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and show thee what thou shalt do.

9 And it was *so*, that when he had turned his back to go from Sām'u-ēl, God gave him ānóther heārt: and all those signs came to pāss that day.

10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a cōpany of prophets met him; and the Spir'it of God came upon him, and he prophesied āmóng them.

11 And it came to pāss, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied āmóng the prophets, then the people said or to ānóther, What *is* this *that* is come unto the son of Kish? *Is* Sāul also āmóng the prophets?

12 And one of the same place ānswēred, and said, But who *is* their father? Thēre'fōre it became a proverb, *Is* Sāul also āmóng the prophets?

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

14 And Sāul's uncle said unto him and to his sērvant, Whither went ye? And he said, to seek the āsses: and when we saw that *they wēre* no where, we came to Sām'u-ēl.

15 And Sāul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Sām'u-ēl said unto you.

16 And Sāul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the āsses wēre found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Sām'u-ēl spake, he told him not.

17 ¶ And Sām'u-ēl called the people tōgēther unto the LORD to Miz'pēh;

18 And said unto the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Thus saith the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, I brought up Iṣ'ra-ēl out of E'ġypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the E'ġypti-āns, 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 ādvēr'sitiēs and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, *Nay*, but set a king over us. Now thēre'fōre present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.

20 And when Sām'u-ēl had caused all the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl to come near, the tribe of Bēn'ja-mīn was taken.

21 When he had caused the tribe of Bēn'ja-mīn to come near by their families, the family of Mā'trī was taken, and Sāul, the son of Kish, was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Thēre'fōre they inquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD ānswēred, Behold, he hath hid himself āmóng the stuff.

23 And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood āmóng the people, he was higher than any of the people, from his shoulders and up'wārd.

24 And Sām'u-ēl said to all the people. See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that *there is* nōne like him āmóng all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king!

25 Then Sām'u-ēl told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote *it* in a book, and laid *it* up before the LORD. And Sām'u-ēl sent all the people āwāy, every man to his house.

26 And Sāul also went home to Gib'e-āh; and there went with him a band of men, whose heārts God had tōuched.

27 But the children of Bē'li-āl said, How shall this man save us? And they dēspisēd him, and brought him no presents: but he held his peace.

CHAP. XI.

THEN Nā'hāsh the Ām'mōn-ite came up, and encamped āgāinst' Jā'bēsh-Gī'e-ād: and all the men of Jā'bēsh said unto Nā'hāsh, Make a cōvenant with us, and we will sēve thee.

2 And Nā'hāsh the Ām'mōn-ite ānswēred them, On this *condition* will I make a cōvenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it *for* a reproach upon all Iṣ'ra-ēl.

3 And the elders of Jā'bēsh said unto him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the coasts of Iṣ'ra-ēl: and then, if *there be* no man to save us, we will come out to thee.

4 Then came the messengers to Gib'e-āh of Sāul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept.

5 And, behold, Sāul came āfter the hērd out of the fiēld; and Sāul said, What *ail-eth* the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jā'bēsh.

6 And the Spir'it of God came upon Sāul when he hēard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in piēccs, and sent *them* throughout all the coasts of Iṣ'ra-ēl by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth āfter Sāul and āfter Sām'u-ēl, so snall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

8 And when he numbered them in Bē'zēk, the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl wēre three hundred thousand, and the men of Jū'dāh thirty thousand.

9 And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jā'bēsh-Gī'e-ād, To-morrow, by *that time* the sun be hot, ye shall have help. And the messengers came and

showed *it* to the men of Jā'bēsh; and they wēre glad.

10 Thērēfōre the men of Jā'bēsh said, To-morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you.

11 And it was so on the morrow, that Sāul put the people in three cōmpanies; and they came into the midst of the host in the morning wātch, and slew the Ām'mōn-ites until the heat of the day: and it came to pās, that they which remained wēre scattered, so that two of them wēre not left tōgēther.

12 And the people said unto Sām'u-ël, Who *is* he that said, Shall Sāul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death.

13 And Sāul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to-day the LORD hath wrought salvation in Iṣ'ra-ël.

14 Then said Sām'u-ël to the people, Come, and let us go to Gil'gāl, and renew the kingdom there.

15 And all the people went to Gil'gāl; and there they made Sāul king before the LORD in Gil'gāl; and there they sār'rificed sār'rifices of peace-offerings before the LORD; and there Sāul and all the men of Iṣ'ra-ël rejoiced greatly.

CHAP. XII.

AND Sām'u-ël said unto all Iṣ'ra-ël, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you.

2 And now, behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old and grey-headed; and, behold, my sons *are* with you; and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day.

3 Behold, here I *am*: witness āgainst' me before the LORD, and before his anointed; whose ox have I taken? or whose āss have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I recēived *any* bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

4 And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, nēither hast thou taken aught of any man's hand.

5 And he said unto them, The LORD *is* witness āgainst' you, and his anointed *is* witness this day, that ye have not found aught in my hand. And they ānswered, *He is* witness.

6 And Sām'u-ël said unto the people, *It is* the LORD that advānced Mō'sēs and Aārōn, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Ē'gypt.

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

8 When Jā'çōb was come into Ē'gypt, and your fathers cried unto the LORD, then the LORD sent Mō'sēs and Aārōn, which

brought forth your fathers out of Ē'gypt, and made them dwell in this place.

9 And when they forgot the LORD their God, he sold them into the hand of Sis'rā, cāp'tain of the host of Hā'zōr, and into the hand of the Phi-lis'tines, and into the hand of the king of Mō'āb; and they fought āgainst' them.

10 And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have sērvēd Bā'āl-īm and Āsh'ta-rōth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will sērvē thee.

11 And the LORD sent Jē-rūb'ba-āl, and Bē'dān, and Jēph'tāh, and Sām'u-ël, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe.

12 And when ye saw that Nā'hāsh, the king of the children of Ām'mōn, came āgainst' you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us; when the LORD your God *was* your king.

13 Now thērēfōre behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired! and, behold, the LORD hath set a king over you.

14 If ye will fear the LORD, and sērvē him, and obey his voice, and not rebel āgainst' the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD, then shall both ye, and also the king that reigneth over you, continue following the LORD your God:

15 But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel āgainst' the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be āgainst' you, as *it was* āgainst' your fathers.

16 Now thērēfōre stand and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes.

17 *Is it* not wheat-harvest to-day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may pērcēivē and see that your wickedness *is* great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in āsk'ing you a king.

18 So Sām'u-ël called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Sām'u-ël.

19 And all the people said unto Sām'u-ël, Pray for thy sērvants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins *this* evil, to āsk us a king.

20 And Sām'u-ël said unto the people, Fear not: (ye have done all this wickedness; yet turn not āside from following the LORD, but sērvē the LORD with all your hēart;

21 And turn ye not āside: for *then should ye go* āfter vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they *are* vain:)

22 For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake; because

it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

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

24 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

25 But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

CHAP. XIII.

SAUL reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Iſ'ra-ël,

2 Sâul chose him three thousand men of Iſ'ra-ël; whereof two thousand were with Sâul in Miçh'mâsh and in mount Bêth'ël, and a thousand were with Jôn'a-thân in Gib'e-âh of Bën'ja-min: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

3 And Jôn'a-thân smote the garrison of the Phi-lis'tines that was in Gê'bâ; and the Phi-lis'tines heard of it. And Sâul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hê'brews hear.

4 And all Iſ'ra-ël heard say, that Sâul had smitten a garrison of the Phi-lis'tines, and that Iſ'ra-ël also was had in abomination with the Phi-lis'tines. And the people were called together after Sâul to Gil'gâl.

5 And the Phi-lis'tines gathered themselves together to fight with Iſ'ra-ël, 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 Miçh'mâsh, eastward from Bêth-â'ven.

6 When the men of Iſ'ra-ël saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.

7 And some of the Hê'brews went over Jôr'dân to the land of Gâd and Gil'e-âd. As for Sâul, he was yet in Gil'gâl; and all the people followed him trembling.

8 And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Sâ'm'u-ël had appointed: but Sâ'm'u-ël came not to Gil'gâl; and the people were scattered from him.

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

10 And it came to pass, that, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, behold, Sâ'm u-ël came; and Sâul went out to meet him, that he might salute him.

11 And Sâ'm'u-ël said, What hast thou done? And Sâul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Phi-lis'tines gathered themselves together at Miçh'mâsh;

12 There'fore, said I, the Phi-lis'tines

will come down now upon me to Gil'gâl, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself there'fore, and offered a burnt-offering.

13 And Sâ'm'u-ël said to Sâul, Thou hast 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 Iſ'ra-ël for ever.

14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.

15 And Sâ'm'u-ël arose, and gat him up from Gil'gâl unto Gib'e-âh of Bën'ja-min. And Sâul numbered the people that were present with him, about six hundred men.

16 And Sâul, and Jôn'a-thân his son, and the people that were present with them, abode in Gib'e-âh of Bën'ja-min: but the Phi-lis'tines encamped in Miçh'mâsh.

17 And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Phi-lis'tines in three companies: one company turned unto the way that leadeth to Ôph'râh, unto the land of Shû'al:

18 And another company turned the way to Bêth-hô'rôn; and another company turned to the way of the border that looketh to the valley of Zê-bô'im, toward the wilderness.

19 Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Iſ'ra-ël; (for the Phi-lis'tines said, Lest the Hê'brews make them swords or spears;)

20 But all the Iſ'ra-ël-ites went down to the Phi-lis'tines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his axe, 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 to sharpen 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 Sâul and Jôn'a-thân: but with Sâul, and with Jôn'a-thân his son, was there found.

23 And the garrison of the Phi-lis'tines went out to the passage of Miçh'mâsh.

CHAP. XIV.

NOW it came to pass upon a day, that Jôn'a-thân the son of Sâul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Phi-lis'tines' garrison that is on the other side. But he told not his father.

2 And Sâul tarried in the uttermost part of Gib'e-âh, under a pomegran'ate-tree, which is in Miç'rôn: and the people that were with him were about six hundred men;

3 And A-hi'ah, the son of A-hi'tûb,

Īḥ'a-bōd's bróther, the son of Phīn'e-hās, the son of Ē'li, the LORD's priest in Shī'lōh, wearing an ēph'ōd. And the people knew not that Jōn'a-thān was gone.

4 And between the passages, by which Jōn'a-thān sought to go over unto the Phi-lis'tines' 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* Bō'zēz, and the name of the other Sē'nēh.

5 The fore-front of the one *was* situate nōrth'wārd over āgainst' Miḥ'māsh, and the other south'wārd over āgainst' Gib'e-āh.

6 And Jōn'a-thān said to 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.

7 And his armour-bearer said unto him, Do all that *is* in thine heārt: turn thee; behold, I *am* with thee according to thy heārt.

8 Then said Jōn'a-thān, Behold, we will pāss over unto *these* men, and we will discover ourselves unto them.

9 If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them.

10 But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the LORD hath delivered them into our hand; and this *shall be* a sign unto us.

11 And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Phi-lis'tines: and the Phi-lis'tines said, Behold, the Hē'brews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves.

12 And the men of the garrison answered Jōn'a-thān and his armour-bearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will show you a thing. And Jōn'a-thān said unto his armour-bearer, Come up āfter me; for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Īṣ'ra-ēl.

13 And Jōn'a-thān climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armour-bearer āfter him: and they fell before Jōn'a-thān; and his armour-bearer slew āfter him.

14 And that first slāughter, which Jōn'a-thān and his armour-bearer made, was ābout' twenty men, within as it wēre a half-acre of land, *which* a yoke of oxen might plough.

15 And there was trembling in the host, in the fiēld, and āmōng all the people; the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled; and the ēarth quaked: so it was a very great trembling.

16 And the wātchmen of Sāul in Gib'e-āh of Bēn'ja-mīn looked; and, behold, the multitude melted āwāy, and they went on beating down one ānōther.

17 Then said Sāul unto the people that wēre with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jōn'a-thān and his armour-bearer wēre not *there*.

18 And Sāul said unto Ā-hī'āh, Bring hither the ark of God: (for the ark of God was at that time with the children of Īṣ'ra-ēl.)

19 And it came to pāss, while Sāul talked unto the priest, that the noise that *was* in the host of the Phi-lis'tines went on and increased; and Sāul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand.

20 And Sāul and all the people that wēre with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle: and, behold, every man's swōrd was āgainst' his fellow, and *there was* a very great discōm'fiture.¹

21 Moreover, the Hē'brews that wēre with the Phi-lis'tines before that time, which went up with them into the camp *from the country* round ābout', even they also turned to be with the Īṣ'ra-ēl-ites that wēre with Sāul and Jōn'a-thān.

22 Likewise all the men of Īṣ'ra-ēl which had hid themselves in mount Ē-phra-īm, *when* they hēard that the Phi-lis'tines fled, even they also followed hard āfter them in the battle.

23 So the LORD saved Īṣ'ra-ēl that day: and the battle pāssed over unto Bēth-ā'vēn.

24 And the men of Īṣ'ra-ēl wēre distressed that day: for Sāul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed *be* the man that eateth *any* food until evening, that I may be āvēn'ged on mine enemies. So nōne of the people tasted *any* food.

25 And all *they of* the land came to a wood, and there was hōney upon the ground.

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

27 But Jōn'a-thān hēard 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 hōney-comb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes wēre enlightened.

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

29 Then said Jōn'a-thān, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this hōney;

30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to-day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had

¹ dīs-kūm'fit-yūre.

there not been now a much greater slăughter among the Phi-lis'tines?

31 And they smote the Phi-lis'tines that day from Miçh'măsh to Āi'ja-lôn :¹ and the people wĕre vĕry faint.

32 And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and călves, and slew *them* on the ground : and the people did eat *them* with the blood.

33 Then they told Sâul, saying, Behold, the people sin 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 Sâul said, Disperse' 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 Sâul built an altar unto the LORD : the same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD.

36 And Sâul said, Let us go down after the Phi-lis'tines 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 said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God.

37 And Sâul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Phi-lis'tines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Iş'ra-ĕl? But he answered him not that day.

38 And Sâul 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 Iş'ra-ĕl, though it be in Jôn'a-thăn 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 Iş'ra-ĕl, Be ye on one side, and I and Jôn'a-thăn my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Sâul, Do what seemeth good unto thee.

41 Thĕre'fore Sâul said unto the LORD God of Iş'ra-ĕl, Give a pĕrfect lot. And Sâul and Jôn'a-thăn wĕre taken : but the people ĕscăped.

42 And Sâul said, Căst lots between me and Jôn'a-thăn my son. And Jôn'a-thăn was taken.

43 Then Sâul said to Jôn'a-thăn, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jôn'a-thăn told him, and said, I did but taste a little hŏney with the end of the rod that *was* in mine hand, and, lo, I must die.

44 And Sâul answered, God do so, and more also : for thou shalt surely die, Jôn'a-thăn.

45 And the people said unto Sâul, Shall

Jôn'a-thăn die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Iş'ra-ĕl? 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 Jôn'a-thăn, that he died not.

46 Then Sâul went up from following the Phi-lis'tines : and the Phi-lis'tines went to their own place.

47 ¶ So Sâul took the kingdom over Iş'ra-ĕl, and fought against' all his enemies on every side, against' Mŏ'ăb, and against' the children of Ām'mŏn, and against' Ē'dŏm, and against' the kings of Zŏ'băh, and against' the Phi-lis'tines : and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed *them*.

48 And he găthered a host, and smote the Ām'a-lĕk-ites, and delivered Iş'ra-ĕl out of the hands of them that spoiled them.

49 ¶ Now the sons of Sâul wĕre Jôn'a-thăn, and Iş'h'u-ĭ, and Mĕl-çhi-shŭ'a : and the names of his two daughters wĕre *these* ; the name of the first-born Mĕ'răb, and the name of the younger Mi'çhăl :

50 And the name of Sâul's wife *was* Ā-hĭn'o-ăm, the daughter of Ā-hĭm'a-ăz : and the name of the căptain of his host *was* Āb'nĕr, the son of Nĕr, Sâul's uncle :

51 And Kĭsh *was* the father of Sâul ; and Nĕr, the father of Āb'nĕr, *was* the son of Ā'bi-ĕl.

52 And there was sore war against' the Phi-lis'tines all the days of Sâul : and when Sâul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him.

CHAP. XV.

SAM'U-EL also said unto Sâul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Iş'ra-ĕl : now thĕre'fore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember *that* which Ām'a-lĕk did to Iş'ra-ĕl, how he laid *wait* for him in the way when he came up from Ē'gŷpt.

3 Now go, and smite Ām'a-lĕk, and utterly destrŏy' all that they have, and spare them not ; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

4 And Sâul găthered the people together, and numbered them in Tĕl'a-ĭm, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Jŭ'dăh.

5 And Sâul came to a city of Ām'a-lĕk, and laid wait in the valley.

6 And Sâul said unto the Kĕn'ites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Ām'a-lĕk-ites, lest I destrŏy' you with them : for ye showed kindness to all the children of Iş'ra-ĕl when they came up out of Ē'gŷpt. So the Kĕn'ites departed from among the Ām'a-lĕk-ites.

¹ Ād'ja-lon.

7 And Sāul smote the Ām'a-lēk-ites from Hāv'i-lāh until thou comest to Shūr, that is over āgainst' Ē'g̃ypt.

8 And he took Ā'g̃g̃ the king of the Ām'a-lēk-ites ālive, and utterly dēstrōy'ed all the people with the edge of the swōrd.

9 But Sāul and the people spared Ā'g̃g̃, 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 dēstrōy' them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they dēstrōy'ed utterly.

10 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto Sām'u-ēl, saying,

11 It repenteth me that I have set up Sāul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not pērform'ed my cōmmānd'ments. And it griēved Sām'u-ēl; and he cried unto the LORD all night.

12 And when Sām'u-ēl rose ēarly to meet Sāul in the morning, it was told Sām'u-ēl, saying, Sāul came to Çār'mēl, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone ābout', and pāsseed on, and gone down to Gil'gāl.

13 And Sām'u-ēl came to Sāul: and Sāul said unto him, Blēs'sed be thou of the LORD: I have pērform'ed the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD.

14 And Sām'u-ēl said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

15 And Sāul said, They have brought them from the Ām'a-lēk-ites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sēc'rifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly dēstrōy'ed.

16 Then Sām'u-ēl said unto Sāul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

17 And Sām'u-ēl said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and the LORD anointed thee king over Iṣ'ra-ēl?

18 And the LORD sent thee on a jōurney, and said, Go, and utterly dēstrōy' the sinners the Ām'a-lēk-ites, and fight āgainst' them until they be consumed.

19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?

20 And Sāul said unto Sām'u-ēl, Yēa, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Ā'g̃g̃ the king of Ām'a-lēk, and have utterly dēstrōy'ed the Ām'a-lēk-ites.

21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chiēf of the things

which should have been utterly dēstrōy'ed, to sēc'rifice unto the LORD thy God in Gil'gāl.

22 And Sām'u-ēl said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt-offerings and sēc'rifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sēc'rifice, and to hearken, than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

24 And Sāul said unto Sām'u-ēl, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD, and thy words; because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

25 Now, thērē'fōre, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn āgain' with me, that I may wōrship the LORD.

26 And Sām'u-ēl said unto Sāul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Iṣ'ra-ēl.

27 And as Sām'u-ēl turned ābout' to go āway, he laid hold upon the skirt¹ of his mantle, and it rent.

28 And Sām'u-ēl said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Iṣ'ra-ēl from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou.

29 And also the Strength of Iṣ'ra-ēl will not lie, nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent.

30 Then he said, I have sinned; yet hōn'our me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Iṣ'ra-ēl, and turn āgain' with me, that I may wōrship the LORD thy God.

31 So Sām'u-ēl turned āgain' āfter Sāul: and Sāul wōrshipped the LORD.

32 Then said Sām'u-ēl, Bring you hither to me Ā'g̃g̃ the king of the Ām'a-lēk-ites: and Ā'g̃g̃ came unto him delicately. And Ā'g̃g̃ said, Surely the bitterness of death is pās't.

33 And Sām'u-ēl said, As thy swōrd hath made women childless, so shall thy mōther be childless āmōng women. And Sām'u-ēl hewed Ā'g̃g̃ in piēces before the LORD in Gil'gāl.

34 ¶ Then Sām'u-ēl went to Rā mäh; and Sāul went up to his house to Gib'e-āh of Sāul.

35 And Sām'u-ēl came no more to see Sāul until the day of his death: nevertheless Sām'u-ēl mourned for Sāul: and the LORD repented that he had made Sāul king over Iṣ'ra-ēl.

CHAP. XVI.

AND the LORD said unto Sām'u-ēl, How long wilt thou mourn for Sāul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning

over Iṣ'ra-ēl? fill thine horn with oil, and go; I will send thee to Jēs'se the Bēth'le-hēm-ite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

2 And Sām'u-ēl said, How can I go? if Sâul hear *it*, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take a heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

3 And call Jēs'se to the sacrifice, and I will show thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me *him* whom I name unto thee.

4 And Sām'u-ēl did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bēth'le-hēm: and the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD; sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jēs'se and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on E-lī'āb, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed *is* before him.

7 But the LORD said unto Sām'u-ēl, Look not on his countenance, or 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.

8 Then Jēs'se called Ā-bin'a-dāb, and made him pass before Sām'u-ēl. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

9 Then Jēs'se made Shām'māh to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

10 Again, Jēs'se made seven of his sons to pass before Sām'u-ēl. And Sām'u-ēl said unto Jēs'se, The LORD hath not chosen these.

11 And Sām'u-ēl said unto Jēs'se, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Sām'u-ēl said unto Jēs'se, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

12 And he sent and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he.

13 Then Sām'u-ēl took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon Dā'vīd from that day forth. So Sām'u-ēl rose up, and went to Rāmāh.

14 ¶ But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Sâul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

15 And Sâul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee.

16 Let our lord now command' thy servants, *which* are before thee, to seek out

a man *who is* a cunning player on a 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 Sâul 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 Jēs'se the Bēth'le-hēm-ite, *that is* cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD *is* with him.

19 Wherefore Sâul sent messengers unto Jēs'se, and said, Send me Dā'vīd thy son, *which is* with the sheep.

20 And Jēs'se took an *ass laden* with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent *them* by Dā'vīd his son unto Sâul.

21 And Dā'vīd came to Sâul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armour-bearer.

22 And Sâul sent to Jēs'se, saying, Let Dā'vīd, 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 Sâul, that Dā'vīd took a harp, and played with his hand: so Sâul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

CHAP. XVII.

NOW the Phi-lis'tines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shō'chōh, which *be longeth* to Jū'dāh, and pitched between Shō'chōh and Ā-zē'kāh, in E'phēs-Dām'mim.

2 And Sâul and the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of E'lāh, and set the battle in array against' the Phi-lis'tines.

3 And the Phi-lis'tines stood on a môûntain on the one side, and Iṣ'ra-ēl stood on a môûntain on the other side: and *there was* a valley between them.

4 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Phi-lis'tines, named Gō-lī'āth, of Gāth, whose height *was* six cubits and a span.

5 And *he had* a 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 target of brass between his shoulders.

7 And the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.

8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set *your* battle in array? *Am* not I a Phi-lis'tine, and ye

sērvants to Sāul? chōðse you 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 sērvants: but if I prevail āgainst' him, and kill him, then shall ye be our sērvants, and sērve us.

10 And the Phi-lis'tine said, I defy the armies of Iṣ'ra-ēl this day: give me a man, that we may fight togethēr.

11 When Sāul and all Iṣ'ra-ēl hēard those words of the Phi-lis'tine, they wēre dīsmāy'ed, and greatly āfrāid.

12 ¶ Now Dā'vid was the son of that E'phrāth-ite of Bēth'le-hēm-Jū'dāh, whose name was Jēs'se; and he had eight sons: and the man went āmōng men for an old man in the days of Sāul.

13 And the three eldest sons of Jēs'se went and followed Sāul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle wēre E-li'āb the first-born; and next unto him, Ā-bīn'a-dāb; and the third, Shām'māh.

14 And Dā'vid was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Sāul.

15 But Dā'vid went and returned from Sāul to feed his father's sheep at Bēth'le-hēm.

16 And the Phi-lis'tine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

17 And Jēs'se said unto Dā'vid his son, Take now for thy brēthren an ēph'ah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brēthren:

18 And carry these ten cheeses unto the cap'tain of their thousand, and look how thy brēthren fare, and take their pledge.

19 Now Sāul, and they, and all the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl, wēre in the valley of E'lāh, fighting with the Phi-lis'tines.

20 And Dā'vid rose up ēarly in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jēs'se had cōm-mān'ded him: and he came to the trench as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle.

21 For Iṣ'ra-ēl and the Phi-lis'tines had put the battle in array, army āgainst' army.

22 And Dā'vid left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brēthren.

23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion (the Phi-lis'tine of Gāth, Gō-li'āth by name) out of the armies of the Phi-lis'tines, and spake according to the same words: and Dā'vid hēard them.

24 And all the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl, when they saw the man, fled from him, and wēre sore āfrāid.

25 And the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Iṣ'ra-ēl 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl.

26 And Dā'vid spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Phi-lis'tine, and taketh āwāy the reproach from Iṣ'ra-ēl? for who is this uncircumcised Phi-lis'tine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?

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

28 And E-li'āb, his eldest brōther, hēard when he spake unto the men; and E-li'āb's anger was kindled āgainst' Dā'vid, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast 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 mightst see the battle.

29 And Dā'vid said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?

30 And he turned from him tōward ānōther, and spake āfter the same manner: and the people answered him āgain āfter the former manner.

31 And when the words wēre hēard which Dā'vid spake, they rehēarsed them before Sāul; and he sent for him.

32 And Dā'vid said to Sāul, Let no man's heart fail because of him: thy sērvant will go and fight with this Phi-lis'tine.

33 And Sāul said to Dā'vid, Thou art not able to go āgainst' this Phi-lis'tine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

34 And Dā'vid said unto Sāul, Thy sērvant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock;

35 And I went out āfter him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he ārōse āgainst' me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

36 Thy sērvant slew both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Phi-lis'tine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

37 Dā'vid said, moreover, The LORD 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 Phi-lis'tine. And Sāul said unto Dā'vid, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

38 And Sāul armed Dā'vid with his armour, and he put a helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

39 And Dā'vid girded his swōrd upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And Dā'vid said unto

Sāul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved *them*. And Dā'vid put them off him.

40 And he took his stāff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shēp'hérd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling *was* in his hand; and he drew near to the Phi-lis'tine.

41 And the Phi-lis'tine came on, and drew near unto Dā'vid; and the man that bare the shield *went* before him.

42 And when the Phi-lis'tine looked ābout' and saw Dā'vid, he dīsdāined him; for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

43 And the Phi-lis'tine said unto Dā'vid, *Am* I a dog, that thou comest to me with stāves? And the Phi-lis'tine cursed Dā'vid by his gods.

44 And the Phi-lis'tine said to Dā'vid, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

45 Then said Dā'vid to the Phi-lis'tine, Thou comest to me with a swōrd, 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl, 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 carcasses of the host of the Phi-lis'tines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Iṣ'ra-ēl.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with swōrd and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to pāss, when the Phi-lis'tine āroṣe, and came and drew nigh to meet Dā'vid, that Dā'vid hasted, and ran tōwārd the army to meet the Phi-lis'tine.

49 And Dā'vid put his hand into his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang *it*, and smote the Phi-lis'tine in his fōre'héad, that the stone sunk into his fōre'héad; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So Dā'vid prevāiled over the Phi-lis'tine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Phi-lis'tine, and slew him; but *there was* no swōrd in the hand of Dā'vid.

51 Thēre'fōre Dā'vid ran, and stood upon the Phi-lis'tine, and took his swōrd, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Phi-lis'tines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

52 And the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl and of Jū'dāh āroṣe, and shouted, and pursued the Phi-lis'tines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ēk'rōn: and the wounded of the Phi-lis'tines fell down by

the way to Shā-ā-rā'im, even unto Gāth, and unto Ēk'rōn.

53 And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl returned from chasing āfter the Phi-lis'tines, and they spoiled their tents.

54 And Dā'vid took the head of the Phi-lis'tine, and brought it to Jē-rū'sa-lēm but he put his armour in his tent.

55 ¶ And when Sāul saw Dā'vid go forth āgainst' the Phi-lis'tine, he said unto Āb'nér, the cāp'tain of the host, Āb'nér, whose son *is* this youth? And Āb'nér said, *As* thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell.

56 And the king said, Inquire thou whose son the stripling *is*.

57 And as Dā'vid returned from the slāughter of the Phi-lis'tine, Āb'nér took him, and brought him before Sāul, with the head of the Phi-lis'tine in his hand.

58 And Sāul said to him, Whose son *art* thou, *thou* young man? And Dā'vid ānswered, *I am* the son of thy sērvant Jēs'se the Bēth'le-hēm-ite.

CHAP. XVIII.

AND it came to pāss, when he had made an end of speaking unto Sāul, that the soul of Jōn'a-thān was knit with the soul of Dā'vid; and Jōn'a-thān loved him as his own soul.

2 And Sāul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

3 Then Jōn'a-thān and Dā'vid made a cōvenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

4 And Jōn'a-thān stripped himself of the robe that *was* upon him, and gave it to Dā'vid, and his gārments, even to his swōrd, and to his bōw, and to his gir'dle.

5 And Dā'vid went out whithersoever Sāul sent him, and behaved himself wisely; and Sāul set him over the men of war; and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Sāul's sērvants.

6 And it came to pāss, as they came, when Dā'vid was returned from the slāughter of the Phi-lis'tine, that the women came out of all the cities of Iṣ'ra-ēl, singing and dān'cing, to meet king Sāul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick.

7 And the women ānswered *one ān-ōther* as they played, and said, Sāul hath slain his thousands, and Dā'vid his ten thousands.

8 And Sāul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto Dā'vid ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *but* thousands: and *what* can he have more but the kingdom?

9 And Sāul eyed Dā'vid from that day and fōr'wārd.

10 And it came to pāss, on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon

Sāul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house; and Dā'vid played with his hand, as at other times: and *there was* a javelin in Sāul's hand.

11 And Sāul cāst the javelin; for he said, I will smite Dā'vid even to the wall *with it*. And Dā'vid avoided out of his presence twice.

12 And Sāul was āfrāid of Dā'vid, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Sāul.

13 Thēre'fore Sāul removed him from him, and made him his cāp'tain over a thousand: and he went out and came in before the people.

14 And Dā'vid behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD *was* with him.

15 Wherefore, when Sāul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was āfrāid of him.

16 But all Iṣ'ra-ēl and Jū'dāh loved Dā'vid, because he went out and came in before them.

17 And Sāul said to Dā'vid, Behold, my elder dāughter Mē'rāb, her will I give thee to wife; only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD's battles: for Sāul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Phi-lis'tines be upon him.

18 And Dā'vid said unto Sāul, Who *am* I? and what *is* my life, or my father's family in Iṣ'ra-ēl, that I should be son-in-law to the king?

19 But it came to pāss, at the time when Mē'rāb, Sāul's dāughter, should have been given to Dā'vid, that she was given unto Ā'dri-ēl the Mē-hōl'ath-ite to wife.

20 And Mī'chāl, Sāul's dāughter, loved Dā'vid: and they told Sāul, and the thing pleased him,

21 And Sāul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Phi-lis'tines may be āgainst' him. Wherefore Sāul said to Dā'vid, Thou shalt this day be my son-in-law in *the one of the twain*.

22 And Sāul cōmmān'ded his sērvants, *saying*, Commune with Dā'vid secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his sērvants love thee: now, thēre'fore, be the king's son-in-law.

23 And Sāul's sērvants spake those words in the ears of Dā'vid. And Dā'vid 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 *estēem*'ed?

24 And the sērvants of Sāul told him, *saying*, On this manner spake Dā'vid.

25 And Sāul said, Thus shall ye say to Dā'vid, The king desireth not any dowry, but a hundred foreskins of the Phi-lis'tines, to be āvēn'ged of the king's enemies. But Sāul thought to make Dā'vid fall by the hand of the Phi-lis'tines.

26 And when his sērvants told Dā'vid these words, it pleased Dā'vid well to be

the king's son-in-law: and the days wēre not expired.

27 Wherefore Dā'vid ārōse and went, he and his men, and slew of the Phi-lis'tines two hundred men; and Dā'vid brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son-in-law. And Sāul gave him Mī'chāl his dāughter to wife.

28 And Sāul saw and knew that the LORD *was* with Dā'vid, and that Mī'chāl, Sāul's dāughter, loved him.

29 And Sāul was yet the more āfrāid of Dā'vid; and Sāul became Dā'vid's enemy continually.

30 Then the princes of the Phi-lis'tines went forth: and it came to pāss, āfter they went forth, that Dā'vid behaved himself more wisely than all the sērvants of Sāul: so that his name was much set by.

CHAP. XIX.

AND Sāul spake to Jōn'a-thān his son, and to all his sērvants, that they should kill Dā'vid.

2 But Jōn'a-thān, Sāul's son, delighted much in Dā'vid: and Jōn'a-thān told Dā'vid, *saying*, Sāul my father seeketh to kill thee. Now, thēre'fore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and ābide 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 Jōn'a-thān spake good of Dā'vid unto Sāul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin āgainst' his sērvant, āgainst' Dā'vid; because he hath not sinned āgainst' thee, and because his works *have* been to thee-ward very good.

5 For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Phi-lis'tine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Iṣ'ra-ēl: thou sawest *it*, and didst rejoice; wherefore then wilt thou sin āgainst' innocent blood, to slay Dā'vid without a cause?

6 And Sāul hearkened unto the voice of Jōn'a-thān: and Sāul sware, *As* the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain.

7 And Jōn'a-thān called Dā'vid, and Jōn'a-thān showed him all those things: and Jōn'a-thān brought Dā'vid to Sāul, and he was in his presence as in times pāst.

8 And there was war āgain': and Dā'vid went out and fought with the Phi-lis'tines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him.

9 And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Sāul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and Dā'vid played with *his* hand.

10 And Sāul sought to smite Dā'vid even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped āwāy out of Sāul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and Dā'vid fled, and *escāped* that night.

11 Sāul also sent messengers unto Dā'vid's house, to wātch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Mī'chāl, Dā'vid's wife, told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to-night, to-morrow thou shalt be slain.

12 So Mī'chāl let Dā'vid down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.

13 And Mī'chāl took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth.

14 And when Sāul sent messengers to take Dā'vid, she said, He is sick.

15 And Sāul sent the messengers again' to see Dā'vid, 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' hair for his bolster.

17 And Sāul said unto Mī'chāl, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he has escaped? And Mī'chāl answered Sāul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?

18 So Dā'vid fled, and escaped, and came to Sām'u-ēl to Rāmāh, and told him all that Sāul had done to him: and he and Sām'u-ēl went and dwelt in Nāi'ōth.¹

19 And it was told Sāul, saying, Behold, Dā'vid is at Nāi'ōth in Rāmāh.

20 And Sāul sent messengers to take Dā'vid: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Sām'u-ēl standing as appointed over them, the Spīr'it of God was upon the messengers of Sāul, and they also prophesied.

21 And when it was told Sāul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Sāul sent messengers again' the third time, and they prophesied also.

22 Then went he also to Rāmāh, and came to a great well that is in Sē'chū: and he asked and said, Where are Sām'u-ēl and Dā'vid? And one said, Behold, they be at Nāi'ōth in Rāmāh.

23 And he went thither to Nāi'ōth in Rāmāh: and the Spīr'it of God was upon him also, and he went on and prophesied, until he came to Nāi'ōth, in Rāmāh.

24 And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Sām'u-ēl in like manner, and lay down naked all that day, and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Sāul also among the prophets!

CHAP. XX.

AND Dā'vid fled from Nāi'ōth in Rāmāh, and came and said before Jōn'a-thān, 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 show it me; and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so.

3 And Dā'vid swore moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jōn'a-thān know this, lest he be grieved: but truly, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death.

4 Then said Jōn'a-thān unto Dā'vid, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee.

5 And Dā'vid said unto Jōn'a-thān, Behold, to-morrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit 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 say, Dā'vid earnestly asked leave of me, that he might run to Bēth'le-hēm his city: for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family.

7 If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, then be sure that evil is determined by him.

8 Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldst thou bring me to thy father?

9 And Jōn'a-thān said, Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?

10 Then said Dā'vid to Jōn'a-thān, Who shall tell me? or what if thy father answer thee roughly?²

11 ¶ And Jōn'a-thān said unto Dā'vid, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

12 And Jōn'a-thān said unto Dā'vid, O LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, when I have sounded my father about to-morrow any time, or the third day, and behold, if there be good towards Dā'vid, and I then send not unto thee, and show it thee,

13 The LORD do so and much more to Jōn'a-thān: but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will show it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayst go in peace: and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

14 And thou shalt not only while yet I live show me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not:

15 But also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of Dā'vid every one from the face of the earth.

16 So Jōn'a-thān made a covenant with

¹ Nāi'ōth.

² rú'le.

the house of Dā'vid, saying, Let the LORD even require it at the hand of Dā'vid's enemies

17 And Jōn'a-thān caused Dā'vid to swear āgain', because he loved him : for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

18 Then Jōn'a-thān said to Dā'vid, To-morrow is the new moon : and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.

19 And when thou hast stayed three days, then thou shalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone E'zēl.

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

21 And behold, I will send a lad, saying, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of thee, take them ; then come thou : for there is peace to thee, and no hurt ; as the LORD liveth.

22 But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee ; go thy way : for the LORD hath sent thee away.

23 And as touch'ing the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD be between thee and me for ever.

24 ¶ So Dā'vid 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, as at other times, even upon a seat by the wall : and Jōn'a-thān arose, and Āb'nér sat by Sāul's side, and Dā'vid's place was empty.

26 Nevertheless Sāul 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 Dā'vid's place was empty : and Sāul said unto Jōn'a-thān his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jēs'se to meat, neither jēs'terdāy, nor to-day ?

28 And Jōn'a-thān answered Sāul, Dā'vid earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bēth'le-hēm :

29 And he said, Let me go, I pray thee ; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city ; and my brother he hath commānded 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. There'fore he cometh not unto the king's table.

30 Then Sāul's anger was kindled āgainst' Jōn'a-thān, and he said unto him, Thou son of the pērvēse' rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jēs'se to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mōther's nakedness ?

31 For as long as the son of Jēs'se liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be estāblished, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.

32 And Jōn'a-thān answered Sāul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain ? what hath he done ?

33 And Sāul cast a javelin at him to smite him : whereby Jōn'a-thān knew that it was detērmīned of his father to slay Dā'vid.

34 So Jōn'a-thān arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month : for he was grievēd for Dā'vid, because his father had done him shame.

35 ¶ And it came to pass in the morning, that Jōn'a-thān went out into the field at the time appointed with Dā'vid, 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.

37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jōn'a-thān had shot, Jōn'a-thān cried āfter the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee ?

38 And Jōn'a-thān cried āfter the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jōn'a-thān's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his māster.

39 But the lad knew not any thing : only Jōn'a-thān and Dā'vid knew the matter.

40 And Jōn'a-thān gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city.

41 ¶ And as soon as the lad was gone, Dā'vid arose out of a place tōwards the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times : and they kissed one ānōther, and wept one with ānōther, until Dā'vid exceeded.

42 And Jōn'a-thān said to Dā'vid, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed : and Jōn'a-thān went into the city.

CHAP. XXI.

THEN came Dā'vid to Nōb, to ā-hīm'e-lēch the priest : and ā-hīm'e-lēch was āffraid at the meeting of Dā'vid, and said unto him, Why art thou ālōne, and no man with thee ?

2 And Dā'vid said unto ā-hīm'e-lēch the priest, The king hath commānded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commānded thee : and I have appointed my sērvants to such and such a place.

3 Now there'fore what is under thine

hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present.

4 And the priest answered Dā'vid, and said, *There is no common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themselves at least from women.*

5 And Dā'vid answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women *have been kept from us about' these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel.*

6 So the priest gave him hallowed bread: for there was no bread there but the shew-bread, that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken āwāy.

7 Now a cēr'tain man of the sērvants of Sāul was there that day, detāined before the LORD; and his name was, Dō'ēg, an Ē'dōm-ite, the chiefest of the hērdmen that belonged to Sāul.

8 ¶ And Dā'vid said unto Ā-hīm'e-lēch, And is there not here under thine hand spear or swōrd? for I have nōither brought my swōrd nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste.

9 And the priest said, The swōrd of Gō-l'āth the Phi-lis'tine, whom thou slewest in the valley of E'lāh, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ēph'od: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other save that here. And Dā'vid said, *There is nōne like that; give it me.*

10 ¶ And Dā'vid ārōse, and fled that day for fear of Sāul, and went to Ā'chish the king of Gāth.

11 And the sērvants of Ā'chish said unto him, Is not this Dā'vid the king of the land? did they not sing one to ānōther of him in dances, saying, Sāul hath slain his thousands, and Dā'vid his ten thousands?

12 And Dā'vid laid up these words in his heart, and was sore āfrāid of Ā'chish the king of Gāth.

13 And he chānged his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.

14 Then said Ā'chish unto his sērvants, Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me?

15 Have I need of madmen, that ye have brought this fellow to play the madman in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?

CHAP. XXII.

DAVID thēre'fōre departed thence, and ēscāped to the cave Ā-dū'lām: and when his brēthren and all his father's

house hēard it, they went down thither to him.

2 And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gāthered themselves unto him; and he became a cāp'tain over them: and there wēre with him ābout' four hundred men.

3 ¶ And Dā'vid went thence to Miz'pēh of Mō'āb: and he said unto the king of Mō'āb, Let my father and my mōther, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me.

4 And he brought them before the king of Mō'āb: and they dwelt with him all the while that Dā'vid was in the hold.

5 ¶ And the prophet Gād said unto Dā'vid, Ābide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Jūdāh. Then Dā'vid departed, and came into the forest of Hā'rēth.

6 ¶ When Sāul hēard that Dā'vid was discovered, and the men that wēre with him, (now Sāul ābōde in Gib'e-ah under a tree in Rāmāh, having his spear in his hand, and all his sērvants wēre standing ābout' him;)

7 Then Sāul said unto his sērvants that stood ābout' him, Hear now, ye Bēn'jamītes; will the son of Jēs'se give every one of you fiēlds and vine'yards, and make you all cāp'tains of thousands, and cāp'tains of hundreds;

8 That all of you have conspired āgainst' me, and there is nōne that showeth me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jēs'se, and there is nōne of you that is sorry for me, or showeth unto me that my son hath stirred up my sērvant āgainst' me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

9 ¶ Then ānswered Dō'ēg the Ē'dōm-ite, which was set over the sērvants of Sāul, and said, I saw the son of Jēs'se coming to Nōb, to Ā-hīm'e-lēch the son of Ā-hi'tūb.

10 And he inquired of the LORD for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the swōrd of Gō-l'āth the Phi-lis'tine.

11 Then the king sent to call Ā-hīm'e-lēch the priest, the son of Ā-hi'tūb, and all his father's house, the priests that wēre in Nōb: and they came all of them to the king.

12 And Sāul said, Hear now, thou son of Ā-hi'tūb. And he ānswered, Here I am, my lord.

13 And Sāul said unto him, Why have ye conspired āgainst' me, thou and the son of Jēs'se, in that thou hast given him bread, and a swōrd, and hast inquired of God for him, that he should rise āgainst me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

14 Then Ā-hīm'e-lēch ānswered the king, and said, And who is so faithful āmong all thy sērvants as Dā'vid, which

is the king's son-in-law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is hōn'ourable in thine house?

15 Did I then begin to inquire of God for him? be it far from me. Let not the king impute *any* thing unto his sērvant, nor to all the house of my father: for thy sērvant knew nōthing of all this, less or more.

16 And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ā-him'e-lēch, thou and all thy father's house.

17 And the king said unto the footmen that stood ābout' him, Turn, and slay the priests of the LORD; because their hand also is with Dā'vid, and because they knew when he fled, and did not show it to me. But the sērvants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the LORD.

18 And the king said to Dō'ēg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Dō'ēg the E'dōm-ite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five pērsōns that did wear a linen ēph'od.

19 And Nōb, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the swōrd, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the swōrd.

20 ¶ And one of the sons of Ā-him'e-lēch the son of Ā-hī'tūb, named Ā-bī'a-thār, ēscāped, and fled āfter Dā'vid.

21 And Ā-bī'a-thār showed Dā'vid that Sāul had slain the LORD's priests.

22 And Dā'vid said unto Ā-bī'a-thār, I knew *it* that day, when Dō'ēg the E'dōm-ite was there, that he would surely tell Sāul: I have occasioned the death of all the pērsōns of thy father's house.

23 Ābide thou with me, fear not; for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou *shall* be in safeguard.

CHAP. XXIII.

THEN they told Dā'vid, saying, Behold, the Phi-lis'tines fight āgainst' Kē'lāh,¹ and they rob the threshing-floors.

2 Thēre'fore Dā'vid inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Phi-lis'tines? And the LORD said unto Dā'vid, Go, and smite the Phi-lis'tines, and save Kē'lāh.

3 And Dā'vid's men said unto him, Behold, we be āfrāid here in Jū'dāh: how much more then if we come to Kē'lāh āgainst' the armies of the Phi-lis'tines?

4 Then Dā'vid inquired of the LORD yet āgain'. And the LORD ānswered him, and said, Āriše, go down to Kē'lāh; for I will deliver the Phi-lis'tines into thine hand.

5 So Dā'vid and his men went to Kē'lāh, and fought with the Phi-lis'tines, and brought āwāy their cattle, and smote them

with a great slāughter. So Dā'vid saved the inhabitants of Kē'lāh.

6 And it came to pās, when Ā-bī'a-thār the son of Ā-him'e-lēch fled to Dā'vid to Kē'lāh, that he came down *with* an ēph'od in his hand.

7 ¶ And it was told Sāul that Dā'vid was come to Kē'lāh. And Sāul said, God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars.

8 And Sāul called all the people togēther to war, to go down to Kē'lāh, to besiege Dā'vid and his men.

9 And Dā'vid knew that Sāul secretly practised mis'chief āgainst' him; and he said to Ā-bī'a-thār the priest, Bring hither the ēph'od.

10 Then said Dā'vid, O LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, thy sērvant hath cēr'tainly hēard that Sāul seeketh to come to Kē'lāh, to destrōy' the city for my sake.

11 Will the men of Kē'lāh deliver me up into his hand? will Sāul come down, as thy sērvant hath hēard? O LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, I beseech thee, tell thy sērvant. And the LORD said, He will come down.

12 Then said Dā'vid, Will the men of Kē'lāh deliver me and my men into the hand of Sāul? And the LORD said, They will deliver thee up.

13 Then Dā'vid and his men, *which wēre* ābout' six hundred, ārōse and departed out of Kē'lāh, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Sāul that Dā'vid was ēscāped from Kē'lāh: and he forbare to go forth.

14 And Dā'vid ābōde in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mōūntain in the wilderness of Ziph: and Sāul sought him every day; but God delivered him not into his hand.

15 And Dā'vid saw that Sāul was come out to seek his life: and Dā'vid was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood.

16 And Jōn'a-thān, Sāul's son, ārōse, and went to Dā'vid into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.

17 And he said unto him, Fear not; for the hand of Sāul my father shall not find thee: and thou shalt be king over Iṣ'ra-ēl, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Sāul my father knoweth.

18 And they two made a cōvenant before the LORD. And Dā'vid ābōde in the wood, and Jōn'a-thān went to his house.

19 ¶ Then came up the Ziph'ites to Sāul to Gib'e-ah, saying, Dōth not Dā'vid hide himself with us in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hāch'i-lāh, which is on the south of Jēsh'i-mōn?

20 Now thēre'fore, O king, come down, according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and our part *shall* be to deliver him into the king's hand.

¹ Kē'lāh.

21 And Sāul said, Blēs'sed be ye of the LORD; for ye have compassion on me.

22 Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his hāunt is, and who hath seen him there: for it is told me that he dealeth very subtly.

23 See thēre'fore, and take knowledge of all the lurking-places where he hideth himself, and come ye āgain' to me with the cēr'tainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pāss, if he be in the land, that I will sēarch him out throughout all the thousands of Jū'dāh.

24 And they ārōse, and went to Zīph before Sāul: but Dā'vid and his men wēre in the wilderness of Mā'ōn, in the plain on the south of Jēsh'i-mōn.

25 Sāul also and his men went to seek him. And they told Dā'vid: wherefore he came down into a rock, and ābōde in the wilderness of Mā'ōn. And when Sāul hēard that, he pursued āfter Dā'vid in the wilderness of Mā'ōn.

26 And Sāul went on this side of the mōun'tain, and Dā'vid and his men on that side of the mōun'tain: and Dā'vid made haste to get āwāy for fear of Sāul; for Sāul and his men cōm'pāssed Dā'vid and his men round ābout' to take them.

27 But there came a messenger unto Sāul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Phi-lis'tines have invaded the land.

28 Wherefore Sāul returned from pursuing āfter Dā'vid, and went āgainst' the Phi-lis'tines: thēre'fōre they called that place Sē'lā-Hām-nāh-lē'kōth.

29 And Dā'vid went up from thence, and dwelt in strong holds at Ēn'ge-dī.¹

CHAP. XXIV.

AND it came to pāss, when Sāul was returned from following the Phi-lis'tines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, Dā'vid is in the wilderness of Ēn'ge-dī.

2 Then Sāul took three thousand chosen men out of all Iṣ'ra-ēl, and went to seek Dā'vid and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.

3 And he came to the sheepcots by the way, where was a cave; and Sāul went in to cōver his feet: and Dā'vid and his men remained in the sides of the cave.

4 And the men of Dā'vid said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayst do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then Dā'vid ārōse, and cut off the skirt² of Sāul's robe privily.

5 And it came to pāss āft'érwārd, that Dā'vid's hēart smote him, because he had cut off Sāul's skirt.

6 And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my māster, the LORD's anointed, to stretch

forth mine hand āgainst' him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD.

7 So Dā'vid stayed his sērvants with these words, and suffered them not to rise āgainst' Sāul. But Sāul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way.

8 Dā'vid also rose āft'érwārd, and went out of the cave, and cried āfter Sāul, saying, My lord the king. And when Sāul looked behind him, Dā'vid stooped with his face to the ēarth, and bōwed himself.

9 And Dā'vid said to Sāul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold. Dā'vid seeketh thy hurt?

10 Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to-day into mine hand in the cave: and some bāde me kill thee; but mine eye spared thee: and I said, I will not put forth mine hand āgainst' my lord; for he is the LORD's anointed.

11 Moreover, my father, see; yēa, 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 nēither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned āgainst' thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it.

12 The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD āvenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

13 As saith the prōv'ērb of the āncients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

14 āfter whom is the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl come out? āfter whom dōst thou pursue? āfter a dead dog, āfter a flea?

15 The LORD thēre'fōre 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 pāss, when Dā'vid had made an end of speaking these words unto Sāul, that Sāul said, Is this thy voice, my son Dā'vid? And Sāul lifted up his voice and wept.

17 And he said to Dā'vid, Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.

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

19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well āwāy? 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl shall be estāb'lished in thine hand.

21 Swear now thēre'fōre unto me by the

¹ g hard.

² skirt.

LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destrōy' my name out of my father's house.

22 And Dā'vid swore unto Sāul. And Sāul went home: but Dā'vid and his men gat them up unto the hold.

CHAP. XXV.—

AND Sām'u-ēl died: and all the Iṣ'ra-ēl-ites wēre gāthered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Rā'māh. And Dā'vid ārōse, and went down to the wilderness of Pārān.

2 And there was a man in Mā'ōn whose pōssēs'sions wēre in Čār'mēl; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Čār'mēl.

3 Now the name of the man was Nā'bāl, and the name of his wife Āb'i-gāil;¹ 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 Čā'lēb.

4 And Dā'vid heard in the wilderness that Nā'bāl did shear his sheep.

5 And Dā'vid sent out ten young men; and Dā'vid said unto the young men, Get ye up to Čār'mēl, and go to Nā'bāl, and greet him in my name.

6 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.

7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now, thy shēp'hērds which wēre with us, we hurt them not, nēither was there aught missing unto them, all the while they wēre in Čār'mēl.

8 Ask thy young men, and they will show 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 sērvants, and to thy son Dā'vid.

9 And when Dā'vid's young men came, they spake to Nā'bāl according to all those words, in the name of Dā'vid, and ceased.

10 And Nā'bāl answered Dā'vid's sērvants, and said, Who is Dā'vid? and who is the son of Jēs'se? There be many sērvants now-a-days that break āwāy every man from his māster.

11 Shall I then take my bread and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men whom I know not whence they be?

12 So Dā'vid's young men turned their way, and went āgain', and came and told him all those sayings.

13 And Dā'vid said unto his men, Gird² ye on every man his swōrd. And they girded on every man his swōrd, and Dā'vid also girded on his swōrd: and there went up āfter Dā'vid ābout' four hundred

men; and two hundred ābōde by the stuff.

14 But one of the young men told Āb'i-gāil, Nā'bāl's wife, saying, Behold, Dā'vid sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our māster; and he railed on them.

15 But the men wēre very good unto us, and we wēre not hurt, nēither missed we any thing, as long as we wēre cōn'vēr sant with them, when we wēre in the fields:

16 They wēre a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we wēre with them keeping sheep.

17 Now thērēfore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is dētērmīned āgainst' our māster, and āgainst' all his household: for he is such a son of Bē'li-āl, that a man cannot speak to him.

18 Then Āb'i-gāil made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and a hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on ās'ses.

19 And she said unto her sērvants, Go on before me: behold, I come āfter you. But she told not her hūsbānd Nā'bāl.

20 And it was so, as she rode on the āss, that she came down by the cōvert of the hill, and, behold, Dā'vid and his men came down āgainst' her; and she met them.

21 (Now Dā'vid had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nōthing was missed of all that pērtāinēd unto him: and he hath requirēd me evil for good.)

22 So and more also do God unto the enemies of Dā'vid, if I leave of all that pērtāin' to him, by the morning light, any that pisseth āgainst' the wall.)

23 And when Āb'i-gāil saw Dā'vid, she hastened and lighted off the āss, and fell before Dā'vid on her face, and bōwēd herself to the ground,

24 And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let thine iniquity be; and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Bē'li-āl, even Nā'bāl. for as his name is, so is he; Nā'bāl is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

26 Now thērēfore, my lord, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood, and from āvēn'ging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nā'bāl.

27 And now this blessing, which thine

¹ Āb'e-gāil.² gērd.

handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.

28 I pray thee, forgive the trēs'päss of thine handmaid: for the LORD will cēr'tainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee *all* thy days.

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

30 And it shall come to päss, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concēr'ning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Iṣ'ra-ël,

31 That this shall be no griēf unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath āven'ged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

32 And Dā'vid said to Āb'i-gāil, Blēs'sed *be* the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ël, which sent thee this day to meet me:

33 And blēs'sed *be* thy advice, and blēs'sed *be* thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to *shed* blood, and from āven'sing myself with mine own hand.

34 For in very deed, *as* the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ël liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hastened, and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nā'bāl, by the morning light, any that pisseth āgainst' the wall.

35 So Dā'vid received of her hand *that* which she had brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house: see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy pērson.

36 And Āb'i-gāil came to Nā'bāl: and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nā'bāl's heart *was* merry within him, for he *was* very drunken: wherefore she told him nōthing, less or more, until the morning light.

37 But it came to päss in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nā'bāl, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became *as* a stone.

38 And it came to päss, ābout' ten days āfter, that the LORD smote Nā'bāl, that he died.

39 And when Dā'vid heard that Nā'bāl was dead, he said, Blēs'sed *be* the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nā'bāl, and hath kept his sēr'vant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nā'bāl upon his own head. And Dā'vid sent and com-

muned with Āb'i-gāil, to take her to him to wife.

40 And when the sēr'vants of Dā'vid wēre come to Āb'i-gāil to Çār'mēl, they spake unto her, saying, Dā'vid sent us unto thee to take thee to him to wife.

41 And she ārōse, and bōwed herself on *her* face to the ēarth, and said, Behold, *let* thine handmaid *be* a sēr'vant to wash the feet of the sēr'vants of my lord.

42 And Āb'i-gāil hastened, and ārōse, and rode upon an āss, with five damsels of hers that went āfter her; and she went āfter the messengers of Dā'vid, and became his wife.

43 Dā'vid also took Ā-hin'o-ām of Jēz're-ël; and they wēre also both of them his wives.

44 But Sāul had given Mī'chāl his daughter, Dā'vid's wife, to Phāl'ti, the son of Lā'ish, which *was* of Gāl'lim.

CHAP. XXVI.

AND the Ziph'ites came unto Sāul to Gīb'e-ah, saying, Dóth not Dā'vid hide himself in the hill of Hāç'h'i-lāh, which *is* before Jēsh'i-mōn?

2 Then Sāul ārōse, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Iṣ'ra-ël with him, to seek Dā'vid in the wilderness of Ziph.

3 And Sāul pitched in the hill of Hāç'h'i-lāh which *is* before Jēsh'i-mōn, by the way: but Dā'vid ābode in the wilderness; and he saw that Sāul came āfter him into the wilderness.

4 Dā'vid thēr'e'fōre sent out spies, and understood that Sāul *was* come in very deed.

5 And Dā'vid ārōse, and came to the place where Sāul had pitched: and Dā'vid beheld the place where Sāul lay, and Āb'nér the son of Nēr, the cāptain of his host: and Sāul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round ābout' him.

6 Then answered Dā'vid, and said to Ā-him'e-lēch the Hit'tite, and to Ā-bish'a-i the son of Zēr-ū-rāh, bróther to Jō'āb, saying, Who will go down with me to Sāul to the camp? And Ā-bish'a-i said, I will go down with thee.

7 So Dā'vid and Ā-bish'a-i came to the people by night: and, behold, Sāul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster; but Āb'nér and the people lay round ābout him.

8 Then said Ā-bish'a-i to Dā'vid, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now, thēr'e'fōre, let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the ēarth at once, and I will not *smite* him the second time.

9 And Dā'vid said to Ā-bish'a-i, Destrōy' him not: for who can stretch forth his hand āgainst' the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?

10 Dā'vid said furthermore, *As* the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle and perish.

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 cruise¹ of water, and let us go.

12 So Dā'vid took the spear and the cruise of water from Sāul's bolster; and they gat them āwāy, and no man saw *it*, nor knew *it*, nēither āwāked; for they wēre all āslēēp; because a deep sleep from the LORD was fallen upon them.

13 Then Dā'vid went over to the other side, and stood on the top of a hill āfār off; (a great space *being* between them;)

14 And Dā'vid cried to the people, and to āb'nēr the son of Nēr, saying, Answerest thou not, āb'nēr? Then āb'nēr answered and said, Who *art* thou that criest to the king?

15 And Dā'vid said to āb'nēr, *Art* not thou a *valiant* man? and who *is* like to thee in Iṣ'ra-ēl? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to *dēstrōy'* the king thy lord.

16 This thing *is* not good that thou hast done. *As* the LORD liveth, ye *are* wōrthy to die, because ye have not kept your mās̄ter, the LORD's anointed. And now see where the king's spear *is*, and the cruise of water that *was* at his bolster.

17 And Sāul knew Dā'vid's voice, and said, *Is* this thy voice, my son Dā'vid? And Dā'vid said, *It is* my voice, my lord, O king.

18 And he said, Wherefore dōth my lord thus pursue āfter his sērvant? for what have I done? or what evil *is* in mine hand?

19 Now *thēre'fōre*, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his sērvant. If the LORD have stirred thee up āgainst' 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 ābī'ding in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go, sērve other gods.

20 Now, *thēre'fōre*, let not my blood fall to the ēarth before the face of the LORD: for the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl is come out to seek a flea, as when one dōth hunt a partridge in the mōūn'tains.

21 Then said Sāul, I have sinned: return, my son Dā'vid; 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 ērred exceedingly.

22 And Dā'vid answered and said, Be-

hold 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 Sāul said to Dā'vid, Blēs'sed *be* thou, my son Dā'vid: thou shalt both do great *things*, and also shalt still prevail. So Dā'vid went on his way, and Sāul returned to his place.

CHAP. XXVII.

AND Dā'vid said in his hēart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Sāul: *there is* nōthing better for me than that I should speedily *ēscāpe'* into the land of the Phi-lis'tines; and Sāul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Iṣ'ra-ēl: so shall I *ēscāpe'* out of his hand.

2 And Dā'vid ārōge, and he pās̄sed over with the six hundred men that wēre with him unto ā'chish, the son of Mā'ōch, king of Gāth.

3 And Dā'vid dwelt with ā'chish at Gāth, he and his men, every man with his household, *even* Dā'vid with his two wives, ā-bīn'o-ām the Jēz're-ēl-i-tēss, and āb'i-gāil the Çarmēl-i-tēss, Nā'bāl's wife.

4 And it was told Sāul that Dā'vid was fled to Gāth; and he sought no more āgain' for him.

5 And Dā'vid said unto ā'chish, 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 sērvant dwell in the royal city with thee?

6 Then ā'chish gave him Zik'lāg that day: wherefore Zik'lāg pērtaineth unto the kings of Jūdāh unto this day.

7 And the time that Dā'vid dwelt in the country of the Phi-lis'tines was a full year and four mōnths.

8 ¶ And Dā'vid and his men went up and invaded the Gēsh'u-rites, and the Gēz'rites, and the Ām'a-lēk-ites: for those *nations wēre* of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shūr, even unto the land of Ē'ḡypt.

9 And Dā'vid smote the land, and left nēither man nor woman ālive; and took āwāy the sheep, and the oxen, and the āsses, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to ā'chish.

10 And ā'chish said, Whither have ye made a road to-day? And Dā'vid said, āgainst' the south of Jūdāh, and āgainst'

¹ krōōs.

the south of the Jē-rāhm'e-ēl-ites, and against' the south of the Kēn'ites.

11 And Dā'vid saved neither man nor woman alive to bring tidings to Gāth, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did Dā'vid, and so will be his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country of the Phi-lis'tines.

12 And Ā'chish believ'd Dā'vid, saying, He hath made his people Iṣ'ra-ēl utterly to abhor him; thér'fore he shall be my sērvant for ever.

CHAP. XXVIII.

AND it came to pās in those days, that the Phi-lis'tines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Iṣ'ra-ēl. And Ā'chish said unto Dā'vid, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.

2 And Dā'vid said to Ā'chish, Surely thou shalt know what thy sērvant can do. And Ā'chish said to Dā'vid, Thér'fore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

3 ¶ Now Sām'u-ēl was dead, and all Iṣ'ra-ēl had lamented him, and buried him in Rāmāh, even in his own city. And Sāul had put āwāy those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

4 And the Phi-lis'tines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shū'nēm: and Sāul gathered all Iṣ'ra-ēl together, and they pitched in Gil'bo-ā.

5 And when Sāul saw the host of the Phi-lis'tines, he was āfrāid, and his heart greatly trembled.

6 And when Sāul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Ū'rīm, nor by prophets.

7 Then said Sāul unto his sērvants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his sērvants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Ēn'dōr.

8 And Sāul 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 him up whom I shall name unto thee.

9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Sāul hath done, how he hath cut off those 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?

10 And Sāul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.

11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Sām'u-ēl.

12 And when the woman saw Sām'u-

u-ēl, she cried with a loud voice; and the woman spake to Sāul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Sāul.

13 And the king said unto her, Be not āfrāid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Sāul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.

14 And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Sāul percēived that it was Sām'u-ēl, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.

15 And Sām'u-ēl said to Sāul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Sāul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Phi-lis'tines make war against' me, and God is departed from me, and answers me no more, neither by prophets nor by dreams: thér'fore I have called thee, that thou mayst make known unto me what I shall do.

16 Then said Sām'u-ēl, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?

17 And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to Dā'vid:

18 Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Am'a-lēk, thér'fore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.

19 Moreover, the LORD will also deliver Iṣ'ra-ēl with thee into the hand of the Phi-lis'tines; and to-morrow shall thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Iṣ'ra-ēl into the hand of the Phi-lis'tines.

20 Then Sāul fell straightway all ālōng' on the earth, and was sore āfrāid, because of the words of Sām'u-ēl: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.

21 And the woman came unto Sāul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me:

22 Now thér'fore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayst have strength when thou goest on thy way.

23 But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his sērvants, together with the woman, compelled him, and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed.

24 And the woman had a fat calf in the house, and she hasted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread thereof:

25 And she brought it before Sāul, and

before his sērvants; and they did eat. Then they ārōge up, and went āwāy that night.

CHAP. XXIX.

NOW the Phi-lis'tines gāthered togeth-er all their armies to Ā'phēk; and the Iṣ'ra-ēl-ites pitched by a fōūn'tain which is in Jēz're-ēl.

2 And the lords of the Phi-lis'tines pāsSED on by hundreds and by thousands; but Dā'vid and his men pāsSED on in the rearward with Ā'chish.

3 Then said the princes of the Phi-lis'tines, What do these Hē'brews here? And Ā'chish said unto the princes of the Phi-lis'tines, Is not this Dā'vid, the sērvant of Sāul the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, which hath been with me these days, or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell unto me unto this day?

4 And the princes of the Phi-lis'tines wēre wroth with him; and the princes of the Phi-lis'tines said unto him, Make this fellow return, that he may go āgain' to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lēst in the battle he be an ād'vērsary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his māster? should it not be with the heads of these men?

5 Is not this Dā'vid, of whom they sang one to ānōther in dānces, saying, Sāul slew his thousands, and Dā'vid his ten thousands?

6 Then Ā'chish called Dā'vid, 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 host is good in my sight; for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day; nevertheless, the lords favour thee not.

7 Wherefore, now return, and go in peace, that thou displeasE not the lords of the Phi-lis'tines.

8 And Dā'vid said unto Ā'chish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy sērvant, so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight āgainst' the enemies of my lord the king?

9 And Ā'chish ānswERed and said to Dā'vid, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an āngel of God: notwithstanding, the princes of the Phi-lis'tines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle.

10 Wherefore now rise up ēarly in the morning, with thy māster's sērvants that āre come with thee: and as soon as ye be up ēarly in the morning, and have light, depart.

11 So Dā'vid and his men rose up ēarly to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Phi-lis'tines: and the Phi-lis'tines went up to Jēz're-ēl.

CHAP. XXX.

AND it came to pāsS, when Dā'vid and his men wēre come to Zik'lāg on the third day, that the Am'a-lēk-ites had invaded the south, and Zik'lāg, and smitten Zik'lāg, and burnt it with fire;

2 And had taken the women captives that wēre therein: they slew not any, ēither great or small, but carried them āwāy, and went on their way.

3 So Dā'vid and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burnt with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, wēre taken captives.

4 Then Dā'vid and the people that wēre with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

5 And Dā'vid's two wives wēre taken captives, Ā-hin'o-ām the Jēz're-ēl-i-tēSS, and Āb'i-gāil the wife of Nā'bāl the Čar-mēl-ite.

6 And Dā'vid was greatly distressed: for the people spake of stoning him; because the soul of all the people was griēved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but Dā'vid encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

7 And Dā'vid said to Ā-bī'a-thār the priēst, Ā-him'e-lēch's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ēph'od. And Ā-bī'a-thār brought thither the ēph'od to Dā'vid.

8 And Dā'vid inquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue āfter this troop? shall I overtake them? And he ānswERed him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recōver all.

9 So Dā'vid went, he and the six hundred men that wēre with him, and came to the brook Bē'sōr, where those that wēre left behind stayed.

10 But Dā'vid pursued, he and four hundred men: (for two hundred ābōde behind, which wēre so faint that they could not go over the brook Bē'sōr.)

11 And they found an Ē-gypti-ān in the fiēld, and brought him to Dā'vid, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water:

12 And they gave him a piēce of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came āgain' to him; for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights.

13 And Dā'vid said unto him, To whom belongest thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Ē'gypt, sērvant to an Am'a-lēk-ite; and my māster left me, because three days āgōne I fell sick.

14 We made an invasion upon the south of the Čēr'ēth-ites, and upon the coast which belongeth to Jū'dāh, and upon the south of Čā'lēb; and we burnt Zik'lāg with fire.

15 And Dā'vid said to him, Canst thou

bring me down to this cōmpany? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt nēither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my māster, and I will bring thee down to this cōmpany.

16 And when he had brought him down, behold, *they wēre* spread ābrōad upon all the ēarth, eating, and drinking, and dān'cing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Phi-lis'tines, and out of the land of Jū'dāh.

17 And Dā'vid smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day; and there ēscāped not a man of them, save four hundred young men which rode upon camels, and fled.

18 And Dā'vid rēcōvered all that the Ām'a-lēk-ites had carried āwāy; and Dā'vid rescued his two wives.

19 And there was nōthing lacking to them, nēither small nor great, nēither sons nor dāughters, nēither spoil, nor any *thing* that they had taken to them: Dā'vid rēcōvered all.

20 And Dā'vid took all the flocks and the hērds, *which* they drave before those *other* cattle, and said, This *is* Dā'vid's spoil.

21 And Dā'vid came to the two hundred men, which wēre so faint that they could not follow Dā'vid, whom they had made also to ābide at the brook Bē'sōr: and they went forth to meet Dā'vid, and to meet the people that wēre with him: and when Dā'vid came near to the people, he saluted them.

22 Then answered all the wicked men, and *men* of Bē'li-āl, of those that went with Dā'vid, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them *ought* of the spoil that we have rēcōvered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead *them* āwāy, and depart.

23 Then said Dā'vid, Ye shall not do so, my brēthren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath prēsērv'ed us, and delivered the cōmpany that came āgainst' us into our hand.

24 For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part *is* that goeth down to the battle, so *shall* his part *be* that tarrith by the stuff: they shall part ālike.

25 And it was *so*, from that day fōr-wārd, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Iṣ'ra-ēl unto this day.

26 ¶ And when Dā'vid came to Zik'lāg, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Jū'dāh, *even* to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD.

27 To *them* which wēre in Bēth'ēl, and to *them* which wēre in south Rā'mōth, and to *them* which wēre in Jāt'tir,

28 And to *them* which wēre in Ār'o-er,

and to *them* which wēre in Siph'mōth, and to *them* which wēre in Ēsh-tēm'o-ā,

29 And to *them* which wēre in Rā'chāl, and to *them* which wēre in the cities of the Jē-rāhm'e-ēl-ites, and to *them* which wēre in the cities of the Kēn'ites,

30 And to *them* which wēre in Hōr'māh, and to *them* which wēre in Chō-rāshān, and to *them* which wēre in Ā'thāch,

31 And to *them* which wēre in Hē'brōn, and to all the places where Dā'vid himself and his men wēre wont to hāunt.

CHAP. XXXI.

NOW the Phi-lis'tines fought āgainst' Iṣ'ra-ēl: and the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl fled from before the Phi-lis'tines, and fell down slain in mount Gil'bo-ā.

2 And the Phi-lis'tines followed hard upon Sāul, and upon his sons; and the Phi-lis'tines slew Jōn'a-thān, and Ā-bin'adāb, and Mēl-ḥi-shū'ā, Sāul's sons.

3 And the battle went sore āgainst' Sāul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers.

4 Then said Sāul unto his armour-bearer, Draw thy swōrd, and thrust me through therewith, lēst these unci'cumciṣed come and thrust me through, and ābūse me. But his armour-bearer would not; for he was sore āfrāid: thēre'fōre Sāul took a swōrd, and fell upon it.

5 And when his armour-bearer saw that Sāul was dead, he fell likewise upon his swōrd, and died with him.

6 So Sāul died, and his three sons, and his armour-bearer, and all his men, that same day tōgēther.

7 And when the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl that wēre on the other side of the valley, and *they* that wēre on the other side Jōr'dān, saw that the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl fled, and that Sāul and his sons wēre dead, they forsook the cities and fled; and the Phi-lis'tines came and dwelt in them.

8 And it came to pāss on the morrow, when the Phi-lis'tines came to strip the slain, that they found Sāul and his three sons fallen in mount Gil'bo-ā.

9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Phi-lis'tines round ābout', to publish *it* in the house of their idols, and āmōng the people.

10 And they put his armour in the house of Āsh'ta-rōth; and they fastened his body to the wall of Bēth'shān.

11 And when the inhabitants of Jā'bēsh-Gil'e-ād heard of that which the Phi-lis'tines had done to Sāul,

12 All the valiant men ārōge, and went all night, and took the body of Sāul, and the bodies of his sons, from the wall of Bēth'shān, and came to Jā'bēsh, and burnt them there.

13 And they took their bones, and buried *them* under a tree at Jā'bēsh, and fasted seven days.

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CHAPTER I.

NOW it came to pass, after the death of Sâul, when Dâ'vid was returned from the slaughter of the Am'a-lék-ites, and Dâ'vid had abode two days in Zik'lâg;

2 It came even to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Sâul, with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to Dâ'vid, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance.¹

3 And Dâ'vid said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of Iſ'ra-ël am I escaped.

4 And Dâ'vid said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Sâul and Jôn'a-thân his son are dead also.

5 And Dâ'vid said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Sâul and Jôn'a-thân his son be dead?

6 And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon mount Gil'bo-ã, behold, Sâul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.

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

8 And he said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an Am'a-lék-ite.

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

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

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

12 And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Sâul, and for Jôn'a-thân his son, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Iſ'ra-ël; because they were fallen by the sword.

13 And Dâ'vid said unto the young man that told him, Whence art thou? And he answered, I am the son of a stranger, an Am'a-lék-ite.

14 And Dâ'vid said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine

hand to destrôy' the LORD's anointed?

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

16 And Dâ'vid said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head: for thy mouth hath testified against' thee, saying, I have slain the LORD's anointed.

17 And Dâ'vid lamented with this lamentation over Sâul and over Jôn'a-thân his son:

18 (Also he bade them teach the children of Jû'dâh the use of the bow; behold, it is written in the book of Jâ'shér:)

19 The beauty of Iſ'ra-ël is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen!

20 Tell it not in Gâth, publish it not in the streets of As'ke-lôn; lest the daughters of the Phi-lis'tines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

21 Ye moun'tains of Gil'bo-ã, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Sâul, as though he had not been anointed with oil.

22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jôn'a-thân turned not back, and the sword of Sâul returned not empty.

23 Sâul and Jôn'a-thân were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

24 Ye daughters of Iſ'ra-ël, weep over Sâul, who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights; who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jôn'a-thân, thou wast slain in thine high places.

26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jôn'a-thân: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

27 How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

CHAP. II.

AND it came to pass after this, that Dâ'vid inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Jû'dâh? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And Dâ'vid said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hé'brôn.

2 So Dâ'vid went up thither, and his two wives also, A-hin'o-âm the Jéz're-ël-i-tess, and Ab'i-gail, Nâ'bâl's wife, the Câr'mél-ite.

¹ ô-bâ'sânse

3 And his men that wēre with him did Dā'vid bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hē'b'rōn.

4 And the men of Jū'dāh came, and there they anointed Dā'vid king over the house of Jū'dāh. And they told Dā'vid, saying, *That* the men of Jā'bēsh-Gil'e-ād wēre they that buried Sāul.

5 And Dā'vid sent messengers to the men of Jā'bēsh-Gil'e-ād, and said unto them, Blēs'sed be ye of the LORD, that ye have showed this kindness unto your lord, even unto Sāul, and have buried him.

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

7 Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your māster Sāul is dead, and also the house of Jū'dāh have anointed me king over them.

8 ¶ But Āb'nér the son of Nēr, cāp'tain of Sāul's host, took Iṣh'bo-shēth the son of Sāul, and brought him over to Mā-ha-nā'im:

9 And he made him king over Gil'e-ād, and over the Āsh'ur-ites, and over Jēz're-ēl, and over Ēphra-im, and over Bēn'ja-mīn, and over all Iṣ'ra-ēl.

10 Iṣh'bo-shēth, Sāul's son, was forty years old when he began to reign over Iṣ'ra-ēl, and reigned two years. But the house of Jū'dāh followed Dā'vid.

11 And the time that Dā'vid was king in Hē'b'rōn, over the house of Jū'dāh, was seven years and six mōnths.

12 ¶ And Āb'nér the son of Nēr, and the sērvants of Iṣh'bo-shēth the son of Sāul, went out from Mā-ha-nā'im to Gīb'e-ōn.

13 And Jō'āb the son of Zēr-u-ī'āh, and the sērvants of Dā'vid, went out, and met together by the pool of Gīb'e-ōn: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.

14 And Āb'nér said to Jō'āb, Let the young men now arise, and play before us. And Jō'āb said, Let them arise.

15 Then there arose, and went over by number, twelve of Bēn'ja-mīn, which p'r-tained to Iṣh'bo-shēth the son of Sāul, and twelve of the sērvants of Dā'vid.

16 And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and thrust his swōrd in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: wherefore that place was called Hēl'kāth-Hāz'zu-rim, which is in Gīb'e-ōn.

17 And there was a very sore battle that day: and Āb'nér was beaten, and the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl, before the sērvants of Dā'vid.

18 And there wēre three sons of Zēr-u-

ī'āh there, Jō'āb, and Ā-bish'a-i, and Āṣ'a-hēl: and Āṣ'a-hēl was as light of foot as a wild roe.

19 And Āṣ'a-hēl pursued āfter Āb'nér; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Āb'nér.

20 Then Āb'nér looked behind him, and said, *Art* thou Āṣ'a-hēl? And he answered, I am.

21 And Āb'nér said to him, Turn thee āside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his armour. But Āṣ'a-hēl would not turn āside from following of him.

22 And Āb'nér said āgain' to Āṣ'a-hēl, Turn thee āside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Jō'āb thy brōther?

23 Howbeit, he refused to turn āside: wherefore Āb'nér, 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 Āṣ'a-hēl fell down and died, stood still.

24 Jō'āb also and Ā-bish'a-i pursued āfter Āb'nér: and the sun went down when they wēre come to the hill of Ām'māh, that lieth before Gī'āh, by the way of the wilderness of Gīb'e-ōn.

25 And the children of Bēn'ja-mīn gathered themselves together āfter Āb'nér, and became one troop, and stood on the top of a hill.

26 Then Āb'nér called to Jō'āb, and said, Shall the swōrd devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then ere¹ thou bid the people return from following their brēthren?

27 And Jō'āb said, *As* God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken, surely then in the morning the people had gone up every one from following his brōther.

28 So Jō'āb blewa a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued āfter Iṣ'ra-ēl no more, neither fought they any more.

29 And Āb'nér and his men walked all that night through the plain, and passed over Jōr'dān, and went through all Bith'rōn, and they came to Mā-ha-nā'im.

30 And Jō'āb returned from following Āb'nér: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of Dā'vid's sērvants nineteen men and Āṣ'a-hēl.

31 But the sērvants of Dā'vid had smitten of Bēn'ja-mīn, and of Āb'nér's men, so that three hundred and threescore men died.

32 And they took up Āṣ'a-hēl, and buried him in the sēpulchre of his father,

which was in Bēth'lehēm. And Jō'ab and his men went all night, and they came to Hē'brōn at break of day.

CHAP. III.

NOW there was long war between the house of Sāul and the house of Dā'vid: but Dā'vid waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Sāul waxed weaker and weaker.

2 And unto Dā'vid wēre sons born in Hē'brōn: and his first-born was Ām'nōn, of Ā-him'o-ām the Jēz're-ēl-i-tēss;

3 And his second, Čhil'e-āb, of Āb'i-gūil the wife of Nā'hāl the Čār'nēl-ite: and the thirđ, Āb'sa-lōm, the son of Mā'a-čāh the daughter of Tāl'māi king of Gē'shūr;

4 And the fourth, Ād-o-ni'jah, the son of Hāg'gith; and the fifth, Shēph-a-ti'ah, the son of Āb'i-tāl;

5 And the sixth, Ith're-ām, by Ēg'lāh, Dā'vid's wife. These wēre born to Dā'vid in Hē'brōn.

6 And it came to pāss, while there was war between the house of Sāul and the house of Dā'vid, that Āb'nēr made himself strong for the house of Sāul.

7 And Sāul had a concubine, whose name was Rīz'pāh, the daughter of Ā-i'ah: and Ish'bo-sheth said to Āb'nēr, Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine?

8 Then was Āb'nēr very wroth, for the words of Ish'bo-sheth, and said, Am I a dog's head, which āgainst Jū'dāh do show kindness this day unto the house of Sāul thy father, to his brēthren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of Dā'vid, that thou chargest me to-day with a fault cōcērn'ing this woman?

9 So do God to Āb'nēr, and more also, except as the LORD hath sworn to Dā'vid, even so I do to him;

10 To translate the kingdom from the house of Sāul, and to set up the throne of Dā'vid over Iṣ'ra-ēl, and over Jū'dāh, from Dān even to Bē-ēr'she-bā.

11 And he could not ānswer Āb'nēr a word āgain', because he feared him.

12 And Āb'nēr sent messengers to Dā'vid 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 ābout' all Iṣ'ra-ēl 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 Mī'čhāl, Sāul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face.

14 And Dā'vid sent messengers to Ish'bo-sheth, Sāul's son, saying, Deliver me my wife Mī'čhāl, which I espōused to me for a hundred foreskins of the Phi-lis'tines.

15 And Ish'bo-sheth sent, and took her from her hūš'bānd, even from Phāl'ti-ēl the son of Lā'ish.

16 And her hūš'bānd went with her ālōng' weeping behind her to Ba-hū'rīm. Then said Āb'nēr unto him, Go, return. And he returned.

17 ¶ And Āb'nēr had communication with the elders of Iṣ'ra-ēl, saying, Ye sought for Dā'vid in times past to be king over you:

18 Now then do it: for the LORD hath spoken of Dā'vid, saying, By the hand of my sērvant Dā'vid I will save my people Iṣ'ra-ēl out of the hand of the Phi-lis'tines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.

19 And Āb'nēr also spake in the ears of Bēn'ja-min: and Āb'nēr went also to speak in the ears of Dā'vid in Hē'brōn all that seemed good to Iṣ'ra-ēl, and that seemed good to the whole house of Bēn'ja-min.

20 So Āb'nēr came to Dā'vid to Hē'brōn, and twenty men with him: and Dā'vid made Āb'nēr, and the men that wēre with him, a feast.

21 And Āb'nēr said unto Dā'vid, I will arise and go, and will gāther all Iṣ'ra-ēl unto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayst reign over all that thine heart desireth. And Dā'vid sent Āb'nēr āwāy; and he went in peace.

22 And, behold, the sērvants of Dā'vid and Jō'ab came from pursuing a troop, and brought in a great spoil with them: (but Āb'nēr was not with Dā'vid in Hē'brōn; for he had sent him āwāy, and he was gone in peace.)

23 When Jō'ab and all the host that was with him wēre come, they told Jō'ab, saying, Āb'nēr the son of Nēr came to the king, and he hath sent him āwāy, and he is gone in peace:

24 Then Jō'ab came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Āb'nēr came unto thee; why is it that thou hast sent him āwāy, and he is quite gone?

25 Thou knowest Āb'nēr the son of Nēr, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out, and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest.

26 And when Jō'ab was come out from Dā'vid, he sent messengers āfter Āb'nēr, which brought him āgain' from the well of Sī'rāh: but Dā'vid knew it not.

27 And when Āb'nēr was returned to Hē'brōn, Jō'ab took him āside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth rib, that he died, for the blood of Ās'a-hēl his brōther.

28 And āft'ērward, when Dā'vid heard it, he said, I and my kingdom āre guiltless before the LORD for ever from the blood of Āb'nēr the son of Nēr.

29 Let it rest on the head of Jō'ab, and on all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Jō'ab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that

leaneth on a stäff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread.

30 So Jō'āb and Ā-bish'a-ī his bróther slew Āb'nér, because he had slain their bróther Āṣ'a-hēl at Gib'e-ōn in the battle.

31 And Dā'vid said to Jō'āb, and to all the people that wēre with him, Rend your clothes, and gird¹ you with sackcloth, and mourn before Āb'nér. And king Dā'vid himself followed the bier.

32 And they buried Āb'nér in Hē'brōn: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Āb'nér; and all the people wept.

33 And the king lamented over Āb'nér, and said, Died Āb'nér as a fool dieth?

34 Thy hands wēre not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before wicked men, so fellest thou. And all the people wept āgain' over him.

35 And when all the people came to cause Dā'vid to eat meat while it was yet day, Dā'vid sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or aught else, till the sun be down.

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

37 For all the people, and all Iṣ'ra-ēl understood that day, that it was not of the king to slay Āb'nér the son of Nér.

38 And the king said unto his sērvants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Iṣ'ra-ēl?

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

CHAP. IV.

AND when Sāul's son hēard that Āb'nér was dead in Hē'brōn, his hands wēre feeble, and all the Iṣ'ra-ēl-ites wēre troubled.

2 And Sāul's son had two men that wēre cāptains of bands; the name of the one was Bā'a-nāh, and the name of the other Rē'chāb, the sons of Rim'mōn a Bē-ē'rōth-ite, of the children of Bēn'ja-mīn: (for Bē-ē'rōth also was reckoned to Bēn'ja-mīn:

3 And the Bē-ē'rōth-ites fled to Git'taim, and wēre sōjourners there until this day.)

4 And Jōn'a-thān, Sāul's son, had a son that was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Sāul and Jōn'a-thān out of Jéz're-ēl, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pāss, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was Mē-phib'o-shēth.

5 And the sons of Rim'mōn, the Bē-ē'rōth-ite, Rē'chāb and Bā'a-nāh, went, and came ābout' the heat of the day to the

house of Ish'bo-shēth, who lay on a bed at noon:

6 And they came thither into the midst of the house, as though they would have fetched wheat; and they smote him under the fifth rib: and Rē'chāb and Bā'a-nāh his bróther escāped.

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

8 And they brought the head of Ish'bo-shēth unto Dā'vid to Hē'brōn, and said to the king, Behold the head of Ish'bo-shēth, the son of Sāul thine enemy, which sought thy life; and the LORD hath āvēnged my lord the king this day of Sāul, and of his seed.

9 And Dā'vid ānswered Rē'chāb and Bā'a-nāh his bróther, the sons of Rim'mōn the Bē-ē'rōth-ite, and said unto them, As the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all ādvērsity,

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

11 How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous pērson in his own house upon his bed? shall I not thēre'fore now require his blood of your hand, and take you āwāy from the ēarth?

12 And Dā'vid cōmmānded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up over the pool in Hē'brōn. But they took the head of Ish'bo-shēth, and buried it in the sēpulchre of Āb'nér in Hē'brōn.

CHAP. V.

THEN came all the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl to Dā'vid unto Hē'brōn, and spake, saying, Behold, we āre thy bone and thy flesh.

2 Also in time pāst, when Sāul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Iṣ'ra-ēl: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Iṣ'ra-ēl, and thou shalt be a cāptain over Iṣ'ra-ēl.

3 So all the elders of Iṣ'ra-ēl came to the king to Hē'brōn; and king Dā'vid made a league with them in Hē'brōn before the LORD: and they anointed Dā'vid king over Iṣ'ra-ēl.

4 Dā'vid was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

5 In Hē'brōn he reigned over Jū'dāh seven years and six months; and in Jē-rú'sa-lēm he reigned thirty and three years over all Iṣ'ra-ēl and Jū'dāh.

6 And the king and his men went to

Jē-rū'sa-lēm unto the Jēb'u-sītes, the inhabitants of the land; which spake unto Dā'vid, saying, Except thou take āwāy the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, Dā'vid cannot come in hither.

7 Nevertheless Dā'vid took the strong hold of Zī'ōn: the same is the city of Dā'vid.

8 And Dā'vid said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jēb'u-sītes, and the lame and the blind, *that are hated of Dā'vid's soul, he shall be chief and cap'tain*: wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.

9 So Dā'vid dwelt in the fort, and called it The City of Dā'vid: and Dā'vid built round about, from Mil'lō and in'wārd.

10 And Dā'vid went on, and grew great; and the LORD God of hosts was with him.

11 And Hi'rām king of Tȳre sent messengers to Dā'vid, and cedar-trees, and carpenters, and masons; and they built Dā'vid a house.

12 And Dā'vid percēived that the LORD had estāblished him king over Iṣ'ra-ēl, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Iṣ'ra-ēl's sake.

13 And Dā'vid took *him* more concubines and wives out of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, after he was come from Hē'brōn: and there wēre yet sons and daughters born to Dā'vid.

14 And these *be* the names of those that wēre born unto him in Jē-rū'sa-lēm; Shām-mū'āh, and Shō'bāb, and Nā'thān, and Sōl'o-mōn,

15 Ib'hār also, and Ēl-i-shū'ā, and Nē'phēg, and Ja-phī'ā,

16 And Ē-lish'a-mā, and Ē-lī'a-dā, and Ē-līph'a-lēt.

17 ¶ But when the Phi-lis'tines heard that they had anointed Dā'vid king over Iṣ'ra-ēl, all the Phi-lis'tines came up to seek Dā'vid; and Dā'vid heard of *it*, and went down to the hold.

18 The Phi-lis'tines also came, and spread themselves in the valley of Rēph'a-īm.

19 And Dā'vid inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Phi-lis'tines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto Dā'vid, Go up; for I will doubtless deliver the Phi-lis'tines into thine hand.

20 And Dā'vid came to Bā'al-Pēr'a-zīm, and Dā'vid smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Thē'refore he called the name of that place Bā'al-Pēr'a-zīm.

21 And there they left their images, and Dā'vid and his men burnt them.

22 ¶ And the Phi-lis'tines came up yet

āgain', and spread themselves in the valley of Rēph'a-īm.

23 And when Dā'vid inquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; *but* fetch a cōm'pāss behind them, and come upon them over āgainst' the mulberry-trees.

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

25 And Dā'vid did so, as the LORD had cōmmānded him; and smote the Phi-lis'tines from Gē'vā until thou come to Gā'zēr.

CHAP. VI.

AGAIN', Dā'vid gathered together all the chosen men of Iṣ'ra-ēl, thirty thousand.

2 And Dā'vid ārōse, and went with all the people that wēre with him from Bā'al-le of Jū'dāh, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of The LORD of Hosts, that dwelleth *between* the cherubims.

3 And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Ā-bin'a-dāb that was in Gib'e-ah: and Ūz'zāh and Ā-hī'ō, the sons of Ā-bin'a-dāb, drave the new cart.

4 And they brought it out of the house of Ā-bin'a-dāb, which was at Gib'e-ah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ā-hī'ō went before the ark.

5 And Dā'vid and all the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl, played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir-wood,¹ even on harps, and on psāl'teries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

6 And when they came to Nā'chōn's threshing-floor, Ūz'zāh put forth *his hand* to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook *it*.

7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled āgainst' Ūz'zāh, and God smote him there for *his* errour; and there he died by the ark of God.

8 And Dā'vid was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Ūz'zāh: and he called the name of the place Pē'rēz-Ūz'zāh to this day.

9 And Dā'vid was āfrāid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?

10 So Dā'vid would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of Dā'vid; but Dā'vid carried it āside into the house of Ō'bēd-Ē'dōm the Git'tite.

11 And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Ō'bēd-Ē'dōm the Git'tite three mōnths: and the LORD blēss'ed Ō'bēd-Ē'dōm, and all his household.

12 And it was told king Dā'vid, saying, The LORD hath blēss'ed the house of Ō'bēd-Ē'dōm, and all that pērtain'eth unto him,

because of the ark of God. So Dä'vid went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Ö'bëd-Ë'dôm into the city of Dä'vid with gladness.

13 And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he säc'rificed oxen and fatlings.

14 And Dä'vid dānced before the LORD with all his might: and Dä'vid was girded with a linen ëph'od.

15 So Dä'vid and all the house of İş'ra-ël 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 Dä'vid, Mí'chäl, Säul's daughter, looked through a window, and saw king Dä'vid leaping and dān'cing 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 Dä'vid had pitched for it: and Dä'vid offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before the LORD.

18 And as soon as Dä'vid had made an end of offering burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, he blëss'ed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

19 And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of İş'ra-ël, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piëce of flesh, and a flagon of wine. So all the people departed every one to his house.

20 Then Dä'vid returned to bless his household. And Mí'chäl, the daughter of Säul, came out to meet Dä'vid, and said, How glorious was the king of İş'ra-ël to-day, who uncóvered himself to-day in the eyes of the handmaids of his särvants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncóvereth himself!

21 And Dä'vid said unto Mí'chäl, *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 İş'ra-ël: thëre'före will I play before the LORD.

22 And I will yet be more vile than this, and will be base in mine own sight; and of the maid-särvants, which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in hön'our.

23 Thëre'före Mí'chäl, the daughter of Säul, had no child unto the day of her death.

CHAP. VII.

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,

2 That the king said unto Nā'thän the prophet, See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within cür'tains.

3 And Nā'thän said to the king, Go, do

all that is in thine heart: for the LORD is with thee.

4 And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nā'thän, saying,

5 Go and tell my särvant Dä'vid, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me a 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 İş'ra-ël out of Ë'gypt even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

7 In all the places where-in I have walked with all the children of İş'ra-ël, spake I a word with any of the tribes of İş'ra-ël, whom I cömmand'ed to feed my people İş'ra-ël, saying, Why build ye not me a house of cedar?

8 Now thëre'före so shalt thou say unto my särvant Dä'vid, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcot, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over İş'ra-ël:

9 And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have 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 İş'ra-ël, and will plānt them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; nëither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as before-time.

11 And as since the time that I cömmand'ed judges to be over my people İş'ra-ël, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee, that he will make thee a house.

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 estāb'lish his kingdom.

13 He shall build a 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 chāsten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

15 But my mërcy shall not depart äwāy from him, as I took it from Säul, whom I put äwāy before thee.

16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be estāb'lished for ever before thee. thy throne shall be estāb'lished for ever.

17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nā'thän speak unto Dä'vid.

18 Then went king Dä'vid in, and sat before the LORD; and he said, Who am I, O Lord God? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

19 And this was yet a small thing in

thy sight, O Lord God; but thou hast spoken also of thy sērvant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord God?

20 And what can Dā'vid say more unto thee? for thou, Lord God, knowest thy sērvant.

21 For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy sērvant 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from E'gypt, from the nations and their gods?

24 For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Iṣ'ra-ēl, to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, Lord, art become their God.

25 And now, O Lord God, the word that thou hast spoken concern'ing thy sērvant, and concern'ing his house, estāb'lish it for ever, and do as thou hast said.

26 And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The Lord of hosts is the God over Iṣ'ra-ēl: and let the house of thy sērvant Dā'vid be estāb'lished before thee.

27 For thou, O Lord of hosts, God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, hast revealed to thy sērvant, saying, I will build thee a house: therēfore hath thy sērvant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.

28 And now, O Lord God, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy sērvant:

29 Therēfore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy sērvant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord God, hast spoken it; and with thy blessing let the house of thy sērvant be blēss'ed for ever.

CHAP. VIII.

AND after this it came to pass, that Dā'vid smote the Phi-lis'tines, and subdued them: and Dā'vid took Mē'thēg-ām'māh out of the hand of the Phi-lis'tines.

2 And he smote Mō'ab, and mēas'ured them with a line, cās'ting them down to the ground; even with two lines mēas'ured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive: and so the Mō'ab-ites became Dā'vid's sērvants, and brought gifts.

3 Dā'vid smote also Hād-ād-ē'zēr, the

son of Rē'hōb, king of Zō'bāh, as he went to recōver his border at the river Eū-phrātēs.

4 And Dā'vid took from him a thousand chariots, and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and Dā'vid hōugh'ed¹ all the chariot horses, but rē-šērv'ed of them for a hundred chariots.

5 And when the Sūr'i-āns of Da-mās'cūs came to succour Hād-ād-ē'zēr king of Zō'bāh, Dā'vid slew of the Sūr'i-āns two and twenty thousand men.

6 Then Dā'vid put garrisons in Sūr'i-ā of Da-mās'cūs: and the Sūr'i-āns became sērvants to Dā'vid, and brought gifts. And the Lord prēsērv'ed Dā'vid whithersoever he went.

7 And Dā'vid took the shields of gold that wēre on the sērvants of Hād-ād-ē'zēr, and brought them to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

8 And from Bē'tāh, and from Bēr'o-thāi, cities of Hād-ād-ē'zēr, king Dā'vid took exceeding much brās.

9 ¶ When Tō'i king of Hām'māth heard that Dā'vid had smitten all the host of Hād-ād-ē'zēr,

10 Then Tō'i sent Jō'rām his son unto king Dā'vid, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hād-ād-ē'zēr, and smitten him: (for Hād-ād-ē'zēr had wars with Tō'i;) and Jō'rām brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brās;

11 Which also king Dā'vid did dedicate unto the Lord, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations which he subdued;

12 Of Sūr'i-ā, and of Mō'ab, and of the children of Am'mōn, and of the Phi-lis'tines, and of Am'a-lēk, and of the spoil of Hād-ād-ē'zēr, son of Rē'hōb, king of Zō'bāh.

13 And Dā'vid gat him a name when he returned from smiting of the Sūr'i-āns in the valley of Sālt, being eighteen thousand men.

14 And he put garrisons in E'dōm; throughout all E'dōm put he garrisons: and all they of E'dōm became Dā'vid's sērvants. And the Lord prēsērv'ed Dā'vid whithersoever he went.

15 And Dā'vid reigned over all Iṣ'ra-ēl; and Dā'vid executed judgment and justice unto all his people.

16 And Jō'ab the son of Zēr-u-ī'āh was over the host; and Jē-hōsh'a-phāt the son of Ā-hī'lūd was recorder;

17 And Zā'dōk the son of Ā-hī'tūb, and Ā-hīm'e-lēch the son of Ā-bī'a-thār, wēre the priests; and Sē-rā-ī'āh was the scribe;

18 And Bēn-āi'āh² the son of Jē-hōi'adā was over both the Chēr'e-thites and the Pēl'eth-ites; and Dā'vid's sons wēre chief rulers.

¹ hōk'ed.

² Bēn-ā'yāh.

CHAP. IX.

AND Dā'vid said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Sāul, that I may show him kindness for Jōn'a-thān's sake?

2 And there was of the house of Sāul a sērvant whose name was Zi'bā: and when they had called him unto Dā'vid, the king said unto him, Art thou Zi'bā? And he said, Thy sērvant is he.

3 And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Sāul, that I may show the kindness of God unto him? And Zi'bā said unto the king, Jōn'a-thān hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet.

4 And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Zi'bā said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Mā'chir the son of Ām'mi-ēl, in Lōd'e-bār.

5 Then king Dā'vid sent, and fetched him out of the house of Mā'chir the son of Ām'mi-ēl, from Lōd'e-bār.

6 Now when Mē-phib'o-shēth, the son of Jōn'a-thān, the son of Sāul, was come unto Dā'vid, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And Dā'vid said, Mē-phib'o-shēth! And he answered, Behold thy sērvant.

7 And Dā'vid said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely show thee kindness for Jōn'a-thān thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Sāul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

8 And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy sērvant, that thou shouldst look upon such a dead dog as I am?

9 Then the king called to Zi'bā, Sāul's sērvant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy māster's son all that pertain'd to Sāul, and to all his house.

10 Thou thērēfore, and thy sons, and thy sērvants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy māster's son may have food to eat: but Mē-phib'o-shēth, thy māster's son, shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Zi'bā had fifteen sons, and twenty sērvants.

11 Then said Zi'bā unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath cōmmanded his sērvant, so shall thy sērvant do. As for Mē-phib'o-shēth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons.

12 And Mē-phib'o-shēth had a young son, whose name was Mi'cāh. And all that dwell in the house of Zi'bā wēre sērvants unto Mē-phib'o-shēth.

13 So Mē-phib'o-shēth dwelt in Jē-rū-sa-lēm: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

CHAP. X.—

AND it came to pāss āfter this, that the king of the children of Ām'mōn died, and Hā'nūn his son reigned in his stead.

2 Then said Dā'vid, I will show kindness unto Hā'nūn the son of Nā'hāsh, as his father showed kindness unto me. And Dā'vid sent to cōmfort him, by the hand of his sērvants, for his father. And Dā'vid's sērvants came into the land of the children of Ām'mōn.

3 And the princes of the children of Ām'mōn said unto Hā'nūn their lord, Thinkest thou that Dā'vid dōth hōnour thy father, that he hath sent cōmforters unto thee? hath not Dā'vid rather sent his sērvants unto thee to sēarch the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?

4 Wherefore Hā'nūn took Dā'vid's sērvants, and shaved off the one half of their bēards, and cut off their gārments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them āway.

5 When they told it unto Dā'vid, he sent to meet them, because the men wēre greatly āshāmed: and the king said, Tarry at Jēr'i-chō until your bēards be grown, and then return.

6 And when the children of Ām'mōn saw that they stank before Dā'vid, the children of Ām'mōn sent and hired the Sŷr'i-āns of Bēth're-hōb, and the Sŷr'i-āns of Zō'bā, twenty thousand footmen, and of king Mā'a-çāh a thousand men, and of Ish'tōb twelve thousand men.

7 And when Dā'vid heard of it, he sent Jō'āb, and all the host of the mighty men.

8 And the children of Ām'mōn came out, and put the battle in array at the entering in of the gate: and the Sŷr'i-āns of Zō'bā, and of Rē'hōb, and Ish'tōb, and Mā'a-çāh, wēre by themselves in the field.

9 When Jō'āb saw that the front of the battle was āgainst him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and put them in array āgainst the Sŷr'i-āns:

10 And the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of Ā-bish'a-i his brōther, that he might put them in array āgainst the children of Ām'mōn.

11 And he said, If the Sŷr'i-āns be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me; but if the children of Ām'mōn be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee.

12 Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which seemeth him good.

13 And Jō'āb drew nigh, and the people that wēre with him, unto the battle āgainst the Sŷr'i-āns: and they fled before him.

14 And when the children of Ām'mōn saw that the Sŷr'i-āns wēre fled, then fled they also before Ā-bish'a-i, and entered into the city. So Jō'āb returned from the children of Ām'mōn, and came to Jē-rū-sa-lēm.

15 And when the Sŷr'i-āns saw that

they wēre smitten before Iṣ'ra-ēl, they gāthered themselves togēther.

16 And Hād-ār-ē-zér¹ sent, and brought out the Sŷr'i-āns that wēre beyond the river: and they came to Hē'lām; and Shō'bāḥ, the cāp'tain of the host of Hād-ār-ē-zér, went before them.

17 And when it was told Dā'vid, he gāthered all Iṣ'ra-ēl togēther, and passed over Jōr'dān, and came to Hē'lām. And the Sŷr'i-āns set themselves in array āgainst' Dā'vid, and fought with him.

18 And the Sŷr'i-āns fled before Iṣ'ra-ēl; and Dā'vid slew *the men of* seven hundred chariots of the Sŷr'i-āns, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shō'bāḥ the cāp'tain of their host, who died there.

19 And when all the kings *that wēre* sērvants to Hād-ār-ē-zér saw that they wēre smitten before Iṣ'ra-ēl, they made peace with Iṣ'ra-ēl, and sērv'd them. So the Sŷr'i-āns feared to help the children of Ām'mōn any more.

CHAP. XI.

AND it came to pās, āfter the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth *to battle*, that Dā'vid sent Jō'āb, and his sērvants with him, and all Iṣ'ra-ēl; and they destrōy'ed the children of Ām'mōn, and besiēged Rāb'bāh. But Dā'vid tarried still at Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

2 And it came to pās in an evening-tide, that Dā'vid ārōse from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman wāsh'ing herself; and the woman *was* very beautiful to look upon.

3 And Dā'vid sent and inquired āfter the woman. And *one* said, *Is* not this Bāth'she-bā, the daughter of E-lī'ām, the wife of Ū-rī'āh the Hit'tite?

4 And Dā'vid sent messengers, and took her: and she came in unto him, and he lay with her, (for she was purified from her uncleanness,) and she returned unto her house.

5 And the woman cōncēived, and sent and told Dā'vid, and said, *I am* with child.

6 And Dā'vid sent to Jō'āb, *saying*, Send me Ū-rī'āh the Hit'tite. And Jō'āb sent Ū-rī'āh to Dā'vid.

7 And when Ū-rī'āh was come unto him, Dā'vid demān'ded of him how Jō'āb did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered.

8 And Dā'vid said to Ū-rī'āh, Go down to thy house, and wāsh thy feet. And Ū-rī'āh departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of *meal* from the king.

9 But Ū-rī'āh slept at the door of the king's house, with all the sērvants of his lord, and went not down to his house.

10 And when they had told Dā'vid, *saying*, Ū-rī'āh went not down unto his

house, Dā'vid said unto Ū-rī'āh, Camest thou not from *thy* jōurney? why *then* didst thou not go down unto thine house?

11 And Ū-rī'āh said unto Dā'vid, The ark, and Iṣ'ra-ēl, and Jū'dāh, ābide in tents; and my lord Jō'āb, and the sērvants of my lord, āre encamped in the open fiēlds: shall I then go into mine house, to eat, and to drink, and to lie with my wife? *as* thou livest, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing.

12 And Dā'vid said to Ū-rī'āh, Tarry here to-day also, and to-morrow I will let thee depart. So Ū-rī'āh ābōde in Jē-rū'sa-lēm that day and the morrow.

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

14 And it came to pās in the morning, that Dā'vid wrote a letter to Jō'āb, and sent *it* by the hand of Ū-rī'āh.

15 And he wrote in the letter, *saying*, Set ye Ū-rī'āh in the fore-front of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.

16 And it came to pās, when Jō'āb ōb-ṣērv'ed the city, that he assigned Ū-rī'āh unto a place where he knew that valiant men *wēre*.

17 And the men of the city went out and fought with Jō'āb: and there fell *some* of the people of the sērvants of Dā'vid; and Ū-rī'āh the Hit'tite died also.

18 Then Jō'āb sent and told Dā'vid all the things cōncēr'ning the war;

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

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

21 Who smote ā-bīm'e-lēḥ the son of Jē-rūb'be-shēth? did not a woman cāst a piēce of a mill-stone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thē'bēz? why went ye nigh the wall? then say thou, Thy sērvant Ū-rī'āh the Hit'tite is dead also.

22 So the messenger went, and came and showed Dā'vid all that Jō'āb had sent him for.

23 And the messenger said unto Dā'vid, Surely the men prēvāiled āgainst' us, and came out unto us into the fiēld, and we wēre upon them even unto the entering of the gate.

24 And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy sērvants, and *some* of the king's sērvants be dead, and thy sērvant Ū-rī'āh the Hit'tite is dead also.

25 Then Dā'vid said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Jō'āb, Let

¹ The same as Hadadezer—compare 2 Sam. viii. 3 with 1 Chron. viii. 3.

not this thing displease thee; for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it; and encourage thou him.

26 ¶ And when the wife of Ū-rī'āh heard that Ū-rī'āh her hūs'bānd was dead, she mourned for her hūs'bānd.

27 And when the mourning was pāst, Dā'vid sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that Dā'vid had done displeased the LORD.

CHAP. XII.

AND the LORD sent Nā'thān unto Dā'vid. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There wēre two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

2 The rich man had exceeding many flocks and hērds:

3 But the poor man had nōthing save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up; and it grew up together with him, and with his children: it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bō'sóm, and was unto him as a daughter.

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

5 And Dā'vid's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nā'thān, *As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die:*

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

7 And Nā'thān said to Dā'vid, *Thou art the man.* Thus saith the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, I anointed thee king over Iṣ'ra-ēl, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Sāul:

8 And I gave thee thy mās'ter's house, and thy mās'ter's wives into thy bō'sóm, and gave thee the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl and of Jū'dāh; 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 Ū-rī'āh the Hīt'tite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ām'mōn.

10 Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Ū-rī'āh the Hīt'tite 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 sun.

12 For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Iṣ'ra-ēl, and before the sun.

13 And Dā'vid said unto Nā'thān, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nā'thān said unto Dā'vid, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

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

15 ¶ And Nā'thān departed unto his house. And the LORD struck the child that Ū-rī'āh's wife bare unto Dā'vid, and it was very sick.

16 Dā'vid there'fore besought God for the child; and Dā'vid 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 Dā'vid 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 Dā'vid saw that his servants whispered, Dā'vid perceived that the child was dead: there'fore Dā'vid said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead.

20 Then Dā'vid 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 he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.

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

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

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

24 And Dā'vid comforted Bath'she-bā his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Sō'l'o-mōn; and the LORD loved him.

25 And he sent by the hand of Nā'thān the prophet; and he called his name Jēd-i-dī'āh, because of the LORD.

26 ¶ And Jō'āb fought against Rāb'

bāh of the children of Ām'nōn, and took the royal city.

27 And Jō'āb sent messengers to Dā'vid, and said, I have fought āgainst' Rāb'bāh, and have taken the city of waters.

28 Now thērē'fōre gāther the rest of the people togēther, and encamp āgainst' the city, and take it: lēst I take the city, and it be called āfter my name.

29 And Dā'vid gāthered all the people togēther, and went to Rāb'bāh, and fought āgainst' it, and took it.

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

31 And he brought forth the people that wēre therein, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pās through the brick-kiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ām'nōn. So Dā'vid and all the people returned unto Jē-rū-sa-lēm.

CHAP. XIII.—

AND it came to pās āfter this, that Āb'sa-lōm, the son of Dā'vid, had a fair sister, whose name was Tāmār; and Ām'nōn the son of Dā'vid loved her.

2 And Ām'nōn was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tāmār: for she was a virgīn: and Ām'nōn thought it hard for him to do any thing to her.

3 But Ām'nōn had a friend, whose name was Jōn'a-dāb, the son of Shīm'e-āh, Dā'vid's brōther: and Jōn'a-dāb was a very subtle man.

4 And he said unto him, Why art thou, being the king's son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Ām'nōn said unto him, I love Tāmār, my brōther Āb'sa-lōm's sister.

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

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

7 Then Dā'vid sent home to Tāmār, saying, Go now to thy brōther Ām'nōn's house, and dress him meat.

8 So Tāmār went to her brōther Ām'nōn's house; and he was laid down. And she took flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes.

9 And she took a pan, and poured them

out before him; but he refused to eat. And Ām'nōn said, Have out all men from me: and they went out every man from him.

10 And Ām'nōn said unto Tāmār, Bring the meat into the chāمبر, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tāmār took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chāمبر to Ām'nōn her brōther.

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

12 And she answered him, Nay, my brōther, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Iṣ'ra-ēl: do not thou this folly.

13 And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Iṣ'ra-ēl. Now thērē'fōre, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee.

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

15 Then Ām'nōn hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her: and Ām'nōn said unto her, Arise, be gone.

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

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

18 And she had a gārment of dī'vērṣ colours upon her: for with such robes wēre the king's dāughters that wēre virgīns apparelled. Then his sērvant brought her out, and bolted the door āfter her.

19 And Tāmār put ashes on her head, and rent her gārment of dī'vērṣ colours that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying.

20 And Āb'sa-lōm her brōther said unto her, Hath Ām'nōn thy brōther been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he is thy brōther; regard not this thing. So Tāmār remained desolate in her brōther Āb'sa-lōm's house.

21 But when king Dā'vid heard of all these things, he was very wroth.

22 And Āb'sa-lōm spake unto his brōther Ām'nōn nēither good nor bad: for Āb'sa-lōm hated Ām'nōn, because he had forced his sister Tāmār.

23 And it came to pās, āfter two full years, that Āb'sa-lōm had sheep-shearers in Bā'āl-Hā'zōr, which is beside E'phra-īm:

and Āb'sa-lōm invited all the king's sons.

24 And Āb'sa-lōm came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy sērvant hath sheep-shearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his sērvants, go with thy sērvant.

25 And the king said to Āb'sa-lōm, 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 blēss'ed him.

26 Then said Āb'sa-lōm, If not, I pray thee, let my brōther Ām'nōn go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee?

27 But Āb'sa-lōm pressed him, that he let Ām'nōn and all the king's sons go with him.

28 Now Āb'sa-lōm had cōmmān'ded his sērvants, saying, Mark ye now when Ām'nōn's heart is merry with wine; and when I say unto you, Smite Ām'nōn; then kill him, fear not: have not I cōmmān'ded you? be courageous, and be valiant.

29 And the sērvants of Āb'sa-lōm did unto Ām'nōn as Āb'sa-lōm had cōmmān'ded. Then all the king's sons ārōse, and every man gat him up upon his mule and fled.

30 And it came to pāss, while they wēre in the way, that tidings came to Dā'vid, saying, Āb'sa-lōm hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left.

31 Then the king ārōse, and tare his gārments, and lay on the ēarth; and all his sērvants stood by with their clothes rent.

32 And Jōn'a-dāb the son of Shīm'e-āh, Dā'vid's brōther, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose *that* they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Ām'nōn only is dead: for by the appointment of Āb'sa-lōm this hath been dētēr'mined from the day that he forced his sister Tā'mār.

33 Now thērē'fōre let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons āre dead; for Ām'nōn only is dead.

34 But Āb'sa-lōm fled. And the young man that kept the wātch lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there came much people by the way of the hill side behind him.

35 And Jōn'a-dāb said unto the king, Behold, the king's sons come: as thy sērvant said, so it is.

36 And it came to pāss, 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 sērvants wept very sore.

37 But Āb'sa-lōm fled, and went to Tāl'māi, the son of Ām-mī'hūd, king of Gē'shūr. And Dā'vid mourned for his son every day.

38 So Āb'sa-lōm fled, and went to Gē'shūr, and was there three years.

39 And *the soul of* king Dā'vid longed to go forth unto Āb'sa-lōm: for he was cōm'fōrted cōncēr'ning Ām'nōn, seeing he was dead.

CHAP. XIV.

NOW Jō'āb the son of Zēr-u-ī'āh pēr'ceived that the king's heart *was* tō'wārd Āb'sa-lōm.

2 And Jō'āb sent to Tē-kō'āh, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and ānōint 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 Jō'āb put the words in her mouth.

4 And when the woman of Tē-kō'āh spake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obei'sance,¹ and said, Help, O king.

5 And the king said unto her, what ail'eth thee? And she answered, I *am* indeed a widow woman, and mine hūš'bānd is dead.

6 And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove tōgēther in the fiēld, and *there was* nōne to part them, but the one smote the other, and slew him.

7 And, behold, the whole family is risen āgainst' thine handmaid, and they said, Deliver him that smote his brōther, that we may kill him, for the life of his brōther whom he slew; and we will dēstrōy' the heir² also: and so they shall quench my coal which is left, and shall not leave to my hūš'bānd *nēither* name nor remainder upon the ēarth.

8 And the king said unto the woman, Go to thine house, and I will give charge cōncēr'ning thee.

9 And the woman of Tē-kō'āh 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 saith *ought* unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more.

11 Then said she, I pray thee, let the king remember the LORD thy God, that thou wouldst not suffer the revengers of blood to dēstrōy' any more, lest they dēstrōy' my son. And he said, *As* the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the ēarth.

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 āgainst' the people of God? for the king

dóth speak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king dóth not fetch home ágain' his banished.

14 For we must needs die, and *àre* as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gáthered up ágain': néither dóth God respect *any* pèrson; yet dóth he devíse means that his banished be not expelled from him.

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

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

17 Then thine handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be còm'fórtable: for as an ángel of God, so *is* my lord the king, to díschèrn' good and bad; thère'fóre the LORD thy God will be with thee.

18 Then the king ánsivered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ásk thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak.

19 And the king said, *Is not* the hand of Jō'áb with thee in all *this*? And the woman ánsivered and said, *As* thy soul liveth, my lord the king, nóne can turn to the right hand or to the left from aught that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy sèrvant Jō'áb, he báde me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid:

20 To fetch ábout' this form of speech hath thy sèrvant Jō'áb done this thing: and my lord *is* wise, according to the wisdom of an ángel of God, to know all *things* that *àre* in the éarth.

21 And the king said unto Jō'áb, Behold now, I have done this thing: go thère'fóre, bring the young man Āb'sa-lōm ágain'.

22 And Jō'áb fell to the ground on his face, and bówed himself, and thanked the king: and Jō'áb said, To-day thy sèrvant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of his sèrvant.

23 So Jō'áb áróse, and went to Gē'shūr, and brought Āb'sa-lōm to Jē-rú'sa-lēm.

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

25 But in all Ís'ra-él there was nóne to be so much praised as Āb'sa-lōm for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

26 And when he pólled his head, (for

it was at every year's end that he pólled it; because *the hair* was heavy on him, thère'fóre he pólled it,) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels, áfter the king's weight.

27 And unto Āb'sa-lōm there wère born three sons, and one dáughter, whose name was Ta'már: she was a woman of a fair countenance.

28 So Āb'sa-lōm dwelt two full years in Jē-rú'sa-lēm, and saw not the king's face.

29 Thère'fóre Āb'sa-lōm sent for Jō'áb, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him: and when he sent ágain' the second time, he would not come.

30 Thère'fóre he said unto his sèrvants, See, Jō'áb's fiéld is near miné, and he hath bårley there; go and set it on fire. And Āb'sa-lōm's sèrvants set the fiéld on fire.

31 Then Jō'áb áróse, and came to Āb'sa-lōm unto *his* house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy sèrvants set my fiéld on fire?

32 And Āb'sa-lōm ánsivered Jō'áb, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Gē'shūr? *it had been* good for me to *have been* there still: now thère'fóre let me see the king's face; and if there be *any* iniquity in me, let him kill me.

33 So Jō'áb came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Āb'sa-lōm, he came to the king, and bówed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Āb'sa-lōm.

CHAP. XV.

AND it came to pàss áfter this, that Āb'sa-lōm prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.

2 And Āb'sa-lōm rose up éarly, 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 Āb'sa-lōm called unto him, and said, Of what city *art* thou? And he said, Thy sèrvant *is* of one of the tribes of Ís'ra-él.

3 And Āb'sa-lōm said unto him, See, thy matters *àre* good and right; but *there is* no man *deputed* of the king to hear thee.

4 Āb'sa-lōm said moreover, Oh that I wère 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 óbei'sánce, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him.

6 And on this manner did Āb'sa-lōm to all Ís'ra-él that came to the king for judgment. So Āb'sa-lōm stole the héarts of the men of Ís'ra-él.

7 And it came to pās ātter forty years, that Āb'sa-lōm said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow which I have vowed unto the LORD in Hēbrōn.

8 For thy sērvant vowed a vow while I ābode at Gē'shūr in Sŷr'i-ā, saying, If the LORD shall bring me āgain' indeed to Jē-rú-sa-lēm, then I will serve the LORD.

9 And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he ārōše, and went to Hēbrōn.

10 But Āb'sa-lōm sent spies throughout all the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Āb'sa-lōm reigneth in Hēbrōn.

11 And with Āb'sa-lōm went two hundred men out of Je-rú-sa-lēm, that wēre called; and they went in their simplicity, and they knēw not any thing.

12 And Āb'sa-lōm sent for Ā-hīth'o-phēl the Gī'lo-nite, Dā'vid's counsellor, from his city, even from Gī'lōh, while he offered sācrīfīces. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Āb'sa-lōm.

13 And there came a messenger to Dā'vid, saying, The hearts of the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl āre āfter Āb'sa-lōm.

14 And Dā'vid said unto all his sērvants that wēre with him at Jē-rú-sa-lēm, āriše, and let us flee; for we shall not *else* escape' from Āb'sa-lōm: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the swōrd.

15 And the king's sērvants said unto the king, Behold, thy sērvants *āre ready to do* whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint.

16 And the king went forth, and all his household āfter him. And the king left ten women which wēre concubines to keep the house.

17 And the king went forth, and all the people āfter him, and tarried in a place that was far off.

18 And all his sērvants pāsēd on beside him; and all the Chēr'eth-ites, and all the Pē'lēth-ites, and all the Gīt'ites, six hundred men which came āfter him from Gāh, pāsēd on before the king.

19 ¶ Then said the king to It'ta-ī the Gīt'ite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, and ābide with the king; for thou *art* a strānger, and also an exile.

20 Whereas thou camest *but* yesterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may; return thou, and take back thy brēthren: mērcy and truth *be* with thee.

21 And It'ta-ī ānswered the king, and said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy sērvant be.

22 And Dā'vid said to It'ta-ī, Go and

pāsē over. And It'ta-ī the Gīt'ite pāsēd over, and all his men, and all the little ones that wēre with him.

23 And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people pāsēd over: the king also himself pāsēd over the brook Kid'rōn, and all the people pāsēd over, tōwārd the way of the wilderness.

24 ¶ And lo, Zā'dōk also, and all the Lēv'ites wēre with him, bearing the ark of the cōvenant of God: and they set down the ark of God; and Ā-bī'a-thar went up, until all the people had done pās'ing out of the city.

25 And the king said unto Zā'dōk. Carry back the ark of God into the city. if I shall find favour in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me āgain',¹ and show me *both* it, and his habitation:

26 But if he thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, *here am* I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him.

27 The king said also unto Zā'dōk the priest, *Art not* thou a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ā-hīm'a-āz thy son, and Jōn'a-thān the son of Ā-bī'a-thār.

28 See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to cērtify me.

29 Zā'dōk thērē'fōre and Ā-bī'a-thār carried the ark of God āgain' to Jē-rú-sa-lēm: and they tarried there.

30 ¶ And Dā'vid went up by the ascent of *mount* Ōl'i-vēt, and wept as he went up, and had his head cōvered, and he went bare-foot: and all the people that was with him cōvered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

31 ¶ And *one* told Dā'vid, saying, Ā-hīth'o-phēl *is* āmōng the conspirators with Āb'sa-lōm. And Dā'vid said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ā-hīth'o-phēl into foolishness.

32 ¶ And it came to pās, that when Dā'vid was come to the top of the *mount*, where he wór'shīpped God, behold, Hū-shāi the Arch'ite came to meet him with his coat rent, and ēarth upon his head:

33 Unto whom Dā'vid said, If thou pāsēst on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me:

34 But if thou return to the city, and say unto Āb'sa-lōm, I will be thy sērvant, O king; *as* I *have been* thy father's sērvant hitherto, so *will* I now also *be* thy sērvant: then mayst thou for me defeat the counsel of Ā-hīth'o-phēl.

35 And *hast* thou not there with thee Zā'dōk and Ā-bī'a-thār the priests? thērē'fōre it shall be, *that* what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell *it* to Zā'dōk and Ā-bī'a-thār the priests.

¹ ā-gēn'.

36 Behold, *they have* there with them their two sons, Ā-him'a-āz Zā'dōk's son, and Jōn'a-thān Ā-bī'a-thār's son; and by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye can hear.

37 So Hū'shāi Dā'vid's friend came into the city, and Āb'sa-lōm came into Jē-rū-sa-lēm.

CHAP. XVI.

AND when Dā'vid was a little pāst the top of the hill, behold, Zī'bā the sērvant of Mē-phib'o-shēth met him, with a couple of āsēs saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and a hundred bunches of raisins, and a hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine.

2 And the king said unto Zī'bā, What meanest thou by these? And Zī'bā said, The āsēs be for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink.

3 And the king said, And where is thy māster's son? And Zī'bā said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jē-rū-sa-lēm: for he said, To-day shall the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl restore me the kingdom of my father.

4 Then said the king to Zī'bā, Behold, thine āre all that p̄rtained unto Mē-phib'o-shēth. And Zī'bā said, I hūmbly beseech thee that I may find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king.

5 And when king Dā'vid came to Bahū'rīm, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Sāul, whose name was Shim'e-i, the son of Gērā: he came forth, and cursed still as he came.

6 And he cāst stones at Dā'vid, and at all the sērvants of king Dā'vid; and all the people and all the mighty men wēre on his right hand and on his left.

7 And thus said Shim'e-i when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Bē'li-āl:

8 The LORD hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Sāul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Āb'sa-lōm thy son: and behold, thou art taken in thy mis'chief, because thou art a bloody man.

9 ¶ Then said Ā-hish'a-i the son of Zēr-u-ī'āh unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head.

10 And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zēr-u-ī'āh? so let him curse, because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse Dā'vid. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?

11 And Dā'vid said to Ā-bish'a-i, and to all his sērvants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my

life: how much more now may this Bēn'-ja-mite do it? let him ālone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him.

12 It may be that the LORD will look on mine affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing this day.

13 And as Dā'vid and his men went by the way, Shim'e-i went ālōng' on the hill's side over āgainst' him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cāst dust.

14 And the king, and all the people that wēre with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there.

15 ¶ And Āb'sa-lōm, and all the people the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl, came to Jē-rū-sa-lēm, and Ā-hith'o-phēl with him.

16 And it came to pāss, when Hū'shāi the Arch'ite, Dā'vid's friend, was come unto Āb'sa-lōm, that Hū'shāi said unto Āb'sa-lōm, God save the king, God save the king.

17 And Āb'sa-lōm said to Hū'shāi, Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend?

18 And Hū'shāi said unto Āb'sa-lōm, Nay; but whom the LORD, and this people, and all the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl chōḏse, him will I be, and with him will I ābide.

19 And āgain', whom should I sērve? should I not sērve in the presence of his son? as I have sērved in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence.

20 ¶ Then said Āb'sa-lōm to Ā-hith'o-phēl, Give counsel āmōng you what we shall do.

21 And Ā-hith'o-phēl said unto Āb'sa-lōm, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Iṣ'ra-ēl shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that āre with thee be strong.

22 So they spread Āb'sa-lōm a tent upon the top of the house; and Āb'sa-lōm went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Iṣ'ra-ēl.

23 And the counsel of Ā-hith'o-phēl, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man had inquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ā-hith'o-phēl both with Dā'vid and with Āb'sa-lōm.

CHAP. XVII.

MOREOVER Ā-hith'o-phēl said unto Āb'sa-lōm, Let me now chōḏse out twelve thousand men, and I will ārise and pursue āfter Dā'vid this night;

2 And I will come upon him while he is weary and weak-handed, and will make him āfrāid: and all the people that āre with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only:

3 And I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest as if all returned: so all the people shall be in peace.

4 And the saying pleased Āb'sa-lōm well, and all the elders of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

5 Then said Āb'sa-lōm, Call now Hū'shāi the Ārch'īte also, and let us hear likewise what he saith.

6 And when Hū'shāi was come to Āb'sa-lōm, Āb'sa-lōm spake unto him, saying, Ā-hīth'o-phēl hath spoken āfter this manner: shall we do āfter his saying? if not, speak thou.

7 And Hū'shāi said unto Āb'sa-lōm, The counsel that Ā-hīth'o-phēl hath given, is not good at this time.

8 For, said Hū'shāi, 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 pāss, when some of them be overthrown at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slāughter āmōng the people that follow Āb'sa-lōm.

10 And he also that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Iṣ'ra-ēl knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they which be with him are valiant men.

11 Thēre'fōre I counsel that all Iṣ'ra-ēl be generally gāthered unto thee, from Dān even to Bē-ēr'she-bā, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that thou go to battle in thine own pēson.

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 Iṣ'ra-ēl bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there.

14 And Āb'sa-lōm and all the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl said, The counsel of Hū'shāi the Ārch'īte is better than the counsel of Ā-hīth'o-phēl. For the LORD had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ā-hīth'o-phēl, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Āb'sa-lōm.

15 ¶ Then said Hū'shāi unto Zā'dōk and to Ā-bī'a-thār the priests, Thus and thus did Ā-hīth'o-phēl counsel Āb'sa-lōm and the elders of Iṣ'ra-ēl; and thus and thus have I counselled.

16 Now thēre'fōre send quickly, and tell Dā'vid, saying, Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pāss over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that are with him.

17 Now Jōn'a-thān and Ā-hīm'a-āz

stayed by Ēn-rō'gēl; for they might not be seen to come into the city: and a wench went and told them; and they went and told king Dā'vid.

18 Nevertheless, a lad saw them, and told Āb'sa-lōm: but they went both of them āway quickly, and came to a man's house in Bā-hū'rīm, which had a well in his court; whither they went down.

19 And the woman took and spread a cōv'ering over the well's mouth, and spread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not known.

20 And when Āb'sa-lōm's sērvants came to the woman to the house, they said, Where is Ā-hīm'a-āz and Jōn'a-thān? And the woman said unto them, they be gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

21 And it came to pāss, āfter they wēre departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king Dā'vid, and said unto Dā'vid, Āriṣe, and pāss quickly over the water: for thus hath Ā-hīth'o-phēl counselled āgainst' you.

22 Then Dā'vid ārōse, and all the people that wēre with him, and they pāssed over Jōr'dān: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jōr'dān.

23 ¶ And when Ā-hīth'o-phēl saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his āss, and ārōse, and gat him home to his house, to his city, and put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sēpulchre of his father.

24 Then Dā'vid came to Mā-ha-nā'im. And Āb'sa-lōm pāssed over Jōr'dān, he and all the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl with him.

25 ¶ And Āb'sa-lōm made Ām'a-sā cāp'tain of the host instead of Jō'āb: which Ām'a-sā was a man's son, whose name was Ith'rā, an Iṣ'ra-ēl-ite, that went in to Āb'i-gāil the daughter of Nā'hāsh, sister to Zēr-u-i'āh, Jō'āb's mōther.

26 So Iṣ'ra-ēl and Āb'sa-lōm pitched in the land of Gil'e-ād.

27 ¶ And it came to pāss, when Dā'vid was come to Mā-ha-nā'im, that Shō'bī the son of Nā'hāsh of Rāb'bāh of the children of Ām'mōn, and Mā'chīr the son of Ām'mi-ēl of Lōd'e-bār, and Bār-zil'la-i the Gil'e-ād-ite of Rō-gēl'im,¹

28 Brought beds, and basins, and ēarthen vessels, and wheat, and bārley, and flour, and parched corn, and beans, and lēn'tiles, and parched pulse,

29 And hōney, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for Dā'vid, and for the people that wēre with him, to eat: for they said, The people is hungry, and weary, and thīrsty, in the wilderness.

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CHAP. XVIII.

AND Dā'vid numbered the people that were with him, and set cāp'tains of thousands and cāp'tains of hundreds over them.

2 And Dā'vid sent forth a thîrd part of the people under the hand of Jô'ab, and a thîrd part under the hand of Ā-bîsh'a-î the son of Zêr-u-î'âh, Jô'ab's brôther, and a thîrd part under the hand of Î'ta-î the Gît'tite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also.

3 But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee āwāy, they will not care for us; nêither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now *thou art* wôrth ten thousand of us: thêrê'fôre now *it is* better that thou succour us out of the city.

4 And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands.

5 And the king cômmand'ed Jô'ab and Ā-bîsh'a-î and Î'ta-î, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, *even* with Āb'sa-lôm. And all the people heard when the king gave all the cāp'tains charge cōncêr'ning Āb'sa-lôm.

6 ¶ So the people went out into the fiêld āgainst' Îs'ra-êl: and the battle was in the wood of Êphra-îm;

7 Where the people of Îs'ra-êl wêre slain before the sêrvants of Dā'vid; and there was there a great slāughter that day of twenty thousand *men*.

8 For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the wood devoured more people that day than the sôr'd devoured.

9 ¶ And Āb'sa-lôm met the sêrvants of Dā'vid. And Āb'sa-lôm 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 êarth; and the mule that *was* under him went āwāy.

10 And a cêr'tain man saw *it*, and told Jô'ab, and said, Behold, I saw Āb'sa-lôm hanged in an oak.

11 And Jô'ab 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 gir'dle.¹

12 And the man said unto Jô'ab, Though I should receive a thousand *shekels* of silver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand āgainst' the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and Ā-bîsh'a-î and Î'ta-î, saying, Beware that nône *touch* the young man Āb'sa-lôm.

13 Otherwise I should have wrought

falsehood āgainst' mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldst have set thyself āgainst *me*.

14 Then said Jô'ab, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Āb'sa-lôm, while he *was* yet ālive in the midst of the oak.

15 And ten young men that bare Jô'ab's armour côm'pāssed ābout' and smote Āb'sa-lôm, and slew him.

16 And Jô'ab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing āfter Îs'ra-êl: for Jô'ab held back the people.

17 And they took Āb'sa-lôm, and cāst him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Îs'ra-êl fled every one to his tent.

18 ¶ Now Āb'sa-lôm in his life-time had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which *is* in the king's dale: for he said, I have no sou to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar āfter his own name: and it is called unto this day, Āb'sa-lôm's place.

19 ¶ Then said Ā-hîm'a-āz the son of Zā'dök, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the LORD hath āvênged him of his enemies.

20 And Jô'ab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings ānôther day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead.

21 Then said Jô'ab to Çû'shî, Go, tell the king what thou hast seen. And Çû'shî bôw'ed himself unto Jô'ab, and ran.

22 Then said Ā-hîm'a-āz the son of Zā'dök, yet āgain' to Jô'ab, but howsoever let me, I pray thee, also run āfter Çû'shî. And Jô'ab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no tidings ready?

23 But howsoever, *said he*, let me run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ā-hîm'a-āz ran by the way of the plain, and overran Çû'shî.

24 And Dā'vid sat between the two gates: and the wātchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lift'ed up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, a man running ālône.

25 And the wātchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he *be* ālône, *there is* tidings in his mouth. And he came āpāce, and drew near.

26 And the wātchman saw ānôther man running: and the wātchman called unto the pörter, and said, Behold ānôther man running ālône. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings.

27 And the wātchman said, Methinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ā-hîm'a-āz the son of Zā'dök.

¹ gër'dl.

And the king said, He *is* a good man, and cometh with good tidings.

28 And Ā-him'a-āz called, and said unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blē'ssed be the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand āgainst' my lord the king.

29 And the king said, Is the young man Āb'sa-lōm safe? And Ā-him'a-āz answered, When Jō'āb sent the king's sēr-vant, and me thy sēr-vant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what *it was*.

30 And the king said unto him, Turn āside, and stand here. And he turned āside, and stood still.

31 And behold, Čū'shī came; and Čū'shī said, Tidings, my lord the king: for the LORD hath avēnged thee this day of all them that rose up āgainst' thee.

32 And the king said unto Čū'shī, *Is* the young man Āb'sa-lōm safe? And Čū'shī answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise āgainst' thee to do thee hurt, be as *that young man is*.

33 ¶ And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Āb'sa-lōm, my son, my son Āb'sa-lōm! would God I had died for thee, O Āb'sa-lōm, my son, my son!

CHAP. XIX.

AND it was told Jō'āb, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Āb'sa-lōm.

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 griēved for his son.

3 And the people gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people being āshāmed steal āway when they flee in battle.

4 But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Āb'sa-lōm! O Āb'sa-lōm, my son, my son!

5 And Jō'āb came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy sēr-vants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons, and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines.

6 In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends. For thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest nēither princes nor sēr-vants: for this day I pērcēive', that if Āb'sa-lōm had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well.

7 Now thēre'fōre āriše, go forth, and speak cōm'fōrtably unto thy sēr-vants: for I swear by 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 ārōše, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king dōth sit in the gate. And all the people came before the king; for Iṣ'ra-ēl had fled every man to his tent.

9 ¶ And all the people wēre at strife throughout all the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl, saying, The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Phi-lis'tines; and now he is fled out of the land for Āb'sa-lōm.

10 And Āb'sa-lōm, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now thēre'fōre why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?

11 ¶ And king Dā'vid sent to Zā'dōk and to Ā-bī'a-thār the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Jū'dāh, saying, Why āre ye the lāst to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Iṣ'ra-ēl is come to the king, *even* to his house.

12 Ye āre my brēthren, ye āre my bones and my flesh: wherefore then āre ye the lāst to bring back the king?

13 And say ye to Ām'a-sā, *Art* thou not of my bone, and of my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not cāp'tain of the host before me continually in the room of Jō'āb.

14 And he bōwed the heart of all the men of Jū'dāh, even as *the heart of* one man; so that they sent *this word* unto the king, Return thou, and all thy sēr-vants.

15 So the king returned, and came to Jōr'dān. And Jū'dāh came to Gīl'gāl, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jōr'dān.

16 ¶ And Shim'e-i the son of Gērā, a Bēn'ja-mīte, which *was* of Ba-hū'rim, hasted and came down with the men of Jū'dāh, to meet king Dā'vid.

17 And *there wēre* a thousand men of Bēn'ja-mīn with him, and Zī'bā the sēr-vant of the house of Sāul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty sēr-vants with him; and they went over Jōr'dān 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 Shim'e-i the son of Gērā fell down before the king, as he was come over Jōr'dān:

19 And said unto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, nēither do thou remember that which thy sēr-vant did pērvēse'ly the day that my lord the king went out of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, that the king should take it to his heart.

20 For thy sēr-vant dōth know that I have sinned: thēre'fōre behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Jō'sēph to go down to meet my lord the king.

21 But Ā-bīsh'a-i the son of Zēr-u-i'āh

answered and said, Shall not Shīm'e-i be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD's anointed?

22 And Dā'vid said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zēr-ū-i'ah, that ye should this day be ādvērsaries unto me? shall there any man be put to death this day in Iṣ'ra-ēl? for do not I know that I *am* this day king over Iṣ'ra-ēl?

23 Therefore the king said unto Shīm'e-i, Thou shalt not die. And the king swore unto him.

24 ¶ And Mē-phib'o-shēth the son of Sāul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came *again'* in peace.

25 And it came to pass, when he was come to Jē-rū'sa-lem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mē-phib'o-shēth?

26 And he answered, My lord, O king, my sērvant deceived me: for thy sērvant said, I will saddle me an āss, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king; because thy sērvant *is* lame.

27 And he hath slāndered thy sērvant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king *is* as an āngel of God: do therefore *what is* good in thine eyes.

28 For all of my father's house wēre but dead men before my lord the king: yet didst thou set thy sērvant 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 Zī'bā divide the land.

30 And Mē-phib'o-shēth said unto the king, Yēa, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come *again'* in peace unto his own house.

31 ¶ And Bār-zil'la-i the Gīl'e-ād-ite came down from Rō-ge'lim, and went over Jōr'dān with the king, to conduct him over Jōr'dān.

32 Now Bār-zil'la-i was a very aged man, *even* fourscore years old: and he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mā-ha-nā'im: for he *was* a very great man.

33 And the king said unto Bār-zil'la-i, Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jē-rū'sa-lem.

34 And Bār-zil'la-i said unto the king, How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jē-rū'sa-lem?

35 I *am* this day fourscore years old: and can I diſcern' between good and evil? can thy sērvant 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 sērvant be yet a burden unto my lord the king?

36 Thy sērvant will go a little way over Jōr'dān with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward?

37 Let thy sērvant, I pray thee, turn back *again'*, that I may die in mine own city, and be buried in the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold thy sērvant Čim'hām; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee.

38 And the king answered, Čim'hām shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt require of me, *that* will I do for thee.

39 And all the people went over Jōr'dān. And when the king was come over, the king kissed Bār-zil'la-i, and blēss'ed him; and he returned unto his own place.

40 Then the king went on to Gīl'gāl, and Čim'hām went on with him: and all the people of Jū'dāh conducted the king, and also half the people of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

41 ¶ And behold, all the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have our brethren the men of Jū'dāh stolen thee *away*, and have brought the king, and his household, and all Dā'vid's men with him, over Jōr'dān?

42 And all the men of Jū'dāh answered the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Because the king *is* near of kin to us: wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's *cost*? or hath he given us any gift?

43 And the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl answered the men of Jū'dāh, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more *right* in Dā'vid 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 Jū'dāh wēre fiercer than the words of the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

CHAP. XX.

AND there happened to be there a man of Bē'li-āl, whose name *was* Shēbā, the son of Bič'rī, a Bēn'ja-mite; and he blew a trumpet, and said, We have no part in Dā'vid, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jēs'se: every man to his tents, O Iṣ'ra-ēl.

2 So every man of Iṣ'ra-ēl went up from after Dā'vid, and followed Shēbā the son of Bič'rī: but the men of Jū'dāh clave unto their king, from Jōr'dān even to Jē-rū'sa-lem.

3 ¶ And Dā'vid came to his house at Jē-rū'sa-lem; and the king took the ten women *his* concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So they wēre shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood.

4 Then said the king to Ām'a-sā, Assemble me the men of Jū'dāh within three days, and be thou here present.

5 So Ām'a-sā went to assemble *the men of Jū'dāh*: but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him.

6 And Dā'vid said to Ā-bish'a-ī, Now shall Shē'bā the son of Bīch'rī do us more harm than *did* Āb'sa-lōm: take thou thy ord's servants, and pursue āfter him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape' us.

7 And there went out āfter him, Jō'āb's men, and the Chēr'eth-ites, and the Pē'lēth-ites, and all the mighty men: and they went out of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, to pursue āfter Shē'bā the son of Bīch'rī.

8 When they *were* at the great stone which is in Gib'e-ōn, Ām'a-sā went before them. And Jō'āb's garment that he had put on was gir'ded¹ unto him, and upon it a gir'dle² with a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and as he went forth it fell out.

9 And Jō'āb said to Ām'a-sā, *Art* thou in health, my bróther? And Jō'āb took Ām'a-sā by the beard with the right hand to kiss him.

10 But Ām'a-sā took no heed to the sword that *was* in Jō'āb's hand: so he smote him therewith in the fifth rib, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not āgain'; and he died. So Jō'āb and Ā-bish'a-ī his bróther pursued āfter Shē'bā the son of Bīch'rī.

11 And one of Jō'āb's men stood by him, and said, He that favoureth Jō'āb, and he that is for Dā'vid, *let him go* āfter Jō'āb.

12 And Ām'a-sā wallowed in blood in the midst of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he removed Ām'a-sā out of the highway into the field, and cast a cloth upon him, when he saw that every one that came by him stood still.

13 When he was removed out of the highway, all the people went on āfter Jō'āb, to pursue āfter Shē'bā the son of Bīch'rī.

14 ¶ And he went through all the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl unto Ā'bēl, and to Bēth-mā'a-ḡhāh, and all the Bē'rites: and they *were* gathered together, and went also āfter him.

15 And they came and besieged him in Ā'bēl of Bēth-mā'a-ḡhāh, and they cast up a bank āgainst' the city, and it stood in the trench: and all the people that *were* with Jō'āb battered the wall, to throw it down.

16 ¶ Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Jō'āb, Come near hither, that I may speak with thee.

17 And when he was come near unto her, the woman said, *Art* thou Jō'āb? And he answered, *I am he*. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thine handmaid. And he answered, *I do hear*.

18 Then she spake, saying, They *were* wont to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask *counsel* at Ā'bēl: and so they ended *the matter*.

19 *I am one of them that are peaceable and faithful* in Iṣ'ra-ēl: thou seekest to *dēstrōy'* a city and a móther in Iṣ'ra-ēl: why wilt thou swāllow up the inheritance of the LORD?

20 And Jō'āb answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swāllow up or *dēstrōy'*.

21 The matter is not so: but a man of mount Ēphra-im, Shē'bā the son of Bīch'rī by name, hath lifted up his hand āgainst' the king, *even* āgainst' Dā'vid: deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Jō'āb, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall.

22 Then the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Shē'bā the son of Bīch'rī, and cast it out to Jō'āb. And he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Jō'āb returned to Jē-rū'sa-lēm unto the king.

23 ¶ Now Jō'āb *was* over all the host of Iṣ'ra-ēl: and Bēn-ai'āh the son of Jē-hōi'adā *was* over the Chēr'eth-ites and over the Pē'lēth-ites:

24 And Ā-dō'rām *was* over the tribute: and Jē-hōsh'a-phāt the son of Ā-hi'lūd *was* recorder:

25 And Shē'vā *was* scribe: and Zā'dōk and Ā-bi'a-thār *were* the priests.

26 And I'rā also the Jā'ir-ite *was* a chief ruler ābout' Dā'vid.

CHAP. XXI.

THEN there *was* a famine in the days of Dā'vid three years, year āfter year; and Dā'vid inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, *It is* for Sāul, and for *his* bloody house, because he slew the Gib'e-ōn-ites.

2 And the king called the Gib'e-ōn-ites, and said unto them; (now the Gib'e-ōn-ites *were* not of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, but of the remnant of the Ām'o-rites; and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl had sworn unto them; and Sāul sought to slay them in his zeal to the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl and Jū'dāh.)

3 Wherefore Dā'vid said unto the Gib'e-ōn-ites, What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of the LORD?

4 And the Gib'e-ōn-ites said unto him, We will have no silver nor gold of Sāul, nor of his house; nēither for us shalt thou kill any man in Iṣ'ra-ēl. And he said, What ye shall say, *that* will I do for you.

5 And they answered the king, The man that consumed us, and that *dēviḡed*

¹ gēr'ded.

² gēr'dl.

against us that we should be destrôy'ed from remaining in any of the coasts of Iſ'ra-ël,

6 Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in Gib'e-ah of Sâul, whom the LORD did chòdse. And the king said, I will give them.

7 But the king spared Mē-phib'o-shēth, the son of Jôn'a-thân the son of Sâul, because of the LORD's oath that was between them, between Dā'vid and Jôn'a-thân the son of Sâul.

8 But the king took the two sons of Riz'pâh the daughter of Ā-ī'āh, whom she bare unto Sâul, Ā-mō'nī and Mē-phib'o-shēth; and the five sons of Mī'chāl the daughter of Sâul, whom she brought up for Ā'dri-ël the son of Bār-zīl'a-ī the Mē-hōl'ath-ite;

9 And he delivered them into the hands of the Gib'e-ōn-ites, and they hanged them in the hill before the LORD: and they fell all seven together, and wēre put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley-harvest.

10 And Riz'pâh the daughter of Ā-ī'āh took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the fiēld by night.

11 And it was told Dā'vid what Riz'pâh the daughter of Ā-ī'āh, the concubine of Sâul, had done.

12 And Dā'vid went and took the bones of Sâul, and the bones of Jôn'a-thân his son, from the men of Jā'bēsh-Gil'e-ād, which had stolen them from the street of Bēth'shān, where the Phi-lis'tines had hanged them, when the Phi-lis'tines had slain Sâul in Gil'bo-ā:

13 And he brought up from thence the bones of Sâul and the bones of Jôn'a-thân his son; and they gāthered the bones of them that wēre hanged.

14 And the bones of Sâul and Jôn'a-thân his son buried they in the country of Bēn'ja-min in Zē'lāh, in the sēpulchre of Kish his father; and they pērfōrm'ed all that the king cōmmān'd'ed: and āfter that, God was entreated for the land.

15 ¶ Moreover, the Phi-lis'tines had yet war āgain' with Iſ'ra-ël; and Dā'vid went down, and his sērvants with him, and fought āgainst' the Phi-lis'tines; and Dā'vid waxed faint.

16 And Ish'bi-Bē'nōb, which was of the sons of the giant, (the weight of whose spear weigh'ed three hundred shekels of brāss in weight,) he, being girded with a new swōrd, thought to have slain Dā'vid:

17 But Ā-bīsh'a-ī the son of Zēr-u-ī'āh succoured him, and smote the Phi-lis'tine,

and killed him. Then the men of Dā'vid swore unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Iſ'ra-ël.

18 And it came to pāss āfter this, that there was āgain' a battle with the Phi-lis'tines at Gōb: then Sib'be-ḡhāi the Hū'shāth-ite slew Sāph, which was of the sons of the giant.

19 And there was āgain' a battle in Gōb with the Phi-lis'tines, where Ēl-hā'nān the son of Jā-ār-e-ōr'e-gim, a Bēth'le-hēm-ite, slew the brōther of Gō-lī'āth the Git'tite, the stāff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

20 And there was yet a battle in Gāth, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant.

21 And when he defied Iſ'ra-ël, Jōn'a-thân, the son of Shim'e-ah, the brōther of Dā'vid, slew him.

22 These four wēre born to the giant in Gāth, and fell by the hand of Dā'vid, and by the hand of his sērvants.

CHAP. XXII.

AND Dā'vid spake unto the LORD the words of this song, in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Sâul:

2 And he said, The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

3 The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.

4 I will call on the LORD, who is wōrthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

5 When the waves of death cōm'pāssed me, the floods of ungodly men made me āfrāid;

6 The sorrows of hell cōm'pāssed me ābout'; the snares of death prevente I me.

7 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God; and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears.

8 Then the ēarth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because he was wroth.

9 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devour'ed: coals wēre kindled by it.

10 He bōwed the heavens also and came down; and darkness was under his fee:.

11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly and he was seen upon the wings of the wind.

12 And he made darkness pavilions round ābout' him, dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

13 Through the brightness before him wère coals of fire kindled.

14 The LORD thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered his voice.

15 And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discómfited them.

16 And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world wère discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blást of the breath of his nostrils.

17 He sent from ábove, he took me; he drew me out of many waters,

18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them that hated me: for they wère 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 delighted in me.

21 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

23 For all his judgments wère before me: and *as for* his statutes, I did not depart from them.

24 I was also upright before him, and have kept myself from mine iniquity.

25 Thèrefore the LORD hath recompensed me according to my righteousness; according to my cleanness in his eyesight.

26 With the mē'cifül thou wilt show thyself mē'cifül, and with the upright man thou wilt show thyself upright.

27 With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure; and with the frö'wård thou wilt show thyself unsavoury.

28 And the afflicted people thou wilt save: but thine eyes *are* upon the haughty, that thou mayst bring them down.

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* pèrfect; 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 pèrfect.

34 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet; and setteth me upon my high places.

35 He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bōw of steel *is* broken by mine arms.

36 Thou hast also given me the shiëld of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great.

37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip.

38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destrōy'ed them; and turned not ágain' until I had consumed them.

39 And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise. yea, they *are* fallen under my feet.

40 For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up ágainst' me hast thou subdued under me.

41 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destrōy' 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 éarth, I did stamp them as the mire of the street, and did spread them ábroád.

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 sèrve me.

45 Strängers shall submit themselves unto me: as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me.

46 Strängers shall fade áwáy, and they shall be áfráid out of their close places.

47 The LORD liveth; and blès'sed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.

48 It *is* God that ávèngeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me,

49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me up on high ábove them that rose up ágainst' me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

50 Thèrefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, ámong the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.

51 *He* *is* the tower of salvation for his king; and showeth mērcy to his anointed, unto Dā'vid, and to his seed for evermore.

CHAP. XXIII.

NOW these *be* the last words of Dā'vid. Dā'vid the son of Jēs'se said, and the man *who was* raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Já'cōb, and the sweet psalmist of Iṣ'ra-ël, said,

2 The Spīr'it of the LORD spake by me, and his word *was* in my tōngue.

3 The God of Iṣ'ra-ël said, The Rock of Iṣ'ra-ël spake to me, He that ruleth over men *must be* just, ruling in the fear of God:

4 And *he shall be* as the light of the morning, *when* the sun riseth, *even* a morning without clouds; *as* the tender gräss springing out of the éarth by clear shining áfter rain.

5 Although my house *be* not so with God; yet he hath made with me an évér-lásting cōvenant, 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 Bē'li-āl shall be all of them as thorns thrust āwāy, because they cannot be taken with hands.

7 But the man *that* shall touch them must be fenced with iron, and the staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the *same* place.

8 ¶ These *be* the names of the mighty men whom Dā'vid had: The Tāch'mōn-ite that sat in the seat, chief āmōng the cāp'tains; the same *was* ād'i-nō the Ēz'nite; *he lifted up his spear* āgainst' eight hundred, whom he slew at one time.

9 And āfter him *was* E-le-āzār, the son of Dō'dō the Ā-hō'hīte, *one* of the three mighty men with Dā'vid, when they defied the Phi-lis'tines *that* wēre there gāthered togēther to battle, and the men of Iṣ'ra-ēl wēre gone āwāy:

10 He ārose, and smote the Phi-lis'tines 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 āfter him only to spoil.

11 And āfter him *was* Shām'māh the son of Āg'e-ē the Hā'ra-rite: and the Phi-lis'tines wēre gāthered togēther into a troop, where *was* a piēce of ground full of lēn'tiles; and the people fled from the Phi-lis'tines:

12 But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Phi-lis'tines: and the LORD wrought a great victory.

13 And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to Dā'vid in the harvest-time unto the cave of Ā-dūl lām: and the troop of the Phi-lis'tines pitched in the valley of Rēph'a-īm.

14 And Dā'vid *was* then in a hold, and the garrison of the Phi-lis'tines *was* then in Bēth'le-hēm.

15 And Dā'vid longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bēth'le-hēm, which *is* by the gate!

16 And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Phi-lis'tines, and drew water out of the well of Bēth'le-hēm, that *was* by the gate, and took *it*, and brought *it* to Dā'vid: 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 the men that went in jāop'ārdy of their lives? Thērefōre he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.

18 And Ā-bīsh'a-ī, the brōther of Jō'āb, the son of Zēr-u-ī'āh, *was* chief āmōng three: and he lifted up his spear āgainst'

three hundred, and slew them, and had the name āmōng three.

19 Was he not most hōn'ourable of three? thērefōre he *was* their cāp'tain: howbeit he attained not unto the *first* three.

20 And Bēn-āi'āh¹ the son of Jē-hōi'adā, the son of a valiant man, of Kāb'ze-ēl, who had done many acts; he slew two lion-like men of Mō'āb: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow.

21 And he slew an Ē-gy'p'ti-ān, a goodly man: and the Ē-gy'p'ti-ān had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Ē-gy'p'ti-ān's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

22 These *things* did Bēn-āi'āh the son of Jē-hōi'adā, and had the name āmōng three mighty men.

23 He *was* more hōn'ourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the *first* three: and Dā'vid set him over his guard.

24 Āṣ'a-hēl the brōther of Jō'āb *was* one of the thirty; Ēl-hā'nān the son of Dō'dō of Bēth'le-hēm,

25 Shām'māh the Hā'rōd-ite, Ēl'i-kā the Hā'rōd-ite,

26 Hē'lēz the Pāl'tite, I'rā the son of Ik'kēsh the Tē-kō'ite,

27 Ā-bi-ē'zēr the Ān'e-thōth-ite, Mē-būn'nai the Hū'shāth-ite,

28 Zāl'mōn the Ā-hō'hīte, Ma-hār'a-ī the Nē-tōph'a-thīte,

29 Hē'lēb the son of Bā'a-nāh, a Nē-tōph'a-thīte; I'ta-i the son of Ri'bāi, out of Gib'e-āh of the children of Bēn'ja-mīn,

30 Bēn-āi'āh the Pir'a-thōn-ite,² Hid'da-i of the brooks of Gā'āsh,

31 Ā-bi-āl'bōn the Ār'bāth-ite, Āz'ma-vēth the Bār-hū'mīte,

32 Ē-lī'ah-bā the Shā-āl'bōn-ite; of the sons of Jā'shēn, Jōn'a-thān,

33 Shām'māh the Hā'ra-rite, Ā-hī'ām the son of Shā'rār the Hā'ra-rite,

34 Ē-līph'e-lēt the son of Ā-hāṣ'ba-ī, the son of the Mā'a-ghāth-ite; Ē-lī'ām the son of Ā-hīth'o-phēl the Gī'lo-nite,

35 Hēz'ra-ī the Çār'mēl-ite, Pā'a-rāi the Ār'bīte,

36 I'gāl the son of Nā'thān of Zō'bāh, Bā'nī the Gād'ite,

37 Zē'lēk the Ām'mōn-ite; Na-hār'a-ī the Bē-ērōth-ite, armour-bearer to Jō'āb the son of Zēr-u-ī'āh,

38 I'rā an Ith'rite, Gārēb an Ith'rite,

39 Ū-rī'āh the Hit'tite: thirty and seven in all.

CHAP. XXIV.

AND āgain' the anger of the LORD *was* kindled āgainst' Iṣ'ra-ēl, and he moved Dā'vid āgainst' them to say, Go, number Iṣ'ra-ēl and Jū'dāh.

2 For the king said to Jō'āb the cāp't-

¹ Bēn-ā'yāh.

² Pēr'a-thōn-ite.

tain of the host, which *was* with him, Go now through all the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl, from Dān even to Bē-ēr'she-bā, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people.

3 And Jō'āb said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, a hundredfold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see it: but why dóth my lord the king delight in this thing?

4 Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed āgainst' Jō'āb, and āgainst' the cāp'tains of the host: and Jō'āb and the cāp'tains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

5 And they pāsseed over Jōr'dān, and pitched in Ār'o-er, on the right side of the city that *lieth* in the midst of the river of Gād, and tō'wārd Jā'zér:

6 Then they came to Gil'e-ād, and to the land of Tāh'tim-Hōd'shī; and they came to Dān-jā'ān, and ābout' to Zī'dōn,

7 And came to the strong hold of Týre, and to all the cities of the Hī'vītes, and of the Čān'aān-ītes: and they went out to the south of Jū'dāh, *even* to Bē-ēr'she-bā.

8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Je-rū'sa-lēm at the end of nine mōnths and twenty days.

9 And Jō'āb gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king: and there wēre in Iṣ'ra-ēl eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the swōrd; and the men of Jū'dāh wēre five hundred thousand men.

10 And Dā'vid's heart smote him āfter that he had numbered the people. And Dā'vid said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take āwāy the iniquity of thy sērvant; for I have done very foolishly.

11 For when Dā'vid was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gād, Dā'vid's seer, saying,

12 Go and say unto Dā'vid, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three *things*; chōōse thee one of them, that I may *do it* unto thee.

13 So Gād came to Dā'vid, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three mōnths before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? Now advise, and see what ānswer I shall return to him that sent me.

14 And Dā'vid said unto Gād, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD, (for his mērcies āre

great,) and let me not fall into the hand of man.

15 So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Iṣ'ra-ēl, from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people, from Dān even to Bē-ēr'she-bā, seventy thousand men.

16 And when the āngel stretched out his hand upon Je-rū'sa-lēm to dēstrōy' it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the āngel that dēstrōy'ed the people, It is enough; stay now thine hand. And the āngel of the LORD was by the threshing-place of Ā-rāu'nāh the Jēb'u-site.

17 And Dā'vid spake unto the LORD, when he saw the āngel 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 āgainst' me, and āgainst' my father's house.

18 And Gād came that day to Dā'vid, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshing-floor of Ā-rāu'nāh the Jēb'u-site.

19 And Dā'vid, according to the saying of Gād, went up, as the LORD cōm-mānd'ed.

20 And Ā-rāu'nāh looked, and saw the king and his sērvants coming on tō'wārd him: and Ā-rāu'nāh went out, and bōwed himself before the king on his face upon the ground.

21 And Ā-rāu'nāh said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his sērvant? And Dā'vid said, To buy the threshing-floor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

22 And Ā-rāu'nāh said unto Dā'vid, Let my lord the king take and offer up what *seemeth* good unto him: behold, *here* be oxen for burnt-sāc'rifice, and threshing instruments and *other* instruments of the oxen for wood.

23 All these *things* did Ā-rāu'nāh, as a king, give unto the king: and Ā-rāu'nāh said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee.

24 And the king said unto Ā-rāu'nāh, 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 dóth cost me nōthing. So Dā'vid bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25 And Dā'vid built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings. So the LORD was entreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Iṣ'ra-ēl.

¶ The FIRST Book of the KINGS, commonly called, The THIRD Book of the KINGS.

CHAPTER I.

NOW king Dā'vid was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat.

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

3 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Iſ'ra-ël, and found Ab'i-shäg a Shū'nām-ite, and brought her to the king.

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

5 ¶ Then Ad-o-ni'jah the son of Häg'gith 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 móther bare him áfter Ab'sa-lóm.

7 And he conferred with Jō'ab the son of Zēr-u-i'áh, and with Ab'i-a-thär the priest: and they, following Ad-o-ni'jah, helped him.

8 But Zädök the priest, and Bën-ái'äh the son of Jē-hó'i'a-dä, and Nät'hän the prophet, and Shím'e-i, and Rē'i, and the mighty men which belonged to Dā'vid, were not with Ad-o-ni'jah.

9 And Ad-o-ni'jah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zō'he-léth, which is by En-rō'gél, and called all his brēthren the king's sons, and all the men of Jūdáh the king's servants:

10 But Nät'hän the prophet, and Bën-ái'äh, and the mighty men, and Söl'o-mön his bróther, he called not.

11 Wherefore Nät'hän spake unto Bät'h'she-bä the móther of Söl'o-mön, saying, Hast thou not heard that Ad-o-ni'jah the son of Häg'gith dóth reign, and Dä'vid our lord knoweth it not?

12 Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayst save thine own life, and the life of thy son Söl'o-mön.

13 Go and get thee in unto king Dä'vid, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Söl'o-mön thy son shall

reign áfter me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then dóth Ad-o-ni'jah reign?

14 Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in áfter thee, and confirm¹ thy words.

15 And Bät'h'she-bä went in unto the king into the chámber: and the king was very old; and Ab'i-shäg the Shū'nām-ite ministered unto the king.

16 And Bät'h'she-bä bowed, and did obeisance² unto the king. And the king said, What wouldst thou?

17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Söl'o-mön thy son shall reign áfter me, and he shall sit upon my throne:

18 And now, behold, Ad-o-ni'jah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest it not:

19 And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Ab'i-a-thär the priest, and Jō'ab the cäp'tain of the host: but Söl'o-mön thy servant hath he not called.

20 And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Iſ'ra-ël are upon thee, that thou shouldst tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king áfter him.

21 Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Söl'o-mön shall be counted offenders.

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

23 And they told the king, saying, Behold, Nät'hän 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 Nät'hän said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Ad-o-ni'jah shall reign áfter 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 cäp'tains of the host, and Ab'i-a-thär the priest: and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Ad-o-ni'jah.

26 But me, even me thy servant, and Zädök the priest, and Bën-ái'äh the son of Jē-hó'i'a-dä, and thy servant Söl'o-mön, hath he not called.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not showed it unto

¹ kōn'fērm'.

² ö-bä'sänse.

thy sērvant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king āfter him?

28 Then king Dā'vid ānswered and said, Call me Bāth'she-bā. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king.

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

30 Even as I swarc unto thee by the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, saying, Assuredly Söl'o-môn thy son shall reign āfter me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I cēr'tainly do this day.

31 Then Bāth'she-bā bōwed with *her* face to the ēarth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king Dā'vid live for ever.

32 And king Dā'vid said, Call me Zā'dōk the priest, and Nā'thān the prophet, and Bēn-ā'ī'āh the son of Jē-hōi'a-dā. And they came before the king.

33 The king also said unto them, Take with you the sērvants of your lord, and cause Söl'o-môn my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gī'hōn:

34 And let Zā'dōk the priest and Nā'thān the prophet anoint him there king over Iṣ'ra-ēl: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Söl'o-mōn.

35 Then ye shall come up āfter 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl and over Jū'dāh.

36 And Bēn-ā'ī'āh the son of Jē-hōi'a-dā ānswered the king, and said, Ā'mēn': the LORD God of my lord the king say so *too*.

37 As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Söl'o-mōn, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king Dā'vid.

38 So Zā'dōk the priest, and Nā'thān the prophet, and Bēn-ā'ī'āh the son of Jē-hōi'a-dā, and the Čhēr'ēth-ites, and the Pē'lēth-ites, went down, and caused Söl'o-mōn to ride upon king Dā'vid's mule, and brought him to Gī'hōn.

39 And Zā'dōk the priest took a horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Söl'o-mōn. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Söl'o-mōn.

40 And all the people came up āfter him; and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the ēarth rent with the sound of them.

41 And Ād-o-nī'jāh, and all the guests that *wēre* with him, heard *it*, as they had made an end of eating. And when Jō'āb heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore *is* this noise of the city being in an uproar?

42 And while he yet spake, behold, Jōn'a-thān the son of Ā-bī'a-thār the priest came: and Ād-o-nī'jāh said unto him,

Come in; for thou *art* a valiant man, and bringest good tidings.

43 And Jōn'a-thān ānswered and said to Ād-o-nī'jāh, Verily our lord king Dā'vid hath made Söl'o-mōn king.

44 And the king hath sent with him Zā'dōk the priest, and Nā'thān the prophet, and Bēn-ā'ī'āh the son of Jē-hōi'a-dā, and the Čhēr'ēth-ites, and the Pē'lēth-ites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule:

45 And Zā'dōk the priest and Nā'thān the prophet have anointed him king in Gī'hōn; and they āre come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang āgain'. This *is* the noise that ye have heard.

46 And also Söl'o-mōn sitteth on the throne of the kingdom.

47 And, moreover, the king's sērvants came to bless our lord king Dā'vid, saying, God make the name of Söl'o-mōn better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king bōwed himself upon the bed.

48 And also thus said the king, Blēs' sed *be* the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, which hath given *one* to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing *it*.

49 And all the guests that *wēre* with Ād-o-nī'jāh wēre āfrāid, and rose up, and went every man his way.

50 And Ād-o-nī'jāh feared because of Söl'o-mōn, and ārōṣe, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

51 And it was told Söl'o-mōn, saying, Behold, Ād-o-nī'jāh feareth king Söl'o-mōn: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Söl'o-mōn swear unto me to-day, that he will not slay his sērvant with the swōrd.

52 And Söl'o-mōn said, If he will show himself a wōrthy man, there shall not a hair of him fall to the ēarth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.

53 So king Söl'o-mōn sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bōwed himself to king Söl'o-mōn: and Söl'o-mōn said unto him, Go to thine house.

CHAP. II.

NOW the days of Dā'vid drew nigh that he should die: and he charged Söl'o-mōn his son, saying,

2 I go the way of all the ēarth: be thou strong there'fore, and show thyself a man;

3 And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his cōmmāndments, and his judgments, and his tēs'timōnies, as it is written in the law of Mō'sēs, that *thou* mayst prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself;

4 That the LORD may continue his word, which he spake cōncēring me, saying, If thy children take heed to their

way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

5 Moreover, thou knowest also what Jō'āb the son of Zēr-u-ī'āh did to me, and what he did to the two cāp'tains of the hosts of Iṣ'ra-ēl, unto Āb'nér the son of Nēr, and unto Ām'a-sā the son of Jē'thér, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that *was* about' his loins, and in his shoes that *were* on his feet.

6 Do thère'fore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace.

7 But show kindness unto the sons of Bār-zil'la-ī the Gil'e-ād-ite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Āb'sa-lōm thy bróther.

8 And, behold, *thou hast* with thee Shim'e-ī the son of Gērā, a Bēn'ja-mīte of Ba-hū'rīm, which cursed me with a griēv'ous curse in the day when I went to Mā-ha-nā'im: but he came down to meet me at Jór'dān, and I swore to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword.

9 Now thère'fore hold him not guiltless; for thou *art* a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with blood.

10 So Dā'vid slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of Dā'vid.

11 And the days that Dā'vid reigned over Iṣ'ra-ēl *were* forty years: seven years reigned he in He'brōn, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jē-rú'sa-lēm.

12 Then sat Sōl'o-mōn upon the throne of Dā'vid his father; and his kingdom was estāb'lished greatly.

13 And Ād-o-nī'jāh the son of Hāg'gāth came to Bāth'she-bā the móther of Sōl'o-mōn. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.

14 He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on.

15 And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and *that* all Iṣ'ra-ēl set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about', and is become my bróther's; for it was his from the LORD.

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

17 And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Sōl'o-mōn the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me Āb'ī-shāg the Shū'nām-ite to wife.

18 And Bāth'she-bā said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king.

19 Bāth'she-bā thère'fore went unto king Sōl'o-mōn, to speak unto him for Ād-

o-nī'jāh. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's móther; and she sat on his right hand.

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

21 And she said, Let Āb'ī-shāg the Shū'nām-ite be given to Ād-o-nī'jāh thy bróther to wife.

22 And king Sōl'o-mōn answered and said unto his móther, And why dost thou ask Āb'ī-shāg the Shū'nām-ite for Ād-o-nī'jāh? ask for him the kingdom also; for he *is* mine elder bróther; even for him, and for Ā-b'ī'a-thār the priest, and for Jō'āb the son of Zēr-u-ī'āh.

23 Then king Sōl'o-mōn swore by the LORD, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Ād-o-nī'jāh have not spoken this word agāinst' his own life.

24 Now thère'fore, as the LORD liveth, which hath estāb'lished me, and set me on the throne of Dā'vid my father, and who hath made me a house, as he promised, Ād-o-nī'jāh shall be put to death this day.

25 And king Sōl'o-mōn sent by the hand of Bēn-āi'āh the son of Jē-hōi'a-dā; and he fell upon him that he died.

26 And unto Ā-b'ī'a-thār the priest said the king, Get thee to Ān'a-thōth, unto thine own fields; for thou *art* worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the LORD GOD before Dā'vid my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.

27 So Sōl'o-mōn thrust out Ā-b'ī'a-thār from being priest unto the LORD; that he might fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spake concērn'ing the house of E'ti in Shiloh.

28 Then tidings came to Jō'āb: (for Jō'āb had turned after Ād-o-nī'jāh, though he turned not after Āb'sa-lōm;) and Jō'āb fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

29 And it was told king Sōl'o-mōn that Jō'āb was fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD; and, behold, *he is* by the altar. Then Sōl'o-mōn sent Bēn-āi'āh the son of Jē-hōi'a-dā, saying, Go fall upon him.

30 And Bēn-āi'āh 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 Bēn-āi'āh brought the king word agāin', saying, Thus saith Jō'āb, and thus he answered me.

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

32 And the LORD shall return his blood

upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father Dá'vid not knowing thereof, to wit, Áb'nér the son of Nér, cáp'tain of the host of Ís'ra-él, and Ám'a-sá the son of Jé'thér, cáp'tain of the host of Jü'dáh.

33 Their blood shall thêrê'fóre return upon the head of Jô'áb, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but upon Dá'vid, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace for ever from the LORD.

34 So Ben-ái'áh the son of Jē-hô'i'a-dā 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 Bēn-ái'áh the son of Jē-hô'i'a-dā in his room over the host; and Zádök the priest did the king put in the room of Á-b'i'a-thár.

36 ¶ And the king sent and called for Shim'e-i, and said unto him, Build thee a house in Jē-rú'sa-lēm, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither.

37 For it shall be, that on the day thou goest out, and pássest over the brook Kid'rôn, thou shalt know for cêr'tain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head.

38 And Shim'e-i said unto the king, The saying is good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy sêrvant do. And Shim'e-i dwelt in Jē-rú'sa-lēm many days.

39 And it came to pass, at the end of three years, that two of the sêrvants of Shim'e-i ran áway unto Á'chish son of Má'a-cháh, king of Gáth: and they told Shim'e-i, saying, Behold, thy sêrvants be in Gáth.

40 And Shim'e-i áróse, and saddled his ass, and went to Gáth, to Á'chish, to seek his sêrvants: and Shim'e-i went, and brought his sêrvants from Gáth.

41 And it was told Söl'o-mön that Shim'e-i had gone from Jē-rú'sa-lēm to Gáth, and was come ágain'.

42 And the king sent and called for Shim'e-i, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the LORD, and protested unto thee, saying, Know for a cêr'tain, that on the day thou goest out, and walkest ábroád any whither, that thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, The word that I have hêard is good.

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

44 The king said, moreover, to Shim'e-i, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to Dá'vid my father: thêrê'fóre the LORD shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head:

45 And king Söl'o-mön shall be blêss'ed, and the throne of Dá'vid shall be êstáb'lished before the LORD for ever

46 So the king cômmand'ed Bēn-ái'áh the son of Jē-hô'i'a-dā; which went out, and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdóm was êstáb'lished in the hand of Söl'o-mön.

CHAP. III.

AND Söl'o-mön made affinity with Phá-raôh king of E'gypt, and took Phá-raôh's dáughter, and brought her into the city of Dá'vid, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of Jē-rú'sa-lēm round ábout.

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

3 And Söl'o-mön loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of Dá'vid his father: only he sâc'rificed and burnt incense in high places.

4 And the king went to Gib'e-ôn to sâc'rifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt-offerings did Söl'o-mön offer up on that altar.

5 In Gib'e-ôn the LORD appeared to Söl'o-mön in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

6 And Söl'o-mön said, Thou hast showed unto thy sêrvant Dá'vid my father great mércy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightnes of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy sêrvant king instead of Dá'vid my father; and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

8 And thy sêrvant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

9 Give thêrê'fóre thy sêrvant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may disçern' between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

10 And the speech pleased the LORD, that Söl'o-mön had ásked this thing.

11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast ásked this thing, and hast not ásked for thyself long life; nêither hast ásked riches for thyself, nor hast ásked the life of thine enemies; but hast ásked for thyself understanding to disçern' judgment;

12 Behold, I have done according to thy word: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, nêither áfter thee shall any árise like unto thee.

13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not ásked, both riches and hön'our; so that there shall not be any ámong the kings like unto thee all thy days.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my cōmmāndments, as thy father Dā'vid did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

15 And Söl'o-mön āwōke; and, behold, *it was* a dream. And he came to Jē-rū'salēm, and stood before the ark of the cōvenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt-offerings, and offered peace-offerings, and made a feast to all his sērvants.

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

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

18 And it came to pāss, the third day āfter that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we *wēre* togēther; *there was* no strānger with us in the house, save we two in the house.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 Then spake the woman whose the living child *was* unto the king, (for her bowels yēarned upon her son,) and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be nēither mine nor thine, *but* divide it.

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

28 And all Iṣ'ra-ēl hēard 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.

CHAP. IV.

SO king Söl'o-mön was king over all Iṣ'ra-ēl.

2 And these *wēre* the princes which he had; Az-a-ri'āh the son of Zā'dōk the priest;

3 Ēl-i-hō'rēph and Ā-hi'āh, the sons of Shī'shā, scribes; Jē-hōsh'a-phāt the son of Ā-hi'lūd, the recorder.

4 And Bēn-āi'āh the son of Jē-hōi'a-dā *was* over the host; and Zā'dōk and Ā-bi'a-thār *wēre* the priests;

5 And Az-a-ri'āh the son of Nā'thān *was* over the officers; and Za'būd the son of Nā'thōn *was* principal officer, and the king's friend;

6 And Ā-hi'shār *was* over the household; and Ā-dōn-i'rām the son of Āb'dā *was* over the tribute.

7 And Söl'o-mön had twelve officers over all Iṣ'ra-ēl, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision.

8 And these *āre* their names: The son of Ilūr, in mount E'phra'im.

9 The son of Dē'kār, in Mā'kāz, and in Shā-āl'bin, and Bēth'she-mēsh, and E'lōn-Bēth'ha-nān.

10 The son of Hē'sēd, in Ār'u-bōth; to him *pērtāined* Sō'chōh, and all the land of Hē'phēr.

11 The son of Ā-bin'a-dāb, in all the region of Dōr; which had Tā'phāth the daughter of Söl'o-mön to wife.

12 Bā'a-nā, the son of Ā-hi'lūd; *to him pērtāined* Tā'a-nāch and Mē-gid'dō, and all Bēth'she-ān, which *is* by Zār'ta-nāh beneath Jéz're-ēl, from Bēth'she-ān to Ā'bēl-Mē-hō'lāh, *even unto the place that is beyond* Jōk'ne-ām.

13 The son of Gē'bēr, in Rā'mōth-Gil'e-ād; *to him pērtāined* the towns of Jā'ir the son of Ma-nās'seh, which *āre* in Gil'e-ād: *to him also pērtāined* the region of Ār'gōb, which *is* in Bā'shān, threescore great cities, with walls and brazen bars.

14 Ā-hin'a-dāb the son of Īd'dō *had* Mā-ha-nā'im.

15 Ā-him'a-āz *was* in Nāph'ta-l; he also took Bās'māth the daughter of Söl'o-mön to wife.

16 Bā'a-nāh the son of Hū'shāi *was* in Āsh'er and in Ā'lōth.

17 Jē-hōsh'a-phāt the son of Pār'u-āh in Iṣ'a-chār.

18 Shīm'e-ī the son of E'lāh in Bēn'jamīn.

19 Gē'bēr the son of Ū'rī *was* in the country of Gil'e-ād, in the country of Sī'hōn king of the Ām'o-rites, and of Ōg king of Bā'shān; and *he was* the only officer which *was* in the land.

20 ¶ Jū'dāh and Iṣ'ra-ēl *wēre* many, as the sand which *is* by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.

21 And Söl'o-mön reigned over all kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Phi-lis'tines, and unto the border of E'

gypt: they brought presents, and served Söl'o-môn all the days of his life.

22 And Söl'o-môn's provision for one day was thirty mēaš'ures of fine flour, and threescore mēaš'ures of meal,

23 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pās'tures, and a hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallow deer, and fatted fowl.

24 For he had dominion over all the *re-gion* on this side the river, from Tiph'sūh even to Az'zāh, over all the kings on this side the river: and he had peace on all sides round ābout' him.

25 And Jūdāh and İš'ra-ēl dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig-tree, from Dān even to Bē-ēr'she-bā, all the days of Söl'o-môn.

26 And Söl'o-môn had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

27 And those officers provided victual for king Söl'o-môn, and for all that came unto king Söl'o-môn's table, every man in his month: they lacked nōthing.

28 Barley also and straw for the horses and dróm'edaries brought they unto the place where the *officers* wēre, every man according to his charge.

29 And God gave Söl'o-môn wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea-shore.

30 And Söl'o-môn's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Ē'gypt.

31 For he was wiser than all men; than Ē'thān the Ēz'ra-hite, and Hē'mān, and Čhāl'çöl, and Dār'dā, the sons of Mā'höl: and his fame was in all nations round ābout'.

32 And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs wēre a thousand and five.

33 And he spake of trees, from the cedar-tree that is in Lēb'a-nōn even unto the hÿš'šóp that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

34 And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Söl'o-môn, from all kings of the ěarth, which had heard of his wisdom.

CHAP. V.

AND Hī'rām king of Tÿre sent his sēr-vants unto Söl'o-môn; (for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father;) for Hī'rām was ever a lover of Dā'vid.

2 And Söl'o-môn sent to Hī'rām, saying,

3 Thou knowest how that Dā'vid my father could not build a house unto the name of the LORD his God, for the wars which wēre ābout' him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

4 But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is nēither ād'vērsary nor evil occurrent.

5 And, behold, I purpose to build a house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto Dā'vid my father, saying, Thy son whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build a house unto my name.

6 Now thēr'fōre cōmmānd' thou that they hew me cedar-trees out of Lēb'a-nōn; and my sēr-vants shall be with thy sēr-vants; and unto thee will I give hire for thy sēr-vants, according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that *there* is not āmōng us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Si-dō'nī-āns.

7 And it came to pās, when Hī'rām heard the words of Söl'o-môn, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blēs'sed be the LORD this day, which hath given unto Dā'vid a wise son over this great people.

8 And Hī'rām sent to Söl'o-môn, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for: and I will do all thy desire cōncēr'ning timber of cedar, and cōncēr'ning timber of fir.¹

9 My sēr-vants shall bring *them* down from Lēb'a-nōn unto the sea; and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive *them*: and thou shalt accomplish my desire in giving food for my household.

10 So Hī'rām gave Söl'o-môn cedar-trees and fir-trees, according to all his desire.

11 And Söl'o-môn gave Hī'rām twenty thousand mēaš'ures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty mēaš'ures of pure oil: thus gave Söl'o-môn to Hī'rām year by year.

12 And the LORD gave Söl'o-môn wisdom, as he promised him; and there was peace between Hī'rām and Söl'o-môn; and they two made a league togēther.

13 And king Söl'o-môn raised a levy out of all İš'ra-ēl; and the levy was thirty thousand men.

14 And he sent them to Lēb'a-nōn, ten thousand a mōnth by courses; a mōnth they wēre in Lēb'a-nōn, and two mōnths at home: and Ā-dōn-ī'rām was over the levy.

15 And Söl'o-môn had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mōun'tāins;

16 Besides the chief of Söl'o-môn's officers which wēre over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work.

17 And the king cōmmān'ded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.

13 And Söl'o-mön's builders and Hi-räm's builders did hew *them*, and the stone-squarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

CHAP. VI.

AND it came to päss, in the four hundred and eightieth year äfter the children of İş'ra-ël were come out of the land of E'g'ÿpt, in the fourth year of Söl'o-mön's reign over İş'ra-ël, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD.

2 And the house which king Söl'o-mön built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.

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

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

5 And ägainst' the wall of the house he built chambers round äbout', ägainst' the walls of the house round äbout', both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made chambers round äbout'.

6 The nëthermost 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 narrowed rests round äbout', that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the house.

7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was nëither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron, heard in the house while it was in building.

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

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

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

11 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Söl'o-mön, saying,

12 Cöncër'n'ing this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my cömmänd'ments to walk in them; then will I përförm' my word with thee, which I spake unto Dä'vid thy father:

13 And I will dwell ämong the children of İş'ra-ël, and will not forsake my people İş'ra-ël.

14 So Söl'o-mön built the house, and finished it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 So Söl'o-mön overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold.

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

29 And he carved all the walls of the house round äbout' with carved figures of cherubims and pälm-trees and open flowers, within and without.

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

31 And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive-tree: the lintel

and side-posts *were* a fifth part of the wall.

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

33 So also 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 Bül, (which is the eighth month,) was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

CHAP. VII.

BUT Söl'o-mön was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

2 He built also the house of the forest of Léb'a-nön; the length thereof *was* a hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.

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

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

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

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

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

8 And his house where he dwelt had another court within the porch, which was of the like work. Söl'o-mön made also a house for Phä'raöh's daughter, whom he had taken to wife, like unto this porch.

9 All these *were* of costly stones, (according to the measures of hewed stones, sawed with saws,) within and without,

even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the outside toward the great court.

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

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

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

13 ¶ And king Söl'o-mön sent, and fetched Hî'räm out of Tyre.

14 He *was* a widow's son of the tribe of Nāph'ta-lî, and his father *was* a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Söl'o-mön, and wrought all his work.

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

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

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

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

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

20 And the chapters upon the two pillars had pomegranates also above, over against the belly which *was* by the net-work: and the pomegranates *were* two hundred, in rows round about upon the other chapter.

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 Jā'ehin; and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof Bō'áz.

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, côm'pássing the sea round 'ábout': the knops wêre cást in two rows, when it was cást.

25 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking tó'wárd the north, and three looking tó'wárd the west, and three looking tó'wárd the south, and three looking tó'wárd the east: and the sea was set 'ábove upon them, and all their hinder parts wêre in'wárd.

26 And it was a hand-breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand bāths.

27 And he made ten bases of bräss: four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the heīght of it.

28 And the work of the bases was on this manner: they had borders, and the borders wêre between the ledges:

29 And on the borders that wêre between the ledges wêre lions, oxen, and cherubims: and upon the ledges there was a base 'ábove: and beneath the lions and oxen wêre cêr'tain additions made of thin work.

30 And every base had four brazen wheels, and plates of bräss; and the four corners thereof had undersetters: under the laver wêre undersetters molten, at the side of every addition.

31 And the mouth of it, within the chapter and 'ábove, was a cubit: but the mouth thereof was round, 'áfter the work of the base, a cubit and a half; and also upon the mouth of it wêre gravings with their borders, foursquare, not round.

32 And under the borders wêre four wheels; and the axle-trees of the wheels wêre joined to the base, and the heīght of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit.

33 And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot-wheel; their axle-trees, and their naves, and their fellows, and their spokes, wêre all molten.

34 And there wêre four undersetters to the four corners of one base: and the undersetters wêre of the very base itself.

35 And in the top of the base was there a round côm'pás of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base, the ledges thereof, and the borders thereof, wêre of the same.

36 For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and pálm-trees, according to the proportion of every one, and additions round 'ábout'.

37 'Áfter this manner he made the ten bases: all of them had one cás'ting, one mēas'ure, and one size.

38 Then made he ten lavers of bräss: one laver contained forty bāths; and every laver was four cubits: and upon every one of the ten bases one laver.

39 And he put five bases on the right

side of the house, and five on the left side of the house; and he set the sea on the right side of the house east'wárd, over 'ágainst' the south.

40 And Hî'rām made the lavers, and the shóvels, and the basins. So Hî'rām made an end of doing all the work that he made king Sól'o-môn for the house of the LORD;

41 The two pillars, and the two bowls of the chapters that wêre on the top of the two pillars; and the two net-works, to cöver the two bowls of the chapters which wêre upon the top of the pillars;

42 And four hundred pómegrán'átes for the two net-works, even two rows of pómegrán'átes for one net-work, to cöver the two bowls of the chapters that wêre upon the pillars;

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

44 And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea;

45 And the pots, and the shóvels, and the basins: and all these vessels, which Hî'rām made to king Sól'o-môn for the house of the LORD, wêre of bright bräss.

46 In the plain of Jór'dán did the king cást them, in the clay ground between Súc'cóth and Zár'thán.

47 And Sól'o-môn left all the vessels unweighed, because they wêre exceeding many: néither was the weight of the bräss found out.

48 And Sól'o-môn made all the vessels that pertáined unto the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the show-bread was,

49 And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold:

50 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers, of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple.

51 So was ended all the work that king Sól'o-môn made for the house of the LORD. And Sól'o-môn brought in the things which Dá'vid his father had dedicated; even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the tréas'ures of the house of the LORD.

CHAP. VIII.

THEN Sól'o-môn assembled the elders of Íš'ra-él, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Íš'ra-él, unto king Sól'o-môn in Jê-rú'sa-lém, that they might bring up the ark of the covenánt of the LORD out of the city of Dá'vid, which is Zí'on.

2 And all the men of Íš'ra-él assembled themselves unto king Sól'o-môn at the

feast, in the month Êth'a-nim, which is the seventh month.

3 And all the elders of Iş'ra-ël came, and the priests took up the ark.

4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Lêvites bring up.

5 And king Söl'o-môn, and all the congregation of Iş'ra-ël, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims.

7 For the cherubims spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark, and the staves thereof, above.

8 And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day.

9 There was nothing in the ark, save the two tables of stone, which Mō'sēs put there at Hō'rēb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Iş'ra-ël, when they came out of the land of E'gypt.

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

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

12 Then spake Söl'o-môn, The LORD said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

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

14 And the king turned his face about, and blës'ed all the congregation of Iş'ra-ël: (and all the congregation of Iş'ra-ël stood:)

15 And he said, Blës'sed be the LORD God of Iş'ra-ël, which spake with his mouth unto Dā'vid my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying,

16 Since the day that I brought forth my people Iş'ra-ël out of E'gypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Iş'ra-ël to build a house, that my name might be therein; but I chose Dā'vid to be over my people Iş'ra-ël.

17 And it was in the heart of Dā'vid my father to build a house for the name of the LORD God of Iş'ra-ël.

18 And the LORD said unto Dā'vid my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to

build a house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart:

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

20 And the LORD hath perform'ed his word that he spake; and I am risen up in the room of Dā'vid my father, and sit on the throne of Iş'ra-ël, as the LORD promised, and have built a house for the name of the LORD God of Iş'ra-ël.

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

22 And Söl'o-môn stood before the altar of the LORD, in the presence of all the congregation of Iş'ra-ël, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

23 And he said, LORD God of Iş'ra-ël, there is no god like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart;

24 Who hast kept with thy servant Dā'vid my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

25 Therē'fore now, LORD God of Iş'ra-ël, keep with thy servant Dā'vid my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Iş'ra-ël; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me, as thou hast walked before me.

26 And now, O God of Iş'ra-ël, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant Dā'vid my father.

27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, the heaven, and heaven of heavens, cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have build-ed!

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 to-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 mayst 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 Iş'ra-ël, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place; and when thou hearest, forgive.

31 If any man trēs'päss against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him

to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house :

32 Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy sêrvants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head ; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

33 When thy people Iş'ra-êl be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned āgainst' thee, and shall turn āgain' to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house :

34 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Iş'ra-êl, and bring them āgain' unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.

35 When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned āgainst' thee ; if they pray tō'wârd this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them :

36 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy sêrvants, and of thy people Iş'ra-êl, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

37 If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blâs'ting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar ; if their enemy besiêge them in the land of their cities, whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness, *there be* ;

38 What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Iş'ra-êl, which shall know every man the plague of his own hêart, and spread forth his hands tō'wârd this house :

39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose hêart thou knowest ; (for thou, *even* thou only, knowest the hêarts of all the children of men ;)

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

41 Moreover, cōncêrning a strānger that is not of thy people Iş'ra-êl, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake ;

42 (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched-out arm ;) when he shall come and pray tō'wârd this house :

43 Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the strānger calleth to thee for ; that all people of the êarth may know thy name, to fear thee, as *do* thy people Iş'ra-êl ; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name.

44 If thy people go out to battle āgainst' their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt

I mên-tāne'.

send them, and shall pray unto the LORD tō'wârd the city which thou hast chosen, and tō'wârd the house that I have built for thy name :

45 Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain¹ their cause.

46 If they sin āgainst' thee, (for *there is* no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them āway captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near ;

47 *Yet* if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they wêre carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done pèrverse'ly, we have committed wickedness ;

48 And *so* return unto thee with all their hêart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies which led them āway captive, and pray unto thee tō'wârd their land which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name :

49 Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling-place, and maintain their cause,

50 And forgive thy people that have sinned āgainst' thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed āgainst' thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them :

51 For they *be* thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Ê'gÿpt, from the midst of the furnace² of iron :

52 That thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy sêrvant, and unto the supplication of thy people Iş'ra-êl, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee ;

53 For thou didst separate them from āmōng all the people of the êarth, *to be* thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Mô'sês thy sêrvant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Ê'gÿpt, O Lord God.

54 ¶ And it was *so*, that when Sôlo-môn had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he ārōse from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

55 And he stood, and blêss'ed all the congregation of Iş'ra-êl with a loud voice, saying,

56 Blêss'ed *be* the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Iş'ra-êl, according to all that he promised : there hath not failed one word of all his good prom-

² fūr'nīs.

Söl'o-mön blesseth the congregation : I. KINGS. *his mutual presents with Hī'rām*

ise, which he promised by the hand of Mō'sēs his sērvant.

57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers : let him not leave us, nor forsake us ;

58 That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his cōmmānd'ments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he cōmmānd'ed 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 sērvant, and the cause of his people Iṣ'ra-ēl 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, thērē'fōre, be pērfect with the LORD, our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his cōmmānd'ments, as at this day.

62 ¶ And the king, and all Iṣ'ra-ēl with him, offered sāk'rifice before the LORD.

63 And Söl'o-mön offered a sāk'rifice of peace-offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl 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 offered burnt-offerings, and meat-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings ; because the brazen altar that was before the LORD was too little to receive the burnt-offerings and meat-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings.

65 And at that time Söl'o-mön held a feast, and all Iṣ'ra-ēl with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hā'māth unto the river of E'g'yp't, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, even fourteen days.

66 On the eighth day he sent the people āwāy : and they blēss'ed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart, for all the goodness that the LORD had done for Dā'vid his sērvant, and for Iṣ'ra-ēl his people.

CHAP. IX.

AND it came to pās, when Söl'o-mön had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Söl'o-mön's desire which he was pleased to do,

2 That the LORD appeared to Söl'o-mön the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gib'e-ōn.

3 And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication that thou hast made before me : I have hallowed this house which thou hast built,

to put my name there for ever ; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there pērpēt'ually.

4 And if thou wilt walk before me, as Dā'vid thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have cōmmānd'ed thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments ;

5 Then I will estāb'lish the throne of thy kingdom upon Iṣ'ra-ēl for ever, as I promised to Dā'vid thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

6 But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my cōmmānd'ments and my statutes which I have set before you, but do and sērvē other gods, and wōr'ship them ;

7 Then will I cut off Iṣ'ra-ēl out of the land which I have given them : and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cāst out of my sight ; and Iṣ'ra-ēl shall be a proverb and a by-word among all people :

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

9 And they shall ānswer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of E'g'yp't, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have wōr'shipped them, and sērvēd them : thērē'fōre hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

10 ¶ And it came to pās at the end of twenty years, when Söl'o-mön had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house,

11 (*Now Hī'rām the king of T'yre had furnished Söl'o-mön with cedar-trees, and fir-trees, and with gold, according to all his desire.*) that then king Söl'o-mön gave Hī'rām twenty cities in the land of Gāl'ilēe.

12 And Hī'rām came out from T'yre to see the cities which Söl'o-mön had given him ; and they pleased him not.

13 And he said, What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brōther ? And he called them the land of Čā'būl unto this day.

14 And Hī'rām sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.

15 And this is the reason of the levy which king Söl'o-mön raised, For to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Mil'lō, and the wall of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and Hā'zōr, and Mē-gid'dō, and Gēzér.

16 For Phā'raēh king of E'g'yp't had gone up and taken Gēzér, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Čān'aan-ites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a present unto his daughter, Söl'o-mön's wife.

17 And Söl'o-mön built Gēzér, and Bēth-hō'rōn the nēther,

18 And Bā'a-lāth, and Tād'mōr in the wilderness, in the land,

19 And all the cities of store that Söl'o-mōn had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Söl'o-mōn desired to build in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and in Lēb'a-nōn, and in all the land of his dominion.

20 And all the people that wēre left of the Ām'o-rites, Hī'tītes, Pēr'iz-zītes, Hī'vītes, and Jēb'u-sītes, which wēre not of the children of İ's'ra-ēl,

21 Their children that wēre left āfter them in the land, whom the children of İ's'ra-ēl also wēre not able utterly to dē-strōy, upon those did Söl'o-mōn levy a tribute of bond-sēr'vice unto this day.

22 But of the children of İ's'ra-ēl did Söl'o-mōn make no bondmen: but they wēre men of war, and his sēr'vants, and his princes, and his cā'ptūins, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

23 These wēre the chief of the officers that wēre over Söl'o-mōn's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.

24 But Phā'raoh's daughter came up out of the city of Dā'vid unto her house which Söl'o-mōn had built for her: then did he build Mī'lō.

25 And three times in a year did Söl'o-mōn 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 king Söl'o-mōn made a navy of ships in Ē'zi-ōn-Gēbēr, which is beside Ē'lōth, on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Ē'dōm.

27 And Hī'rām sent in the navy his sēr'vants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the sēr'vants of Söl'o-mōn.

28 And they came to Ō'phīr, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Söl'o-mōn.

CHAP. X.

AND when the queen of Shēbā hēard of the fame of Söl'o-mōn, cōncēr'ning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.

2 And she came to Jē-rū'sa-lēm with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Söl'o-mōn, she communed with him of all that was in her hēart.

3 And Söl'o-mōn told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not.

4 And when the queen of Shēbā had seen all Söl'o-mōn's wisdom, and the house that he had built,

5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his sēr'vants, and the attendance

of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cup-bearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I hēard 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 hēard.

8 Happy āre thy men, happy āre these thy sēr'vants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.

9 Blēs'sed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of İ's'ra-ēl: because the LORD loved İ's'ra-ēl for ever, thērē'fore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

10 And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Shēbā gave to king Söl'o-mōn.

11 And the navy also of Hī'rām, that brought gold from Ō'phīr, brought in from Ō'phīr 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 psālteries for singers: there came no such almug-trees, nor wēre seen unto this day.

13 And king Söl'o-mōn gave unto the queen of Shēbā all her desire, whatsoever she āsked, besides that which Söl'o-mōn gave her of his royal bounty: so she turned, and went to her own country, she and her sēr'vants.

14 Now the weight of gold that came to Söl'o-mōn in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold,

15 Besides that he had of the merchant-men, and of the traffick of the spice-mērchants, and of all the kings of Ā-rū'bi-ā, and of the governors of the country.

16 And king Söl'o-mōn made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of gold went to one target.

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

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 wēre stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays.

20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six

steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom.

21 And all king Söl'o-môn's drinking vessels *were* of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lëb'a-nôn *were* of pure gold; none *were* of silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Söl'o-môn.

22 For the king had at sea a navy of Thår'shish with the navy of Hí'rám: once in three years came the navy of Thår'shish, bringing gold and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

23 So king Söl'o-môn exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.

24 And all the earth sought to Söl'o-môn, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

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

26 And Söl'o-môn gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jë-rù'sa-lëm.

27 And the king made silver *to be* in Jë-rù'sa-lëm as stones, and cedars made he *to be* as the sycamore-trees that *are* in the vale, for abundance.

28 And Söl'o-môn had horses brought out of É'gypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

29 And a chariot came up and went out of É'gypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hit'tites, and for the kings of Sÿr'i-ä, did they bring *them* out by their means.

CHAP. XI.

BUT king Söl'o-môn loved many strange women, (together with the daughter of Phå'raöh,) women of the Mõ'ab-ites, Äm'môn-ites, É'döm-ites, Zi-dõ'ni-äns, and Hit'tites;

2 Of the nations *cõncë'ning* which the LORD said unto the children of Iş'ra-ël, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: *for* surely they will turn äwåy your heart äfter their gods. Söl'o-môn clave unto these in love.

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

4 For it came to pæss, when Söl'o-môn was old, *that* his wives turned äwåy his heart äfter other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of Dä'vid his father.

5 For Söl'o-môn went äfter Äsh'to-rëth the goddess of the Zi-dõ'ni-äns, and äfter Mil'çôm the abomination of the Äm'môn-ites.

6 And Söl'o-môn did evil in the sight

of the LORD, and went not fully äfter the LORD, as *did* Dä'vid his father.

7 Then did Söl'o-môn build a high place for Chë'mõsh, the abomination of Mõ'ab, in the hill that *is* before Jë-rù'sa-lëm; and for Mõ'lëch, the abomination of the children of Äm'môn.

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

9 And the LORD was angry with Söl'o-môn, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Iş'ra-ël, which had appeared unto him twice,

10 And had cõmmå'ded him cõncë'ning this thing, that he should not go äfter other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD cõmmå'ded.

11 Wherefore the LORD said unto Söl'o-môn, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my cõvenant and my statutes, which I have cõmmå'ded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy sèrvant.

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

13 Howbeit I will not rend äwåy all the kingdom; *but* will give one tribe to thy son for Dä'vid my sèrvant's sake, and for Jë-rù'sa-lëm's sake, which I have chosen.

14 ¶ And the LORD stirred up an äd'versary unto Söl'o-môn, Hå'dåd the É'döm-ite: he *was* of the king's seed in É'döm,

15 For it came to pæss, when Dä'vid was in É'döm, and Jõ'åb, the cåp'tain of the host, was gone up to bury the slain, äfter he had smitten every male in É'döm,

16 (For six months did Jõ'åb remain there with all Iş'ra-ël, until he had cut off every male in É'döm,)

17 That Hå'dåd fled, he, and cër'tain É'döm-ites of his father's sèrvants with him, to go into É'gypt; Hå'dåd *being* yet a little child.

18 And they årõse out of Mid'i-än, and came to Pårån: and they took men with them out of Pårån, and they came to É'gypt, unto Phå'raöh king of É'gypt; which gave him a house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.

19 And Hå'dåd found great favour in the sight of Phå'raöh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tåh'pe-nëş the queen.

20 And the sister of Tåh'pe-nëş bare him Gën-übåth his son, whom Tåh'pe-nëş weaned in Phå'raöh's house: and Gën-übåth was in Phå'raöh's household, åmõng the sons of Phå'raöh.

21 And when Hå'dåd heard in É'gypt that Dä'vid slept with his fathers, and that Jõ'åb, the cåp'tain of the host, was dead, Hå'dåd said to Phå'raöh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own countrë

22 Then Phā'rāōh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nōthing: howbeit let me go in any wise.

23 ¶ And God stirred him up ānōther ād'vērsary, Rē'zōn the son of E-lī'a-dāh, which fled from his lord Hād-ad-ē-zēr, king of Zō'bāh.

24 And he gāthered men unto him, and became cāp'tain over a band, when Dā'vid slew them of Zō'bāh: and they went to Da-mās'cūs, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Da-mās'cūs.

25 And he was an ād'vērsary to Iṣ'ra-ēl all the days of Sōl'o-mōn, beside the mī'schief that Hād'dād did: and he abhorred Iṣ'ra-ēl, and reigned over Syr'i-ā.

26 ¶ And Jēr-ō-bō'ām the son of Nē'bāt, an E'phrāth-ite of Zēr'e-dā, Sōl'o-mōn's sēr'vant, (whose mōther's name was Zē-rū'āh, a widow woman,) even he lifted up his hand āgainst' the king.

27 And this was the cause that he lifted up his hand āgainst' the king: Sōl'o-mōn built Mil'ō, and repaired the breaches of the city of Dā'vid his father.

28 And the man Jēr-ō-bō'ām was a mighty man of valour: and Sōl'o-mōn seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Jō'sēph.

29 And it came to pās that that time, when Jēr-ō-bō'ām went out of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, that the prophet Ā-hī'jāh the Shī-lō'nite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new gārdment: and they two wēre ālōne in the fiēld:

30 And Ā-hī'jāh caught the new gārdment that was on him, and rent it in twelve piēces:

31 And he said to Jēr-ō-bō'ām, Take thee ten piēces; for thus saith the Lōrd, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Sōl'o-mōn, and will give ten tribes to thee:

32 But he shall have one tribe for my sēr'vant Dā'vid's sake, and for Jē-rū'sa-lēm's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl:

33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have wōr'shipped āsh'to-rēth the goddess of the Zi-dō'ni-āns, Chēmōsh the god of the Mō'āb-ites, and Mil'cōm the god of the children of Ām'mōn; 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 Dā'vid 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 Dā'vid my sēr'vant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my cōmmānd'ments and my statutes;

35 But I will take the kingdom out of

his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes.

36 And unto his son will I give one tribe, that Dā'vid my sēr'vant may have a light alway before me in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.

37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Iṣ'ra-ēl.

38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I cōmmānd' thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my cōmmānd'ments, as Dā'vid my sēr'vant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for Dā'vid, and will give Iṣ'ra-ēl unto thee.

39 And I will for this afflict the seed of Dā'vid, but not for ever.

40 Sōl'o-mōn sought thērēfōre to kill Jēr-ō-bō'ām: and Jēr-ō-bō'ām arose, and fled into E'gypt, unto Shī'shāk king of E'gypt, and was in E'gypt until the death of Sōl'o-mōn.

41 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Sōl'o-mōn, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Sōl'o-mōn?

42 And the time that Sōl'o-mōn reigned in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, over all Iṣ'ra-ēl, was forty years.

43 And Sōl'o-mōn slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of Dā'vid his father: and Rē-hō-bō'ām his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XII.

AND Rē-hō-bō'ām went to Shē'chēm: for all Iṣ'ra-ēl wēre come to Shē'chēm to make him king.

2 And it came to pās, when Jēr-ō-bō'ām the son of Nē'bāt, who was yet in E'gypt, heard of it, (for he was fled from the presence of king Sōl'o-mōn, and Jēr-ō-bō'ām dwelt in E'gypt,)

3 That they sent and called him. And Jēr-ō-bō'ām and all the congregation of Iṣ'ra-ēl came, and spake unto Rē-hō-bō'ām, saying,

4 Thy father made our yoke griēv'ous: now, thērēfōre, make thou the griēv'ous sēr'vice of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will sērve thee.

5 And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come āgain' to me. And the people departed.

6 And king Rē-hō-bō'ām consulted with the old men that stood before Sōl'o-mōn his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise, that I may ānswer this people?

7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a sēr'vant unto this people this day, and wilt sērve them, and ānswer them, and speak good words to

them, then they will be thy servants 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 say unto them, My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's loins.

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

12 ¶ So Jēr-ō-bō'am and all the people came to Rē-hō-bō'am 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 people ; for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform' his saying, which the LORD spake by Ā-hī'jah the Shī-lō'nite unto Jēr-ō-bō'am the son of Nē'bāt.

16 So when all Iṣ'ra-ēl saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in Dā'vid ? neither *have we* inheritance in the son of Jēs'se : to your tents, O Iṣ'ra-ēl : Now see to thine own house, Dā'vid. So Iṣ'ra-ēl departed unto their tents.

17 ¹⁷ *17* ¹⁷ *17* for the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl which dwelt in the cities of Jū'dāh, Rē-hō-bō'am reigned over them.

18 Then king Rē-hō-bō'am sent Ā-dō'rām, who *was* over the tribute ; and all Iṣ'ra-ēl stoned him with stones, that he died : there'fore king Rē-hō-bō'am made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

19 So Iṣ'ra-ēl rebelled against' the house of Da vid unto this day.

20 And it came to pass, when all Iṣ'ra-ēl heard that Jēr-ō-bō'am was come again', that they sent and called him unto the

congregation, and made him king over all Iṣ'ra-ēl : there was none that followed the house of Dā'vid, but the tribe of Jū'dāh only.

21 ¶ And when Rē-hō-bō'am was come to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, he assembled all the house of Jū'dāh, with the tribe of Bēn'ja-mīn, a hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warr'iors, to fight against' the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl, to bring the kingdom again' to Rē-hō-bō'am the son of Sōl'o-mōn.

22 But the word of God came unto Shēm-ā-r'āh the man of God, saying,

23 Speak unto Rē-hō-bō'am the son of Sōl'o-mōn, king of Jū'dāh, and unto all the house of Jū'dāh and Bēn'ja-mīn, 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl : return every man to his house ; for this thing is from me. They hearkened there'fore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

25 ¶ Then Jēr-ō-bō'am built Shē'ehēm in mount Ē'phra-īm, and dwelt therein ; and went out from thence, and built Pē-nū'ēl.

26 And Jēr-ō-bō'am said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of Dā'vid :

27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jē-rū'sa-lēm, then shall the heart of this people turn again' unto their lord, *even* unto Rē-hō-bō'am king of Jū'dāh, and they shall kill me, and go again' to Rē-hō-bō'am king of Jū'dāh.

28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jē-rū'sa-lēm : behold thy gods, O Iṣ'ra-ēl, which brought thee up out of the land of Ē'g'gypt.

29 And he set the one in Bēth'el, and the other put he in Dān.

30 And this thing became a sin : for the people went to *worship* before the one, *even* unto Dān.

31 And he made a house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Lē'vi.

32 And Jēr-ō-bō'am ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Jū'dāh, and he offered upon the altar, (so did he in Bēth'el,) sacrifice upon the calves that he had made : and he placed in Bēth'el the priests of the high places which he had made.

33 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bēth'el, the fifteenth day of the eighth month, *even* in the month which he had devised of his own heart ; and ordained a feast unto the children of

Jēr-ō-bō'ām's hand withered.

I. KINGS. *The man of God slain by a lion.*

İş'ra-ēl: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

CHAP. XIII.

AND, behold, there came a man of God out of Jū'dāh by the word of the LORD unto Bēth'ēl: and Jēr-ō-bō'ām stood by the altar to burn incense.

2 And he cried āgainst' the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar! thus saith the LORD, Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of Dā'vid, Jō-sī'āh 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 pās, when king Jēr-ō-bō'ām heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried āgainst' the altar in Bēth'ēl, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth āgainst' him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in āgain' 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, Entreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me āgain'. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him āgain', 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 āgain' by the same way that thou camest.

10 So he went ānōther way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bēth'ēl.

11 ¶ Now there dwelt an old prophet in Bēth'ēl; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bēth'ēl: 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 Jū'dāh.

13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the āss. So they saddled him the āss, and he rode thereon,

14 And went āfter 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 Jū'dāh? And he said, I am.

15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee; neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:

17 For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn āgain' to go by the way that thou camest.

18 He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; and an āngel 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 pās, 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 Jū'dāh, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the cōmmānd'ment which the LORD thy God cōmmānd'ed thee,

22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the LORD did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcass shall not come unto the sēpulchre of thy fathers.

23 And it came to pās, āfter he had eaten bread, and āfter he had drunk, that he saddled for him the āss, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him; and his carcass was cāst in the way, and the āss stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcass.

25 And, behold, men pās'd by, and saw the carcass cāst in the way, and the lion standing by the carcass: 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; thēre'fore 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 āss. And they saddled him.

28 And he went, and found his carcass cāst in the way, and the āss and the lion

standing by the carcass : the lion had not eaten the carcass, nor torn the ass.

29 And the prophet took up the carcass 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 carcass in his own grave ; and they mourned over him, saying, Ālās, 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 Beth'el, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Sa-mā'ri-ā, shall surely come to pass.

33 ¶ After this thing Jēr-ō-bō'am returned not from his evil way, but made again' of the lowest of the people priests of the high places : whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.

34 And this thing became sin unto the house of Jēr-ō-bō'am, even to cut it off, and to destrōy' it from off the face of the earth.

CHAP. XIV.—

AT that time Ā-bī'jāh the son of Jēr-ō-bō'am fell sick.

2 And Jēr-ō-bō'am said to his wife, Ārīše, I pray thee, and disguise' thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jēr-ō-bō'am ; and get thee to Shī'lōh : behold, there is Ā-hī'jāh the prophet, which told me that *I should be king over this people.*

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

4 And Jēr-ō-bō'am's wife did so, and ārōše, and went to Shī'lōh ; and came to the house of Ā-hī'jāh. But Ā-hī'jāh could not see, for his eyes wēre set by reason of his age.

5 And the LORD said unto Ā-hī'jāh, Behold, the wife of Jēr-ō-bō'am cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son, for he is sick : thus and thus shalt thou say unto her ; for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself to be another woman.

6 And it was so, when Ā-hī'jāh heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jēr-ō-bō'am ; why feignest thou thyself to be another ? for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings.

7 Go, tell Jēr-ō-bō'am, Thus saith the LORD God of Iš'ra-ēl, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and

made thee prince over my people Iš'ra-ēl,

8 And rent the kingdom away from the house of Dā'vid, and gave it thee ; and yet thou hast not been as my servant Dā'vid, who kept my cōmmānd'ments, 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 wēre 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 There'fore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jēr-ō-bō'am, and will cut off from Jēr-ō-bō'am him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up, and left in Iš'ra-ēl, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jēr-ō-bō'am, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

11 Him that dieth of Jēr-ō-bō'am in the city shall the dogs eat ; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat : for the LORD hath spoken it.

12 Ārīše thou, there'fore, get thee to thine own house ; and when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

13 And all Iš'ra-ēl shall mourn for him, and bury him : for he only of Jēr-ō-bō'am shall come to the grave, because in him there is found some good thing to'ward the LORD God of Iš'ra-ēl in the house of Jēr-ō-bō'am.

14 Moreover, the LORD shall raise him up a king over Iš'ra-ēl, who shall cut off the house of Jēr-ō-bō'am that day : but what ? even now.

15 For the LORD shall smite Iš'ra-ēl as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Iš'ra-ēl 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 Iš'ra-ēl up, because of the sins of Jēr-ō-bō'am, who did sin, and who made Iš'ra-ēl to sin.

17 And Jēr-ō-bō'am's wife ārōše, and departed, and came to Tir'zāh : and when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died.

18 And they buried him ; and all Iš'ra-ēl mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by the hand of his servant Ā-hī'jāh the prophet.

19 And the rest of the acts of Jēr-ō-bō'am, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the Chrōn'i-cles of the kings of Iš'ra-ēl.

20 And the days which Jēr-ō-bō'am reigned wēre two and twenty years : and he slept with his fathers, and Nā'dāb his son reigned in his stead.

21 ¶ And Rē-hō-bō'am the son of Sōl o

¹ Tēr'sāh.

mōn reigned in Jū'dāh. Rē-hō-bō'ām was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jēr-rū'sa-lēm, the city which the LORD did chōōse out of all the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl, to put his name there. And his mōther's name was Nā'a-māh, an Ām'mōn-i-tēss.

22 And Jū'dāh did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jēalousy with their sins which they had committed, ābōve 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 wēre also Sōd'om-ites in the land; and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cāst out before the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

25 And it came to pāss, in the fifth year of king Rē-hō-hō'ām, that Shī'shāk king of E'gyp̄t came up āgainst' Jēr-rū'sa-lēm:

26 And he took āwāy the trēasūres of the house of the LORD, and the trēasūres of the king's house; he even took āwāy all: and he took āwāy all the shiēlds of gold which Sōl'o-mōn had made.

27 And king Rē-hō-bō'ām made in their stead brazen shiēlds, 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-chāمبر.

29 Now the rest of the acts of Rē-hō-bō'ām, and all that he did, āre they not written in the book of the Čhrōn'i-çles of the kings of Jū'dāh?

30 And there was war between Rē-hō-bō'ām and Jēr-ō-bō'ām all their days.

31 And Rē-hō-bō'ām slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of Dā'vid. And his mōther's name was Nā'a-māh, an Ām'mōn-i-tēss. And Ā-bī'jām his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XV.

NOW, in the eighteenth year of king Jēr-ō-bō'ām the son of Nē'bāt, reigned Ā-bī'jām over Jū'dāh.

2 Three years reigned he in Jēr-rū'sa-lēm. And his mōther's name was Mā'a-çhāh, the dāughter of Ā-bīsh'a-lōm.

3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heārt was not pērfect with the LORD his God, as the heārt of Dā'vid his father.

4 Nevertheless, for Dā'vid's sake, did the LORD his God give him a lamp in Jēr-rū'sa-lēm, to set up his son āfter him, and to ēstāb'lish Jēr-rū'sa-lēm:

5 Because Dā'vid did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned

not āside from any thing that he cōm-mān'ded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Ū-rī'āh the Hit'tite.

6 And there was war between Rē-hō-bō'ām and Jēr-ō-bō'ām all the days of his life.

7 Now the rest of the acts of Ā-bī'jām, and all that he did, āre they not written in the book of the Čhrōn'i-çles of the kings of Jū'dāh? And there was war between Ā-bī'jām and Jēr-ō-bō'ām.

8 And Ā-bī'jām slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of Dā'vid: and Ā'sā his son reigned in his stead.

9 ¶ And in the twentieth year of Jēr-ō-bō'ām king of Iṣ'ra-ēl reigned Ā'sā over Jū'dāh.

10 And forty and one years reigned he in Jēr-rū'sa-lēm. And his mōther's name was Mā'a-çhāh, the dāughter of Ā-bīsh'a-lōm.

11 And Ā'sā did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did Dā'vid his father.

12 And he took āwāy the Sōd'om-ites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

13 And also Mā'a-çhāh his mōther, even her he removed from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove: and Ā'sā dēstrōy'ed her idol, and burnt it by the brook Kid'rōn.

14 But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Ā'sā's heārt was pērfect with the LORD all his days.

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

16 And there was war between Ā'sā and Bā'a-shā king of Iṣ'ra-ēl all their days.

17 And Bā'a-shā king of Iṣ'ra-ēl went up āgainst' Jū'dāh, and built Rā'māh, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Ā'sā king of Jū'dāh.

18 Then Ā'sā took all the silver and the gold that wēre left in the trēasūres of the house of the LORD, and the trēasūres of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his sērvants: and king Ā'sā sent them to Bēn'ha-dād,¹ the son of Tāb'ri-mōn, the son of Hē'zi-ōn, king of Sŷr'i-ā, that dwelt in Da-mās'çus, saying,

19 There is a league between me and thee, and between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy league with Bā'a-shā king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, that he may depart from me.

20 So Bēn'ha-dād hearkened unto king Ā'sā, and sent the cāp'tains of the hosts which he had āgainst' the cities of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and smote Iṣ'jōn, and Dān, and Ā'bēl-Bēth-

¹ Analogous to Gāl'a-ād, Jōs'a-bād, Hēn'a-dād, Zē-lō'phe-ād, &c.

mā'a-çhāh, and all Cin'ne-rōth, with all the land of Nāph'ta-li.

21 And it came to pāss, when Bā'a-shā heard thereof, that he left off building of Rā'māh, and dwelt in Tir'zāh.²

22 Then king Ā'sā made a proclamation throughout all Jū'dāh; (none was exempted;) and they took āway the stones of Rā'māh, and the timber thereof, wherewith Bā'a-shā had builded: and king Ā'sā built with them Gē'bā of Bēn'ja-mīn, and Miz'pāh.

23 The rest of all the acts of Ā'sā, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the book of the Çhrōn'i-çles of the kings of Jū'dāh? Nevertheless, in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

24 And Ā'sā slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of Dā'vid his father: and Jē-hōsh'a-phāt his son reigned in his stead.

25 ¶ And Nā'dāb the son of Jēr-ō-bō'ām began to reign over İş'ra-ël in the second year of Ā'sā king of Jū'dāh, and reigned over İş'ra-ël 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 İş'ra-ël to sin.

27 And Bā'a-shā the son of Ā-hī'jāh, of the house of İ'sa-çhār, conspired against him: and Bā'a-shā smote him at Gib'bethōn, which belongeth to the Phi-lis'tines; (for Nā'dāb and all İş'ra-ël laid siēge to Gib'be-thōn;)

28 Even in the third year of Ā'sā king of Jū'dāh did Bā'a-shā slay him, and reigned in his stead.

29 And it came to pāss, when he reigned, that he smote all the house of Jēr-ō-bō'ām; he left not to Jēr-ō-bō'ām any that breathed, until he had destrōy'ed him, according unto the saying of the LORD, which he spake by his sērvant Ā-hī'jāh the Shī-lō'nīte:

30 Because of the sins of Jēr-ō-bō'ām which he sinned, and which he made İş'ra-ël sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD God of İş'ra-ël to anger.

31 Now the rest of the acts of Nā'dāb, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Çhrōn'i-çles of the kings of İş'ra-ël?

32 And there was war between Ā'sā and Bā'a-shā king of İş'ra-ël all their days.

33 In the third year of Ā'sā king of Jū'dāh began Bā'a-shā the son of Ā-hī'jāh to reign over all İş'ra-ël in Tir'zāh, twenty and four years.

34 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jēr-ō-bō'ām, and in his sin wherewith he made İş'ra-ël to sin.

CHAP. XVI.—

THEN the word of the LORD came to Jē'hū the son of Hān'a-nī, against¹ Bā'a-shā, saying,

2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people İş'ra-ël, and thou hast walked in the way of Jēr-ō-bō'ām, and hast made my people İş'ra-ël to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins;

3 Behold, I will take āway the posterity of Bā'a-shā, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy house like the house of Jēr-ō-bō'ām the son of Nē'bāt.

4 Him that dieth of Bā'a-shā in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the fields shall the fowls of the air eat.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Bā'a-shā, and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the Çhrōn'i-çles of the kings of İş'ra-ël?

6 So Bā'a-shā slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tir'zāh:² and Ē'lāh his son reigned in his stead.

7 And also by the hand of the prophet Jē'hū, the son of Hān'a-nī, came the word of the LORD against Bā'a-shā, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jēr-ō-bō'ām; and because he killed him.

8 ¶ In the twenty and sixth year of Ā'sā king of Jū'dāh began Ē'lāh the son of Bā'a-shā to reign over İş'ra-ël in Tir'zāh, two years.

9 And his sērvant Zīm'rī, çāp'tain of half his chariots, conspired against him as he was in Tir'zāh, drinking himself drunk in the house of Ar'zā, steward of his house in Tir'zāh.

10 And Zīm'rī went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Ā'sā king of Jū'dāh, and reigned in his stead.

11 And it came to pāss, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all the house of Bā'a-shā: he left him not one that pisseth against a wall, nēither of his kinsfolks nor of his friends.

12 Thus did Zīm'rī destrōy' all the house of Bā'a-shā, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Bā'a-shā by Jē'hū the prophet:

13 For all the sins of Bā'a-shā, and the sins of Ē'lāh his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made İş'ra-ël to sin, in provoking the LORD God of İş'ra-ël to anger with their vanities.

14 Now the rest of the acts of Ē'lāh, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Çhrōn'i-çles of the kings of İş'ra-ël?

¹ ā-ğēnst'.² Tēr'sā.

15 ¶ In the twenty and seventh year of Ā'sā king of Jū'dāh did Zim'ri reign seven days in Tir'zāh. And the people were encamped against' Gib'be-thōn, which belonged to the Phi-lis'tines.

16 And the people that were encamped heard say, Zim'ri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king: wherefore all Iṣ'ra-ēl made ōm'ri, the cāp'tain of the host, king over Iṣ'ra-ēl that day in the camp.

17 And ōm'ri went up from Gib'be-thōn, and all Iṣ'ra-ēl with him, and they besieged Tir'zāh.

18 And it came to pāss, when Zim'ri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died,

19 For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jēr-ō-bō'am, and in his sin which he did, to make Iṣ'ra-ēl to sin.

20 Now the rest of the acts of Zim'ri, and his treason that he wrought, are they not written in the book of the Čhrōn'i-čles of the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl?

21 ¶ Then were the people of Iṣ'ra-ēl divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tib'nī the son of Gi'nāth, to make him king; and half followed ōm'ri.

22 But the people that followed ōm'ri prevailed against' the people that followed Tib'nī the son of Gi'nāth: so Tib'nī died, and ōm'ri reigned.

23 In the thirty and first year of Ā'sā king of Jū'dāh began ōm'ri to reign over Iṣ'ra-ēl, twelve years: six years reigned he in Tir'zāh.

24 And he bought the hill Sa-mā'ri-ā of Shē'mér for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, āfter the name of Shē'mér, owner of the hill, Sa-mā'ri-ā.

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

26 For he walked in all the way of Jēr-ō-bō'am the son of Nē'bāt, and in his sin wherewith he made Iṣ'ra-ēl to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl to anger with their vanities.

27 Now the rest of the acts of ōm'ri which he did, and his might that he showed, are they not written in the book of the Čhrōn'i-čles of the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl?

28 So ōm'ri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Sa-mā'ri-ā: and Ā'hāb his son reigned in his stead.

29 ¶ And in the thirty and eighth year of Ā'sā king of Jū'dāh, began Ā'hāb the son of ōm'ri to reign over Iṣ'ra-ēl: and Ā'hāb the son of ōm'ri reigned over Iṣ'ra-ēl, in Sa-mā'ri-ā, twenty and two years.

30 And Ā'hāb the son of ōm'ri did evil

in the sight of the LORD ābōve all that were before him.

31 And it came to pāss, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jēr-ō-bō'am the son of Nē'bāt, that he took to wife Jēz'e-bēl the daughter of Ēth'ba-āl king of the Zi-dō'ni-āns, and went and served Bā'āl, and wórshipped him.

32 And he reared up an altar for Bā'āl in the house of Bā'āl, which he had built in Sa-mā'ri-ā.

33 And Ā'hāb made a grove; and Ā'hāb did more to provoke the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl to anger than all the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl that were before him.

34 In his days did Hi'ēl the Bēth'ēl-ite build Jēr'i-čhō: he laid the foundation thereof in Ā-bi'rām his first-born, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Sē'gub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Jōsh'u-ā the son of Nūn.

CHAP. XVII.

AND Ē-l'jāh the Tish'bīte, who was of the inhabitants of Gil'e-ād, said unto Ā'hāb, As the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl 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 east wārd, and hide thyself by the brook Čhē'rith, that is before Jōr'dān.

4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have cōmmanded 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 Čhē'rith, that is before Jōr'dān.

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 pāss, āfter a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

8 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

9 Arise, get thee to Zār'e-phāth, which belongeth to Zi'dōn, and dwell there: behold, I have cōmmanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

10 So he arose, and went to Zār'e-phāth. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gāth'ering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a mōr'sel¹ of bread in thine hand.

12 And she said, *As* the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but a handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruise: and, behold, I am gāth'ering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

13 And Ē-lī'jāh 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 āfter make for thee and for thy son:

14 For thus saith the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, The barrel of meal shall not waste, nēither shall the cruise 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 Ē-lī'jāh: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, nēither did the cruise of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Ē-lī'jāh.

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

18 And she said unto Ē-lī'jāh, 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 my son?

19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bō'sóm, and carried him up into a loft where he ābōde, 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 sō'journ, 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 āgain'.

22 And the LORD hēard the voice of Ē-lī'jāh, and the soul of the child came into him āgain', and he revived.

23 And Ē-lī'jāh took the child, and brought him down out of the chānber into the house, and delivered him unto his mōther: and Ē-lī'jāh said, See, thy son liveth!

24 And the woman said to Ē-lī'jāh, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

CHAP. XVIII.

AND it came to pāss, āfter many days, that the word of the LORD came to Ē-lī'jāh in the thīrd year, saying, Go show thyself unto Ā'hāb; and I will send rain upon the earth.

2 And Ē-lī'jāh went to show himself

unto Ā'hāb. And there was a sore famine in Sa-mā'ri-ā.

3 And Ā'hāb called Ōb-a-dī'āh, which was the gōvernōr of his house. (Now Ōb-a-dī'āh feared the LORD greatly:

4 For it was so, when Jēz'e-bēl cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Ōb-a-dī'āh took a hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

5 And Ā'hāb said unto Ōb-a-dī'āh, Go into the land, unto all fōun'tains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grāss to save the horses and mules ālive, that we lose not all the beasts.

6 So they divided the land between them, to pāss throughout it: Ā'hāb went one way by himself, and Ōb-a-dī'āh went ānōther way by himself.

7 And as Ōb-a-dī'āh was in the way, behold, Ē-lī'jāh met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Art thou that my lord Ē-lī'jāh?

8 And he ānswered him, I am: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Ē-lī'jāh is here.

9 And he said, What have I sinned, that thou wouldst deliver thy sērvant into the hand of Ā'hāb, to slay me?

10 As the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, He is not there, he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.

11 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Ē-lī'jāh is here.

12 And it shall come to pāss, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the Spir'it of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ā'hāb, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy sērvant fear the LORD from my youth.

13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jēz'e-bēl slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid a hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

14 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Ē-lī'jāh is here: and he shall slay me.

15 And Ē-lī'jāh said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself unto him to-day.

16 So Ōb-a-dī'āh went to meet Ā'hāb, and told him: and Ā'hāb went to meet Ē-lī'jāh.

17 And it came to pāss, when Ā'hāb saw Ē-lī'jāh, that Ā'hāb said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Iṣ'ra-ēl?

18 And he ānswered, I have not trōubled Iṣ'ra-ēl; but thou and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the cōm-mānd'ments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Bā'al-īm.

19 Now thēre'fore send, and gāther to me all Iṣ'ra-ēl unto mount Çàr'mēl, and the prophets of Bā'āl four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jēz'e-bēl's table.

20 So Ā'hāb sent unto all the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and gāthered the prophets together unto mount Çàr'mēl.

21 And Ē-lī'jāh came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Bā'āl, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

22 Then said Ē-lī'jāh unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Bā'āl's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

23 Let them thēre'fore give us two bullocks; and let them chōōse one bullock for themselves, and cut it in piēces, 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 ānswereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people ānswered and said, It is well spoken.

25 And Ē-lī'jāh said unto the prophets of Bā'āl, Chōōse 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 Bā'āl, from morning even until noon, saying, O Bā'āl, hear us! But there was no voice, nor any that ānswered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

27 And it came to pāss at noon, that Ē-lī'jāh mocked them, and said, Cry ālōūd; for he is a god: ēither he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a jōurney, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be āwāked.

28 And they cried ālōūd, and cut themselves, āfter their manner, with knives and lāncets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

29 And it came to pāss, when mid-day was pāst, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sār'riṣe, that there was nēither voice, nor any to ānswer, nor any that regarded.

30 And Ē-lī'jāh 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 Ē-lī'jāh took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jā'çōb, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Iṣ'ra-ēl shall be thy name:

32 And with the stones he built an altar

in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench ābout' the altar, as great as would contain two mēāsures of seed.

33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in piēces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt-sār'riṣe, 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 ābout' the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

36 And it came to pāss, at the time of the offering of the evening sār'riṣe, that Ē-lī'jāh the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Ā'bra-hām, Iṣ'āaç, and of Iṣ'ra-ēl, let it be known this day, that thou art God in Iṣ'ra-ēl, and that I am thy sēr-vant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me; that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back āgain'.

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt-sār'riṣe, 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 Ē-lī'jāh said unto them, Take the prophets of Bā'āl; let not one of them ēscape'. And they took them: and Ē-lī'jāh brought them down to the brook Kī'shōn, and slew them there.

41 And Ē-lī'jāh said unto Ā'hāb, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.

42 So Ā'hāb went up to eat and to drink. And Ē-lī'jāh went up to the top of Çàr'mēl; and he cāst himself down upon the ēarth, and put his face between his knees,

43 And said to his sēr-vant, Go up now, look tōwārd the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nōthing. And he said, Go āgain' seven times.

44 And it came to pāss at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there āriṣeth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ā'hāb, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

45 And it came to pāss in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ā'hāb rode, and went to Jēz're-ēl.

46 And the hand of the LORD was on Ē-lī'jāh: and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ā'hāb to the entrance of Jēz're-ēl.

CHAP. XIX.

AND Ā'hāb told Jēz'e-bēl all that Ē-lī-jāh had done, and withal, how he had slain all the prophets with the swōrd.

2 Then Jēz'e-bēl sent a messenger unto Ē-lī'jāh, 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.

3 And when he saw that, he ārōse, and went for his life, and came to Bē-ēr'she-bā, which *belongeth* to Jūdāh, and left his sērvant there.

4 But he himself went a day's jōurney into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper-tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take āwāy my life; for I *am* not better than my fathers.

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper-tree, behold, then an āngel tōuched him, and said unto him, Āriše, and eat.

6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a cruise of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down āgain'.

7 And the āngel of the LORD came āgain' the second time, and tōuched him, and said, Āriše and eat; because the jōurney is too great for thee.

8 And he ārōse, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights, unto Hō'rēb the mount of Gōd.

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, Ē-lī'jāh?

10 And he said, I have been very jēalous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl have forsaken thy cōvenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the swōrd: and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it āwāy.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD pāsseed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mōun'tains, and brake in piēces the rocks, before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and āfter the wind an ēarth'quāke; but the LORD was not in the ēarth'quāke:

12 And āfter the ēarth'quāke a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and āfter the fire a still small voice.

13 And it was so, when Ē-lī'jāh 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, Ē-lī'jāh?

14 And he said, I have been very jēalous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl have forsaken thy

cōvenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the swōrd: and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it āwāy.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Da-mās'cūs: and when thou comest, anoint Hāz'a-ēl to be king over Sŷr'i-ā.

16 And Jē'hū the son of Nīm'shī shalt thou anoint to be king ovcr Iṣ'ra-ēl: and Ē-lī'shā the son of Shā'phāt, of Ā'bēl-Mē-hō'lāh, shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

17 And it shall come to pās, that him that ēscāpeth the swōrd of Hāz'a-ēl shall Jē'hū slay; and him that ēscāpeth from the swōrd of Jē'hū shall Ē-lī'shā slay.

18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Iṣ'ra-ēl, all the knees which have not bōwed unto Bā'āl, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

19 So he departed thence, and found Ē-lī'shā the son of Shā'phāt, who was ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Ē-lī'jāh pāsseed by him, and cāst his mantle upon him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ran āfter Ē-lī'jāh, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mōther, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back āgain': for what have I done to thee?

21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat: then he ārōse, and went āfter Ē-lī'jāh, and ministered unto him.

CHAP. XX.

AND Bēn'ha-dād the king of Sŷr'i-ā gathered all his host together: and there wēre thírty and two kings with him, and horses and chariots: and he went up and besiēged Sa-mā'ri-ā, and warred āgainst' it.

2 And he sent messengers to Ā'hāb king of Iṣ'ra-ēl into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Bēn'ha-dād,

3 Thy silver and thy gold is mine: thy wives also and thy children, *even* the goodliest, are mine.

4 And the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I am thine, and all that I have.

5 And the messengers came āgain', and said, Thus speaketh Bēn'ha-dād, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children;

6 Yet I will send my sērvants unto thee to-morrow about' this time, and they shall sēarch thine house, and the houses of thy sērvants; and it shall be, that whatsoever

is pleās'ant in thine eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take it āwāy.

7 Then the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this *man* seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold, and I denied him not.

8 And all the elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken not unto him, nor consent.

9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Bēn'ha-dād, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy sērvant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word āgain'.

10 And Bēn'ha-dād sent unto him, and said, The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Sa-mā'ri-ā shall sūffice' for handfuls for all the people that follow me.

11 And the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl āns'wered and said, Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself, as he that putteth it off.

12 And it came to pās's, when Bēn'ha-dād hēard this message, as he was drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, that he said unto his sērvants, Set yourselves in array: and they set themselves in array āgainst' the city.

13 And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ā'hāb king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it unto thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

14 And Ā'hāb said, By whom? And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Even by the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall order the battle? And he āns'wered, Thou.

15 Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they wēre two hundred and thirty-two: and āfter them he numbered all the people, *eren* all the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, being seven thousand.

16 And they went out at noon: but Bēn'ha-dād 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 Bēn'ha-dād sent out, and they told him, saying, There āre men come out of Sa-mā'ri-ā.

18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them ālive; or whether they be come out for war, take them ālive.

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 Syr'i-āns fled; and Iṣ'ra-ēl pursued them: and Bēn'ha-dād the king of Syr'i-ā ēscāped on a horse with the horsemen.

21 And the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syr'i-āns with a great slāughter.

22 And the prophet came to the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark and see what thou doest: for at the return of the year the king of Syr'i-ā will come up āgainst' thee.

23 And the sērvants of the king of Syr'i-ā said unto him, Their gods āre gods of the hills, therēfore they wēre stronger than we: but let us fight āgainst' them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.

24 And do this thing: Take the kings āwāy, every man out of his place, and put cāp'tains in their rooms:

25 And number thee an army like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight āgainst' 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 pās's, at the return of the year, that Bēn'ha-dād numbered the Syr'i-āns, and went up to Ā'phēk, to fight āgainst' Iṣ'ra-ēl.

27 And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl wēre numbered, and wēre all present, and went āgainst' them: and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syr'i-āns filled the country.

28 And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syr'i-āns have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys; therēfore will I deliver all this great multitude unto thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

29 And they pitched one over āgainst' the other seven days; and so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl slew of the Syr'i-āns a hundred thousand footmen in one day.

30 But the rest fled to Ā'phēk, into the city; and there a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men that wēre left. And Bēn'ha-dād fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber.

31 And his sērvants said unto him, Behold now, we have hēard that the kings of the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl āre mēr'ciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl; peradventure he will save thy life.

32 So they girded¹ sackcloth on their

¹ gērded.

loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and said, Thy sērvant Bēn'ha-dād saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, *Is he yet alive? he is my brōther.*

33 Now the men did diligently oḅsērvē' whether *any thing would come* from him, and did hastily catch *it* : and they said, Thy brōther Bēn'ha-dād. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Bēn'ha-dād came forth to him ; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

34 And Bēn'ha-dād said unto him, The cities which my father took from thy father I will restore ; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Da-mās'ḡūs, as my father made in Sa-mā'ri-ā. Then said *A'hāb*, I will send thee āwāy with this cōvenant. So he made a cōvenant with him, and sent him āwāy.

35 And a cēr'tain 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 ānōther 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 pāsēd by, he cried unto the king : and he said, Thy sērvant went out into the midst of the battle ; and, behold, a man turned āsīde, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man : if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver.

40 And as thy sērvant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl said unto him, So *shall* thy judgment *be* ; thyself hast decided *it*.

41 And he hastēd, and took the ashes āwāy from his face ; and the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl diḡḡern'ed him that he *was* of the prophets.

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

43 And the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl went to his house heavy and displeasēd, and came to Sa-mā'ri-ā.

CHAP. XXI.--

AND it came to pāsē āfter these things, that Nā'bōth the Jēz're-ēl-ite had a

vine'yard,² which *was* in Jēz're-ēl, hard by the palace of *A'hāb* king of Sa-mā'ri-ā.

2 And *A'hāb* spake unto Nā'bōth, saying, Give me thy vine'yard, that I may have it for a garden of hērbs, because it *is* near unto my house ; and I will give thee for it a better vine'yard than it. *or*, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the wōrth of it in mōney.

3 And Nā'bōth said to *A'hāb*, The LORD forbid me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

4 And *A'hāb* came into his house heavy and displeasēd, because of the word which Nā'bōth the Jēz're-ēl-ite had spoken to him ; for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned āwāy his face, and would eat no bread.

5 But Jēz'e-bēl his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?

6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Nā'bōth the Jēz're-ēl-ite, and said unto him, Give me thy vine'yard for mōney ; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee ānōther vineyard for it : and he answered, I will not give thee my vine yard.

7 And Jēz'e-bēl his wife said unto him, Dōst thou now gōvern the kingdom of Iṣ'ra-ēl? *Ārīṣe*, and eat bread, and let thine hēart be merry : I will give thee the vineyard of Nā'bōth the Jēz're-ēl-ite.

8 So she wrote letters in *A'hāb's* name, and sealed *them* with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that wēre in his city, dwelling with Nā'bōth.

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fāst, and set Nā'bōth on high āmōng the people ;

10 And set two men, sons of Bē'li-āl, before him, to bear witness āgainst' him, saying, Thou didst blāsp'hēmē' God and the king : and *then* carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

11 And the men of his city, *even* the elders and the nobles, who wēre the inhabitants in his city, did as Jēz'e-bēl had sent unto them, and as it *was* written in the letters which she had sent unto them :

12 They proclaimed a fāst, and set Nā'bōth on high āmōng the people.

13 And there came in two men, children of Bē'li-āl, and sat before him : and the men of Bē'li-āl witnessed āgainst him, *even* āgainst' Nā'bōth, in the presence of the people, saying, Nā'bōth did blāsp'hēmē' God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

¹ *vīn'yērd.*

14 Then they sent to Jēz'e-bēl, saying, Nā'bōth is stoned, and is dead.

15 And it came to pāss, when Jēz'e-bēl hēard that Nā'bōth was stoned, and was dead, that Jēz'e-bēl said to Ā'hāb, Āriše, take pōssēs'sion of the vine'yard of Nā'bōth the Jēz're-ēl-ite, which he refused to give thee for mōney: for Nā'bōth is not ālive, but dead.

16 And it came to pāss, when Ā'hāb hēard that Nā'bōth was dead, that Ā'hāb rose up to go down to the vine'yard of Nā'bōth the Jēz're-ēl-ite, to take pōssēs'sion of it.

17 And the word of the LORD came to Ē-lī'jāh the Tish'bīte, saying,

18 Āriše, go down to meet Ā'hāb king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, which is in Sa-mā'ri-ā: behold, he is in the vine'yard of Nā'bōth, whither he is gone down to pōssēs's it.

19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken pōssēs'sion? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Nā'bōth, shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

20 And Ā'hāb said to Ē-lī'jāh, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee; because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.

21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take āwāy thy posterity, and will cut off from Ā'hāb him that pisseth āgainst' the wall, and him that is shut up and leṣ in Iṣ'ra-ēl,

22 And will make thine house like the house of Jēr-ō-bō'ām the son of Nē'bāt, and like the house of Bā'a-shā the son of Ā-hī'jāh, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Iṣ'ra-ēl to sin.

23 And of Jēz'e-bēl also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jēz'e-bēl by the wall of Jēz're-ēl.

24 Him that dieth of Ā'hāb in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

25 But there was nōne like unto Ā'hāb, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jēz'e-bēl his wife stirred up.

26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Ām'o-rites, whom the LORD cāst out before the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

27 And it came to pāss, when Ā'hāb hēard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fāsted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

28 And the word of the LORD came to Ē-lī'jāh the Tish'bīte, saying,

29 Seest thou how Ā'hāb hūmbleth himself before me? Because he hūmbleth

himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days; but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

CHAP. XXII.

AND they continued three years without war between Sŷr'i-ā and Iṣ'ra-ēl.

2 And it came to pāss, in the third year, that Jē-hōsh'a-phāt the king of Jūdāh came down to the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

3 And the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl said unto his servants, Know ye that Rāmōth in Gil'e-ād is ours, and we be still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Sŷr'i-ā?

4 And he said unto Jē-hōsh'a-phāt, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Rāmōth-Gil'e-ād? And Jē-hōsh'a-phāt said to the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

5 And Jē-hōsh'a-phāt said unto the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Inquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to-day.

6 Then the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl gāthered the prophets together, ābout' four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go āgainst' Rāmōth-Gil'e-ād to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

7 And Jē-hōsh'a-phāt said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might inquire of him?

8 And the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl said unto Jē-hōsh'a-phāt, There is yet one man, Mī-çāi'āh¹ the son of Im'lāh, by whom we may inquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good cōcerning me, but evil. And Jē-hōsh'a-phāt said, Let not the king say so.

9 Then the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl called an officer, and said, Hasten hither Mī-çāi'āh the son of Im'lāh.

10 And the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl and Jē-hōsh'a-phāt the king of Jūdāh sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Sa-mā'ri-ā: and all the prophets prophesied before them.

11 And Zēd-e-kī'āh the son of Çhē-nā'a-nāh made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt thou pūsh the Sŷr'i-āns, until thou have consumed them.

12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Rāmōth-Gil'e-ād, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the king's hand.

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

14 And Mī-çāi'āh said, As the LORD

liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak.

15 So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, *Mi-çai'āh*, shall we go against' *Rā'mōth-Gil'e-ād* 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 *that which is true* in the name of the LORD?

17 And he said, I saw all *İş'ra-ēl* scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shēp'hērd: and the LORD said, These have no māster; let them return every man to his house in peace.

18 And the king of *İş'ra-ēl* said unto *Jē-hōsh'a-phāt*, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good cōncēr'ning me, but evil?

19 And he said, Hear thou, thērē'fōre, 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 pēr-sūāde *Ā'hāb*, that he may go up and fall at *Rā'mōth-Gil'e-ād*? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

21 And there came forth a spir'it, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will pēr-sūāde him.

22 And the LORD said unto him, Where-with? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spir'it in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt pēr-sūāde *him*, and prevāil also: go forth, and do so.

23 Now thērē'fōre, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spir'it in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil cōncēr'ning thee.

24 But *Zēd-e-kī'āh* the son of *Chē-nā'a-nāh* went near, and smote *Mi-çai'āh* on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spir'it of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

25 And *Mi-çai'āh* said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chāmbēr to hide thyself.

26 And the king of *İş'ra-ēl* said, Take *Mi-çai'āh*, and carry him back unto *Ā'mōn* the gōvērnor of the city, and to *Jō'āsh* 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 *Mi-çai'āh* 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 *İş'ra-ēl*, and *Jē-hōsh'a-phāt* the king of *Jūdāh*, went up to *Rā'mōth-Gil'e-ād*.

30 And the king of *İş'ra-ēl* said unto *Jē-hōsh'a-phāt*, I will dīşguīşē' myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of *İş'ra-ēl* dīşguīşēd himself, and went into the battle.

31 But the king of *Sŷ'r'i-ā* cōmmānd'ed his thirty and two cāp'tāins that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of *İş'ra-ēl*.

32 And it came to pāss, when the cāp'tāins of the chariots saw *Jē-hōsh'a-phāt*, thāt they said, Surely *it is* the king of *İş'ra-ēl*. And they turned āsīde to fight āgāinst' him: and *Jē-hōsh'a-phāt* cried out.

33 And it came to pāss, when the cāp'tāins of the chariots pērceīved that *it was* not the king of *İş'ra-ēl*, that they turned back from pūrşuing him.

34 And a cēr'tāin man drew a bōw at a venture, and smote the king of *İş'ra-ēl* between the joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me to the host; for I am wounded.

35 And the battle increased that day; and the king was stayed up in his chariot āgāinst' the *Sŷ'r'i-āns*, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.

36 And there went a proclamation throughout the host ābout' 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 *Sa-mā'ri-ā*; and they buried the king in *Sa-mā'ri-ā*.

38 And *one* wāshēd the chariot in the pool of *Sa-mā'ri-ā*, and the dogs licked up his blood, (and they wāshēd his armour,) according unto the word of the LORD which he spake.

39 Now the rest of the acts of *Ā'hāb*, 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 Ch'rōn'i-çles of the kings of *İş'ra-ēl*?

40 So *Ā'hāb* slept with his fathers; and *Ā-ha-zī'āh* his son reigned in his stead.

41 ¶ And *Jē-hōsh'a-phāt* the son of *Ā'sā* began to reign over *Jūdāh* in the fourth year of *Ā'hāb* king of *İş'ra-ēl*.

42 *Jē-hōsh'a-phāt* was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in *Jē-rú'salēm*. And his mōthēr's name was *Ā-zū'bāh*, the daughter of *Shil'hi*.

43 And he walked in all the ways of *Ā'sā* his father; he turned not āsīde from it, doing *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD: nevertheless the high places wēre not taken āwāy; for the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

44 And *Jē-hōsh'a-phāt* made peace with the king of *İş'ra-ēl*.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jē-hōsh'a-phāt, and his might that he showed, and how he warred, *are* they not written in the book of the Āhrōn'i-ēles of the kings of Jū'dāh?

46 And the remnant of the Sōd'om-ītes, which remained in the days of his father Ā'sā, he took out of the land.

47 *There* was then no king in Ē'dōm: a deputy *was* king.

48 Jē-hōsh'a-phāt made ships of Thār'shish to go to Ō'phīr for gold; but they went not: for the ships were broken at E'zi-ōn-Gē'bēr.

49 Then said Ā-ha-zī'āh the son of Ā'hāb unto Jē-hōsh'a-phāt, Let my sērvants go with thy sērvants in the ships: but Jē-hōsh'a-phāt would not.

50 And Jē-hōsh'a-phāt slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of Dā'vid his father: and Jē-hō'rām his son reigned in his stead.

51 ¶ Ā-ha-zī'āh the son of Ā'hāb began to reign over Iṣ'ra-ēl in Sa-mā'ri-ā the seventeenth year of Jē-hōsh'a-phāt king of Jū'dāh, and reigned two years over Iṣ'ra-ēl.

52 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mōther, and in the way of Jēr-ō-bō'ām the son of Nē'bāt, who made Iṣ'ra-ēl to sin:

53 For he sērvēd Bā'āl, and wōr'shipped him, and provoked to anger the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, according to all that his father had done.

¶ The SECOND Book of the KINGS, commonly called, The FOURTH Book of the KINGS.

CHAPTER I.

THEN Mō'āb rebelled āgainst' Iṣ'ra-ēl after the death of Ā'hāb.

2 And Ā-ha-zī'āh fell down through a lattice in his upper chāmbēr that *was* in Sa-mā'ri-ā, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, inquire of Bā'āl-Zē'būb, the god of Ēk'rōn, whether I shall recōver of this disease.

3 But the āngel of the LORD said to Ē-lī'jāh the Tish'bīte, Ārīse, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Sa-mā'ri-ā, and say unto them, *Is it* not because *there is* not a God in Iṣ'ra-ēl, *that* ye go to inquire of Bā'āl-Zē'būb, the god of Ēk'rōn?

4 Now, thērē'fōre, thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Ē-lī'jāh departed.

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

6 And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn āgain' unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, *Is it* not because *there is* not a God in Iṣ'ra-ēl, *that* thou sendest to inquire of Bā'āl-Zē'būb, the god of Ēk'rōn? thērē'fōre thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

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

8 And they ānswēred him, *He was* a hairy man, and girt¹ with a gir'dle² of

¹ girt.

leather ābout' his loins. And he said, It *is* Ē-lī'jāh the Tish'bīte.

9 Then the king sent unto him a cāp'tain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him; (and, behold, he sat on the top of a hill;) and he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down.

10 And Ē-lī'jāh ānswēred and said to the cāp'tain of fifty, If I *be* a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

11 Āgain' also he sent unto him ānōther cāp'tain of fifty with his fifty. And he ānswēred and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly.

12 And Ē-lī'jāh ānswēred and said unto them, If I *be* a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

13 And he sent āgain' a cāp'tain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third cāp'tain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Ē-lī'jāh, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy sērvants, be precious in thy sight.

14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two cāp'tains of the former fifties with their fifties: thērē'fōre let my life now be precious in thy sight.

15 And the āngel of the LORD said

² gird.

unto E-lí'jáh, Go down with him; be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.

16 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to inquire of Bá'al-Zé'búb, the god of Ek'rón, (*is it not because there is no God in Ís'ra-él to inquire of his word?*) thère'fore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

17 So he died, according to the word of the LORD, which E-lí'jáh had spoken: and Jé-hó'rám reigned in his stead, in the second year of Jé-hó'rám the son of Jé-hósh'a-phát, king of Júdáh; because he had no son.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Á-ha-zí'áh which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the Çhrón'i-cles of the kings of Ís'ra-él?

CHAP. II.

AND it came to páss, when the LORD would take up E-lí'jáh into heaven by a whirl'wind,¹ that E-lí'jáh went with E-lí'shá from Gil'gál.

2 And E-lí'jáh said unto E-lí'shá, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bèth'él. And E-lí'shá said unto him, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bèth'él.

3 And the sons of the prophets that wère at Bèth'él came forth to E-lí'shá, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take áway thy máster from thy head to-day? And he said, Yéa, I know *it*; hold ye your peace.

4 And E-lí'jáh said unto him, E-lí'shá, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jér'i-çhō. And he said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jér'i-çhō.

5 And the sons of the prophets that wère at Jér'i-çhō came to E-lí'shá, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take áway thy máster from thy head to-day? And he answered, Yéa, I know *it*; hold ye your peace.

6 And E-lí'jáh said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jór'dán. 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 áfár off: and they two stood by Jór'dán.

8 And E-lí'jáh took his mantle, and wrapped *it* togèther, and smote the waters, and they wère dividèd hither and thither; so that they two went over on dry ground.

9 And it came to páss, when they wère gone over, that E-lí'jáh said unto E-lí'shá, Ásk what I shall do for thee, before I be taken áway from thee. And E-lí'shá said,

I pray thee, let a doùble pòrtion of thy spirit be upon me.

10 And he said, Thou hast ásked 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 páss, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both ásun'der; and E-lí'jáh went up by a whirl'wind into heaven.

12 And E-lí'shá saw *it*, and he cried, My father, my father! the chariot of Ís'ra-él, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two piéces.

13 He took up also the mantle of E-lí'jáh that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jór'dán;

14 And he took the mantle of E-lí'jáh that fell from him, and smote the waters and said, Where *is* the LORD God of E-lí'jáh? And when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and E-lí'shá went over.

15 And when the sons of the prophets, which wère to view at Jér'i-çhō, saw him, they said, The spirit of E-lí'jáh dóth rest on E-lí'shá. And they came to meet him, and bówed themselves to the ground before him:

16 And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy sèrvants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy máster; lést pèradvén'ture the Spír'it of the LORD hath taken him up, and cást him upon some môûn'tain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send.

17 And when they urged him till he was áshâmed, he said, Send. They sent, thère'fore, fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not.

18 And when they came ágain' to him, (for he tarried at Jér'i-çhō,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

19 And the men of the city said unto E-lí'shá, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city *is* pléa'sant, as my lord seeth: but the water *is* náught, and the ground barren.

20 And he said, Bring me a new cruise, and put salt ther'in. And they brought *it* to him.

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

22 So the waters wère healed unto this day, according to the saying of E-lí'shá which he spake.

23 And he went up from thence unto Bèth'él: and as he was going up by the

¹ hwèrl'wind.

way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald-head; go up, thou bald-head.

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

25 And he went from thence to mount Cār'mēl; and from thence he returned to Ša-mā'ri-ā.

CHAP. III.

NOW Jē-hō'rām the son of Ā'hāb began to reign over Iṣ'ra-ēl in Sa-mā'ri-ā the eighteenth year of Jē-hōsh'a-phāt king of Jū'dāh, 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 āwāy the image of Bā'āl that his father had made.

3 Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jēr-ō-bō'ām the son of Nē'bāt, which made Iṣ'ra-ēl to sin; he departed not therefrom.

4 ¶ And Mē'shā king of Mō'āb was a sheep-māster, and rendered unto the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl a hundred thousand lambs, and a hundred thousand rams, with the wool.

5 But it came to pāss, when Ā'hāb was dead, that the king of Mō'āb rebelled āgainst' the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

6 And king Jē-hō'rām went out of Sa-mā'ri-ā the same time, and numbered all Iṣ'ra-ēl.

7 And he went and sent to Jē-hōsh'a-phāt the king of Jū'dāh, saying, The king of Mō'āb hath rebelled āgainst' me: wilt thou go with me āgainst' Mō'āb to battle? And he said, I will go up: I *am* as thou art, my people as thy people, and my horses as thy horses.

8 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he ānswered, The way through the wilderness of Ē'dōm.

9 So the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl went, and the king of Jū'dāh, and the king of Ē'dōm: and they fetched a cōm'pāss of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them.

10 And the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl said, Ālās! that the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Mō'āb!

11 But Jē-hōsh'a-phāt said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may inquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl's sērvaunts ānswered and said, Here *is* Ē-lī'shā the son of Shā-phāt, which poured water on the hands of Ē-lī'jāh.

12 And Jē-hōsh'a-phāt said, The word of the LORD *is* with him. So the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and Jē-hōsh'a-phāt, and the king of Ē'dōm, went down to him.

13 And Ē-lī'shā said unto the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl said unto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Mō'āb.

14 And Ē-lī'shā said, *As* the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, wēre it not that I regard the presence of Jē-hōsh'a-phāt the king of Jū'dāh, I would not look tō'wārd thee, nor see thee.

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

16 And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches:

17 For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, nēither 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 Mō'āb-ites 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 piēce of land with stones.

20 ¶ And it came to pāss in the morning, when the meat-offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Ē'dōm; and the country was filled with water.

21 And when all the Mō'āb-ites heard that the kings wēre come up to fight āgainst' them, they gāthered all that wēre able to put on armour, and ūp'wārd, and stood in the border.

22 And they rose up ēarly in the morning, and the sun shōne upon the water, and the Mō'āb-ites saw the water on the other side *as* red as blood:

23 And they said, This *is* blood: the kings āre surely slain, and they have smitten one ānōther: now thēre'fōre, Mō'āb, to the spoil.

24 And when they came to the camp of Iṣ'ra-ēl, the Iṣ'ra-ēl-ites rose up and smote the Mō'āb-ites, so that they fled before them: but they went fōr'wārd smiting the Mō'āb-ites, even in *their* country.

25 And they beat down the cities, and on every good piēce of land cāst every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: only in Kir-hār'a-sēth¹ left they the stones thereof; howbeit, the slingers went ābout' *it*, and smote it.

26 And when the king of Mō'āb saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swōrds, to break through *even* unto the king of Ē'dōm: but they could not.

27 Then he took his eldest son, that

¹ Kēr-hār'a-sēth.

should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt-offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against' Īṣ'ra-ēl: And they departed from him, and returned to *their own land.*

CHAP. IV.

NOW there cried a cēr'tain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Ē-lī'shā, saying, Thy sēr'vant my hūṣ'-bánd is dead; and thou knowest that thy sēr'vant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

2 And Ē-lī'shā 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 ūbroád of all thy neighbours, *even empty vessels; borrow not a few.*

4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set áside 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 päss, when the vessels wère full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, *There is not a vessel more.* And the oil stayed.

7 Then she came and told the man of God: and he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

8 ¶ And it fell on a day, that Ē-lī'shā pässed to Shū'nēm, where *was* a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And *so* it was, *that*, as oft as he pässed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

9 And she said unto her hūṣ'bánd, Behold now, I pèrcèive that this *is* a holy man of God which pàsseth by us continually.

10 Let us make a little chāber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

11 And it fell on a day that he came thither, and he turned into the chāber, and lay there.

12 And he said to Gē-hā'zī his sēr'vant, Call this Shū'nām-ite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what *is* to be done for thee? wouldst thou be spoken for to the king, or to the cāp'tain of the host? And she answered, I dwell ámong mine own people.

14 And he said, What then *is* to be done for her? And Gē-hā'zī answered, Verily she hath no child, and her hūṣ'-bánd is old.

15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

16 And he said, Ábout' this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, *thou* man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.

17 And the woman cōncèived, and bare a son at that season that Ē-lī'shā had said unto her, according to the time of life.

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

19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head! And he said to a lad, Carry him to his móther.

20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his móther, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died.

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

22 And she called unto her hūṣ'bánd, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the ásses, that I may run to the man of God, and come ágain'.

23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to-day? *it is* nēither new moon nor sabbath. And she said, *It shall be well.*

24 Then she saddled an áss, and said to her sēr'vant, Drive, and go fōr wárd; slack not *thy* riding for me, except I bid thee.

25 So she went, and came unto the man of God to mount Cār'mēl. And it came to päss, when the man of God saw her áfār off, that he said to Gē-hā'zī his sēr'vant, Behold, *yōnder is* that Shū'nām-ite:

26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her; and say unto her, *Is it well with thee? is it well with thy hūṣ'bánd? is it well with the child?* And she answered, *It is well.*

27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gē-hā'zī came near to thrust her áwáy. And the man of God said, Let her álone; 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? did I not say, Do not decèive me?

29 Then he said to Gē-hā'zī, Gird up thy loins, and take my stáff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, áns'wer him not ágain': and lay my stáff upon the face of the child.

30 And the móther of the child said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he áróse, and followed her.

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31 And Gē-hā'zī pāssed on before them, and laid the stāff upon the face of the child; but *there was* nēither voice nor hearing: wherefore he went āgain' to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not āwāked.

32 And when Ē-lí'shā was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.

33 He went in thērefōre 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 to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

36 And he called Gē-hā'zī, and said, Call this Shū'nām-ite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.

37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bōwed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

38 ¶ And Ē-lí'shā came āgain' to Gil-gāl, and *there was* a dēarth in the land, and the sons of the prophets *wēre* sitting before him: and he said unto his sērvant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets.

39 And one went out into the fiēld to gāther hērbs, and found a wild vine, and gāthered thereof wild gōurds his lap full, and came and shred *them* into the pot of pottage: for they knew *them* not.

40 So they poured out for the men to eat: and it came to pāss, as they *wēre* 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*.

41 But he said, Then bring meal. And he cāst *it* into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

42 And there came a man from Bā'al-Shāl'i-shā, 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.

43 And his sērvitor said, What, should I set this before a hundred men? He said āgain', Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the LORD, They shall eat, and shall leave *thereof*.

44 So he set *it* before them, and they did eat, and left *thereof*, according to the word of the LORD.

NOW Nā'a-mān, cāp'tain of the host of the king of Sŷr'i-ā, was a great man with his māster, and hōn'ourable; because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Sŷr'i-ā: he was also a mighty man in valour, *but he was* a lēper.

2 And the Sŷr'i-āns had gone out by companies, and had brought āwāy captive out of the land of Iṣ'ra-ēl a little maid; and she waited on Nā'a-mān's wife.

3 And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord *wēre* with the prophet that *is* in Sa-mā'ri-ā! for he would recōver him 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl.

5 And the king of Sŷr'i-ā said, Go to go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand *pieces* of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

6 And he brought the letter to the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, saying, Now, when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have *there with* sent Nā'a-mān my sērvant to thee that thou mayst recōver him of his lēprosy.

7 And it came to pāss, when the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make ālive, that this man dóth send unto me to recōver a man of his lēprosy? Wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quārrrel āgainst' me.

8 And it was *so*, when Ē-lí'shā the man of God had hēard that the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl.

9 So Nā'a-mān came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Ē-lí'shā.

10 And Ē-lí'shā sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wāsh in Jōr'dān seven times, and thy flesh shall come āgain' to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

11 But Nā'a-mān was wroth, and went āwāy, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recōver the lēper.

12 *Are* not Āb'a-nā and Phār'pār, rivers of Da-mās'cūs, better than all the waters of Iṣ'ra-ēl? may I not wāsh in them, and be clean? So he turned, and went āwāy in a rage.

13 And his sērvants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, *if* the prophet had bid thee *do some great*

thing, wouldst thou not have done *it*? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jōr'dān, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again' like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

15 And he returned to the man of God, and 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl: now thēre'fore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy sērvant.

16 But he said, *As* the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will recēve none. And he urged him to take *it*; but he refused.

17 And Nā'a-mān said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy sērvant two mules' burden of earth? for thy sērvant will henceforth offer nēither burnt-offering nor sār'rifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.

18 In this thing the LORD pardon thy sērvant, *that* when my māster goeth into the house of Rīm'mōn to wōrship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bōw myself in the house of Rīm'mōn; when I bōw down myself in the house of Rīm'mōn, the LORD pardon thy sērvant in this thing.

19 And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

20 But Gē-hā'zī, the sērvant of Ē-lī'shā the man of God, said, Behold, my māster hath spared Nā'a-mān this Sŷr'i-ān, in not recēiving at his hands that which he brought: but, *as* the LORD liveth, I will run āfter him, and take somewhat of him.

21 So Gē-hā'zī followed āfter Nā'a-mān. And when Nā'a-mān saw *him* running āfter him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, *Is* all well?

22 And he said, All *is* well. My māster hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ē'phra-īm two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of gārments.

23 And Nā'a-mān said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of gārments, and laid *them* upon two of his sērvants; and they bare *them* before him.

24 And when he came to the tower, he took *them* from their hand, and bestowed *them* in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.

25 But he went in, and stood before his māster. And Ē-lī'shā said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gē-hā'zī? And he said, Thy sērvant went no whither.

26 And he said unto him, Went not

mine neart *with thee*, when the man turned āgain' from his chariot to meet thee? *Is it* a time to recēve mōncy, and to recēive gārments, and olive-yards, and vine-yards, and sheep, and oxen, and men-sērvants, and maid-sērvants?

27 The lēprosy thēre'fore of Nā'a-mān shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper *as white* as snow.

CHAP. VI.

AND the sons of the prophets said unto Ē-lī'shā, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us.

2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jōr'dān, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he ānswered, Go ye.

3 And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy sērvants. And he ānswered, I will go.

4 So he went with them. And when they came to Jōr'dān, they cut down wood.

5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Ālās', māster! for it was borrowed.

6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he showed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cāst *it* in thither; and the iron did swim.

7 Thēre'fore said he, Take *it* up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

8 ¶ Then the king of Sŷr'i-ā warred āgainst' Iṣ'ra-ēl, and took counsel with his sērvants, saying, In such and such a place *shall* be my camp.

9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, saying, Beware that thou pās not such a place; for thither the Sŷr'i-āns āre come down.

10 And the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl sent to the place which the man of God told him and wārned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

11 Thēre'fore the heart of the king of Sŷr'i-ā was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his sērvants, and said unto them, Will ye not show me which of us *is* for the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl?

12 And one of his sērvants said, Nōnc, my lord, O king: but Ē-lī'shā, the prophet that *is* in Iṣ'ra-ēl, telleth the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl the words that thou speakest in thy bed-chāmber.

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 Dō'thān.

14 Thēre'fore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and cōm'pāssed the city ābout.

15 And when the sērvant of the man of God was risen ēarly, and gone forth, behold, a host cōm'pāssed the city, both

with horses and chariots. And his sēr-vant said unto him, *ālās'*, my māster! how shall we do?

16 And he ānswered, Fear not; for they that *be* with us *āre* more than they that *be* with them.

17 And Ē-lī'shā 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 mōūn tain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round ābout' Ē-lī'shā.

18 And when they came down to him, Ē-lī'shā 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 Ē-lī'shā.

19 And Ē-lī'shā said unto them, This *is* not the way, nēither *is* this the city; follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Sa-mā'ri-ā.

20 And it came to pās, when they wēre come into Sa-mā'ri-ā, that Ē-lī'shā said, LORD, open the eyes of these *men*, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, *they wēre* in the midst of Sa-mā'ri-ā.

21 And the king of Īṣ'ra-ēl said unto Ē-lī'shā, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite *them*? shall I smite *them*?

22 And he ānswered, Thou shalt not smite *them*: wouldst thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bōw? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their māster.

23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them āwāy, and they went to their māster. So the bands of Sŷr'i-ā came no more into the land of Īṣ'ra-ēl.

24 ¶ And it came to pās āfter this, that Bēn'ha-dād king of Sŷr'i-ā gathered all his host, and went up, and besiēged Sa-mā'ri-ā.

25 And there was a great famine in Sa-mā'ri-ā: and, behold, they besiēged it, until an āss's head was *sold* for fourscore *piēces* of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dōve's dung for five *piēces* of silver.

26 And as the king of Īṣ'ra-ēl was pās'ing 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 barn-floor, or out of the wine-press?

28 And the king said unto her, What ailleth thee? And she ānswered, 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 pās, when the king hēard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he pās'd by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, *he had* sackcloth within upon his flesh.

31 Then he said, God do so and more also to me if the head of Ē-lī'shā the son of Shā'phāt shall stand on him this day.

32 But Ē-lī'shā sat in his house, and the elders sat with him: and *the king* sent a man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take āwāy mine head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: *is* not the sound of his māster's feet behind him?

33 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him, and he said, Behold, this evil *is* of the LORD; what should I wait for the LORD any longer?

CHAP. VII.

THEN Ē-lī'shā said, Hear ye the word of the LORD: Thus saith the LORD, To-morrow, ābout' this time, *shall* a mēās'ure of fine flour *be sold* for a shekel, and two mēās'ures of bārley for a shekel, in the gate of Sa-mā'ri-ā.

2 Then a lord, on whose hand the king leaned, ānswered the man of God, and said, Behold, *if* the LORD would 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 wēre four lēprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to ānōther, Why sit we here until we die?

4 If we say, 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 thēr'fōre come, and let us fall unto the host of the Sŷr'i-āns: if they save us ālive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

5 And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Sŷr'i-āns: and when they wēre come to the uttermost part of the camp of Sŷr'i-ā, behold, *there was* no man there.

6 For the LORD had made the host of the Sŷr'i-āns to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, *even* the noise of a great host; and they said one to ānōther, Lo, the king of Īṣ'ra-ēl hath hired āgainst' us the kings of the Hit'tites, and the kings of the Ē-gŷp'ti-āns, to come upon us.

7 Wherefōre they ārōse, and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their ās'ses, *even* the camp as it *was*, and fled for their life.

8 And when these lēpers 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 rai-

ment, 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 Syr'i-ans, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they were.

11 And he called the porters; and they told it to the king's house within.

12 And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now show you what the Syr'i-ans 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 horses that remain, which are left in the city, (behold, they are as all the multitude of Iſ'ra-él that are left in it; behold, I say, they are even as all the multitude of the Iſ'ra-él-ites that are consumed,) and let us send and see.

14 They took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syr'i-ans, saying, Go and see.

15 And they went after them unto Jôr'dân; and, lo, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syr'i-ans 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 Syr'i-ans. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

17 And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him.

18 And it came to pass, as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, 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 Sa-mā'ri-ā:

19 And that lord answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, if the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it 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.

CHAP. VIII.

THEN spake Ē-lī'shā unto the woman whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.

2 And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Phi-lis'tines seven years.

3 And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Phi-lis'tines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land.

4 And the king talked with Gē-hā'zī, the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Ē-lī'shā hath done.

5 And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gē-hā'zī said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son whom Ē-lī'shā restored to life.

6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field, since the day that she left the land, even until now.

7 ¶ And Ē-lī'shā came to Da-mās'cūs; and Bēn'ha-dād the king of Syr'i-ā was sick: and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither.

8 And the king said unto Ház'a-él, Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and inquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

9 So Ház'a-él went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Da-mās'cūs, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Bēn'ha-dād king of Syr'i-ā hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

10 And Ē-lī'shā said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayst certainly recover: howbeit, the LORD hath showed me that he shall surely die.

11 And he settled his countenance steadfastly, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept.

12 And Ház'a-él said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Iſ'ra-él: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt

thou slay with the swōrd, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child.

13 And Ház'a-él said, But what *is* thy sērvant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Ē-lī'shā answered, The LORD hath showed me that thou *shall be* king over Sŷr'i-ā.

14 So he departed from Ē-lī'shā, and came to his māster; who said to him, What said Ē-lī'shā to thee? And he answered, He told me *that* thou shouldst surely recover.

15 And it came to pās on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped *it* in water, and spread *it* on his face, so that he died; and Ház'a-él reigned in his stead.

16 ¶ And in the fifth year of Jō'rām, the son of Ā'hāb king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Jē-hōsh'a-phāt *being* then king of Jū'dāh, Jē-hō'rām, the son of Jē-hōsh'a-phāt king of Jū'dāh, began to reign.

17 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl, as did the house of Ā'hāb; for the daughter of Ā'hāb was his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

19 Yet the LORD would not destrōy' Jū'dāh for Dā'vid his sērvant's sake, as he promised him to give him alway a light, *and* to his children.

20 In his days Ē'dōm revōltd from under the hand of Jū'dāh, and made a king over themselves.

21 So Jō'rām went over to Zā'ir, and all the chariots with him: and he rose by night, and smote the Ē'dōm-ites which cōm'pased him ābout', and the cāp'tains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents.

22 Yet Ē'dōm revōltd from under the hand of Jū'dāh unto this day. Then Līb'nāh revōltd at the same time.

23 And the rest of the acts of Jō'rām, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the Çhrōn'i-çles of the kings of Jū'dāh?

24 And Jō'rām slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of Dā'vid: and Ā-ha-zī'āh his son reigned in his stead.

25 In the twelfth year of Jō'rām, the son of Ā'hāb king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, did Ā-ha-zī'āh, the son of Jē-hō'rām king of Jū'dāh, begin to reign.

26 Two and twenty years old *was* Ā-ha-zī'āh when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jē-rū'sa-lēm: and his mōther's name *was* Āth-a-lī'āh, the daughter of ōm'ri king of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ā'hāb, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, *as did* the house of Ā'hāb:

for he *was* the son-in-law of the house of Ā'hāb.

28 And he went with Jō'rām the son of Ā'hāb to the war āgainst' Ház'a-él king of Sŷr'i-ā in Rā'mōth-Gil'e-ād; and the Sŷr'i-āns wōunded Jō'rām.

29 And king Jō'rām went back to be healed in Jēz're-ēl of the wōunds which the Sŷr'i-āns had given him at Rā'nāh, when he fought āgainst' Ház'a-él king of Sŷr'i-ā. And Ā-ha-zī'āh, the son of Jē-hō'rām king of Jū'dāh, went down to see Jō'rām the son of Ā'hāb in Jēz're-ēl, because he was sick.

CHAP. IX.—

AND Ē-lī'shā the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird¹ up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Rā'mōth-Gil'e-ād:

2 And when thou comest thither, look out there Jē'hū the son of Jē-hōsh'a-phāt, the son of Nīm'shī, and go in, and make him arise up from āmōng his brēthren, and carry him to an inner çhāmber:

3 Then take the box of oil, and pour *it* on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD I have anointed thee king over Iṣ'ra-ēl. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not.

4 So the young man, *even* the young man the prophet, went to Rā'mōth-Gil'e-ād.

5 And when he came, behold, the cāp'tains of the host *were* sitting: and he said, I have an ēr'rand to thee, O cāp'tain. And Jē'hū said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O cāp'tain.

6 And he ārōge, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, *even* over Iṣ'ra-ēl.

7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ā'hāb thy māster, that I may āvenge' the blood of my sērvants the prophets, and the blood of all the sērvants of the LORD, at the hand of Jēz'e-bēl.

8 For the whole house of Ā'hāb shall perish; and I will cut off from Ā'hāb him that pisseth āgainst' the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Iṣ'ra-ēl:

9 And I will make the house of Ā'hāb like the house of Jēr-ō-bō'ām the son of Nē'bāt, and like the house of Bā'a-shā the son of Ā-hī'jāh:

10 And the dogs shall eat Jēz'e-bēl in the pōrtion of Jēz're-ēl, and *there shall be* nōne to bury *her*. And he opened the door and fled.

11 Then Jē'hū came forth to the sērvants of his lord: and *one* said unto him, *Is* all well? wherefore came this mad f's'wō to thee? And he said unto

¹ gird.

them, Ye know the man, and his communication.

12 And they said, *It is false*; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Iṣ'ra-ēl.

13 Then they hasted, and took every man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jē'hū is king.

14 So Jē'hū, the son of Jē-hōsh'a-phāt, the son of Nīm'shī, conspired against Jō'rām. (Now Jō'rām had kept Rā'mōth-Gīl'e-ād, he and all Iṣ'ra-ēl, because of Hāz'a-ēl king of Sūr'i-ā.)

15 But king Jō'rām was returned to be healed in Jēz're-ēl of the wōunds which the Sūr'i-āns had given him, when he fought with Hāz'a-ēl king of Sūr'i-ā.) And Jē'hū said, If it be your minds, then let none go forth nor escape out of the city, to go to tell it in Jēz're-ēl.

16 So Jē'hū rode in a chariot, and went to Jēz're-ēl; for Jō'rām lay there. And Ā-ha-zī'āh king of Jūdāh was come down to see Jō'rām.

17 And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jēz're-ēl, and he spied the company of Jē'hū as he came, and said, I see a company. And Jō'rām said, Take a horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, *Is it peace?*

18 So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, *Is it peace?* And Jē'hū said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not again'.

19 Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, *Is it peace?* And Jē'hū answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me.

20 And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again': and the driving is like the driving of Jē'hū the son of Nīm'shī; for he driveth furiously.

21 And Jō'rām said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Jō'rām king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and Ā-ha-zī'āh king of Jūdāh, went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jē'hū, and met him in the portion of Nā'bōth the Jēz're-ēl-ite.

22 And it came to pass, when Jō'rām saw Jē'hū, that he said, *Is it peace, Jē'hū?* And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jēz'e-bēl, and her witch'crafts are so many?

23 And Jō'rām turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ā-ha-zī'āh, *There is treachery, O Ā-ha-zī'āh!*

24 And Jē'hū drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jē-hō'rām between

his arms; and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.

25 Then said Jē'hū to Bīd'kār his cāp'tain, Take up, and cast him in the portion of the field of Nā'bōth the Jēz're-ēl-ite. for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ā'hāb his father, the LORD laid this burden upon him;

26 Surely I have seen yēs'térdāy the blood of Nā'bōth, and the blood of his sons, saith the LORD; and I will requite thee in this plat, saith the LORD. Now there'fore take and cast him into the plat of ground, according to the word of the LORD.

27 But when Ā-ha-zī'āh the king of Jūdāh saw this, he fled by the way of the garden-house: and Jē'hū followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot. *And they did so* at the going up to Gūr, which is by Ib'le-ām. And he fled to Mē-gīd'dō, and died there.

28 And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city of Dā'vid.

29 And in the eleventh year of Jō'rām the son of Ā'hāb began Ā-ha-zī'āh to reign over Jūdāh.

30 ¶ And when Jē'hū was come to Jēz're-ēl, Jēz'e-bēl heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

31 And as Jē'hū entered in at the gate, she said, *Had Zīm'ri peace*, who slew his master?

32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs.¹

33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trōde her under foot.

34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter.

35 And they went to bury her; but they found no more of her than the scull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands.

36 Wherefore they came again', and told him. And he said, This is the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servant E-lī'jah the Tīsh'bīte, saying, In the portion of Jēz're-ēl shall dogs eat the flesh of Jēz'e-bēl:

37 And the carcass of Jēz'e-bēl shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jēz're-ēl; so that they shall not say, This is Jēz'e-bēl.

CHAP. X.

AND Ā'hāb had seventy sons in Sa-mā ri-ā. And Jē'hū wrote letters, and sent to Sa-mā'ri-ā, unto the rulers of Jēz'

¹ yū'nūz.

re-ēl, to the elders, and to them that brought up A'hāb's children, saying,

2 Now, as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your māster'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 your māster's sons, and set *him* on his father's throne, and fight for your māster's house.

4 But they wēre exceedingly āfrād, 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 Jē'hū, saying, We *are* thy sērvants, 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 will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your māster's sons, and come to me to Jēz're-ēl by to-morrow this time. (Now the king's sons, *being* seventy pērsōns, wēre with the great men of the city, which brought them up.)

7 And it came to pās, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy pērsōns, and put their heads in bāskets, and sent *him them* to Jēz're-ēl.

8 And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning.

9 And it came to pās in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, Ye *be* righteous: behold, I conspired āgainst' my māster, and slew him: but who slew all these?

10 Know now that there shall fall unto the ēarth nōthing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spake cōncērn'ing the house of A'hāb: for the LORD hath done *that* which he spake by his sērvant ē-li'jāh.

11 So Jē'hū slew all that remained of the house of A'hāb in Jēz're-ēl, and all his great men, and his kinsfolks, and his priests, until he left him nōne remaining.

12 And he ārōse and departed, and came to Sa-mā'ri-ā. And as he *was* at the shearing-house in the way,

13 Jē'hū met with the brēthren of A-ha-zi'āh king of Jū'dāh, and said, Who *are* ye? And they answered, We *are* the brēthren of A-ha-zi'āh; and we go down to salute the children of the king, and the children of the queen.

14 And he said, Take them ālive. And they took them ālive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing-house, *even* two and forty men: nēither left he any of them.

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15 And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jē-hōn'a-dāb the son of Rē'chāb, *coming* to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart *is* with thy heart? And Jē-hōn'a-dāb answered, It is. If it be, give *me* thine hand. And he gave *him* his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot.

16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD. So they made him ride in his chariot.

17 And when he came to Sa-mā'ri-ā, he slew all that remained unto A'hāb in Sa-mā'ri-ā, till he had destrōy'ed him, according to the saying of the LORD, which he spake to ē-li'jāh.

18 And Jē'hū gathered all the people together, and said unto them, A'hāb sērvēd Bā'al a little, *but* Jē'hū shall sērvē him much.

19 Now thēre'fōre call unto me all the prophets of Bā'al, all his sērvants, and all his priests; let nōne be wanting: for I have a great sēc'rifice to do to Bā'al: whosoevēr shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jē'hū did *it* in subtlety, to the intent that he might destrōy' the wōr'shippers of Bā'al.

20 And Jē'hū said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Bā'al. And they proclaimed *it*.

21 And Jē'hū sent through all Iś'ra-ēl; and all the wōr'shippers of Bā'al came, so that there was not a man left that came not: and they came into the house of Bā'al; and the house of Bā'al was full from one end to ānōther.

22 And he said unto him that *was* over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the wōr'shippers of Bā'al. And he brought them forth vestments.

23 And Jē'hū went, and Jē-hōn'a-dāb the son of Rē'chāb, into the house of Bā'al, and said unto the wōr'shippers of Bā'al, Sēarch, and look that there be here with you nōne of the sērvants of the LORD, but the wōr'shippers of Bā'al only.

24 And when they went in to offer sēc'rifices and burnt-offerings, Jē'hū appointed fourscore men without, and said, If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands ēscape', *he that letteth him go*, his life shall be for the life of him.

25 And it came to pās, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, that Jē'hū said to the guard and to the cāp'tāins, Go in, and slay them; let nōne come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the swōrd; and the guard and the cāp'tāins cāst *them* out, and went to the city of the house of Bā'al.

26 And they brought forth the images out of the house of Bā'al, and burned them.

27 And they brake down the image of Bā'al, and brake down the house of Bā'al,

and made it a draught-house unto this day.

23 Thus Jē'hū dēstrōy'ed Bā'al out of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

29 Howbeit, from the sins of Jēr-ō-bō'am the son of Nē'bāt, who made Iṣ'ra-ēl to sin, Jē'hū departed not from after them, to wit, the golden calves that wēre in Bēth'el, and that wēre in Dān.

30 And the LORD said unto Jē'hū, Because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ā'hāb according to all that was in mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

31 But Jē'hū took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jēr-ō-bō'am, which made Iṣ'ra-ēl to sin.

32 ¶ In those days the LORD began to cut Iṣ'ra-ēl short: and Hāz'a-ēl smote them in all the coasts of Iṣ'ra-ēl;

33 From Jōr'dān east'ward, all the land of Gil'e-ād, the Gad'ites, and the Reū'bēn-ites, and the Ma-nās'sites, from Ār'o-er, (which is by the river Ar'nōn,) even Gil'e-ād and Bā'shān.

34 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jē'hū, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the Chrōn'icles of the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl?

35 And Jē'hū slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Sa-mā'ri-ā. And Jē-hō'a-hāz his son reigned in his stead.

36 And the time that Jē'hū reigned over Iṣ'ra-ēl in Sa-mā'ri-ā was twenty and eight years.

CHAP. XI.

AND when Āth-a-li'āh, the mother of Ā-ha-zī'āh, saw that her son was dead, she ārōṣe, and dēstrōy'ed all the seed royal.

2 But Jē-hōsh'e-bā the daughter of king Jō'rām, sister of Ā-ha-zī'āh, took Jō'āsh the son of Ā-ha-zī'āh, and stole him from among the king's sons which wēre slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bed-chamber from Āth-a-li'āh, so that he was not slain.

3 And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Āth-a-li'āh did reign over the land.

4 And the seventh year Jē-hōi'a-dā sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the cāp'tains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD, and made a cōvenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and showed them the king's son.

5 And he cōmmān'ded 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 wāch of the king's house;

6 And a third part shall be at the gate of Sūr; 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 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 cōm'pāss the king round about', every man with his weapons in his hand: and he that cometh within the ranges, let him be slain: and be ye with the king as he goeth out, and as he cometh in.

9 And the cāp'tains over the hundreds did according to all things that Jē-hōi'a-dā the priest cōmmān'ded: and they took every man his men that wēre to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jē-hōi'a-dā the priest.

10 And to the cāp'tains over hundreds did the priest give king Dā'vid's spears and shields, that wēre in the temple of the LORD.

11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about' the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, ālōng' by the altar and the temple.

12 And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the tēs'timōny: and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king.

13 And when Āth-a-li'āh heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the LORD.

14 And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a pillar, as the manner was, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets: and Āth-a-li'āh rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, treason!

15 But Jē-hōi'a-dā the priest cōmmān'ded the cāp'tains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said unto them, Have her forth without the ranges; and him that followeth her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the LORD.

16 And they laid hands on her: and she went by the way by the which the horses came into the king's house: and there was she slain.

17 And Jē-hōi'a-dā made a cōvenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD's people; between the king also and the people.

18 And all the people of the land went into the house of Bā'al, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in

pieces thoroughly, and slew Māt'tān the priest of Bā'al before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the LORD.

19 And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the cāp'tāins, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.

20 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet: and they slew Ath-a-li'āh with the sword beside the king's house.

21 Seven years old was Jē-hō'āsh when he began to reign.

CHAP. XII.

IN the seventh year of Jē'hū, Jē-hō'āsh began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jē-rū'sa-lēm: and his mother's name was Zi-bi'āh of Bē-ēr'she-bā.

2 And Jē-hō'āsh did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all his days wherein Jē-hōi'a-dā the priest instructed him.

3 But the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

4 And Jē-hō'āsh said to the priests, All the mōney of the dedicated things that is brought into the house of the LORD, even the mōney of every one that passeth the account, the mōney that every man is set at, and all the mōney that cometh into any man's heart to bring into the house of the LORD,

5 Let the priests take it to them, every man of his acquaintance; and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found.

6 But it was so, that, in the three and twentieth year of king Jē-hō'āsh, the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.

7 Then king Jē-hō'āsh called for Jē-hōi'a-dā the priest, and the other priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? Now, therē'fōre, receive no more mōney of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house.

8 And the priests consented to receive no more mōney of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house.

9 But Jē-hōi'a-dā the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of the LORD: and the priests that kept the door put therein all the mōney that was brought into the house of the LORD.

10 And it was so, when they saw that there was much mōney in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and told the

mōney that was found in the house of the LORD.

11 And they gave the mōney, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the LORD: and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders that wrought upon the house of the LORD,

12 And to masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of the LORD, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it.

13 Howbeit, there were not made for the house of the LORD bowls of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the mōney that was brought into the house of the LORD:

14 But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith the house of the LORD.

15 Moreover, they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the mōney to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.

16 The trēs'pass-mōney and sin-mōney was not brought into the house of the LORD: it was the priests'.

17 ¶ Then Hāz'a-ēl king of Sūr'i-ā went up, and fought against Gāth, and took it: and Hāz'a-ēl set his face to go up to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

18 And Jē-hō'āsh king of Jū'dāh took all the hallowed things that Jē-hōsh'aphāt, and Jē-hō'rām, and ā-ha-zī'āh, his fathers, kings of Jū'dāh, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold that was found in the trēs'ures of the house of the LORD, and in the king's house, and sent it to Hāz'a-ēl king of Sūr'i-ā: and he went away from Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

19 And the rest of the acts of Jē-hō'āsh, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Chrōn'i-cles of the kings of Jū'dāh?

20 And his sērvants ārōse, and made a conspiracy, and slew Jē-hō'āsh in the house of Mil'lō, which goeth down to Sil'lā.

21 For Jōz'a-chār the son of Shīm'e-āth, and Jē-hōz'a-bad the son of Shō'mér, his sērvants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of Dā'vid: and Am-a-zī'āh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XIII.

IN the three and twentieth year of Jō'āsh, the son of ā-ha-zī'āh king of Jū'dāh, Jē-hō'a-hāz, the son of Jē'hū, began to reign over Iś'ra-ēl in Sa-mā'ri-ā, and reigned seventeen years.

2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jēr-ō-bō'am the son of Nē'bāt, which made Iś'ra-ēl to sin; he departed not therefrom.

3 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Iṣ'ra-ēl; and he delivered them into the hand of Hāz'a-ēl king of Sŷr'i-ā, and into the hand of Bēn'ha-dād the son of Hāz'a-ēl, all *their* days.

4 And Jē-hō'a-hāz besought the LORD, and the LORD hearkened unto him; for he saw the oppression of Iṣ'ra-ēl, because the king of Sŷr'i-ā oppressed them.

5 (And the LORD gave Iṣ'ra-ēl a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Sŷr'i-āns: and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl dwelt in their tents as beforetime.)

6 Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jēr-ō-bō'am, who made Iṣ'ra-ēl sin, *but* walked therein: and there remained the grove also in Sa-mā'ri-a.)

7 Neither did he leave of the people to Jē-hō'a-hāz but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Sŷr'i-ā had destrōy'ed them, and had made them like the dust by threshing.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Je-hō'a-hāz, and all that he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the Chrōn'i-cles of the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl?

9 And Jē-hō'a-hāz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Sa-mā'ri-a: and Jō'āsh his son reigned in his stead.

10 ¶ In the thirty and seventh year of Jō'āsh king of Jū'dāh began Jē-hō'ash the son of Jē-hō'a-haz to reign over Iṣ'ra-ēl in Sa-mā'ri-a, and reigned sixteen years.

11 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all the sins of Jēr-ō-bō'am the son of Nē'bat, who made Iṣ'ra-ēl sin; *but* he walked therein.

12 And the rest of the acts of Jō'ash, and all that he did, and his might where-with he fought against ʿān-a-zī'ah king of Jū'dāh, *are* they not written in the book of the Chrōn'i-cles of the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl?

13 And Jō'ash slept with his fathers; and Jēr-ō-bō'am sat upon his throne: and Jō'ash was buried in Sa-mā'ri-a with the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

14 ¶ Now ē-lī'sha was fallen sick, of his sickness whereof he died. And Jō'ash the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father! the chariot of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and the horsemen thereof!

15 And ē-lī'sha said unto him, Take bōw and arrows: and he took unto him bōw and arrows.

16 And he said to the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Put thine hand upon the bōw: and he put his hand upon it; and ē-lī'sha put his hands upon the king's hands.

17 And he said, Open the window east-wārd: and he opened it. Then ē-lī'sha

said, Shoot: and he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Sŷr'i-ā; for thou shalt smite the Sŷr'i-āns in a'phēk till thou have consumed *them*.

18 And he said, Take the arrows: and he took *them*. And he said unto the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Smite upon the ground: and he smote thrice, and stayed.

19 And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldst have smitten five or six times, then hadst thou smitten Sŷr'i-ā till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Sŷr'i-ā but thrice.

20 ¶ And ē-lī'shā died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Mō'ab-ites 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 ē-lī'shā: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of ē-lī'shā, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

22 ¶ But Haz'a-el king of Sŷr'i-a oppressed Iṣ'ra-ēl all the days of Jē-hō'a-haz.

23 And the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his cōvenant with A'bra-ham, I'saac, and Jā'cōb, and would not destrōy' them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet.

24 So Haz'a-el the king of Sŷr'i-a died: and Bēn'ha-dad his son reigned in his stead.

25 And Jē-hō'ash, the son of Jē-hō'a-haz, took again', out of the hand of Ben'ha-dad the son of Haz'a-ēl, the cities which he had taken out of the hand of Jē-hō'a-haz his father by war: three times did Jō'ash beat him, and recovered the cities of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

CHAP. XIV.

IN the second year of Jō'ash, son of Jē-hō'a-haz king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, reigned ʿān-a-zī'ah, the son of Jō'ash king of Jū'dāh.

2 He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm: and his mother's name was Jē-hō-ad'dan of Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

3 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like Dā'vīd his father: he did according to all things as Jō'ash his father did.

4 Howbeit the high places wēre not taken away: as yet the people did sac'ri-fice and burnt incense on the high places.

5 And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants which had slain the king his father.

6 But the children of the murderers he

slew not : according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Mō'ses, wherein the LORD cōmmānded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers ; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

7 He slew of ē'dom, in the valley of Sālt, ten thousand, and took Sē'lah by war, and called the name of it Jōk'the-el unto this day.

8 Then Am-a-zī'ah sent messengers to Jē-hō'āsh, the son of Jē-hō'a-haz, son of Jē'hu king of Iṣ'ra-el, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face.

9 And Jē-hō'āsh the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl sent to Am-a-zī'ah king of Jū'dah, saying, The thistle that was in Leb'a-nōn sent to the cedar that was in Leb'a-nōn, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife : and there passed by a wild beast that was in Leb'a-nōn, and trōde down the thistle.

10 Thou hast indeed smitten ē'dom, and thine heart hath lifted thee up : glory of this, and tarry at home ; for why shouldst thou meddle to thy hurt, that thou shouldst fall, even thou, and Jū'dah with thee ?

11 But Am-a-zī'ah would not hear : therē'fōre Jē-hō'āsh king of Iṣ'ra-ēl went up ; and he and Am-a-zī'ah king of Jū'dah looked one another in the face at Beth'she-mesh, which belongeth to Jū'dah.

12 And Jū'dah was put to the worse before Iṣ'ra-ēl ; and they fled every man to their tents.

13 And Jē-hō'āsh king of Iṣ'ra-ēl took Am-a-zī'ah king of Jū'dah, the son of Jē-hō'āsh, the son of A-ha-zī'ah, at Beth'she-mesh, and came to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and brake down the wall of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, from the gate of Ē'phra-īm unto the corner-gate, four hundred cubits.

14 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the LORD, and in the trēas'ures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Sa-mā'ri-a.

15 Now the rest of the acts of Jē-hō'āsh which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Am-a-zī'ah king of Jū'dah, are they not written in the book of the Chrōn'i-cles of the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl ?

16 And Jē-hō'āsh slept with his fathers, and was buried in Sa-mā'ri-a with the kings of Iṣ'ra-el ; and Jēr-ō-bō'am his son reigned in his stead.

17 And Am-a-zī'ah the son of Jō'ash king of Jū'dah lived after the death of Jē-hō'āsh son of Jē-hō'a-haz king of Iṣ'ra-el fifteen years.

18 And the rest of the acts of Am-a-zī'ah, are they not written in the book of the Chrōn'i-cles of the kings of Jū'dah ?

19 Now they made a conspiraey against him in Jē-rū'sa-lēm : and he fled to Lā'

chish ; but they sent after him to Lā'chish, and slew him there.

20 And they brought him on horses ; and he was buried at Jē-rū'sa-lēm with his fathers, in the city of Dā'vid.

21 And all the people of Jū'dah took Az-a-rī'ah, which was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Am-a-zī'ah.

22 He built ē'lath, and restored it to Jū'dah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

23 ¶ In the fifteenth year of Am-a-zī'ah the son of Jō'ash king of Jū'dah, Jēr-ō-bō'am the son of Jō'ash king of Iṣ'ra-el began to reign in Sa-mā'ri-a, and reigned forty and one years.

24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD : he departed not from all the sins of Jēr-ō-bō'am the son of Nē'bat, who made Iṣ'ra-ēl to sin.

25 He restored the coast of Iṣ'ra-ēl from the entering of Hā'math unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-el, which he spake by the hand of his sērvant Jō'nah, the son of A-mī'tāi, the prophet, which was of Gath-he'phēr.

26 For the LORD saw the affliction of Iṣ'ra-ēl, that it was very bitter : for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Iṣ'ra-ēl.

27 And the LORD said not that he would blot out the name of Iṣ'ra-ēl from under heaven : but he saved them by the hand of Jēr-ō-bō'am the son of Jō'ash.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Jēr-ō-bō'am, and all that he did, and his might, how he wārrēd, and how he recovered Da-mas'cūs, and Hā'math, which belonged to Jū'dah, for Iṣ'ra-ēl, are they not written in the book of the Chrōn'i-cles of the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl ?

29 And Jēr-ō-bō'am slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl ; and Zaḥ-a-rī'ah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XV.

IN the twenty and seventh year of Jēr-ō-bō'am king of Iṣ'ra-ēl began Az-a-rī'ah son of Am-a-zī'ah king of Jū'dah to reign.

2 Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two and fifty years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm : and his mōthēr's name was Jeḥ-ō-li'ah of Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Am-a-zī'ah had done ;

4 Save that the high places were not removed : the people sacrificēd and burnt incense still on the high places.

5 And the LORD smote the king, so that he was a lēper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house. And Jō'tham the king's son was over the house, judging the people of the land.

Zach-a-ri'ah is slain.

II. KINGS.

Pék-a-hi'ah is slain by Pék'kah.

6 And the rest of the acts of Az-a-ri'ah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the Çhrôn'i-çles of the kings of Jû'dah?

7 So Az-a-ri'ah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of Da'vid: and Jô'tham his son reigned in his stead.

8 ¶ In the thirty and eighth year of Az-a-ri'ah king of Jû'dah did Zaçh-a-ri'ah the son of Jer-ô-bô'am reign over Iş'ra-ël in Sa-mâ'ri-a 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 Jer-ô-bô'am the son of Nê'bat, who made Iş'ra-ël to sin.

10 And Shal'lûm the son of Ja'bêsh conspired against' him, and smote him before the people, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

11 And the rest of the acts of Zach-a-ri'ah, behold, they *are* written in the book of the Chron'i-çles of the kings of Iş'ra-ël.

12 This *was* the word of the LORD which he spake unto Jê'hû, saying, Thy sons shalt sit on the throne of Iş'ra-ël unto the fourth generation. And so it came to pass.

13 ¶ Shal'lum the son of Ja'bêsh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of Uz-zî'ah king of Jû'dah; and he reigned a full month in Sa-mâ'ri-a.

14 For Mên'a-hêm the son of Ga'dî went up from Tir'zah,¹ and came to Sa-mâ'ri-a, and smote Shal'lum the son of Ja'bêsh in Sa-mâ'ri-a, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

15 And the rest of the acts of Shal'lum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they *are* written in the book of the Chron'i-çles of the kings of Iş'ra-ël.

16 Then Mên'a-hêm smote Tîph'sah, and all that *wêre* therein, and the coast thereof from Tir'zah: because they opened not to him, thêre'fôre he smote it; and all the women therein that wêre with child he ripped up.

17 In the nine and thirtieth year of Az-a-ri'ah king of Jû'dah began Mên'a-hêm the son of Ga'dî to reign over Iş'ra-ël, and reigned ten years in Sa-mâ'ri-a.

18 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jer-ô-bô'am the son of Nê'bat, who made Iş'ra-ël to sin.

19 And Pûl the king of As-sÿr'i-a came against' the land: and Mên'a-hêm gave Pûl a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him, to cõfirm² the kingdom in his hand.

20 And Mên'a-hêm exacted the moneý of Iş'ra-ël, *even* of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver,

¹ Têr'zâh.

to give to the king of As-sÿr'i-a: so the king of As-sÿr'i-a turned back, and stayed not there in the land

21 And the rest of the acts of Mên'a-hêm, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the Çhrôn'i-çles of the kings of Iş'ra-ël?

22 And Mên'a-hêm slept with his fathers: and Pék-a-hi'ah his son reigned in his stead.

23 In the fiftieth year of Az-a-ri'ah king of Jû'dah, Pék-a-hi'ah the son of Mên'a-hêm began to reign over Iş'ra-ël in Sa-mâ'ri-a, and reigned two years.

24 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from the sins of Jer-ô-bô'am the son of Nê'bat, who made Iş'ra-ël to sin.

25 But Pék'kah the son of Rêm-a-li'ah, a cap'tain of his, conspired against' him, and smote him in Sa-mâ'ri-a, in the palace of the king's house, with Ar'gôb and Á-ri'êh, and with him fifty men of the Gil'e-ad-ites: and he killed him, and reigned in his room.

26 And the rest of the acts of Pék-a-hi'ah, and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the book of the Çhrôn'i-çles of the kings of Iş'ra-ël.

27 In the two and fiftieth year of Az-a-ri'ah king of Jû'dah, Pék'kah the son of Rêm-a-li'ah began to reign over Iş'ra-ël in Sa-mâ'ri-a, and reigned twenty years.

28 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from the sins of Jer-ô-bô'am the son of Nê'bat, who made Iş'ra-ël to sin.

29 In the days of Pék'kah king of Iş'ra-ël, came Tig'lath-Pi-lê'sér king of As-sÿr'i-a, and took I'jôn, and Á'bel-Bêth-ma'a-çhâh, and Ja-nô'ah, and Kê'dêsh, and Há'zor, and Gil'e-ad, and Gal'i-lêê, all the land of Naph'ta-lî, and carried them captive to As-sÿr'i-a.

30 And Hô-shê'a the son of Ê'lâh made a conspiracy against' Pék'kah the son of Rêm-a-li'ah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jô'tham the son of Uz-zî'ah.

31 And the rest of the acts of Pék'kah, and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the book of the Çhrôn'i-çles of the kings of Iş'ra-ël.

32 ¶ In the second year of Pék'kah the son of Rêm-a-li'ah king of Iş'ra-ël, began Jô'tham the son of Uz-zî'ah king of Jû'dah to reign.

33 Five and twenty years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jê-rû'sa-lêm; and his mother's name *was* Jê-rû'sha, the daughter of Za'dök.

34 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD: he did according to all that his father Uz-zî'ah had done.

² kôn-fêrm'.

35 Howbeit, the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house of the LORD.

36 Now the rest of the acts of Jō'tham, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Chron'icles of the kings of Jū'dah?

37 In those days the LORD began to send against Jū'dah, Re'zīn the king of Sŷr'i-a, and Pe'kah the son of Rēm-a-lī'ah.

38 And Jō'tham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of Dā'vīd his father: and A'haz his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XVI.

IN the seventeenth year of Pe'kah the son of Rēm-a-lī'ah, A'haz the son of Jō'tham king of Jū'dah began to reign.

2 Twenty years old was A'haz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Je-rū'sa-lēm, and did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD his God, like Dā'vīd his father.

3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl; yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 Then Re'zīn king of Sŷr'i-a, and Pe'kah son of Rēm-a-lī'ah king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, came up to Je-rū'sa-lēm to war: and they besieged A'haz, but could not overcome him.

6 At that time Re'zīn king of Sŷr'i-a recovered E'lath to Sŷr'i-a, and drove the Jews from E'lath: and the Sŷr'i-ans came to E'lath, and dwelt there unto this day.

7 So A'haz sent messengers to Tig'lath-Pī-lē'sēr king of As-sŷr'i-a, saying, I am thy servant, and thy son: come up and save me out of the hand of the king of Sŷr'i-a, and out of the hand of the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, which rise up against me.

8 And A'haz 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 As-sŷr'i-a.

9 And the king of As-sŷr'i-a hearkeneth unto him; for the king of As-sŷr'i-a went up against Da-mas'cūs, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir,¹ and slew Re'zīn.

10 And king A'haz went to Da-mas'cūs to meet Tig'lath-Pī-lē'sēr king of As-sŷr'i-a, and saw an altar that was at Da-mas'cūs: and king A'haz sent to U-ri'jah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of

it, according to all the workmanship thereof.

11 And U-ri'jah the priest built an altar according to all that king A'haz had sent from Da-mas'cūs: so U-ri'jah the priest made it against king A'haz came from Da-mas'cūs.

12 And when the king was come from Da-mas'cūs, the king saw 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 fore-front 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 A'haz commānded U-ri'jah 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 inquire by.

16 Thus did U-ri'jah the priest, according to all that king A'haz commānded.

17 And king A'haz 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 As-sŷr'i-a.

19 Now the rest of the acts of A'haz which he did, are they not written in the book of the Chron'icles of the kings of Jū'dah?

20 And A'haz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of Dā'vīd: and Hēz-e-kī'ah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XVII.

IN the twelfth year of A'haz king of Jū'dah, began Hō-she'a the son of E'lāh to reign in Sa-mā'ri-a over Iṣ'ra-ēl nine years.

2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl that were before him.

3 Against him came up Shal-ma-ne'sēr king of As-sŷr'i-a: and Hō-she'a became his servant, and gave him presents.

4 And the king of As-sŷr'i-a found conspiracy in Hō-she'a: for he had sent messengers to Sō king of E'gypt, and brought no present to the king of As-sŷr'i-a, as he had done year by year: therefore the king

¹ Kēr.

of As-sŷr'i-a shut him up, and bound him in prison.

5 Then the king of ās-sŷr'i-a came up throughout all the land, and went up to Sa-mā'ri-a, and besieged it three years.

6 In the ninth year of Hō-shē'a the king of ās-sŷr'i-a took Sa-mā'ri-a, and carried Iš'ra-ēl away into ās-sŷr'i-a, and placed them in Hā'lah, and in Hā'bōr by the river of Gō'zan, and in the cities of the Medes.

7 For so it was, that the children of Iš'ra-ēl had sinned against' the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Ē'gŷpt, from under the hand of Phā'raōh king of Ē'gŷpt, and had feared other gods,

8 And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Iš'ra-el, and of the kings of Iš'ra-ēl, which they had made.

9 And the children of Iš'ra-ēl 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 groves in every high hill, and under every green tree :

11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them ; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger :

12 For they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing.

13 Yet the LORD testified against' Iš'ra-ēl, and against' Jū'dah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my cōmmand'ments and my statutes, according to all the law which I cōmmand'ed your fathers, and which 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 cōvenant that he made with their fathers, and his tēs'timonīes which he testified against' them ; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about' them, cōncē'ring whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them.

16 And they left all the cōmmand'ments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and wōr'shipped all the host of heaven, and served Bā'al.

17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and

sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

18 Thērē'fōre the LORD was very angry with Iš'ra-ēl, and removed them out of his sight : there was none left but the tribe of Jū'dah only.

19 Also Jū'dah kept not the cōmmand'ments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Iš'ra-ēl which they made.

20 And the LORD rejected all the seed of Iš'ra-ēl, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

21 For he rent Iš'ra-ēl from the house of Dā'vid ; and they made Jēr-ō-bō'am, the son of Ne'bat, king : and Jēr-ō-bō'am drave Iš'ra-ēl from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin.

22 For the children of Iš'ra-ēl walked in all the sins of Jēr-ō-bō'am which he did ; they departed not from them ;

23 Until the LORD removed Iš'ra-ēl out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Iš'ra-ēl carried away out of their own land to As-sŷr'i-a unto this day.

24 And the king of As-sŷr'i-ā brought men from Bab'y-lōn, and from Čūth'ah, and from ā'vā, and from Hā'māth, and from Seph-ār-vā'im, and placed them in the cities of Sa-mā'ri-a, instead of the children of Iš'ra-ēl : and they pōssēs's'ed Sa-mā'ri-ā, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

25 And so it was, at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the LORD ; thērē'fōre the LORD sent lions among them, which slew some of them.

26 Wherefore they spake to the king of As-sŷr'i-a, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Sa-mā'ri-ā, know not the manner of the God of the land : thērē'fōre 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 As-sŷr'i-a cōmmand'ed, 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 Sa-mā'ri-a, came and dwelt in Bēth'ēl, 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 Sa-mar'i-tāns had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.

30 And the men of Bāb'y-lōn made Sūc'cōth-Bē'nōth, and the men of Čūth made Nēr'gal, and the men of Hā'māth made Ash'i-ma,

31 And the ā'vites made Nīb'haz and

Tār'tak, and the Sə'phar-vites burnt their children in fire to A-dram'me-lech, and Anan'me-lech, the gods of Səph-ar-vā'im.

32 So they feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the lowest of their priests of the high places, which sac'rif'ic'ed for them in the houses of the high places.

33 They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.

34 Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and cōmmand'ment which the LORD cōm-mān'ded the children of Jā'çōb, whom he named Iş'ra-ēl;

35 With whom the LORD had made a cōvenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bōw yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sac'rif'ice to them:

36 But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Ē'g'gypt with great power and a stretched-out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye wōr'ship, and to him shall ye do sac'rif'ice.

37 And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the cōmmand'ment, which he wrote for you, ye shall cōs'erve' to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods.

38 And the cōvenant 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.

CHAP. XVIII.—

NOW it came to pass, in the third year of Hō-she'a son of Ē'lāh king of Iş'ra-el, that Hēz-e-ki'āh the son of ā'hāz king of Jū'dāh began to reign.

2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm. His mōther's name also was ā'bī, the daughter of Zāch-a-ri'ah.

3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Dā'vid 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 Mō'sēs had made: for unto those days the children of Iş'ra-ēl did burn incense to it: and he called it Nē-hūsh'tan.

5 He trusted in the LORD God of Iş'ra-

ēl; so that after him was nōne like him among all the kings of Jū'dāh, nor any that wēre before him.

6 For he clave to the LORD, and departed not from following him, but kept his cōmmand'ments, which the LORD cōm-mān'ded Mō'sēs.

7 And the LORD was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against' the king of AS-s'yr'i-a, and served him not.

8 He smote the Phi-lis'tines, even unto Gā'za, 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 Hēz-e-ki'āh, which was the seventh year of Hō-she'a son of Ē'lāh king of Iş'ra-ēl, that Shal-ma-nēs'er king of AS-s'yr'i-a came up against' Sa-mā'ri-a, and besieged it.

10 And at the end of three years they took it, even in the sixth year of Hēz-e-ki'āh (that is, the ninth year of Hō-she'a king of Iş'ra-ēl) Sa-mā'ri-a was taken.

11 And the king of AS-s'yr'i-a did carry away Iş'ra-ēl unto AS-s'yr'i-a, and put them in Hā'lah and in Hā'bōr by the river of Gō'zan, and in the cities of the Medes:

12 Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his cōvenant, and all that Mō'sēs the sēr-vant of the LORD cōmmand'ded, and would not hear them, nor do them.

13 ¶ Now, in the fourteenth year of king Hēz-e-ki'āh did Sēn-na-çhē'rib king of AS-s'yr'i-a come up against' all the fenced cities of Jū'dāh, and took them.

14 And Hēz-e-ki'āh king of Jū'dāh sent to the king of AS-s'yr'i-ā to Lā'çhīsh, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou puttest on me will I bear. And the king of AS-s'yr'i-a appointed unto Hēz-e-ki'āh king of Jū'dāh three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

15 And Hēz-e-ki'āh gave him all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the trēas'ures of the king's house.

16 At that time did Hez-e-ki'āh cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the LORD, and from the pillars which Hez-e-ki'āh king of Jū'dāh had overlaid, and gave it to the king of AS-s'yr'i-a.

17 ¶ And the king of AS-s'yr'i-a sent Tār'tan, and Rab'sa-ris, and Rab'sha-keh, from Lā'çhīsh to king Hēz-e-ki'āh, with a great host against' Je-rū'sa-lēm: and they went up, and came to Je-rū'sa-lēm. And when they wēre come up, they came and stood by the cōn'duit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field.

18 And when they had called to the

king, there came out to them Ē-lî'a-kîm the son of Hil-kî'ah, which *was* over the household, and Shêb'na the scribe, and Jô'ah the son of Ā'saph the recorder.

19 And Rab'sha-keh said unto them, Speak ye now to Hêz-e-kî'ah, Thus saith the great king, the king of As-sÿr'i-a, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?

20 Thou sayest, (but *they are but* vain words,) *I have* counsel and strength for the war. Now, on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

21 Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, *even* upon Ē'gÿpt, on which if a man lean it will go into his hand and pierce it: so is Phā'raôh king of Ē'gÿpt 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 Hêz-e-kî'ah hath taken away; and hath said to Jû'dah and Jê-rû'sa-lêm, Ye shall wôr'ship before this altar in Jê-rû'sa-lêm?

23 Now thêrê'fôre, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of As-sÿr'i-a, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.

24 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one cap'tain of the least of my master's sêrvants, and put thy trust on Ē'gÿpt for chariots and for horsemen?

25 Am I now come up without the LORD against' this place to destrôy' it? The LORD said to me, Go up against' this land, and destrôy' it.

26 Then said Ē-lî'a-kîm the son of Hil-kî'ah, and Shêb'na, and Jô'ah, unto Rab'sha-keh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy sêrvants in the Sÿr'i-an 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'sha-keh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? *hath he not sent me* to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss, with you?

28 Then Rab'sha-keh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of As-sÿr'i-a:

29 Thus saith the king, Let not Hêz-e-kî'ah deceive you; for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:

30 Neither let Hêz-e-kî'ah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of As-sÿr'i-a.

31 Harken not to Hêz-e-kî'ah: for thus saith the king of As-sÿr'i-a, 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 hóney, that ye may live and not die: and hearken not unto Hêz-e-kî'ah, when he pèrsôadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliver us.

33 Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of As-sÿr'i-a?

34 Where *are* the gods of Hâ'math, and of Ar'pad? where *are* the gods of Sêph-ar-vâ'im, He'na, and I'vah? have they delivered Sa-mâ'ri-a 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 Jê-rû'sa-lêm out of mine hand?

36 But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's cômmand'ment was, saying, Answer him not.

37 Then came Ē-lî'a-kîm the son of Hil-kî'ah, which *was* over the household, and Shêb'na the scribe, and Jô'ah the son of Ā'saph the recorder, to Hêz-e-kî'ah, with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab'sha-keh.

CHAP. XIX.

AND it came to pass, when king Hêz-e-kî'ah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

2 And he sent Ē-lî'a-kîm, which *was* over the household, and Shêb'na the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to I-sâi'ah¹ the prophet, the son of A'môz.

3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hêz-e-kî'ah, This day is a day of trôuble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: for the children *are* come to the birth,² and *there* is not strength to bring forth.

4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rab'sha-keh, whom the king of As-sÿr'i-a 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 sêrvants of king Hêz-e-kî'ah came to I-sâi'ah.

6 And I-sâi'ah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the sêrvants of the king of As-sÿr'i-a have blasphemed me.

7 Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause

¹ I-sâ'yâh.

² bêrth.

him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 So Rāb'sha-kēh returned, and found the king of Ās-syr'i-ā warring āgainst' Lib'nāh: for he had heard that he was departed from Lā'chīsh.

9 And when he heard say of Tir'ha-kāh¹ king of Ē-thi o'pi-ā, Behold, he is come out to fight āgainst' thee; he sent messengers āgain' unto Hēz-e-kī'āh, saying,

10 Thus shall ye speak to Hēz-e-kī'āh king of Jū'dāh, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jē-rū'sa-lēm shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Ās-syr'i-ā.

11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Ās-syr'i-ā have done to all lands, by dēstrōy'ing them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have dēstrōy'ed; as Gō'zān, and Hā'rān, and Rē'zēph, and the children of Ē'dēn which wēre in Thē-lās'ar?

13 Where is the king of Hā'māth, and the king of Ar'pād, and the king of the city of Sēph-ar-vā'im, of Hē'nā, and I'vāh?

14 And Hēz-e-kī'āh received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hēz-e-kī'āh went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

15 And Hēz-e-kī'āh prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, which dwellest *between* the cherubims, thou art the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

16 LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see; and hear the words of Sēn-na-ḥē'rib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God.

17 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Ās-syr'i-ā have dēstrōy'ed the nations and their lands,

18 And have cāst their gods into the fire: for they wēre no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; thērē'fōre they have dēstrōy'ed them.

19 Now thērē'fōre, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God, *even* thou only.

20 Then I-sāi'āh the son of Ā'mōz sent to Hēz-e-kī'āh, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, *That* which thou hast prayed to me āgainst' Sēn-na-ḥē'rib king of Ās-syr'i-ā I have heard.

21 This is the word that the LORD hath spoken cōncēr'n'ing him; The vir'gīn the daughter of Zi'ōn hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jē-rū'sa-lēm hath shaken her head at thee.

22 Whom hast thou reproached and blāsp'hēmed? and āgainst' whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? *even* āgainst' the Hōly One of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

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 mōûn'tāins, to the sides of Lēb'a-nōn, 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 Cār'mēl.

24 I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of besieged places.

25 Hast thou not heard long āgō, how I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pāss, that thou shouldst be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps.

26 Thērē'fōre their inhabitants wēre of small power, they wēre dīsmāy'ed and confounded; they wēre as the grāss of the field, and as the green hērb, as the grāss on the house-tops, and as corn blāsted before it be grown up.

27 But I know thy ābōde, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage āgainst' me.

28 Because thy rage āgainst me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, thērē'fōre I will put my look in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

29 And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye and reap, and plānt vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

30 And the remnant that is ēscāped of the house of Jū'dāh shall yet āgain' take root dōwn'wārd, and bear fruit ūpward.

31 For out of Jē-rū'sa-lēm shall go forth a remnant, and they that ēscāpe^o out of mount Zi'ōn: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

32 Thērē'fōre thus saith the LORD cōncēr'n'ing the king of Ās-syr'i-ā, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cāst a bank āgainst' it.

33 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

34 For I will defend this city to save it, for mine own sake, and for my sērvant Dā'vid's sake.

35 And it came to pāss that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Ās-syr'i-āns a hundred fourscore and five thousand: and

¹ Tēr'ha-kāh.

when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

36 So SÉN ná-ghe'rib king of Ass-ýr'i-a departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nin'e-veh.

37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Níš'röch his god, that A-dram'me-lech and Sha-rézér his sons smote him with the sword. and they escaped into the land of Ar-mé'ni-á. And E'sár-Hád'dön his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XX.

IN those days was Hez-e-ki'ah sick unto death. And the prophet I-sái'ah¹ the son of Amöz 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 Hez-e-ki'ah wept sore.

4 And it came to pass, afore I-sái'ah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

5 Turn again', and tell Hez-e-ki'ah, the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Dá'vid 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 Ass-ýr'i-á; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my sèrvant Dá'vid's sake.

7 And I-sái'ah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

8 And Hez-e-ki'ah said unto I-sái'ah, 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 I-sái'ah said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: Shall the shadow go för'wárd ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?

10 And Hez-e-ki'ah 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 I-sái'ah the prophet cried unto the LORD; and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of á'haz.

12 ¶ At that time Bè-rö'dach-Bal'a-dan, the son of Bal'a-dan king of Báb'y-lon,

¹ I-sá'yáh.

sent letters and a present unto Hez-e-ki'ah: for he had heard that Hez-e-ki'ah had been sick.

13 And Hez-e-ki'ah hearkened unto them, and showed 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 Hez-e-ki'ah showed them not.

14 Then came I-sái'ah the prophet unto king Hez-e-ki'ah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hez-e-ki'ah said, They are come from a far country, even from Báb'y-lön.

15 And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hez-e-ki'ah answered, All the things that are in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not showed them.

16 And I-sái'ah said unto Hez-e-ki'ah, 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 unto Báb'y-lön: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

18 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunüchs² in the palace of the king of Báb'y-lön.

19 Then said Hez-e-ki'ah unto I-sái'ah, 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 Hez-e-ki'ah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduít, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the Çhrön'i-çles of the kings of Jú'dah?

21 And Hez-e-ki'ah slept with his fathers: and Ma-nas'seh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXI.

MA-NAS'SEH was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jè-rú'sa-lem. And his móther's name was Heph'zi-bàh.

2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of I's'ra-el.

3 For he built up again' the high places which Hez-e-ki'ah his father had deströy'ed; and he reared up altars for Bál'al, and made a grove, as did á'hab king of I's'ra-el; and wor'shipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

4 And he built altars in the house of

² yú'nüz.

the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jē-rū'sa-lēm will I put my name.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And he made his son pāss through the fire, and obšērv'ed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

7 And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the LORD said to Dā'vid, and to Šōl'ō-mōn his son, In this house, and in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Iŷ'ra-ēl, will I put my name for ever:

8 Neither will I make the feet of Iŷ'ra-ēl move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will obšērv'e' to do according to all that I have cōmmān'ded them, and according to all the law that my sērvant Mō'sēs cōmmān'ded them.

9 But they hearkened not: and Ma-nās'seh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the LORD dēstrōy'ed before the children of Iŷ'ra-ēl.

10 And the LORD spake by his sērvants the prophets, saying,

11 Because Ma-nās'seh king of Jū'dāh hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly ābōve all that the ām'-o-rites did, which wēre before him, and hath made Jū'dāh also to sin with his idols;

12 Thēr'fōre thus saith the LORD God of Iŷ'ra-ēl, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jē-rū'sa-lēm and Jū'dāh, that who-soever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle.

13 And I will stretch over Jē-rū'sa-lēm the line of Sa-mā'ri-ā, and the plummet of the house of Ā'hāb: and I will wipe Jē-rū'sa-lēm as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down.

14 And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies;

15 Because they have done that which was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Ē'gyp't, even unto this day.

16 Moreover, Ma-nās'seh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jē-rū'sa-lēm from one end to ānōther; beside his sin wherewith he made Jū'dāh to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD.

17 Now the rest of the acts of Ma-nās'seh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, āre they not written in the

book of the Čhrōn'i-čles of the kings of Jū'dāh?

18 And Ma-nās'seh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the gārden of his own house, in the gārden of Ūz'zā: and Ā'mōn his son reigned in his stead.

19 Ā'mōn was twenty and two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm. And his mōth-er's name was Mē-shūl'le-mēth, the dāugh-ter of Hā'rūz of Jōt'bāh.

20 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Ma-nās'seh did.

21 And he walked in all the ways that his father walked in, and sērv'd the idols that his father sērv'd, and wōr'shipp'd them:

22 And he forsook the LORD God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the LORD.

23 And the sērvants of Ā'mōn conspired āgāinst' him, and slew the king in his own house.

24 And the people of the land slew all them that had conspired āgāinst' king Ā'mōn; and the people of the land made Jō-sī'āh his son king in his stead.

25 Now the rest of the acts of Ā'mōn which he did, āre they not written in the book of the Čhrōn'i-čles of the kings of Jū'dāh?

26 And he was buried in his sēpulchre, in the gārden of Ūz'zā: and Jō-sī'āh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXII.

JO-SI'AH was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned thirty and one years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm. And his mōth-er's name was Jēd'i-dāh, the dāugh-ter of Ād-ā-i'āh of Bōs'cāth.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of Dā'vid his father, and turned not āside to the right hand or to the left.

3 And it came to pāss, in the eigh-teenth year of king Jō-sī'āh, that the king sent Šhā'phān the son of Āz-a-lī'āh, the son of Mē-shūl'lām the scribe to the house of the LORD, saying,

4 Go up to Hīl-kī'āh the high priēst, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have gāth-ered of the people:

5 And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house,

6 Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

7 Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the mōney that was deliver-

ed into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

8 And Hil-ki'ah the high priest said unto Sha'phan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hil-ki'ah gave the book to Sha'phan, and he read it.

9 And Sha'phan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again', and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD.

10 And Sha'phan the scribe showed the king, saying, Hil-ki'ah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Sha'phan read it before the king.

11 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

12 And the king commanded Hil-ki'ah the priest, and A-hi'kam the son of Sha'phan, and Ach'bor the son of Mi-chai'ah, and Sha'phan the scribe, and A-sa-hi'ah a servant of the king's, saying,

13 Go ye, inquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Ju'dah, 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 Hil-ki'ah the priest, and A-hi'kam, and Ach'bor, and Sha'phan, and A-sa-hi'ah, went unto Hul'dah the prophetess, the wife of Shal'lum the son of Tik'vah, the son of Har'haz, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Je-rusa-lem in the college;) and they communed with her.

15 And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Is'ra-el, Tell the man that sent you to me,

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 Ju'dah hath read:

17 Because they have forsaken me, and have 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 Ju'dah, which sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Is'ra-el, As touch'ing the words which thou hast heard;

19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardst what I spake against this place and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy

clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD.

20 Behold, therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave 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.

AND the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Ju'dah and of Je-rusa-lem.

2 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Ju'dah, and all the inhabitants of Je-rusa-lem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD.

3 And the king stood by a pillar, 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 their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book: and all the people stood to the covenant.

4 And the king commanded Hil-ki'ah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Ba'al, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven; and he burnt them without Je-rusa-lem in the fields of Kid'ron, and carried the ashes of them unto Beth'el.

5 And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Ju'dah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Ju'dah, and in the places round about Je-rusa-lem; them also that burnt incense unto Ba'al, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.

6 And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD, without Je-rusa-lem, unto the brook Kid'ron, and burnt it at the brook Kid'ron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people.

7 And he brake down the houses of the Sodom-ites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove.

8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Ju'dah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burnt incense, from Geba to Beth'she-ba, and brake down the high places of the gates that were in the entering in of the gate of Josph'u-ah 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 Jē-rū'sa-lēm, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren.

10 And he defiled Tō-phēth, which is in the valley of the children of Him'nōm, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Mō'lēch.

11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Jū'dāh had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nā'thān-Mē'lēch the chām'bērlain, which was in the suburbs, and burnt the chariots of the sun with fire.

12 And the altars that were on the top of the upper chamber of Ā'hāz, which the kings of Jū'dāh had made, and the altars which Ma-nās'seh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and brake them down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kid'rōn.

13 And the high places that were before Jē-rū'sa-lēm, which were on the right hand of the mount of Cōr-rūp'tion, which Sōl'omōn the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl had builded for Āsh'to-rēth the abomination of the Zi-dō-ni-āns, and for Chē'mōsh the abomination of the Mō'āb-ites, and for Mil'çōm the abomination of the children of Ām'mōn, did the king defile.

14 And he brake in piēces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

15 Moreover, the altar that was at Bēth'ēl, and the high place which Jēr-ō-bō'ām the son of Nē'bāt, who made Iṣ'ra-ēl to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burnt the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burnt the grove.

16 And as Jō-sī'āh turned himself, he spied the sēpulchres that were there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sēpulchres, and burnt them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD, which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

17 Then he said, What title is that that I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the sēpulchre of the man of God which came from Jū'dāh, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Bēth'ēl.

18 And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Sa-mā'ri-ā.

19 And all the houses also of the high places that were in the cities of Sa-mā'ri-ā, which the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl had made to provoke the LORD to anger, Jō-sī'āh took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Bēth'ēl.

20 And he slew all the priests of the

high places that were there upon the altars, and burnt men's bones upon them, and returned to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

21 And the king cōmmānded all the people, saying, Keep the pāssover unto the LORD your God, as it is written in the book of this cōvénant.

22 Surely there was not holden such a pāssover from the days of the judges that judged Iṣ'ra-ēl, nor in all the days of the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl, nor of the kings of Jū'dāh;

23 But in the eighteenth year of king Jō-sī'āh, wherein this pāssover was holden to the LORD in Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

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 Jū'dāh and in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, did Jō-sī'āh put away, that he might pērfōrm the words of the law which were written in the book that Hil-kī'āh 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 Mō'sēs; 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 Jū'dāh, because of all the provocations that Ma-nās'seh had provoked him withal.

27 And the LORD said, I will remove Jū'dāh also out of my sight, as I have removed Iṣ'ra-ēl, and will cast off this city Jē-rū'sa-lēm which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Jō-sī'āh, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Çhrōn'i-çles of the kings of Jū'dāh?

29 In his days Phā'raōh-Nē'çhōh king of Ē'gypt went up against the king of Ās-sy'r'i-ā to the river Eū-phrā'tēs; and king Jō-sī'āh went against him; and he slew him at Mē-gī'd'dō, when he had seen him.

30 And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Mē-gī'd'dō, and brought him to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and buried him in his own sēpulchre. And the people of the land took Jē-hō'a-hāz the son of Jō-sī'āh, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

31 ¶ Jē-hō'a-hāz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jē-rū'sa-lēm. And his mother's name was Ha-mū'tāl, the daughter of Jēr-ē-mī'āh of Lib'nāh.

32 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

33 And Phā'raōh-Nē'çhōh put him in

bands at Rib'lāh, in the land of Hā'māth, that he might not reign in Jē-rū'sa-lēm; and put the land to a tribute of a hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

34 And Phā'raōh-Nē'çhōh made Ē-lī'a-kīm the son of Jō-sī'āh king in the room of Jō-sī'āh his father, and turned his name to Jē-hōi'a-kīm, and took Jē-hō'a-hāz āway: and he came to Ē'gypt, and died there.

35 And Jē-hōi'a-kīm gave the silver and the gold to Phā'raōh; but he taxed the land to give the mōney according to the cōmmānd'ment of Phā'raōh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it unto Phā'raōh-Nē'çhōh.

36 ¶ Jē-hōi'a-kīm was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm: and his mōther's name was Zē-bū'dāh, the daughter of Pēd-āi'āh¹ of Rū'māh.

37 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

CHAP. XXIV.

IN his days Nēb-ū-çhād-nēz'zār king of Bāb'y-lōn came up, and Jē-hōi'a-kīm became his sērvant three years: then he turned and rebelled āgainst' him.

2 And the LORD sent āgainst' him bands of the Chāl'dēes, and bands of the Sūr'i-āns, and bands of the Mō'āb-ites, and bands of the children of Ām'mōn, and sent them āgainst' Jū'dāh to dēstrōy' it, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by his sērvants the prophets.

3 Surely at the cōmmānd'ment of the LORD came *this* upon Jū'dāh, to remove *them* out of his sight for the sins of Ma-nās'seh, according to all that he did;

4 And also for the innocent blood that he shed, (for he filled Jē-rū'sa-lēm with innocent blood,) which the LORD would not pardon.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Jē-hōi'a-kīm, and all that he did, āre they not written in the book of the Çhrōn'i-çles of the kings of Jū'dāh?

6 So Jē-hōi'a-kīm slept with his fathers: and Jē-hōi'a-çhīn his son reigned in his stead.

7 And the king of Ē'gypt came not āgain' any more out of his land: for the king of Bāb'y-lōn had taken, from the river of Ē'gypt unto the river Eū-phrā'tēs, all that pētāin'ed to the king of Ē'gypt.

8 ¶ Jē-hōi'a-çhīn was eighteen years old when he began to reign: and he reigned in Jē-rū'sa-lēm three mōnths. And his mōther's name was Nē-hūsh'tā, the daughter of Ēl'na-thān of Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

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 sērvants of Nēb-ū-çhād-nēz'zār king of Bāb'y-lōn came up

āgainst' Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and the city was besieged.

11 And Nēb-ū-çhād-nēz'zār king of Bāb'y-lōn came āgainst' the city, and his sērvants did besiege it.

12 And Jē-hōi'a-çhīn the king of Jū'dāh went out to the king of Bāb'y-lōn, he, and his mōther, and his sērvants, and his princes, and his officers; and the king of Bāb'y-lōn took him in the eighth year of his reign.

13 And he carried out thence all the trēas'ures of the house of the LORD, and the trēas'ures of the king's house, and cut in piēces all the vessels of gold which Sōl'o-mōn king of Iṣ'ra-ēl had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said.

14 And he carried āway all Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, *even* ten thousand captives, and all the crāfts'men and smiths: nōne remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land.

15 And he carried āway Jē-hōi'a-çhīn to Bāb'y-lōn, and the king's mōther, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land: *those* carried he into captivity from Jē-rū'sa-lēm to Bāb'y-lōn.

16 And all the men of might, *even* seven thousand, and crāfts'men and smiths a thousand; all *that wēre* strong and apt for war, *even* them the king of Bāb'y-lōn brought captive to Bāb'y-lōn.

17 And the king of Bāb'y-lōn made Māt-ta-nī'āh his father's brōther king in his stead, and chānged his name to Zēd-ē-kī'āh.

18 Zēd-ē-kī'āh was twenty and one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm: and his mōther's name was Ha-mū'tāl, the daughter of Jēr-ē-mī'āh of Lib'nāh.

19 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jē-hōi'a-çhīn had done.

20 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pās in Jē-rū'sa-lēm and Jū'dāh, until he had cāst them out from his presence, that Zēd-ē-kī'āh rebelled āgainst' the king of Bāb'y-lōn.

CHAP. XXV.

AND it came to pās, in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth mōnth, in the tenth *day* of the mōnth, *that* Nēb-ū-çhād-nēz'zār king of Bāb'y-lōn came, he, and all his host, āgainst' Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and pitched āgainst' it; and they built forts āgainst' it round ābout'.

2 And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zēd-ē-kī'āh.

3 And on the ninth *day* of the *fourth* mōnth the famine prevāiled in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

4 And the city was broken up, and all

¹ Pēd-ā'yāh.

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 Chāl'dēēs wēre āgainst' the city round ābout':) and the king went the way tō'wārd the plain.

5 And the army of the Chāl'dēēs pursued āfter the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jēr'i-ḥō: and all his army wēre scattered from him.

6 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Bāb'y-lōn to Rib'lāh; and they gave judgment upon him.

7 And they slew the sons of Zēd-ē-kī'āh before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zēd-ē-kī'āh, and bound him with fetters of brāss, and carried him to Bāb'y-lōn.

8 And in the fifth mōnth, on the seventh day of the mōnth, (which is the nineteenth year of king Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz'-zār king of Bāb'y-lōn,) came Nēb-ū-zār'-ādān, cāp'tain of the guard,¹ a sērvant of the king of Bāb'y-lōn, unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm:

9 And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and every great man's house burnt he with fire.

10 And all the army of the Chāl'dēēs, that wēre with the cāp'tain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jē-rū'sa-lēm round ābout'.

11 Now the rest of the people that wēre left in the city, and the fugitives that fell āway to the king of Bāb'y-lōn, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nēb-ū-zār'-ādān the cāp'tain of the guard, carry āway.

12 But the cāp'tain of the guard left of the poor of the land to be vine-dressers and hūg'bāndmen.

13 And the pillars of brāss that wēre in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brazen sea that was in the house of the LORD, did the Chāl'dēēs break in piēces, and carried the brāss of them to Bāb'y-lōn.

14 And the pots, and the shōvels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brāss, wherewith they ministered, took they āway.

15 And the fire-pans, and the bōwls, and such things as wēre of gold, in gold, and of silver, in silver, the cāp'tain of the guard took āway.

16 The two pillars, one sea, and the bases, which Sōl'o-mōn had made for the house of the LORD; the brāss of all these vessels was without weight.

17 The height of one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the chapter upon it was brāss: and the height of the chapter three cubits; and the wreathen work, and pōme-grān'ātes upon the chapter round ābout', all of brāss: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen work.

18 And the cāp'tain of the guard took Sē-rā-i'āh the chief priest, and Zēph-a-nī-

āh the second priest, and the three keepers of the door:

19 And out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that wēre in the king's presence, which wēre found in the city, and the principal scribe of the host, which mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land that wēre found in the city:

20 And Nēb-ū-zār'-ādān, cāp'tain of the guard, took these, and brought them to the king of Bāb'y-lōn to Rib'lāh.

21 And the king of Bāb'y-lōn smote them, and slew them at Rib'lāh, in the land of Hā'māth. So Jū'dāh was carried āway out of their land.

22 And as for the people that remained in the land of Jū'dāh, whom Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz'-zār king of Bāb'y-lōn had left, even over them he made Gēd-a-lī'āh the son of Ā-hī'kān, the son of Shā'phān, ruler.

23 And when all the cāp'tains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Bāb'y-lōn had made Gēd-a-lī'āh gōvērnor, there came to Gēd-a-lī'āh, to Miz'pāh, even Ish'ma-ēl the son of Nēth-a-nī'āh, and Jō-hā'nān the son of Ḥa-rē'āh, and Sē-rā-i'āh the son of Tān'hu-mēth the Nē-tōph'a-thīte, and Jā-āz-a-nī'āh the son of a Mā-āḥ'a-thīte, they and their men.

24 And Gēd-a-lī'āh sware to them, and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the sērvants of the Chāl'dēēs: dwell in the land, and sērve the king of Bāb'y-lōn, and it shall be well with you.

25 But it came to pāss, in the seventh mōnth, that Ish'ma-ēl the son of Nēth-a-nī'āh, the son of E-līsh'a-mā, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gēd-a-lī'āh, that he died, and the Jews and the Chāl'dēēs that wēre with him at Miz'pāh.

26 And all the people, both small and great, and the cāp'tains of the armies, ārōse, and came to Ē'gypt: for they wēre āfrāid of the Chāl'dēēs.

27 ¶ And it came to pāss, in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jē-hōi'a-ḥīn king of Jū'dāh, in the twelfth mōnth, on the seven and twentieth day of the mōnth, that Ē'vil-Mē-rō'dāḥ king of Bāb'y-lōn, in the year that he began to reign, did lift up the head of Jē-hōi'a-ḥīn king of Jū'dāh out of prison;

28 And he spake kindly to him, and set his throne ābōve the throne of the kings that wēre with him in Bāb'y-lōn;

29 And changed his prison-gārments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life.

30 And his allowance was a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

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CHAPTER I.

A D'AM, Shēth, Ē'nōsh,

2 Kē'nān, Mā-ha-lā'le-ēl, Jē'rēd,

3 Hē'nōch, Mē-thū'se-lāh, Lā'mēch,

4 Nō'ah, Shēm, Hām, and Jā'phēth.

5 ¶ The sons of Jā'phēth; Gō'mér, and Mā'gōg, and Mād'a-i, and Jā'vān, and Tā'bāl, and Mē'shēch, and Tī'rās.

6 And the sons of Gō'mér; Āsh'chē-nāz, and Rī'phāth, and Tō-gār'māh.

7 And the sons of Jā'vān; Ē-lī'shāh, and Tār'shish, Kit'tim, and Dōd'a-nim.

8 ¶ The sons of Hām; Çūsh, and Miz'ra-im, Pūt, and Çā'na-ān.

9 And the sons of Çūsh; Sē'bā, and Hāv'i-lāh, and Sāb'tā, and Rā'a-māh, and Sāb'te-çhā. And the sons of Rā'a-māh; Shē'bā, and Dē'dān.

10 And Çūsh begat Nim rōd; he began to be mighty upon the earth.

11 And Miz'ra-im begat Lūd'im, and Ān'a-mim, and Lē'ha-bim, and Nāph'tu-him,

12 And Pāth-rū'sim, and Çāç'lu-him, (of whom came the Phi-lis'tines,) and Çāph'tho-rim.

13 And Çā'na-ān begat Zī'dōn his first-born, and Hēth,

14 The Jēb'u-site also, and the Ām'o-rite, and the Gir'ga-shīte,¹

15 And the Hī'vite, and the Ārk'ite, and the Sin'ite,

16 And the Ār'vād-ite, and the Zēm'a-rite, and the Hā'māth-ite.

17 ¶ The sons of Shēm; Ē'lām, and Āsh'ūr, and Ār-phāx'ād, and Lūd, and Ā'rām, and Ūz, and Hūl, and Gē'thēr, and Mē'shēch.

18 And Ār-phāx'ād begat Shē'lāh, and Shē'lāh begat Ē'bér.

19 And unto Ē'bér wēre born two sons: the name of the one was Pē'lēg, (because in his days the earth was divided,) and his brother's name was Jōk'tān.

20 And Jōk'tān begat Āl-mō'dād, and Shē'lēph, and Hāzār-Mā'vēth, and Jē'rāh,

21 Ha-dō'rām also, and Ūzāl, and Dik'lāh,

22 And Ē'bāl, and Ā-bim'a-ēl, and Shē'bā,

23 And Ō'phir, and Hāv'i-lāh, and Jō'bāb. All these wēre the sons of Jōk'tān.

24 ¶ Shēm, Ār-phāx'ād, Shē'lāh,

25 Ē'bér, Pē'lēg, Rē'ū,

26 Sē'rūg, Nā'hōr, Tē'rāh,

27 Ā'brām, the same is Ā'bra-hām.

28 The sons of Ā'bra-hām; Ī'sāaç, and Ish'ma-ēl.

29 ¶ These are their generations: The first-born of Ish'ma-ēl, Nē-bāi'ōtn;² then Kē'dār, and Ād'be-ēl, and Mīb'sām,

30 Mish'mā, and Dū'māh, Mās'sā, Hā-dād, and Tē'mā,

31 Jē'tūr, Nā'phish, and Kēd'e-māh. These are the sons of Ish'ma-ēl.

32 ¶ Now the sons of Kē-tū'rāh, Ā'bra-hām's concubine: she bare Zim'rān, and Jōk'shān, and Mē'dān, and Mīd'i-ān, and Ish'bāk, and Shū'āh. And the sons of Jōk'shān; Shē'bā, and Dē'dān.

33 And the sons of Mīd'i-ān: Ē'phāh, and Ē'phér, and Hē'nōch, and Āb'i-dā, and Ēl'da-āh. All these are the sons of Kē tū'rāh.

34 ¶ And Ā'bra-hām begat Ī'sāaç. The sons of Ī'sāaç; Ē'sāu, and Īs'ra-ēl.

35 The sons of Ē'sāu; Ēl'i-phāz, Rē-ū'ēl, and Jē'ūsh. and Jā-ā'lām, and Kō'rāh.

36 The sons of Ēl'i-phāz; Tē mán, and Ō'mār, Zē'phī, and Gā'tām, Kē'nāz, and Tīm'nā, and Ām'a-lēk.

37 The sons of Rē-ū'ēl; Nā'hāth, Zē-rāh, Shām'māh, and Miz'zāh.

38 And the sons of Sē'ir; Lō'tān, and Shō'bāl, and Zīb'e-ōn, and Ā'nāh, and Dī'shōn, and Ēzār, and Dī'shān.

39 And the sons of Lō'tān; Hō'rī, and Hō'mām: and Tīm'nā was Lō'tān's sister.

40 The sons of Shō'bāl; Ā-lī'ān, and Mān'a-hāth, and Ē'bāl, Shē'phī, and Ō'nām. And the sons of Zīb'e-ōn; Ā-ī'āh, and Ā'nāh.

41 The sons of Ā'nāh; Dī'shōn. And the sons of Dī'shōn; Ām'rām, and Ēsh'bān, and Īth'rān, and Çhērān.

42 The sons of Ēzér; Bil'hān, and Zā-vān, and Jā'kán. The sons of Dī'shān; Ūz, and Ā'rān.

43 ¶ Now these are the kings that reigned in the land of Ē'dōm, before any king reigned over the children of Īs'ra-ēl. Bē'lā the son of Bē'ōr: and the name of his city was Dīn'ha-bāh.

44 And when Bē'lā was dead, Jō'bāb the son of Zē'rāh of Bōz'rāh reigned in his stead.

45 And when Jō'bāb was dead, Hū'shām of the land of the Tē'mān-ites reigned in his stead.

46 And when Hū'shām was dead, Hā-dād the son of Bē'dād, (which smote Mīd'i-ān in the field of Mō'āb,) reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Ā'vith.

47 And when Hā'dād was dead, Sām'lāh of Māç're-kāh reigned in his stead.

¹ Gēr'ga-shīte.

² Nē-bā'yōth.

48 And when Sām'lāh was dead, Shā'ūl of Rē-hō'both by the river reigned in his stead.

49 And when Shā'ūl was dead, Bā'al-Hān'ān the son of Aḥ'bōr reigned in his stead.

50 And when Bā'al-Hān'ān was dead, Hā'dād reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pā'i; and his wife's name was Mē-hēt'a-bēl, the daughter of Mā'trēd, the daughter of Mēz'a-hāb.

51 Hā'dād died also. And the dukes of E'dōm wēre; duke Tim'nāh, duke Ā-lī'āh, duke Jē'thēth,

52 Duke Ā-ho-lib'a-māh, duke E'lāh, duke Pī'nōn,

53 Duke Kē'nāz, duke Tē'mān, duke Mib'zār,

54 Duke Māg'di-ēl, duke I'rām. These are the dukes of E'dōm.

CHAP. II.

THESSE are the sons of Iṣ'ra-ēl; Re'ū-bēn, Sim'e-ōn, Lē'vī, and Jū'dāh, Iś'sa-ḥār, and Zēb'u-lōn,

2 Dān, Jō'sēph, and Bēn'ja-min, Nāph'ta-lī, Gād, and Āsh'ēr.

3 ¶ The sons of Jū'dāh; Ēr, and Ō'nān, and Shē'lāh; which three wēre born unto him of the daughter of Shū'ā the Cān'aān-i-tēss. And Ēr, the first-born of Jū'dāh, was evil in the sight of the Lord; and he slew him.

4 And Tā'mār his daughter-in-law bare him Phā'rēz and Zē'rāh. All the sons of Jū'dāh wēre five.

5 The sons of Phā'rēz; Hēz'rōn, and Hā'mūl.

6 And the sons of Zē'rāh; Zim'rī, and E'thān, and Hē'mān, and Čal'čōl, and Dā'rā: five of them in all.

7 And the sons of Čār'mī; Ā'ḥār the troubler of Iṣ'ra-ēl, who transgressed in the thing accursed.

8 And the sons of E'thān; Āz-a-rī'āh.

9 The sons also of Hēz'rōn, that wēre born unto him; Jē-rahm'e-ēl, and Rām, and Chē-lū'bāi.

10 And Rām begat Ā-mīn'a-dāb; and Ā-mīn'a-dāb begat Nāh'shōn, prince of the children of Jū'dāh;

11 And Nāh'shōn begat Sāl'mā, and Sāl'mā begat Bō'áz,

12 And Bō'áz begat Ō'bēd, and Ō'bēd begat Jēs'se.

13 And Jēs'se begat his first-born E-lī'āh, and Ā-bīn'a-dāb the second, and Shīm'mā the third,

14 Nē-thān'e-ēl the fourth, Rād'da-i the fifth,

15 Ō'zēm the sixth, Dā'vīd the seventh:

16 Whose sisters wēre Zēr-u-i'āh, and Āb'i-gāil. And the sons of Zēr-u-i'āh; Ā-bīsh'a-i, and Jō'āb, and Ās'a-hēl, three.

17 And Āb'i-gāil bare Ām'a-sā: and the father of Ām'a-sā was Jē'thēr the Ish'mē-ēl-ite.

18 ¶ And Čāl'ēb the son of Hēz'rōn begat children of Ā-zū'bāh his wife, and of Jēr'i-ōth: her sons are these; Jē'shēr, and Shō'bāb, and Ār'dōn.

19 And when Ā-zū'bāh was dead, Čāl'ēb took unto him E'phrāth, which bare him Hūr.

20 And Hūr begat Ū'rī, and Ū'rī begat Bē-zāl'e-ēl.

21 ¶ And āf'tērward Hēz'rōn went in to the daughter of Mā'ḥīr the father of Gīl'e-ād, whom he married when he was threescore years old; and she bare him Sē'gūb.

22 And Sē'gūb begat Jā'ir, who had three and twenty cities in the land of Gīl'e-ād.

23 And he took Gē'shūr, and Ā'rām, with the towns of Jā'ir, from them, with Kē'nāth and the towns thereof, even threescore cities: all these belonged to the sons of Mā'ḥīr the father of Gīl'e-ād.

24 And āf'ter that Hēz'rōn was dead in Čāl'ēb-Eph'ra-tāh, then Ā-bī'āh, Hēz'rōn's wife bare him Āsh'ūr the father of Tē-kō'ā.

25 ¶ And the sons of Jē-rahm'e-ēl, the first-born of Hēz'rōn, wēre Rām the first-born, and Bū'nāh, and Ō'rēn, and Ō'zēm, and Ā-hī'jāh.

26 Jē-rahm'e-ēl had also ānōther wife, whose name was Ā't'a-rāh; she was the mōther of Ō'nām.

27 And the sons of Rām, the first-born of Jē-rahm'e-ēl, wēre Mā'āz, and Jā'mīn, and E'kér.

28 And the sons of Ō'nām wēre, Shām'ma-i, and Jā'dā. And the sons of Shām'ma-i; Nā'dāb, and Āb'i-shūr.

29 And the name of the wife of Āb'i-shūr was Āb-i-hā'il, and she bare him Āh'bān, and Mō'līd.

30 And the sons of Nā'dāb; Sē'lēd, and Āp'pa-īm: but Sē'lēd died without children.

31 And the sons of Āp'pa-īm; I'shī. And the sons of I'shī; Shē'shān. And the children of Shē'shān; Āh'lāi.

32 And the sons of Jā'dā, the brother of Shām'ma-i; Jē'thēr, and Jōn'a-thān and Jē'thēr died without children.

33 And the sons of Jōn'a-thān; Pē'lēth, and Zā'zā. These wēre the sons of Jē-rahm'e-ēl.

34 ¶ Now Shē'shān had no sons, but daughters: and Shē'shān had a sērvant, an E-gy'p'ti-ān, whose name was Jār'hā.

35 And Shē'shān gave his daughter to Jār'hā his sērvant to wife, and she bare him Ā'tāi.

36 And Ā'tāi begat Nā'thān, and Nā'thān begat Zā'bād,

37 And Zā'bād begat E'ph'lāl, and E'ph'lāl begat Ō'bēd,

38 And Ō'bēd begat Jē'hū, and Jē'hū begat Āz-a-rī'āh,

39 And Āz-a-rī'āh begat Hē'lēz, and Hē'lēz begat Ē-lē'a-sāh,

40 And Ē-lē'a-sāh begat Sis-ām'a-i, and Sis-ām'a-i begat Shāl'lūm,

41 And Shāl'lūm begat Jēk-a-mī'āh, and Jēk-a-mī'āh begat Ē-lish'a-mā.

42 ¶ Now the sons of Cā'lēb, the brother of Jē-rāhm'e-ēl, were Mē'shā his first-born, which was the father of Zīph; and the sons of Ma-rē'shāh, the father of Hē'brōn.

43 And the sons of Hē'brōn; Kō'rāh, and Tāp'pu-āh, and Rē'kēm, and Shē'mā.

44 And Shē'mā begat Rā'hām, the father of Jōr'ko-ām; and Rē'kēm begat Shām'ma-i.

45 And the son of Shām'ma-i was Mā-bn; and Mā'ōn was the father of Bēth'zūr.

46 And Ē'phāh, Cā'lēb's concubine, bare Hārān, and Mō'zā, and Gā'zēz: and Hārān begat Gā'zēz.

47 And the sons of Jāh'da-i; Rē'gēm,¹ and Jō'thām, and Gē'shān, and Pē'lēt, and Ē'phāh, and Shā'āph.

48 Mā'a-çhāh, Cā'lēb's concubine, bare Shē'bér, and Tir'hā-nāh.²

49 She bare also Shā'āph the father of Mād-mān'nāh, Shē'vā the father of Māçh'be-nāh, and the father of Gib'e-ā: and the daughter of Cā'lēb was Āch'sā.

50 These were the sons of Cā'lēb, the son of Hūr, the first-born of Ēph'ra-tāh; Shō'bāl the father of Kir'jāth-Jē'a-rim,

51 Sāl'mā the father of Bēth'le-hēm, Hārēph the father of Bēth-gā'dér.

52 And Shō'bāl the father of Kir'jāth-Jē'a-rim had sons; Hār'o-ēh, and half of the Ma-nā'hēth-ites.

53 And the families of Kir'jāth-Jē'a-rim; the It'h'rites, and the Pū'hītes, and the Shū'māth-ites, and the Mish'a-rites: of them came the Za-rē'āth-ites, and the Esh'tāu-lites.

54 The sons of Sāl'mā; Bēth'le-hēm, and the Nē-tōph'a-thītes, Ā't'a-rōth, the house of Jō'āb, and half of the Ma-nā'hēth-ites, the Zō'rites.

55 And the families of the scribes which dwelt at Jā'bēz; the Tī'rāth-ites, the Shīm'e-āth-ites, and Sū-çhā'āth-ites. These are the Kēn'ites that came of Hē'māth, the father of the house of Rē'çhāb.

CHAP. III.

NOW these were the sons of Dā'vid, which were born unto him in Hē'brōn; the first-born, Ām'nōn, of Ā-hīn'o-ām the Jēz're-ēl-i-tēss; the second, Dān'i-ēl,³ of Āb'i-gāil the Çār'mēl-i-tēss:

2 The third, Āb'sa-lōm, the son of Mā'a-çhāh, the daughter of Tāl'māi king of Gē'shūr; the fourth, Ād-o-nī'jāh, the son of Hāg'gith;

3 The fifth, Shēph-a-tī'āh, of Āb'i-tāl; the sixth, It'h're-ām, by Ēg'lāh his wife.

4 These six were born unto him in Hē'brōn; and there he reigned seven years.

¹ g hard. ² Ter'ha-nāh. ³ Dān'y-ēl or

and six months: and in Jē-rū'sa-lēm he reigned thirty and three years.

5 And these were born unto him in Jē-rū'sa-lēm; Shim'e-ā, and Shō'bāb, and Nā'thān, and Sōl'o-mōn, four, of Bāth'shu-ā the daughter of Ām'mi-ēl:

6 Ib'hār also, and Ē-lish'a-mā, and Ē-liph'e-lēt,

7 And Nō'gāh, and Nē'phēg, and Japhī'ā,

8 And Ē-lish'a-mā, and Ē-lī'a-dā, and Ē-liph'e-lēt, nine.

9 These were all the sons of Dā'vid, beside the sons of the concubines, and Tā'mār their sister.

10 ¶ And Sōl'o-mōn's son was Rē-hō-bō'ām; Ā-bī'ā his son, Ā'sā his son, Jē-hōsh'a-phāt his son,

11 Jō'rām his son, Ā-ha-zī'āh his son, Jō'āsh his son,

12 Ām-a-zī'āh his son, Āz-a-rī'āh his son, Jō'thām his son,

13 Ā'hāz his son, Hēz-e-kī'āh his son, Ma-nās'seh his son,

14 Ā'mōn his son, Jō-sī'āh his son.

15 And the sons of Jō-sī'āh were, the first-born Jō-hā'nān, the second Jē-hōi'akim, the third Zēd-e-kī'āh, the fourth Shāl'lūm.

16 And the sons of Jē-hōi'a-kim; Jēç-ō-nī'āh his son, Zēd-e-kī'āh his son.

17 ¶ And the sons of Jēç-ō-nī'āh; Ās-sīr, Sa-lā'thī-ēl his son,

18 Māl-çhī'rām also, and Pēd-ā-i'āh, and Shē-nā'zār, Jēç-a-mī'āh, Hōsh'a-mā, and Nēd-a-bī'āh.

19 And the sons of Pēd-ā-i'āh were Zē-rūb'ba-bēl, and Shīm'e-i: and the sons of Zē-rūb'ba-bēl; Mē-shūl'lām, and Hān-a-nī'āh, and Shēl'o-mith their sister:

20 And Ha-shū'bāh, and Ō'hēl, and Bēr-e-çhī'āh, and Hāç-a-dī'āh, Jū-shāb'he-sēd, five.

21 And the sons of Hān-a-nī'āh; Pēl-a-tī'āh, and Jē-sā'i'āh:⁴ the sons of Rēph-ā-i'āh, the sons of Ār'nān, the sons of Ōb-a-dī'āh, the sons of Shēçh-a-nī'āh.

22 And the sons of Shēçh-a-nī'āh; Shēm-ā-i'āh: and the sons of Shēm-ā-i'āh; Hāt'tūsh, and Ig'e-āl, and Ba-rī'āh, and Nē-a-rī'āh, and Shā'phāt, six.

23 And the sons of Nē-a-rī'āh; Ē-li-ç'e-na-i,⁵ and Hēz-e-kī'āh, and Āz'ri-kām, three.

24 And the sons of Ē-li-ç'e-na-i were Hōd-ā-i'āh, and Ē-lī'a-shīb, and Pēl-ā-i'āh, and Āk'kūb, and Jō-hā'nān, and Dāl-ā-i'āh, and Ān-ā'nī, seven.

CHAP. IV.

THE sons of Jū'dāh; Phā'rēz, Hēz'rōn, and Çār'mī, and Hūr, and Shō'bāl.

2 And Rē-ā-i'āh the son of Shō'bāl begat Jā'hāth; and Jā'hāth begat Ā-hū'ma-i and Lā'hād. These are the families of the Zō'rāth-ites.

Dān'e-ēl. ⁴ Jē-sā'yāh. ⁵ æ like e long.

3 And these *were* of the father of Ē'tām; Jēz're-ēl, and Ish'mā, and Id'bāsh: and the name of their sister *was* Hā'zēl-ēl-pō'nī:

4 And Pē-nū'ēl the father of Gē'dōr, and Ē'zēr the father of Hū'shāh. These *are* the sons of Hūr, the first-born of Eph'ra-tāh, the father of Bēth'le-hēm.

5 ¶ And Āsh'ūr the father of Tē-kō'ā had two wives, Hē'lāh and Nā'a-rāh.

6 And Nā'a-rāh bare him Ā-hū'zām, and Hē'phér, and Tēm'e-nī, and Hā-a-hāsh'ta-ri. These *were* the sons of Nā'a-rāh.

7 And the sons of Hē'lāh *were*, Zē'rēth, and Jēz'o-ār, and Ēth'nān.

8 And Cōz begat Ā'nūb, and Zō-bē'bāh, and the families of Ā-hār'hēl the son of Hā'rūm.

9 ¶ And Jā'bēz was more hōn'ourable than his brēthren: and his mōther called his name Jā'bēz, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow.

10 And Jā'bēz called on the God of Iŷ'ra-ēl, saying, Oh that thou wouldst bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldst keep me from evil, that it may not griēve me! And God grānted him that which he requested.

11 ¶ And Chē'lūb the brōther of Shū'āh begat Mē'hūr, which *was* the father of Ēsh'tōn.

12 And Ēsh'tōn begat Bēth'ra-phā, and Pa-sē'āh, and Tē-hīn'nāh the father of Ir'na-hāsh. These *are* the men of Rē'çhāh.

13 And the sons of Kē'nāz; Ōth'ni-ēl, and Sē-rā-ī'āh: and the sons of Ōth'ni-ēl; Hā'hāthā.

14 And Mē-ōn'o-thāi begat Ōph'rāh: and Sē-rā-ī'āh begat Jō'āb, the father of the valley of Çhār'a-shīm; for they *were* crāftsmen.

15 And the sons of Çā'lēb the son of Jē-phūn'neh; Ir'ū, Ē'lāh, and Nā'am: and the sons of Ē'lāh, even Kē'nāz.

16 And the sons of Jē-hāl'e-lē-ēl; Zīph, and Zī'phāh, Tir'i-ā,¹ and Ā-sār'e-ēl.

17 And the sons of Ēz'rā *were* Jē'thēr and Mē'rēd, and Ē'phér, and Jā'lōn: and she bare Mir'i-ām,² and Shān'ma-i, and Ish'bāh the father of Ēsh-tēm'o-ā.

18 And his wife Jē-hū-dī'jāh bare Jē'rēd the father of Gē'dōr, and Hē'bér the father of Sō'çhō, and Jē-kū'thi-ēl the father of Za-nō'āh. And these *are* the sons of Bith'āh the daughter of Phā'raōh, which Mē'rēd took.

19 And the sons of his wife Hō-dī'āh the sister of Nā'hām, the father of Kē'lāh the Gār'mite, and Ēsh-tēm'o-ā the Mā-āçh'a-thīte.

20 And the sons of Shī'mōn *were*, Ām'nōn, and Rin'nāh, Bēn-hā'nān, and Tī'lōn. And the sons of I'shī *were*, Zō'hēth, and Bēn-zō'hēth.

¹ Tēr'e-ū.² Mēr'e-ām.

21 ¶ The sons of Shē'lāh the son of Jū-dāh *were*, Ēr the father of Lē'çāh, and Lā'a-dāh the father of Ma-rē'shāh, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of Āsh'be-ā.

22 And Jō'kim, and the men of Chō-zē-bā, and Jō'āsh, and Sār'āph, who had the dominion in Mō'āb, and Jāsh'u-bī-Lē'hēm. And these *are* ancient things.

23 These *were* the potters, and those that dwelt among plānts and hedges: there they dwelt with the king for work.

24 ¶ The sons of Sim'e-on *were*, Nēm-ū'ēl, and Jā'mīn, Jā'rib, Zē'rāh, and Shā'ul:

25 Shāl'lūm his son, Mib'sām his son, Mish'mā his son.

26 And the sons of Mish'mā; Hām-ū'ēl his son, Zāç'çhūr his son, Shīm'e-ī his son.

27 And Shīm'e-ī had sixteen sons and six dāughters; but his brēthren had not many children, nēither did all their family multiply, like to the children of Jū'dāh.

28 And they dwelt at Bē-ēr'she-bā, and Mō'l'a-dāb, and Hā'zār-Shū'āl,

29 And at Bil'hāh, and at Ē'zēm, and at Tō'lād,

30 And at Be-thū'ēl, and at Hōr'māh, and at Zik'lāg,

31 And at Bēth-mār'ça-bōth, and Hāzār-Sū'sin, and at Bēth-bir'e-i,³ and at Shā-a-rā'im. These *were* their cities unto the reign of Dā'vid.

32 And their villages *were* Ē'tām, and Ā'in, Rīm'mōn, and Tō'çhēn, and Ā'shān, five cities;

33 And all their villages that *were* round about the same cities, unto Bā'āl. These *were* their habitations, and their çēnēāl'o-çy.

34 And Mē-shō'bāb, and Jām'lēçh, and Jō'shāh the son of Ām-a-zī'āh,

35 And Jō'ēl, and Jē'hū the son of Jōs-i-bī'āh, the son of Sē-rā-ī'āh, the son of Ā-çi-ēl,⁵

36 And Ē-li-æ'na-ī, and Jā-āk'o-bāh, and Jēsh-ō-hā-ī'āh, and Āç-a-ī'āh, and Ā'dī-ēl, and Jē-sīm'i-ēl, and Bēn-āi'āh,⁴

37 And Zī'zā the son of Shī'phī, the son of Ā'l'ōn, the son of Jē-dāi'āh, the son of Shīm'ri, the son of Shēm-a-ī'āh:

38 These mentioned by their names *were* princes in their families; and the house of their fathers increased greatly.

39 And they went to the entrance of Gē'dōr, *even* unto the east side of the valley, to seek pāsture for their flocks.

40 And they found fat pāsture and good, and the land *was* wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for they of Hām had dwelt there of old.

41 And these written by name came in the days of Hēz-e-kī'āh king of Jū'dāh, and smote their tents, and the habitations that *were* found there, and destrōy'ed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in

³ Bēth-bēr'e-i.⁴ Bēn'ā'yāh.⁵ Ā'she-ēl.

their rooms: because *there was* pasture there for their flocks.

42 And some of them, even of the sons of Sim'e-ôn, five hundred men, went to mount Sê'îr, having for their cãp'tains Pêl-a-tî'áh, and Nê-a-rî'áh, and Rêph-ã-rî'áh, and Úz-zî'êl, the sons of Í'shî.

43 And they smote the rest of the Ám'a-lék-ites that wêre éscãped, and dwelt there unto this day.

CHAP. V.

NOW the sons of Reù'bèn the first-born of Í'sra-êl, (for he was the first-born; but forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birth'right¹ was given unto the sons of Jô'sêph the son of Í'sra-êl: and the gënëäl'ogy is not to be reckoned äfter the birth'right.

2 For Jü'däh prevãiled äbóve his brêthren, and of him *came* the chiêf ruler; but the birth'right was Jô'sêph's;)

3 The sons, *I say*, of Reù'bèn the first-born of Í'sra-êl, wêre, Hã'nöch, and Pã'l'lü, Hêz'rôn, and Çãr'mî.

4 The sons of Jô'êl; Shêm-ã-rî'áh his son, Gög his son, Shîm'e-î his son,

5 Mî'çãh his son, Rê-ã-rî'ã his son, Bã'äl his son,

6 Bê-ê'rãh his son, whom Til'gãth-Pil-nê'sér king of Ás-sÿr'i-ã carried äwãy *cap-tive*: he was prince of the Reù'bèn-ites.

7 And his brêthren by their families, (when the gënëäl'ogy of their generations was reckoned,) wêre the chiêf, Jê-î'êl, and Zêch-a-rî'áh,

8 And Bê'lã the son of Á'zãz, the son of Shê'mã, the son of Jô'êl, who dwelt in Ár'o-er, even unto Nê'bô and Bã'äl-Mê'ôn:

9 And éast'wãrd he inhabited unto the entering in of the wilderness from the river Eü-phrã'têç; because their cattle wêre multiplied in the land of Gil'e-äd.

10 And in the days of Sãul they made war with the Hã'gãr-ites, who fell by their hand: and they dwelt in their tents throughout all the east *land* of Gil'e-äd.

11 And the children of Gãd dwelt over ägainst' them, in the land of Bã'shãn, unto Sãl'çãh:

12 Jô'êl the chiêf, and Shã'phãm the next, and Já'a-nãî, and Shã'phãt in Bã'shãn.

13 And their brêthren of the house of their fathers wêre Mî'çã-êl, and Mê-shül'ãm, and Shê'bã, and Jô'ra-î, and Já'çhãn, and Zî'ã, and Hê'bér, seven.

14 These àre the children of Áb-i-hã'îl the son of Hü'rî, the son of Ja-rô'áh, the son of Gil'e-äd, the son of Mî'çã-êl, the son of Jê-shish'a-î, the son of Jãh'dô, the son of Büz;

15 Á'hî the son of Áb'di-êl, the son of Gÿ'nî, chiêf of the house of their fathers.

16 And they dwelt in Gil'e-äd **¶** Bã'shãn, and in her towns, and in all the suburbs of Shã'rôn, upon their borders.

17 All these wêre reckoned by gënëäl'ogies in the days of Jô'thãm king of Jü'däh, and in the days of Jêr-ô-bô'ãm king of Í'sra-êl.

18 The sons of Reù'bèn, and the Gãd'ites, and half the tribe of Ma-nãs'seh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and swôrd, and to shoot with bôw, and skilful in war, wêre four and forty thousand seven hundred and threescore, that went out to the war.

19 And they made war with the Hã'gãr-ites, with Jê'tür, and Nê'phish, and Nô'dãb.

20 And they wêre helped ägainst' them, and the Hã'gãr-ites wêre delivered into their hand, and all that wêre with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and he was entreated of them; because they put their trust in him.

21 And they took äwãy their cattle; of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of men a hundred thousand.

22 For there fell down many slain, because the war was of God. And they dwelt in their steads until the captivity.

23 ¶ And the children of the half tribe of Ma-nãs'seh dwelt in the land: they increased from Bã'shãn unto Bã'äl-Hêr'môn, and Sê'nîr, and unto mount Hêr'môn.

24 And these wêre the heads of the house of their fathers, even É'phér, and Í'shî, and Ê'li-êl, and Áz'ri-êl, and Jêr-emî'áh, and Hód-a-vî'áh, and Jãh'di-êl, mighty men of valour, famous men, and heads of the house of their fathers.

25 And they transgressed ägainst' the God of their fathers, and went a whoring äfter the gods of the people of the land, whom God dëstrôy'ed before them.

26 And the God of Í'sra-êl stîrred up the spirit of Pül king of Ás-sÿr'i-ã, and the spirit of Til'gãth-Pil-nê'sér king of Ás-sÿr'i-ã, and he carried them äwãy, (even the Reù'bèn-ites, and the Gãd'ites, and the half-tribe of Ma-nãs'seh,) and brought them unto Hã'lãh, and Hã'bôr, and Hã'rã, and to the river Gô'zãn, unto this day.

CHAP. VI.

THE sons of Lê'vî; Gêr'shôn, Kô'hãth, and Mêr'a-rî.

2 And the sons of Kô'hãth; Ám'rãm, Íz'hãr, and Hê'b'rôn, and Úz-zî'êl.

3 And the children of Ám'rãm; Áã'rôn, and Mô'sêš, and Mir'i-ãm.² The sons also of Áã'rôn; Ná'dãb and Á-bî'hÿ, Ê-le-ã'zãr and Íth'a-mãr.

4 ¶ Ê-le-ã'zãr begat Phîn'e-hãs, Phîn e hãs begat Á-bîsh'u-ã,

¹ *bêrth'rite.*

² *Mêr'e-ãm.*

5 And Ā-bīsh'u-ā begat Būk'ki, and Būk'ki begat Ūz'zī,

6 And Ūz'zī begat Zēr-a-hī'āh, and Zēr-a-hī'āh begat Mē-rā'ōth,¹

7 Mē-rā'ōth begat Ām-a-rī'āh, and Ām-a-rī'āh begat Ā-hī'tūb,

8 And Ā-hī'tūb begat Zā'dōk, and Zā'dōk begat Ā-him'a-āz,

9 And Ā-him'a-āz begat Āz-a-rī'āh, and Āz-a-rī'āh begat Jō-hā'nān,

10 And Jō-hā'nān begat Āz-a-rī'āh, (he it is that executed the priest's office in the temple that Sōl'o-mōn built in Jē-rū'salēm,)

11 And Āz-a-rī'āh begat Ām-a-rī'āh, and Ām-a-rī'āh begat Ā-hī'tūb,

12 And Ā-hī'tūb begat Zā'dōk, and Zā'dōk begat Shāl'lūm,

13 And Shāl'lūm begat Hīl-kī'āh, and Hīl-kī'āh begat Āz-a-rī'āh,

14 And Āz-a-rī'āh begat Sē-rā-rī'āh, and Sē-rā-rī'āh begat Jē-hōz'a-dāk,

15 And Jē-hōz'a-dāk went into captivity, when the LORD carried away Jū'dāh and Jē-rū'salēm by the hand of Nēb-uchād-nēz'zār.

16 ¶ The sons of Lē'vī; Gēr'shōm, Kō'hāth, and Mēr'a-rī.

17 And these be the names of the sons of Gēr'shōm; Lib'nī, and Shim'e-ī.

18 And the sons of Kō'hāth wēre, Ām'rām, and Iz'hār, and Hē'brōn, and Ūz-zī'ēl.

19 The sons of Mēr'a-rī; Māh'li and Mū'shī. And these are the families of the Lē'vites, according to their fathers.

20 ¶ Of Gēr'shōm; Lib'nī his son, Jā'hāth his son, Zim'māh his son,

21 Jō'āh his son, Id'dō his son, Zēr'rah his son, Jē-āt'e-rāi his son.

22 The sons of Kō'hāth; Ā-mīn'a-dāb his son, Kō'rāh his son, Ās'sīr his son,

23 Ēl'ka-nāh his son, and Ē-bī'a-sāph his son, and Ās'sīr his son,

24 Tā'hāth his son, Ū-rī'ēl his son, Ūz-zī'āh his son, and Shā'ūl his son.

25 And the sons of Ēl'ka-nāh; Ā-mās'a-ī, and Ā-hī'mōth.

26 As for Ēl'ka-nāh: the sons of Ēl'ka-nāh; Zō'phāi his son, and Nā'hāth his son, 27 Ē-lī'āb his son, Jēr'o-hām his son, Ēl'ka-nāh his son.

28 And the sons of Sām'u-ēl; the first-born Vāsh'nī, and Ā-bī'āh.

29 ¶ The sons of Mēr'a-rī; Māh'li, Lib'nī his son, Shim'e-ī his son, Ūz'zā his son,

30 Shim'e-ā his son, Hāg-gī'āh his son, Ās-ā-rī'āh his son.

31 And these are they whom Dā'vid set over the sēr'vice of song in the house of the LORD, after that the ark had rest.

32 And they ministered before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Sōl'o-mōn had built the house of the LORD in Jē-rū'sa-

lēm; 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 Kō'hāth-ites; Hē'mān a singer, the son of Jō'ēl, the son of Shē-mū'ēl,

34 The son of Ēl'ka-nāh, the son of Jēr'o-hām, the son of Ē'lī-ēl, the son of Tō'āh,

35 The son of Zūph, the son of Ēl'ka-nāh, the son of Mā'hāth, the son of Ā-mās'a-ī,

36 The son of Ēl'ka-nāh, the son of Jō'ēl, the son of Āz-a-rī'āh, the son of Zēph-anī'āh,

37 The son of Tā'hāth, the son of Ās'sīr, the son of Ē-bī'a-sāph, the son of Kō'rāh,

38 The son of Iz'hār, the son of Kō'hāth, the son of Lē'vī, the son of Iş'ra-ēl:

39 And his brother Ā'sāph, (who stood on his right hand,) even Ā'sāph, the son of Bēr-a-chī'āh, the son of Shim'e-ā,

40 The son of Mī'cha-ēl, the son of Bā-a-sē'āh,² the son of Māl-çhī'āh,

41 The son of Ēth'nī, the son of Zēr'rah, the son of Ād-ā-rī'āh,

42 The son of Ē'thān, the son of Zim'māh, the son of Shim'e-ī,

43 The son of Jā'hāth, the son of Gēr'shōm, the son of Lē'vī.

44 And their brēthren, the sons of Mēr'a-rī, stood on the left hand: Ē'thān the son of Kīsh'ī, the son of Āb'dī, the son of Māl'lūch,

45 The son of Hāsh-a-bī'āh, the son of Ām-a-zī'āh, the son of Hīl-kī'āh,

46 The son of Ām'zī, the son of Bā'nī, the son of Shā'mér,

47 The son of Māh'li, the son of Mū'shī, the son of Mēr'a-rī, the son of Lē'vī.

48 Their brēthren also the Lē'vites wēre appointed unto all manner of sēr'vice of the tabernacle of the house of God.

49 But Āā'rōn and his sons offered upon the altar of incense, and wēre appointed for all the work of the place most holy, and to make an atonement for Iş'ra-ēl, according to all that Mō'sēs the sēr'vant of God had cōmmān'ded.

50 And these are the sons of Āā'rōn; Ē-le-ā'zār his son, Phīn'e-hās his son, Ā-bīsh'u-ā his son,

51 Būk'ki his son, Ūz'zī his son, Zēr-a-hī'āh his son,

52 Mē-rā'ōth his son, Ām-a-rī'āh his son, Ā-hī'tūb his son,

53 Zā'dōk his son, Ā-him'a-āz his son.

54 ¶ Now these are their dwelling places throughout their castles in their coasts, of the sons of Āā'rōn, of the families of the Kō'hāth-ites; for theirs was the lot.

55 And they gave them Hē'brōn in the land of Jū'dāh, and the suburbs thereof round about it.

¹ Mē-rā'yōth.

² Bā-ā-sē'yāh.

56 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to Çâ'lêb the son of Jê-phûn'neh.

57 And to the sons of Aâ'rôn they gave the cities of Jû'dâh, *namely*, Hê'brôn, *the city of refuge*, and Lib'nâh with her suburbs, and Jât'tîr, and Êsh-têm'o-â, with their suburbs,

58 And Hil'ên with her suburbs, Dê'bîr with her suburbs,

59 And A'shân with her suburbs, and Bêth'she-mêsh with her suburbs :

60 And out of the tribe of Bën'ja-min ; Gê'bâ with her suburbs, and A-lê'mêth with her suburbs, and An'a-thôth with her suburbs. All their cities, throughout their families, *were* thirteen cities.

61 And unto the sons of Kô'hâth, which *were* left of the family of that tribe, *were* cities given out of the half tribe, *namely*, out of the half tribe of Ma-nâs seh, by lot, ten cities.

62 And to the sons of Gêr'shôm, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Is'sa-çhâr, and out of the tribe of A'sh'é'r, and out of the tribe of Nâph'ta-li, and out of the tribe of Ma-nâs'seh in Bâ'shân, thirteen cities.

63 Unto the sons of Mêr'a-rî *were* given by lot, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Reû'bên, and out of the tribe of Gâd, and out of the tribe of Zêb'u-lôn, twelve cities.

64 And the children of Iç'ra-êl gave to the Lê'vites *these* cities with their suburbs.

65 And they gave by lot, out of the tribe of the children of Jû'dâh, and out of the tribe of the children of Sim'e-ôn, and out of the tribe of the children of Bën'ja-min, these cities which are called by *their* names.

66 And *the residue* of the families of the sons of Kô'hâth had cities of their coasts out of the tribe of Ê'phra-îm.

67 And they gave unto them, *of* the cities of refuge, Shê'çhêm in mount Ê'phra-îm with her suburbs ; *they gave* also Gê'zér with her suburbs,

68 And Jök'me-âm with her suburbs, and Bêth-hô'rôn with her suburbs,

69 And Aï'ja-lôn¹ with her suburbs, and Gâth-rîm'môn with her suburbs :

70 And out of the half tribe of Ma-nâs'seh ; A'nér with her suburbs, and Bil'e-âm with her suburbs, for the family of the remnant of the sons of Kô'hâth.

71 Unto the sons of Gêr'shôm *were* given out of the family of the half tribe of Ma-nâs'seh, Gô'lân in Bâ'shân with her suburbs, and A'sh'ta-rôth with her suburbs :

72 And out of the tribe of Is'sa-çhâr ; Kê'dêsh with her suburbs, Dâb'e-râth with her suburbs,

73 And Râ'môth with her suburbs, and A'nêm with her suburbs :

74 And out of the tribe of A'sh'é'r ; Mâ'shâl with her suburbs, and A'b'dôn with her suburbs,

75 And Hük'ók with her suburbs, and Rê'hôb with her suburbs .

76 And out of the tribe of Nâph'ta-li ; Kê'dêsh in Gâl'i-lêê with her suburbs, and Hâm'môn with her suburbs, and Kir'jâth-A'im² with her suburbs.

77 Unto the rest of the children of Mêr'a-rî *were* given, out of the tribe of Zêb'u-lôn, Rîm'môn with her suburbs, Tâ'bôr with her suburbs :

78 And on the other side Jôr'dân by Jêr'i-çhō, on the east side of Jôr'dân, *were* given them out of the tribe of Reû'bên, Bê'zér in the wilderness with her suburbs, and Jâh'zâh with her suburbs,

79 Kêd'e-môth also with her suburbs, and Mêph'a-âth with her suburbs :

80 And out of the tribe of Gâd ; Râ'môth in Gil'e-âd with her suburbs, and Mâ-ha-nâ'im with her suburbs,

81 And Hêsh'bôn with her suburbs, and Jâ'zér with her suburbs.

CHAP. VII.

NOW the sons of Is'sa-çhâr *were*, Tô'lâ, and Pû'âh, Jâsh'ûb, and Shîm'rôn, four.

2 And the sons of Tô'lâ ; Ūz'zî, and Rêph-â-i'âh, and Jê'ri-êl, and Jâh'ma-i, and Jîb'sâm, and Shê-mû'êl, heads of their father's house, *to wit*, of Tô'lâ ; *they were* valiant men of might in their generations ; whose number *was*, in the days of Dâ'vîd. two and twenty thousand and six hundred.

3 And the sons of Ūz'zî ; İz-ra-hî'âh : and the sons of İz-ra-hî'âh ; Mî'çha-êl, and Öb-a-di'âh, and Jô'êl, İ-shî'âh, five : all of them chief men.

4 And with them, by their generations, after the house of their fathers, *were* bands of söl'diêr³ for war, six and thirty thousand *men* : for they had many wives and sons.

5 And their brêthren, among all the families of Is'sa-çhâr, *were* men of might, reckoned in all, by their gënëäl'ogîes, four-score and seven thousand.

6 ¶ *The sons* of Bën'ja-min ; Bê'lâ, and Bê'çhêr, and Jê-di'a-êl, three.

7 And the sons of Bê'lâ ; Êz'bôn, and Ūz'zî, and Ūz-zî'êl, and Jêr'i-môth, and İ'ri, five ; heads of the house of *their* fathers, mighty men of valour, and *were* reckoned, by their gënëäl'ogîes, twenty and two thousand and thirty and four.

8 And the sons of Bê'çhêr ; Zê-mî'râ, and Jô'âsh, and Ê-li-ê'zêr, and Ê-li-æ'na-i, and Öm'ri, and Jêr'i-môth, and A-bî'âh, and An'a-thôth, and A'l'a-mêth. All these are the sons of Bê'çhêr.

9 And the number of them, after their gënëäl'ogy by their generations, heads of

¹ A'd'ja-lôn.

² Kêr'jâth-A'im.

³ söl'jürs.

the house of their fathers, mighty men of valour, *was* twenty thousand and two hundred.

10 The sons also of Jē-dī'a-ēl; Bīl'hān: and the sons of Bīl'hān; Jē'ūsh, and Ben-jamīn, and ē'hād, and Āhe-nā'a-nāh, and Zē'than, and Thār'shīsh, and A-hīsh'a-hār.

11 All these, the sons of Jē-dī'a-el, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valour, *wēre* seventeen thousand and two hundred *soldiers*, fit to go out for war and battle.

12 Shūp'pīm also, and Hūp'pīm, the children of Ir, and Hū'shīm, the sons of Ā'hēr.

13 ¶ The sons of Naph'ta-li; Jāh'zi-el, and Gū'nī, and Jē'zēr, and Shāl'lūm, the sons of Bīl'hāh.

14 ¶ The sons of Ma-nas'seh; āsh'ri-ēl, whom she bare; (*but* his concubine the Ā'ram-i-tēss bare Mā'chir the father of Gīl'e-ad.

15 And Mā'chir took to wife *the sister* of Hūp'pīm and Shūp'pīm, whose sister's name *was* Mā'a-çhāh; and the name of the second *was* Zē-lō'phe-had: and Zē-lō'phe-had had daughters.

16 And Mā'a-çhāh the wife of Mā'chir bare a son, and she called his name Pē'rēsh; and the name of his bróther *was* Shē'rēsh: and his sons *wēre* U'lām and Rā'kēm.

17 And the sons of U'lām; Bē'dan. These *wēre* the sons of Gīl'e-ad, the son of Mā'chir, the son of Ma-nas'seh.

18 And his sister Ham-mōl'e-kēth bare I'shōd, and ā-bi-ē'zēr, and Ma-hā'lah.

19 And the sons of Shēm'i-dāh *wēre*, ā-hi'an, and Shē'çhēm, and Līk'hī, and Ā'ni-am.

20 ¶ And the sons of ē'phra-īm; Shū'the-lāh, and Bē'rēd his son, and Tā'hath his son, and ēl'a-dāh his son, and Tā'hath his son,

21 And Zā'bad his son, and Shū'the-lāh his son, and ē'zēr, and ē'le-ad, whom the men of Gath *that wēre* born in *that* land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle.

22 And ē'phra-īm their father mourned many days, and his brēthren came to cōm'fört him.

23 And when he went in to his wife, she conceived and bare a son, and he called his name Bē-ri'ah, because it went evil with his house.

24 (And his daughter *was* Shē'rah, who built Bēth-hō'rōn the nēther, and the upper, and Uz'zēn-Shē'rah.)

25 And Rē'phāh *was* his son, also Rē'shēph, and Tē'lah his son, and Tā'han his son.

26 Lā'a-dan his son, ām-mī'hūd his son, ē-līsh'a-ma his son,

27. Nōn his son, Jē-hōsh'u-āh his son.

28 ¶ And their pōssēs'sions and habitations *wēre* Bēth'lēl and the towns thereof, and east'wārd Nā'a-ran, and west'wārd Gē'zēr with the towns thereof, Shē'çhēm also and the towns thereof, unto Gā'za and the towns thereof:

29 And by the borders of the children of Ma-nas'seh, Bēth-she'an and her towns, Tā'a-naçh and her towns, Mē-gīd'dō and her towns, Dōr and her towns. In these dwelt the children of Jō'sēph the son of Iç'ra-ēl.

30 ¶ The sons of āsh'er; Im'nah, and Iç'u-āh, and Ish'u-āi, and Be-ri'ah, and Sē'rah their sister.

31 And the sons of Bē-ri'ah; Hē'bēr, and Mal'çhi-ēl, who *is* the father of Bir'za-vīth.¹

32 And Hē'bēr begat Japh'lēt, and Shō'mēr, and Hō'tham, and Shū'a their sister.

33 And the sons of Japh'lēt; Pā'saçh, and Bīm'hal, and āsh'vath: these *are* the children of Japh'lēt.

34 And the sons of Shā'ner; ā'hī, and Rōh'gah, Jē-hūb'bah, and Ā'ram.

35 And the sons of his bróther He'lēm; Zō'phah, and Im'na, and She'lēsh, and Ā'mal.

36 The sons of Zō'phah; Sū'ah, and Hār'ne-phēr, and Shū'al, and Be'ri, and Im'rah,

37 Be'zēr, and Hōd, and Sham'ma, and Shīl'shah, and Ith'ran, and Be'era.

38 And the sons of Je'thēr; Je-phūn'neh, and Piç'pah, and Ā'ra.

39 And the sons of U'lā; ā'rah, and Han'i-ēl, and Re-zi'a.

40 All these *wēre* the children of āsh'er, 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 *wēre* apt to the war and to battle, *was* twenty and six thousand men.

CHAP. VIII.

NOW Bēn'ja-mīn begat Be'la his first-born, āsh'bēl the second, and ā-har'ah the third,

2 Nō'hah the fourth, and Rā'pha the fifth.

3 And the sons of Be'la *wēre*, ād'dar, and Ge'ra, and ā-bī'hūd,

4 And ā-bīsh'u-a, and Nā'a-man, and ā-hō'ah,

5 And Ge'ra, and She-phū'phan, and Hū'ram

6 And these *are* the sons of ē'hūd: these *are* the heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Ge'ba, and they removed them to Man'a-hath:

7 And Nā'a-man, and ā-hī ah, and Ge'ra, he removed them, and begat Uz'za, and ā-hī'hūd.

8 And Shā-ha-rā'īm begat *children* in the country of Mō'ab, after he had sent

¹ Bēr'za-vīth.

them āway; Hū'shīm and Bā'a-rā wēre his wives.

9 And he begat of Hō'dēsh his wife, Jō'bab, and Zīb'i-ā, and Mē'shā, and Māl'chām,

10 And Jē'ūz, and Cha-çhī'ā, and Mir'mā.¹ These wēre his sons, heads of the fathers.

11 And of Hū'shīm he begat Ā-hi'tüb, and Ēl'pa-āl.

12 The sons of Ēl'pa-āl; Ē'bér and Mī'shām, and Shā'méd, who built O'nō and Lōd, with the towns thereof:

13 Bē-ri'āl also, and Shē'mā, who wēre heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Āi'ja-lōn,² who drove āway the inhabitants of Gath:

14 And Ā-hi'ō, Shā'shak, and Jēr'e-mōth,

15 And Zēb-a-dī'ah, and Ā'rad, and Ā'dér,

16 And Mī'cha-ēl, and Iṣ'pah, and Jō'ha, the sons of Bē-ri'ah;

17 And Zēb-a-dī'ah, and Mē-shūl'lam, and Hēz'e-kī, and Hē'bér,

18 Ish'me-rāi also, and Jēz-li'ah, and Jō'bab, the sons of Ēl'pa-al;

19 And Jā'kim, and Zīçh'rī, and Zab'dī,

20 And Ē-li-ē'na-i, and Zil'thāi, and Ē-li'ēl,

21 And Ād-ā-i'ah, and Bēr-ā-i'ah, and Shīm'rath, the sons of Shīm'hī;

22 And Ish'pan, and Hē'bér, and Ē-li'ēl,

23 And Āb'dōn, and Zīçh'rī, and Hā'nān,

24 And Han-a-ni'ah, and Ē'lam, and Ān-to-thi'ah,

25 And Iph-ē-dēi'ah,³ and Pē-nū'ēl, the sons of Shā'shak;

26 And Sham-she-rā'i, and Shē-hā-i'ah, and Āth-a-li'ah,

27 And Jar-a-si'ah, and Ē-lī'ah, and Zīçh'rī, the sons of Jēr'o-ham.

28 These wēre heads of the fathers, by their generations, chief men. These dwelt in Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

29 And at Gīb'e-ōn dwelt the father of Gīb'e-ōn, (whose wife's name was Mā'a-çhāh;)

30 And his first-born son Āb'dōn, and Zūr, and Kish, and Bā'al, and Nā'dab,

31 And Gē'dōr, and Ā-hi'ō, and Zā'çhēr.

32 And Mik'lōth begat Shīm'e-ah. And these also dwelt with their brēthren in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, over against^t them.

33 ¶ And Nēr begat Kish, and Kish begat Sāul, and Sāul begat Jōn'a-than, and Mal-çhi-shū'a, and Ā-bīn'a-dab, and Ēsh'ba-al.

34 And the son of Jōn'a-than was Mē-riḅ'ba-al; and Mē-riḅ'ba-al begat Mī'çah.

35 And the sons of Mī'çah wēre, Pī'thōn, and Mē'lēçh, and Tā're-a, and Ā'haz.

¹ Mēr'mā.

² Ād'ja-lōn.

³ Iph-e-dē'yāh.

⁴ Ib-nē'yāh.

⁵ Jē-dā'yāh.

⁶ Jē-hōy'a-riḅ.

⁷ Mē-rā'yōth.

36 And Ā'hāz begat Je-hō'a-dāh; and Je-hō'a-dāh begat Ā-le'mēth, and Āz'ma-vēth, and Zīm'rī; and Zīm'rī begat Mō'za,

37 And Mō'za begat Bīn'e-a: Ra'pha was his son, Ē-le'a-sāh his son, Ā'zēl his son.

38 And Ā'zēl had six sons, whose names āre these, Āz'ri-kam, Bōçh'e-rū, and Ish'ma-ēl, and She-a-ri'ah, and Ob-a-dī'ah, and Hā'nān. All these wēre the sons of Ā'zēl.

39 And the sons of Ē'shēk his brōther wēre, U'lam his first-born, Jē'hūsh the second, and Ē-līph'e-lēt the third.

40 And the sons of U'lam wēre mighty men of valour, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, a hundred and fifty. All these āre the sons of Bēn'ja-mīn.

CHAP. IX.

SO all Iṣ'ra-ēl wēre reckoned by genealogy; and, behold, they wēre written in the book of the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl and Ju'dah, who wēre carried away to Bab'y-lōn for their transgression.

2 Now the first inhabitants that dwelt in their pōssēs'sions in their cities wēre, the Iṣ'ra-ēl-ites, the priests, Le'vītes, and the Nēth'i-nims.

3 And in Je-rū'sa-lēm dwelt of the children of Ju'dah, and of the children of Bēn'ja-mīn, and of the children of Ē'phra-īm, and Ma-nas'seh;

4 U'thā-i the son of Ām-mī'hud, the son of Om'rī, the son of Im'rī, the son of Bā'ni, of the children of Phā'rēz the son of Ju'dah.

5 And of the Shī-lō'nites; Āṣ-ā-i'ah the first-born, and his sons.

6 And of the sons of Ze'rah; Je'u-ēl, and their brēthren, six hundred and ninety.

7 And of the sons of Bēn'ja-mīn; Sal'lū the son of Me-shūl'lam, the son of Hōd-a-vī'ah, the son of Hāṣ-e-nū'ah,

8 And Ib-nei'ah⁴ the son of Jēr'o-ham, and Ē'lah the son of Uz'zi, the son of Mīçh'rī, and Me-shūl'lam the son of Shēph-a-tī'ah, the son of Re-ū'ēl, the son of Ib-nī'ah;

9 And their brēthren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men wēre chief of the fathers in the house of their fathers.

10 ¶ And of the priests; Je-dāi'ah,⁵ and Je-hōi'a-riḅ,⁶ and Jā'çhīn,

11 And Āz-a-ri'ah the son of Hīl-ki'ah, the son of Me-shūl'lam, the son of Zā'dōk, the son of Me-rāi'ōth,⁷ the son of Ā-hi'tüb, the ruler of the house of God;

12 And Ād-ā-i'ah the son of Jēr'o-ham, the son of Pash'ūr, the son of Mal-çhī'jah, and Mā-aṣ'i-ai the son of Ā'di-ēl, the son of Jāh'ze-rah, the son of Me-shūl'lam, the son of Mēsh-īl-lē'mīth, the son of Im'mér;

13 And their brēthren, heads of the

house of their fathers, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore; very able men for the work of the s^rvice of the house of God.

14 And of the Lē'vites; Shēm-ā-i'āh the son of Hā'shūb, the son of Az'ri-kām, the son of Ilāsh-a-bi'āh, of the sons of Mēr'a-ri;

15 And Bāk-bāk'kār, He'rēsh, and Gā'lāl, and Māt-ta-ni'āh the son of Mi'çāh, the son of Zīch'ri, the son of A'sāph;

16 And Ob-a-di'āh the son of Shēm-ā-i'āh, the son of Gā'lāl, the son of Jēd'u-thūn; and Bēr-e-chi'āh the son of A'sā, the son of El'ka-nāh, that dwelt in the villages of the Nē-tōph'a-thites.

17 And the porters w^{ere}, Shāl'lūm, and Ak'kūb, and Tāl'mōn, and Ā-bi'mān, and their brēthren: Shāl'lūm was the chief;

18 (Who hitherto w^{anted} in the king's gate eastw^{ard}:) they w^{ere} porters in the cōm'paniēs of the children of Lē'vī.

19 And Shāl'lūm the son of Kō're, the son of Ē-bī'a-sāph, the son of Kō'rāh, and his brēthren, (of the house of his father,) the Kō'rāh-ites, w^{ere} over the work of the s^rvice, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle: and their fathers, being over the host of the LORD, w^{ere} keepers of the entry.

20 And Phīn'e-hās the son of Ē-le-āzār was the ruler over them in time p^{ast}, and the LORD was with him.

21 And Zēch-a-ri'āh the son of Mēsh-ēl-ē-mi'āh was porter of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 All these, which w^{ere} chosen to be porters in the gates, w^{ere} two hundred and twelve. These w^{ere} reckoned by their gēnēāl'ogy in their villages; whom Dā'vid and Sām'u-ēl the seer did ordain in their set office.

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 quārters w^{ere} the porters, tōw^{ard} the east, west, north, and south.

25 And their brēthren, which w^{ere} in their villages, w^{ere} to come āfter seven days from time to time with them.

26 For these Lē'vites, the four chief porters, w^{ere} in th^{eir} set office, and w^{ere} over the chambers and trēas'uriēs of the house of God.

27 And they lodged round ābout the house of God, because the charge was upon them, and the opening thereof every morning p^{ertained} to them.

28 And c^{ertain} of them had the charge of the ministering vessels, that they should bring them in and out by tale.

29 Some of them also w^{ere} appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour,

and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices.

30 And some of the sons of the priests made the ointment of the spices.

31 And Māt-ti-thi'āh, one of the Lē'vites, who was the first-born of Shāl'lūm the Kō'rāh-ite, had the set office over the things that w^{ere} made in the pans.

32 And other of their brēthren, of the sons of the Kō'hāth-ites, w^{ere} over the show-bread, to prepare it every sabbath.

33 And these āre the singers, chief of the fathers of the Lē'vites, who remaining in the chambers w^{ere} free; for they w^{ere} employed in that work day and night.

34 These chief fathers of the Lē'vites w^{ere} chief throughout their generations: these dwelt at Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

35 ¶ And in Gib'e-ōn dwelt the father of Gib'e-ōn, Jē-hi'ēl, whose wife's name was Mā'a-çāh:

36 And his first-born son āb'dōn, then Zūr, and Kīsh, and Bā'āl, and Nēr, and Nā'dāb,

37 And Gē'dōr, and Ā-hi'ō, and Zēch-a-ri'āh, and Mik'lōth.

38 And Mik'lōth begat Shīm'e-ām. And they also dwelt with their brēthren at Jē-rū'sa-lēm, over āgainst their brēthren.

39 And Nēr begat Kīsh; and Kīsh begat Sāul; and Sāul begat Jōn'a-thān, and Māl-çhi-shū'a, and Ā-bin'a-dāb, and Ēsh-ba-āl.

40 And the son of Jōn'a-than was Mē-rīb'ba-āl: and Mē-rīb'ba-āl begat Mi'çāh.

41 And the sons of Mi'çāh w^{ere}, Pī-thōn, and Mē'lēçh, and Tāh're-ā, and Ā'hāz.

42 And A'hūz begat Jā'rāh; and Jā'rāh begat Ā-lē'mēth, and Az'ma-vēth, and Zīm-ri; and Zīm'ri begat Mō'zā;

43 And Mō'zā begat Bin'e-ā; and Rēph-a-i'āh his son, E-lē'a-sāh his son, Ā'zēl his son.

44 And Ā'zēl had six sons, whose names āre these, Āz'ri-kām, Bōçh'e-rū, and Ish-ma-ēl, and Shē-a-ri'āh, and Ob-a-di'āh, and Hā'nān. These w^{ere} the sons of Ā'zēl.

CHAP. X.

NOW the Phi-lis'tines fought āgainst Iş'ra-ēl; and the men of Iş'ra-ēl fled from before the Phi-lis'tines, and fell down slain in mount Gil'bo-ā.

2 And the Phi-lis'tines followed hard āfter Sāul, and āfter his sons; and the Phi-lis'tines slew Jōn'a-thān, and Ā-bin'a-dāb, and Māl-çhi-shū'a, the sons of Sāul.

3 And the battle went sore āgainst Sāul, and the archers hit him, and he was wōunded of the archers.

4 Then said Sāul to his armour-bearer, Draw thy s^{ic}ōrd, and thrust me through therewith, lest these uncir'cumcised¹ come and ābuşe me. But his armour-

¹ ün-sēr'kūm-si-zed.

bearer would not; for he was sore afraid. So Säul took a sword, and fell upon it.

5 And when his armour-bearer saw that Säul was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died.

6 So Säul died, and his three sons, and all his house died together.

7 And when all the men of Iş'ra-ël that were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Säul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Phi-lis'tines came and dwelt in them.

8 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Phi-lis'tines came to strip the slain, that they found Säul and his sons fallen in mount Gil'bo-a.

9 And when they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Phi-lis'tines 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 Da'gön.

11 ¶ And when all Jä'bësh-Gil'e-ad heard all that the Phi-lis'tines had done to Säul,

12 They arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Säul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jä'bësh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jä'bësh, and fasted seven days.

13 ¶ So Säul died for his transgression which he committed against' the LORD, even against' the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire of it;

14 And inquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto Da'vid the son of Jës'se.

CHAP. XI.

THEN all Iş'ra-ël gathered themselves to Da'vid unto He'brön, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh.

2 And, moreover, in time past, even when Säul was king, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Iş'ra-ël: and the LORD thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt feed my people Iş'ra-ël, and thou shalt be ruler over my people Iş'ra-ël.

3 Therefore came all the elders of Iş'ra-ël to the king to He'brön; and Da'vid made a covenant with them in He'brön before the LORD; and they anointed Da'vid king over Iş'ra-ël, according to the word of the LORD by Sam'u-ël.

4 And Da'vid and all Iş'ra-ël went to Jë-rü'sa-lëm, which is Jë'büs; where the Jëb'u-sites were, the inhabitants of the land.

5 And the inhabitants of Jë'büs said to Da'vid, Thou shalt not come hither. Nevertheless Da'vid took the castle of Zi'ön, which is the city of Da'vid.

6 And Da'vid said, Whosoever smiteth

the Jëb'u-sites first shall be chief and cap'tain. So Jö'ab the son of Zër-u-i'ah went first up, and was chief.

7 And Da'vid dwelt in the castle; therefore they called it The city of Da'vid.

8 And he built the city round about, even from Mil'lö round about: and Jö'ab repaired the rest of the city.

9 So Da'vid waxed greater and greater: for the LORD of hosts was with him.

10 ¶ These also are the chief of the mighty men whom Da'vid had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, and with all Iş'ra-ël, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Iş'ra-ël.

11 And this is the number of the mighty men whom Da'vid had; Ja-shö'be-am a Hach'mo-nite, the chief of the cap'tains: he lifted up his spear against' three hundred, slain by him at one time.

12 And after him was ë-le-ä'zar the son of Dö'dö the ä-hö'hite, who was one of the three mighties.

13 He was with Da'vid at Paş-dam-mim, and there the Phi-lis'tines were gathered together to battle, where was a parcel of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Phi-lis'tines.

14 And they set themselves in the midst of that parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Phi-lis'tines; and the LORD saved them by a great deliverance.

15 Now three of the thirty cap'tains went down to the rock to Da'vid, into the cave of ä-dül'lam; and the host of the Phi-lis'tines encamped in the valley of Rép'h'a-im.

16 And Da'vid was then in the hold, and the Phi-lis'tines' garrison was then at Bëth'le-hëm.

17 And Da'vid longed, and said, Oh, that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bëth'le-hëm, that is at the gate!

18 And the three brake through the host of the Phi-lis'tines, and drew water out of the well of Bëth'le-hëm that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to Da'vid: but Da'vid 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 mightiest.

20 And ä-bish'a-i the brother of Jö'ab, 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 cap'tain; howbeit he attained not to the first three.

22 Bēn-āi'ah¹ the son of Jē-hōi'a-da, the son of a valiant man of Kab'ze-ēl, who had done many acts; he slew two lion-like men of Mō'ab: also he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day.

23 And he slew an ē-gŷp'ti-an, a man of great stature, five cubits high; and in the ē-gŷp'ti-an'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 ē-gŷp'ti-an's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

24 These things did Bēn-āi'ah the son of Jē-hōi'a-da, and had the name among the three mighties.

25 Behold, he was hōnourable among the thirty, but attained not to the first three: and Da'vid set him over his guard.

26 Also the valiant men of the armies were ǎš'a-hēl the brōther of Jō'ab, ēl-hā'nan the son of Dō'dō of Bēth'le-hēm,

27 Sham'mōth the Hā'ro-rite, Hē'lēz the Pēl'o-nite,

28 I'ra the son of Ik'kēsh the Tē-kō'ite, ā-bi-ē'zēr the ǎn'tōth-ite,

29 Sib'be-çai the Hū'shath-ite, I'lai the ā'hōh-ite,

30 Ma-har'a-i the Nē-tōph'a-thite, Hē'lēd the son of Bā'a-nāh the Nē-tōph'a-thite,

31 Ith'a-i the son of Ri'bāi of Gib'e-ah, that pertained to the children of Bēn'ja-mīn, Bēn-āi'ah the Pir'a-thōn-ite,²

32 Hū'ra'i of the brooks of Gā'ash, ā'bi-ēl the Ar'bath-ite,

33 ǎz'ma-vēth the Ba-hā'rōm-ite, ē-lī'ah-ba the Shā-al'bo-nite,

34 The sons of Hā'shēm the Gī'zo-nite, Jōn'a-than the son of Shā'ge the Hā'ra-rite,

35 ǎ-hī'am the son of Sā'çar the Hā'ra-rite, ēl'i-phal the son of Ur,

36 Hē'phēr the Mēçh'e-rath-ite, ǎ-hī'jah the Pēl'o-nite,

37 Hēz'rō the Çār'mēl-ite, Nā'a-rai the son of Ez'ba-i,

38 Jō'ēl the brōther of Nā'than, Mīb'har the son of Hag'ge-ri,

39 Zē'lēk the ǎm'mōn-ite, Na-har'a-i the Bē'rōth-ite, the armour-bearer of Jō'ab the son of Zēr-u-i'ah,

40 I'ra the Ith'rite, Gā'rēb the Ith'rite,

41 U-ri'ah the Hīt'tite, Zā'bad the son of Ah'lai,

42 ǎd'i-na the son of Shi'za the Reū'bēn-ite, a captain of the Reū'bēn-ites, and thirty with him,

43 Hā'nan the son of Mā'a-çhāh, and Jōsh'a-phat the Mīth'nite,

44 Uz-zi'a the ǎsh'te-rath-ite, Shā'ma and Jē-hī'ēl the sons of Hō'than the ǎr'o-er-ite,

45 Jē-dī'a-ēl the son of Shīm'ri, and Jō'ha his brōther, the Tī'zite,

46 ē'li-ēl the Mā'ha-vite, and Jēr'i-bai

and Jōsh-a-vī'ah, the sons of ēl'na-am, and Ith'mah the Mō'ab-ite,

47 ē'li-ēl, and O'bēd, and Jā'si-ēl the Mēs'o-bā-ite.

CHAP. XII.

NOW these are they that came to Da'vid to Zik'lag, while he yet kept himself close, because of Sāul the son of Kīsh: and they were among the mighty men, helpers of the war.

2 They were armed with bōws, and could use both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting arrows out of a bōw, even of Sāul's brēthren of Bēn'ja-mīn.

3 The chief was ā-hi-ē'zēr, then Jō'ash, the sons of Shēm'a-ah the Gib'e-ath-ite; and Jē'zi-ēl and Pē'lēt, the sons of ǎz'ma-vēth; and Bēr'a-çhāh, and Jē'hū the ǎn'tōth-ite.

4 And Iş-mā-i'ah the Gib'e-ōn-ite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jēr-e-mī'ah, and Ja-hā'zi-ēl, and Jō-hā'nan, and Jōs'a-bad the Gē-dē'rath-ite,

5 ē-lū'za-i, and Jēr'i-mōth, and Bē-ā-lī'ah, and Shēm-a-ri'ah, and Shēph-a-tī'ah the Ha-rū'phite,

6 ēl'ka-nāh, and Jē-sī'ah, and ǎ-zā're-ēl, and Jō-ē'zēr, and Ja-shō'be-am, the Kōr'hites,

7 And Jō-ē'lah, and Zēb-a-dī'ah, the sons of Jēr'o-ham of Gē'dor.

8 And of the Gad'ites there separated themselves unto Da'vid, into the hold to the wilderness, men of might, and men of war fit for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as the roes upon the mōūn'tains;

9 ē'zēr the first, Ob-a-dī'ah the second, ē-lī'ah the third,

10 Mīsh-man'nah the fourth, Jēr-e-mī'ah the fifth,

11 ǎt'tai the sixth, ē'li-ēl the seventh,

12 Jō-hā'nan the eighth, ēl'za-bad the ninth,

13 Jēr-e-mī'ah the tenth, Maçh'ba-nai the eleventh.

14 These were of the sons of Gad, captains of the host: one of the least was over a hundred, and the greatest over a thousand.

15 These are they that went over Jōr'dan in the first month, when it had overflowed all his banks; and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both tō'ward the east and tō'ward the west.

16 And there came of the children of Bēn'ja-mīn and Jūdah to the hold unto Da'vid.

17 And Da'vid 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

¹ Bēn-a'yāh.² Pēr'u-thōn-ite.

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.

18 Then the spirit came upon Ā-mas'a-ī, who was chief of the cap'tains, and he said, Thine are we, Dā'vid, and on thy side, thou son of Jēs'se: peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then Dā'vid received them, and made them cap'tains of the band.

19 And there fell some of Ma-nas'seh to Dā'vid, when he came with the Phi-lis-tines against Sāul to battle; but they helped them not: for the lords of the Phi-lis-tines, upon advisement, sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master Sāul, to the jeopardy of our heads.

20 As he went to Zik'lag, there fell to him of Ma-nas'seh, Ād'nah, and Jöz'a-bad, and Jē-dī'a-ēl, and Mi'cha-ēl, and Jöz'a-bad, and Ē-lī'hū, and Zil'thāi, cap'tains of the thousands that were of Ma-nas'seh.

21 And they helped Dā'vid against the band of the rovers: for they were all mighty men of valour, and were cap'tains in the host.

22 For at that time, day by day, there came to Dā'vid to help him, until it was a great host, like the host of God.

23 And these are the numbers of the bands that were ready armed to the war, and came to Dā'vid to Hē'brōn, to turn the kingdom of Sāul to him, according to the word of the LORD.

24 The children of Jū'dah that bare shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, ready armed to the war.

25 Of the children of Sim'e-ōn, mighty men of valour for the war, seven thousand and one hundred.

26 Of the children of Lē'vi, four thousand and six hundred.

27 And Jē-hōi'a-da was the leader of the Ā'rōn-ites, and with him were three thousand and seven hundred;

28 And Zā'dök, a young man mighty of valour, and of his father's house twenty and two cap'tains.

29 And of the children of Bēn'ja-mīn, the kindred of Sāul, three thousand: for hitherto the greatest part of them had kept the ward of the house of Sāul.

30 And of the children of Ē'phra-īm, twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, famous throughout the house of their fathers.

31 And of the half tribe of Ma-nas'seh eighteen thousand, which were expressed by name, to come and make Dā'vid king.

32 And of the children of Is'sa-ḡar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Is'ra-ēl ought to do; the heads of them were two hun-

dred, and all their brethren were at their commandment.

33 Of Zēb'u-lōn, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could keep rank: they were not of double heart.

34 And of Naph'ta-lī a thousand cap'tains, and with them, with shield and spear, thirty and seven thousand.

35 And of the Dan'ites, expert in war, twenty and eight thousand and six hundred.

36 And of Ash'er, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand.

37 And on the other side of Jōr'dan, of the Reū'bēn-ites, and the Gad'ites, and of the half tribe of Ma-nas'seh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, a hundred and twenty thousand.

38 All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hē'brōn, to make Dā'vid king over all Is'ra-ēl: and all the rest also of Is'ra-ēl were of one heart to make Dā'vid king.

39 And there they were with Dā'vid three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them.

40 Moreover, they that were nigh them, even unto Is'sa-ḡar and Zēb'u-lōn and Naph'ta-lī, brought bread on asses, 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 Is'ra-ēl.

CHAP. XIII.

AND Dā'vid consulted with the cap'tains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader.

2 And Dā'vid said unto all the congregation of Is'ra-ēl, 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 Is'ra-ēl, and with them also to the priests and Lē'vites 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 inquired not at it in the days of Sāul.

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 Dā'vid gathered all Is'ra-ēl together, from Shī'hōr of Ē'gypt even unto the entering of Hē'math, to bring the ark of God from Kir'jath-Jē'a-rīm.¹

6 And Dā'vid went up, and all Is'ra-ēl, to Ba'ā-lāh, that is, to Kir'jath-Jē'a-rīm, which belonged to Jū'dah, 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

¹ Kēr'jath-Jē'a-rīm.

new cart out of the house of Ā-bīn'a-dab : and Uz'za and A-hi'ō drave the cart.

8 And Dā'vid and all Iṣ'ra-ēl played before God with all *their* might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psāl'teries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

9 And when they came unto the threshing floor of Čhi'dōn, Uz'za put forth his hand to hold the ark ; for the oxen stumbled.

10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uz'za, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark : and there he died before God.

11 And Dā'vid was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uz'za : wherefore that place is called Pe'rēz-Uz'za to this day.

12 And Dā'vid was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God home to me ?

13 So Dā'vid brought not the ark home to himself to the city of Dā'vid, but carried it aside into the house of O'bēd-ē'dōm the Gīt'ite.

14 And the ark of God remained with the family of O'bēd-ē'dōm in his house three months. And the LORD blessed the house of O'bēd-ē'dōm, and all that he had.

CHAP. XIV.

NOW Hi'rām king of Tyre sent messengers to Dā'vid, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters to build him a house.

2 And Dā'vid perceived that the LORD had confirmed¹ him king over Iṣ'ra-ēl ; for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Iṣ'ra-ēl.

3 ¶ And Dā'vid took more wives at Jē-rū'sa-lēm : and Dā'vid begat more sons and daughters

4 Now these *are* the names of his children which he had in Jē-rū'sa-lēm ; Sham-mū'a, and Shō'bab, Nā'than, and Sōl'omōn,

5 And Ib'har, and ē-līsh'u-a, and ēl'pa-lēt,

6 And Nō'gah, and Nē'phēg, and Japhi'a,

7 And ē-līsh'a-ma, and Bē-ēl-ī'a-da, and ē-līphi'a-lēt.

8 ¶ And when the Phi-lis'tines heard that Dā'vid was anointed king over all Iṣ'ra-ēl, all the Phi-lis'tines went up to seek Dā'vid : and Dā'vid heard of it, and went out against them.

9 And the Phi-lis'tines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rēph'a-īm.

10 And Dā'vid inquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Phi-lis'tines ? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand ? And the LORD said unto him, Go up ; for I will deliver them into thine hand.

11 So they came up to Bā'al-Pēr'a-zīm,

and Dā'vid smote them there. Then Dā'vid said, God hath broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand, like the breaking forth of waters : therēfōre they called the name of that place, Bā'al-Pēr'a-zīm.

12 And when they had left their gods there, Dā'vid gave a cōmmand'ment, and they wēre burnt with fire.

13 And the Phi-lis'tines yet again' spread themselves abroad in the valley.

14 Therēfōre Dā'vid inquired again' of God : and God said unto him, Go not up after them ; turn awāy from them, and come upon them over against' the mulberry-trees.

15 And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound 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 Phi-lis'tines.

16 Dā'vid therēfōre did as God cōmmand'ed him : and they smote the host of the Phi-lis'tines from Gib'e-ōn even to Gā'zēr.

17 And the fame of Dā'vid went out into all lands, and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

CHAP. XV.

AND Dā'vid made him houses in the city of Dā'vid, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent.

2 Then Dā'vid said, Nōne ought to carry the ark of God but the Lē'vites : for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever.

3 And Dā'vid gathered all Iṣ'ra-ēl together to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto his place which he had prepared for it.

4 And Dā'vid assembled the children of Aārōn, and the Lē'vites :

5 Of the sons of Kō'hath ; U-rī'ēl the chief, and his brēthren, a hundred and twenty.

6 Of the sons of Mēr'a-rī ; Āṣ-ā-ī'ah the chief, and his brēthren, two hundred and twenty.

7 Of the sons of Gēr'shōm ; Jō'ēl the chief, and his brēthren, a hundred and thirty.

8 Of the sons of ē-līz'a-phan ; Shēm-ā-ī'ah the chief, and his brēthren, two hundred.

9 Of the sons of Hē'brōn ; ē'li-ēl the chief, and his brēthren, fourscore.

10 Of the sons of Uz-zī'ēl ; Ām-mīn'a-dab the chief, and his brēthren, a hundred and twelve.

11 And Dā'vid called for Zā'dōk and Ā-bī'a-thar the priests, and for the Lē'vites, for U-rī'ēl, Āṣ-ā-ī'ah, and Jō'ēl, Shēm-ā-ī'ah, and ē'li-ēl, and Ām-mīn'a-dab,

¹ kōn-fērm'ed.

12 And said unto them, Ye are the chief of the fathers of the Lē'vites; sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that you may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl 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 sought him not after the due order.

14 So the priests and the Lē'vites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

15 And the children of the Lē'vites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders, with the staves thereon, as Mō'sēs cōm-mān'ded, according to the word of the LORD.

16 And Dā'vid spake to the chief of the Lē'vites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of musick, psāl'tēriēs and harps, and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

17 So the Lē'vites appointed Hē'man the son of Jō'ēl; and of his brethren, ā'saph the son of Bēr-e-chī'ah; and of the sons of Mēr'a-rī their brethren, ē'than the son of Kūsh-ā'ah;¹

18 And with them their brethren of the second degree, Zēch-a-rī'ah, Bēn, and Jā-ā'zī-ēl, and Shē-mir'a-mōth,² and Jē-hī'ēl, and Un'nī, ē-li'ab, and Bēn-āi'ah,³ and Mā-a-sē'ah,⁴ and Mat-ti-thī'ah, and ē-līph'e-lēh, and Mik-nē'ah,⁵ and O'bēd-ē'dōm and Jē-i'ēl the porters.

19 So the singers, Hē'man, ā'saph, and ē'than, were appointed to sound with cymbals of brass;

20 And Zēch-a-rī'ah and ā'zī-ēl, and Shē-mir'a-mōth, and Jē-hī'ēl, and Un'nī, and ē-li'ab, and Mā-a-sē'ah, and Bēn-āi'ah, with psāl'tēriēs on ā'l'a-mōth;

21 And Mat-ti-thī'ah, and ē-līph'e-lēh, and Mik-nē'ah, and O'bēd-ē'dōm, and Jē-i'ēl, and āz-a-zī'ah, with harps on the Shēm'i-nīth to excel.

22 And Chēn-a-nī'ah, chief of the Lē'vites, was for song: he instructed about the song, because he was skilful.

23 And Bēr-e-chī'ah and ēl'ka-nāh were door-keepers for the ark.

24 And Shēb-a-nī'ah, and Jē-hōsh'aphat, and Nē-than'e-ēl, and ā-mas'a-ī, and Zēch-a-rī'ah, and Bēn-āi'ah, and ē-li-ē-zēr, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God; and O'bēd-ē'dōm and Jē-hī'ah were door-keepers for the ark.

25 ¶ So Dā'vid, and the elders of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and the cap'tains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the cōvenant of the LORD out of the house of O'bēd-ē'dōm with joy.

26 And it came to pass, when God helped the Lē'vites that bare the ark of

the cōvenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams.

27 And Dā'vid was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Lē'vites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chēn-a-nī'ah the master of the song with the singers: Dā'vid also had upon him an ēph'od of linen.

28 Thus all Iṣ'ra-ēl brought up the ark of the cōvenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psāl'tēriēs and harps.

29 And it came to pass, as the ark of the cōvenant of the LORD came to the city of Dā'vid, that Mī'chal, the daughter of Sāul, looking out at a window, saw king Dā'vid dan'cing and playing: and she despised him in her heart.

CHAP. XVI.

SO they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that Dā'vid had pitched for it: and they offered burnt-sacrificēs and peace-offerings before God.

2 And when Dā'vid had made an end of offering the burnt-offerings and the peace-offerings, he bless'ed the people in the name of the LORD.

3 And he dealt to every one of Iṣ'ra-ēl, 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 cēr'tain of the Lē'vites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl:

5 ā'saph the chief, and next to him Zēch-a-rī'ah, Jē-i'ēl, and Shē-mir'a-mōth, and Jē-hī'ēl, and Mat-ti-thī'ah, and ē-li'ab, and Bēn-āi'ah, and O'bēd-ē'dōm; and Jē-i'ēl with psāl'tēriēs and with harps; but ā'saph made a sound with cymbals;

6 Bēn-āi'ah also and Jā-hā'zī-ēl the priest with trumpets continually before the ark of the cōvenant of God.

7 ¶ Then on that day Dā'vid delivered first this psālm, to thank the LORD, into the hand of ā'saph and his brethren.

8 Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

9 Sing unto him, sing psāls unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works.

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 Iṣ'ra-ēl his sērvant, ye children of Jā'cōb his chosen ones.

14 He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

¹ Kīsh-ā'yāh. ² Shē-mēr'a-mōth. ³ Bēn-ā'yāh. ⁴ Mā-a-sē'yāh. ⁵ Mik-nē'yāh.

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; yea, he reproved kings for their sakes,

22 Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

23 Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; show forth from day to day his salvation.

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 sing out at the presence of the LORD, because he cometh to judge the earth.

34 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

35 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.

36 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel for ever and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.

37 ¶ So he left there, before the ark of

the covenant of the LORD, Saph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required:

38 And Obed-edom, with their brethren, threescore and eight; 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 He-man 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 He-man 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 bless 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 a house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD remaineth 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 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 a house to dwell in:

5 For I have not dwelt in a 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 Whosoever 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 a house of cedars?

7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcot, even from following the sheep, that thou shouldst be ruler over my people Israel;

8 And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast 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 ordain a place for my

people Iṣ'ra-ēl, 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 cōmmanded judges to be over my people Iṣ'ra-ēl. Moreover, I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore I tell thee, that the LORD will build thee a 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 a house, and I will establish his throne for ever.

13 I will be his father, and he shall be my son; and I will not take my mērcy 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 estāb'lished for evermore.

15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Na'thān speak unto Dā'vīd.

16 And Dā'vīd 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 hitherto?

17 And yet this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast also spoken of thy sērvant'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 Dā'vīd speak more to thee for the hōn'our of thy sērvant? for thou knowest thy sērvant.

19 O LORD, for thy sērvant's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast 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 besides thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

21 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people Iṣ'ra-ēl, 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 Ē'gypt?

22 For thy people Iṣ'ra-ēl didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, LORD, becamest their God.

23 Thēre'fōre now, LORD, let the thing that thou hast spoken cōncēr'ning thy sērvant, and cōncēr'ning his house, be estāb'lished for ever, and do as thou hast said.

24 Let it even be estāb'lished, that thy name may be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, even a God to Iṣ'ra-ēl: and let the house

of Dā'vīd thy sērvant be estāb'lished before thee.

25 For thou, O my God, hast told thy sērvant that thou wilt build him a house; thēre'fōre thy sērvant hath found in his heart to pray before thee.

26 And now, LORD, thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto thy sērvant;

27 Now, thēre'fōre, let it please thee to blēss the house of thy sērvant, that it may be before thee for ever: for thou blēssest, O LORD, and it shall be blēss'ed for ever.

CHAP. XVIII.

NOW after this it came to pass, that Dā'vīd smote the Phi-lis'tines, and subdued them, and took Gāth and her towns out of the hand of the Phi-lis'tines.

2 And he smote Mō'ab: and the Mō'ab-ites became Dā'vīd's sērvants, and brought gifts.

3 And Dā'vīd smote Hād-ar-ē'zēr king of Zō'bāh unto Hā'māth, as he went to establish his dominion by the river Eū-phrā'tēs.

4 And Dā'vīd took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: Dā'vīd also hough'ed¹ all the chariot-horses, but resērv'ed of them a hundred chariots.

5 And when the Sŷr'i-āns of Da-mās-cūs came to help Hād-ar-ē'zēr king of Zō'bāh, Dā'vīd slew of the Sŷr'i-āns two and twenty thousand men.

6 Then Dā'vīd put garrisons in Sŷr'i-ā-Da-mās-cūs; and the Sŷr'i-āns became Dā'vīd's sērvants, and brought gifts. Thus the LORD presērv'ed Dā'vīd whithersoever he went.

7 And Dā'vīd took the shields of gold that wēre on the sērvants of Hād-ar-ē'zēr, and brought them to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

8 Likewise from Tib'hāth, and from Chūn, cities of Hād-ar-ē'zēr, brought Dā'vīd very much brāss, wherewith Sō'l'o-mōn made the brazen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brāss.

9 ¶ Now when Tōû king of Hā'māth heard how Dā'vīd had smitten all the host of Hād-ar-ē'zēr king of Zō'bāh,

10 He sent Ha-dō'rām his son to king Dā'vīd, to inquire of his welfare, and to congratulate him, because he had fought against Hād-ar-ē'zēr, and smitten him; (for Hād-ar-ē'zēr had war with Tōû;) and with him all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass.

11 Them also king Dā'vīd dedicated unto the LORD, with the silver and the gold that he brought from all these nations; from Ē'dōm and from Mō'ab, and from the children of Ām'nōn, and from the Phi-lis'tines, and from Ān'a-lēk.

12 Moreover Ā-bish'a-i the son of Zēru-i'ah slew of the Ē'dōm-ites, in the valley of Sāl't, eighteen thousand.

¹ hōk'ed.

13 And he put garrisons in Ē'dōm; and all the Ē'dōm-ites became Dā'vīd's sēr-vants. Thus the LORD preserv'd Dā'vīd whithersoever he went.

14 So Dā'vīd reigned over all Iṣ'ra-ēl, and executed judgment and justice among all his people.

15 And Jō'ab the son of Zēr-ū-ī'ah was over the host; and Jē-hōsh'a-phat the son of Ā-hī'lūd, recorder.

16 And Zā'dōk the son of Ā-hī'tūb, and Ā-bīm'e-lech the son of Ā-bī'a-thar, wēre the priests; and Shav'sha was scribe;

17 And Bēn-ā'yāh¹ the son of Jē-hōi'a-da was over the Čhēr'ēth-ites and the Pē'l-ēth-ites; and the sons of Dā'vīd wēre chief about the king.

CHAP. XIX.

NOW it came to pass after this, that Nā'hash the king of the children of Ām'mōn died, and his son reigned in his stead.

2 And Dā'vīd said, I will show kindness unto Hā'nūn the son of Nā'hash, because his father showed kindness to me. And Dā'vīd sent messengers to cōm'fōrt him cōncēr'ning his father. So the sēr-vants of Dā'vīd came into the land of the children of Ām'mōn to Hā'nūn, to cōm'fōrt him.

3 But the princes of the children of Ām'mōn said to Hā'nūn, Thinkest thou that Dā'vīd dóth hōn'our thy father, that he hath sent cōm'fōrters unto thee? are not his sēr-vants come unto thee for to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land?

4 Wherefore Hā'nūn took Dā'vīd's sēr-vants, and shaved them, and cut off their gārments in the midst, hard by their buttocks, and sent them away.

5 Then there went ēer'tain, and told Dā'vīd how the men wēre sērv'd. And he sent to meet them; (for the men wēre greatly ashāmed.) And the king said, Tarry at Jēr'ī-čhō until your beards be grown, and then return.

6 And when the children of Ām'mōn saw that they had made themselves odious to Dā'vīd, Hā'nūn and the children of Ām'mōn sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mēs-ō-pō-tā'mi-ā, and out of Sýr'i-ā-Mā'a-čhāh, and out of Zō'bah.

7 So they hired thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Mā'a-čhāh and his people, who came and pitched before Mēd'e-ba. And the children of Ām'mōn gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle.

8 And when Dā'vīd heard of it, he sent Jō'ab, and all the host of the mighty men.

9 And the children of Ām'mōn came out, and put the battle in array before the gate of the city; and the kings that wēre come wēre by themselves in the field.

10 Now when Jō'ab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the choice of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and put them in array against the Sýr'i-ans.

11 And the rest of the people he delivered unto the hand of Ā-bīsh'a-ī his bróther, and they set themselves in array against the children of Ām'mōn.

12 And he said, If the Sýr'i-ans be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ām'mōn be too strong for thee, then I will help thee.

13 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.

14 So Jō'ab, and the people that wēre with him, drew nigh before the Sýr'i-ans unto the battle; and they fled before him.

15 And when the children of Ām'mōn saw that the Sýr'i-ans wēre fled, they likewise fled before Ā-bīsh'a-ī his bróther, and entered into the city. Then Jō'ab came to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

16 And when the Sýr'i-ans saw that they wēre put to the wōrse before Iṣ'ra-ēl, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Sýr'i-ans that wēre beyond the river; and Shō'phach, the cap'tain of the host of Had-ar-ē'zēr, went before them.

17 And it was told Dā'vīd; and he gathered all Iṣ'ra-ēl, and passed over Jōr'dan, and came upon them, and set the battle in array against them. So when Dā'vīd had put the battle in array against the Sýr'i-ans, they fought with him.

18 But the Sýr'i-ans fled before Iṣ'ra-ēl; and Dā'vīd slew of the Sýr'i-ans seven thousand men which fought in chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shō'phach the cap'tain of the host.

19 And when the sēr-vants of Had-ar-ē'zēr saw that they wēre put to the wōrse before Iṣ'ra-ēl, they made peace with Dā'vīd, and became his sēr-vants; nēither would the Sýr'i-ans help the children of Ām'mōn any more.

CHAP. XX.

AND it came to pass, that after the year was expired, at the time that kings go out to battle, Jō'ab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ām'mōn, and came and besiēged Rab'bah; (but Dā'vīd tarried at Jē-rū'sa-lēm.) And Jō'ab smote Rab'bah, and destrōy'ed it.

2 And Dā'vīd took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there wēre precious stones in it: and it was set upon Dā'vīd's head: and he brought also exceeding much spoil out of the city.

¹ Bēn-ā'yāh.

3 And he brought out the people that were in it, and cut them with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes: even so dealt Da'vid with all the cities of the children of Am'mon. And Da'vid and all the people returned to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

4 ¶ And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at Ge'zēr with the Phi-lis'tines, at which time Sib'be-cai the Hu'-shath-ite slew Sip pai, that was of the children of the giant: and they were subdued.

5 And there was war again' with the Phi-lis'tines; and ēl-hā'nan the son of Jā'ir slew Lāh'mi, the brother of Gō-li'ath the Gi'tite, whose spear's staff was like a weaver's beam.

6 And yet again' there was war at Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand, and six on each foot: and he also was the son of the giant.

7 But when he defied Iṣ'ra-ēl, Jōn'athan the son of Shīm'e-a, Da'vid's brother, slew him.

8 These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of Da'vid, and by the hand of his servants.

CHAP. XXI.

AND Sa'tan stood up against Iṣ'ra-ēl, and provoked Da'vid to number Iṣ'ra-ēl.

2 And Da'vid said to Jō'ab, and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Iṣ'ra-ēl, from Bē-ēr'she-ba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know it.

3 And Jō'ab answered, The LORD make his people a 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 trēs'pass to Iṣ'ra-ēl?

4 Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Jō'ab: wherefore Jō'ab departed, and went throughout all Iṣ'ra-ēl, and came to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

5 ¶ And Jō'ab gave the sum of the number of the people unto Da'vid. And all they of Iṣ'ra-ēl were a thousand thousand and a hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Jū'dah was four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword.

6 But Lē'vi and Bēn'ja-mīn counted he not among them; for the king's word was abominable to Jō'ab.

7 And God was displeas'd with this thing; thēr'fore he smote Iṣ'ra-ēl.

8 And Dā'vid said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

9 And the LORD spake unto Gad, Da'vid's seer, saying,

10 Go and tell Dā'vid, saying, Thus

saith the LORD, I offer thee three things: chōðse thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.

11 So Gad came to Da'vid, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Chōðse thee

12 Either three years' famine; or three months to be destroy'd before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroy'ing throughout all the coasts of Iṣ'ra-ēl. Now, thēr'fore, advise thyself what word I shall bring again' to him that sent me.

13 And Da'vid said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the LORD; for very great are his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man.

14 So the LORD sent pestilence upon Iṣ'ra-ēl: and there fell of Iṣ'ra-ēl seventy thousand men.

15 And God sent an angel unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm to destroy' it: and as he was destroy'ing, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroy'ed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshing-floor of Or'nān the Jēb'u-site.

16 And Da'vid lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jē-rū'sa-lēm: then Da'vid and the elders of Iṣ'ra-ēl, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.

17 And Da'vid said unto God, Is it not I that commānded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed: but as for these sheep, what have they done? Let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued.

18 Then the angel of the LORD commānded Gad to say to Da'vid, that Da'vid should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshing-floor of Or'nān the Jēb'u-site.

19 And Da'vid went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of the LORD.

20 And Or'nān turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Or'nān was threshing wheat.

21 And as Da'vid came to Or'nān, Or'nān looked, and saw Da'vid, and went out of the threshing-floor, and bowed himself to Da'vid with his face to the ground.

22 Then Da'vid said to Or'nān, Grant me the place of this threshing-floor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD;

thou shalt grānt it me for the full price, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

23 And Or'nān said unto Dā'vid, Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do *that which is good* in his eyes: lo, I give thee the oxen *also* for burnt-offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat-offering: I give it all.

24 And king Dā'vid said to Or'nān, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take *that which is thine* for the LORD, nor offer burnt-offerings without cost.

25 So Dā'vid gave to Or'nān for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight.

26 And Dā'vid built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, and called upon the LORD; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt-offering.

27 And the LORD cōmmānded the āngel; and he put up his swōrd āgain' into the sheath thereof.

28 At that time, when Dā'vid saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshing-floor of Or'nān the Jēb'u-site, then he sacrificēd there.

29 For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Mō'sēs made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt-offering, *wēre* at that season in the high place at Gib'e-ōn:

30 But Dā'vid could not go before it to inquire of God: for he was āfrāid, because of the swōrd of the āngel of the LORD.

CHAP. XXII.

THEN Dā'vid said, This *is* the house of the LORD God, and this *is* the altar of the burnt-offering for Iṣ'ra-ēl.

2 And Dā'vid cōmmānded to gāther togethēr the strāngers that *wēre* in the land of Iṣ'ra-ēl; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God.

3 And Dā'vid prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brāss in abundance without weight;

4 Also cedar-trees in abundance: for the Zi-dō'ni-āns and they of Tÿre brought much cedar-wood to Dā'vid.

5 And Dā'vid said, Sōl'o-mōn my son *is* young and tender, and the house *that is* to be builded for the LORD *must be* exceeding magnifical, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will *thērefōre* now make preparation for it. So Dā'vid prepared abundantly before his death.

6 Then he called for Sōl'o-mōn his son, and charged him to build a house for the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

7 And Dā'vid said to Sōl'o-mōn, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house unto the name of the LORD my God:

8 But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build a house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.

9 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 Sōl'o-mōn, and I will give peace and quietness unto Iṣ'ra-ēl in his days.

10 He shall build a house for my name, and he shall be my son, and I *will be* his father; and I will estāb'lish the throne of his kingdom over Iṣ'ra-ēl for ever.

11 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.

12 Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge cōncēr'ning Iṣ'ra-ēl, that thou mayst keep the law of the LORD thy God.

13 Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Mō'sēs with cōncēr'ning Iṣ'ra-ēl: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dīsmā'yed.

14 Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD a hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brāss and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayst add thereto.

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 brāss, and the iron, *there is* no number. Āriṣe *thērefōre*, and be doing, and the LORD be with thee.

17 Dā'vid also cōmmānded all the princes of Iṣ'ra-ēl to help Sōl'o-mōn 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 your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God: āriṣe, *thērefōre*, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the cōvenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

CHAP. XXIII.

SO when Dā'vid was old and full of days, he made Sōl'o-mōn his son king over Iṣ'ra-ēl.

2 And he gathered togethēr all the

princes of Iſ'ra-ēl, with the priests and the Lē'vites.

3 Now the Lē'vites wēre numbered from the age of thirty years and ūp'wārd; and their number by their pōlls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand.

4 Of which, twenty and four thousand wēre to set fōr'wārd the work of the house of the LORD; and six thousand wēre officers and judges.

5 Moreover, four thousand wēre pōrters: and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which I made (*said Dā'vid*) to praise *therewith*.

6 And Dā'vid divided them into courses among the sons of Lē'vī, *namely*, Gēr'shōn, Kō'hāth, and Mēr'a-rī.

7 ¶ Of the Gēr'shōn-ites wēre Lā'a-dān and Shim'e-ī.

8 The sons of Lā'a-dān; the chief was Je-hī'el, and Zē'hām, and Jō'el, three.

9 The sons of Shim'e-ī; Shēl'o-mith, and Hā'zi-ēl, and Hā'rān, three. These wēre the chief of the fathers of Lā'a-dān.

10 And the sons of Shim'e-ī wēre, Jā'hāth, Zī'nā, and Jē'ūsh, and Bē-rī'āh. These four wēre the sons of Shim'e-ī.

11 And Jā'hāt, was the chief, and Zī-zāh the second; but Jē'ūsh and Bē-rī'āh had not many sons; thēre'fōre they wēre in one reckoning, according to *their* father's house.

12 ¶ The sons of Kō'hāth; Ām'rām, Īz'hār, Hē'brōn, and Ūz-zī'el, four.

13 The sons of Ām'rām; Aārōn and Mō'sēs; and Aārōn 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 bless in his name for ever.

14 Now *cōncēr'nīng* Mō'sēs the man of God, his sons wēre named of the tribe of Lē'vī.

15 The sons of Mō'sēs wēre Gēr'shōm and Ē-li-ē'zēr.

16 Of the sons of Gēr'shōm, Shēb'u-ēl was the chief.

17 And the sons of Ē-li-ē'zēr wēre, Rē-ha-bī'āh the chief. And Ē-li-ē'zēr had nōne other sons; but the sons of Rē-ha-bī'āh wēre very many.

18 Of the sons of Īz'hār; Shēl'o-mith the chief.

19 Of the sons of Hē'brōn; Jē-rī'āh the first, Ām-a-rī'āh the second, Ja-hā'zi-ēl the third, and Jēk-a-mē'ām the fourth.

20 Of the sons of Ūz-zī'el; Mī'çāh the first, and Jē-sī'āh the second.

21 ¶ The sons of Mēr'a-rī; Māh'lī and Mū'ehī. The sons of Māh'lī; Ē-le-ā'zār and Kīsh.

22 And Ē-le-ā'zār died, and had no sons, but daughters: and their brēthren the sons of Kīsh took them.

23 The sons of Mū'shī; Māh'lī, and Ē'dér, and Jēr-i-mōth, three.

24 ¶ These wēre the sons of Lē'vī, āfter the house of their fathers; *even* the chief of the fathers, as they wēre counted by number of names by their pōlls, that did the work for the sēr'vice of the house of the LORD, from the age of twenty years and ūp'wārd.

25 For Dā'vid said, The LORD God of Iſ'ra-ēl hath given rest unto his people, that they may dwell in Jē-rū'sa-lēm for ever:

26 And also unto the Lē'vites; they shall no *more* carry the tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for the sēr'vice thereof.

27 For by the last words of Dā'vid, the Lē'vites wēre numbered from twenty years old and ābōve:

28 Because their office was to wait on the sons of Aārōn, for the sēr'vice of the house of the LORD, in the courts, and in the chāmbers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the sēr'vice of the house of God;

29 Both for the show-bread, and for the fine flour for meat-offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for that which is baked in the pan, and for that which is fried, and for all manner of mēās'ure and size;

30 And to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at even;

31 And to offer all burnt-sāc'rifīçes unto the LORD, in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order cōmmā'nded unto them, continually before the LORD:

32 And that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of Aārōn their brēthren, in the sēr'vice of the house of the LORD.

CHAP. XXIV.

NOW these āre the diviſions of the sons of Aārōn. The sons of Aārōn; Nā'dāb, and Ā-bī'hū, Ē-le-ā'zār, and Īth'a-mār.

2 But Nā'dāb and Ā-bī'hū died before their father, and had no children: thēre'fōre Ē-le-ā'zār and Īth'a-mār executed the priest's office.

3 And Dā'vid distributed them, both Zā'dōk of the sons of Ē-le-ā'zār, and Ā-him'e-lēçh of the sons of Īth'a-mār, according to their offices in their sēr'vice.

4 And there wēre more chief men found of the sons of Ē-le-ā'zār than of the sons of Īth'a-mār; and *thus* wēre they divided: among the sons of Ē-le-ā'zār there wēre sixteen chief men of the house of *their* fathers, and eight among the sons of Īth'a-mār, according to the house of their fathers.

5 Thus wēre they divided by lot, one sort with ānōther: for the gōvernors of the sanctuary, and gōvernors of the house of God, wēre of the sons of Ē-le-ā'zār, and of the sons of Īth'a-mār.

6 And Shēm-ā-rī'āh the son of Nē-thān'e-ēl the scribe, *one* of the Lē'vites, wrote

them before the king, and the princes, and *Zä'dök* the priest, and *Ä-him'e-lëch* the son of *Ä-bi'a-thär*, and *before* the chief of the fathers of the priests and *Lëvites*: one principal household being taken for *E-le-ä'zär*, and *one* taken for *ith'a-mär*.

7 Now the first lot came forth to *Jë-höi'a-rib*, the second to *Jë-däi'äh*,¹

8 The third to *Hä'rim*, the fourth to *Së-ö'rim*,

9 The fifth to *Mäl-çhi'jah*, the sixth to *Mij'a-min*,

10 The seventh to *Häk'köz*, the eighth to *Ä-bi'jah*,

11 The ninth to *Jësh'u-äh*, the tenth to *Shëç-a-ni'äh*,

12 The eleventh to *E-li'a-shib*, the twelfth to *Jä'kim*,

13 The thirteenth to *Hüp'päh*, the fourteenth to *Jësh-ëb'e-äb*,

14 The fifteenth to *Bil'gäh*, the sixteenth to *Im'mér*,

15 The seventeenth to *Hë'zir*, the eighteenth to *Äph'sëç*,

16 The nineteenth to *Pëth-a-hi'äh*, the twentieth to *Jë-hëz'e-kël*,

17 The one and twentieth to *Jä'çhin*, the two and twentieth to *Gämül*,

18 The three and twentieth to *Dël-ä-i'äh*, the four and twentieth to *Mä-a-z'i'äh*.

19 These *wëre* the orderings of them in their *sërv'ice*, to come into the house of the *LORD*, according to their manner, under *Aä'rön* their father, as the *LORD* God of *İs'ra-ël* had *cömmän'ded* him.

20 ¶ And the rest of the sons of *Lëvi wëre these*: Of the sons of *Äm'räm*; *Shü'ba-ël*: of the sons of *Shü'ba-ël*; *Jëh-dëi'äh*.²

21 *Cöncër'ning Rë-ha-bi'äh*; of the sons of *Rë-ha-bi'äh*, the first *was İ-shi'äh*.

22 Of the *İzhär-ites*; *Shël'o-möth*: of the sons of *Shël'o-möth*; *Jä'häth*.

23 And the sons of *Hë'brön*; *Jë-ri'äh* the first, *Äm-a-ri'äh* the second, *Ja-hä'zi-ël* the third, *Jëk-a-më'am* the fourth.

24 Of the sons of *Üz-z'i'ël*; *Mi'çäh*: of the sons of *Mi'çäh*; *Shä'mir*.

25 The brother of *Mi'çäh* *was İ-shi'äh*: of the sons of *İ-shi'äh*; *Zëçh-a-ri'äh*.

26 ¶ The sons of *Mër'a-ri* *wëre Mäh'li* and *Mü'shi*: the sons of *Jä-a-z'i'äh*; *Bë'nö*.

27 The sons of *Mër'a-ri* by *Jä-a-z'i'äh*; *Bë'nö*, and *Shö'häm*, and *Zäç'çür*, and *İ'bri*.

28 Of *Mäh'li* *came E-le-ä'zär*, who had no sons.

29 *Cöncër'ning Kish*; the son of *Kish* *was Jë-rähm'e-ël*.

30 The sons also of *Mü'shi*; *Mäh'li*, and *E'dér*, and *Jë-r'i-möth*. These *wëre* the sons of the *Lëvites*, *äfter* the house of their fathers.

31 These likewise *cäst* lots over *ägainst* their brethren the sons of *Aä'rön*, in the presence of *Dä'vid* the king, and *Zä'dök* and *Ä-him'e-lëch*, and the chief of the fa-

thers of the priests and *Lëvites*, even the principal fathers, over *ägainst* their younger brethren.

CHAP. XXV.

MOREOVER, *Dä'vid*, and the *cäp'tains* of the host, separated to the *sërv'ice* of the sons of *Ä'säph*, and of *Hë'män*, and of *Jëd'u-thün*, who should prophesy with harps, with *psäl'teries*, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen, according to their *sërv'ice*, was;

2 Of the sons of *Ä'säph*; *Zäç'çür*, and *Jö'sëph*, and *Nëth-a-ni'äh*, and *Äç-a-rë'läh*, the sons of *Ä'säph*, under the hands of *Ä'säph*, which prophesied according to the order of the king.

3 Of *Jëd'u-thün*: the sons of *Jëd'u-thün*; *Gëd-a-li'äh*, and *Zë'ri*, and *Jësh-ä-i'äh*, *Häsh-a-bi'äh*, and *Mät-ti-thi'äh*, six, under the hands of their father *Jëd'u-thün*, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the *LORD*.

4 Of *Hë'män*: the sons of *Hë'män*: *Bük-ki'äh*, *Mät-tän-i'äh*, *Üz-z'i'ël*, *Shëb'u-ël*, and *Jë-r'i-möth*, *Hän-a-ni'äh*, *Hän'a-ni*, *E-li'a-thäh*, *Gid-däl'ti*, and *Rö-mäm-ti-ë-zër*, *Jösh-bëk'a-shäh*, *Mäl'lo-thi*, *Ho'thir*, and *Ma-hä'zi-öth*:

5 All these *wëre* the sons of *Hë'män* the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to *Hë'män* fourteen sons and three daughters.

6 All these *wëre* under the hands of their father for song in the house of the *LORD*, with cymbals, *psäl'teries*, and harps, for the *sërv'ice* of the house of God, according to the king's order to *Ä'säph*, *Jëd'u-thün*, and *Hë'män*.

7 So the number of them with their brethren, that *wëre* instructed in the songs of the *LORD*, *even* all that *wëre* cunning, *was* two hundred fourscore and eight.

8 And they *cäst* lots, ward *ägainst* ward, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar.

9 Now, the first lot came forth for *Ä'säph* to *Jö'sëph*; the second to *Gëd-a-li'äh*, who with his brethren and sons *wëre* twelve:

10 The third to *Zäç'çür*, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *wëre* twelve:

11 The fourth to *İz'ri*, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *wëre* twelve:

12 The fifth to *Nëth-a-ni'äh*, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *wëre* twelve:

13 The sixth to *Bük-ki'äh*, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *wëre* twelve:

14 The seventh to *Jësh-är'e-läh*, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *wëre* twelve:

15 The eighth to *Jësh-ä-i'äh*, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *wëre* twelve:

16 The ninth to *Mät-tän-i'äh*, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *wëre* twelve:

17 The tenth to *Shim'e-i*, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *wëre* twelve:

¹ *Jë-dë'yäh*.

² *Jë-dë'yäh*.

18 The eleventh to Ā-zā're-ël, *he*, his sons and his brēthren, *wēre* twelve :

19 The twelfth to Hāsh-a-bī'āh, *he*, his sons and his brēthren, *wēre* twelve :

20 The thirteenth to Shū'ba-ël, *he*, his sons and his brēthren, *wēre* twelve :

21 The fourteenth to Māt-ti-thī'āh, *he*, his sons and his brēthren, *wēre* twelve :

22 The fifteenth to Jēr'e-mōth, *he*, his sons and his brēthren, *wēre* twelve :

23 The sixteenth to Hān-a-nī'āh, *he*, his sons and his brēthren, *wēre* twelve :

24 The seventeenth to Jōsh-bēk'a-shāh, *he*, his sons and his brēthren, *wēre* twelve :

25 The eighteenth to Hān'a-nī, *he*, his sons and his brēthren, *wēre* twelve :

26 The nineteenth to Māl'lo-thī, *he*, his sons and his brēthren, *wēre* twelve :

27 The twentieth to Ē-lī'a-thāh : *he*, his sons and his brēthren, *wēre* twelve :

28 The one and twentieth to Hō'thūr, *he*, his sons and his brēthren, *wēre* twelve :

29 The two and twentieth to Gīd-dāl'tī, *he*, his sons and his brēthren, *wēre* twelve :

30 The three and twentieth to Ma-hā'zi-ōth, *he*, his sons, and his brēthren, *wēre* twelve :

31 The four and twentieth to Rō-mām-ti-ē'zér, *he*, his sons and his brēthren, *wēre* twelve.

CHAP. XXVI.

CONCERN'ING the diviſionſ of the pörters : Of the Kōr'hītes *was* Mēsh-ël-ē-mī'āh the son of Kō're, of the sons of Ā'sāph.

2 And the sons of Mēsh-ël-ē-mī'āh *wēre* Zēch-a-rī'āh the first-born, Jē-dī'a-ël the second, Zēb-a-dī'āh the third, Jāth'mi-ël the fourth,

3 Ē'lām the fifth, Jē-hō'ha-nān the sixth, Ē-lī-ā'na-ī the seventh.

4 Moreover, the sons of Ō'bēd-Ē'dōm *wēre* Shēm-ā-ī'āh the first-born, Jē-hōz'abād the second, Jō'āh the third, and Sā'čār the fourth, and Nē-thān'e-ël the fifth.

5 Ām'mi-ël the sixth, Īs'sa-čār the seventh, Pē-ūl'thāi the eighth ; for God blēss'ed him.

6 Also unto Shēm-ā-ī'āh his son *wēre* sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their father : for they *wēre* mighty men of valour.

7 The sons of Shēm-ā-ī'āh ; Ōth'nī, and Rē'pha-ël, and Ō'bēd, Ēl'za-bād, whose brēthren *wēre* strong men ; Ē-lī'hū, and Sēm-a-čhī'āh.

8 All these of the sons of Ō'bēd-Ē'dōm ; they, and their sons, and their brēthren, able men for strength for the sēr'vice, *wēre* threescore and two of Ō'bēd-Ē'dōm.

9 And Mēsh-ël-ē-mī'āh had sons and brēthren, strong men, eighteen.

10 Also Hō'sāh, of the children of

Mēr'a-rī, had sons ; Sim'rī the chiēf, (for *though* he was not the first-born, yet his father made him the chiēf,)

11 Hil-kī'āh the second, Tēb-a-lī'āh the third, Zēch-a-rī'āh the fourth : all the sons and brēthren of Hō'sāh *wēre* thirteen.

12 Among these *wēre* the diviſionſ of the pörters, *even* among the chief men, *having* wards one āgainst' ānother, to minister in the house of the LORD.

13 And they cāst lots, as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate.

14 And the lot east'wārd fell to Shēl-ē-mī'āh. Then for Zēch-a-rī'āh his son (a wise counsellor) they cāst lots, and his lot came out north'wārd.

15 To Ō'bēd-Ē'dōm south'wārd ; and to his sons the house of Ā-sūp'pim.

16 To Shūp'pim and Hō'sāh *the lot came forth* west'wārd, with the gate Shāl'le-čhēth, by the causeway of the going up, wārd āgainst' wārd.

17 East'wārd *wēre* six Lē'vītes, north'wārd four a day, south'wārd four a day, and tō'wārd Ā-sūp'pim two and two.

18 At Pār'bār west'wārd, four at the causeway, and two at Pār'bār.

19 These *āre* the diviſionſ of the pörters among the sons of Kō're, and among the sons of Mēr'a-rī.

20 ¶ And of the Lē'vītes, Ā-hī'jāh *was* over the trēās'ures of the house of God, and over the trēās'ures of the dedicated things.

21 *As concērn'ing* the sons of Lā'a-dān : the sons of the Gēr'shōn-ite Lā'a-dān, chief fathers, *even* of Lā'a-dān the Gēr'shōn'ite, *wēre* Jē-hī'e-lī.

22 The sons of Jē-hī'e-lī ; Zē'thām, and Jō'el his brōther, *which wēre* over the trēās'ures of the house of the LORD.

23 Of the Ām'rām-ites, and the Īz'hār-ites, the Hē'brōn-ites, and the Ūz-zī'el-ites :

24 And Shēb'u-ël the son of Gēr'shōm, the son of Mō'sēs, *was* ruler of the trēās'ures.

25 And his brēthren by Ē-lī-ē'zér ; Rē-ha-bī'āh his son, and Jēsh-ā-ī'āh his son, and Jō'rām his son, and Zīch'rī his son, and Shēl'o-mith his son.

26 Which Shēl'o-mith and his brēthren *wēre* over all the trēās'ures of the dedicated things, which Dā'vid the king, and the chief fathers, the cāp'tains over thousands and hundreds, and the cāp'tains of the host, had dedicated.

27 Out of the spoils won in battles did they dedicate to maintain¹ the house of the LORD.

28 And all that Sām'u-ël the seer, and Sāul the son of Kīsh, and Āb'nér the son of Nēr, and Jō'āb the son of Zēr-ū-ī'āh, had dedicated ; and whosoever had ded-

¹ mēn-tāne'.

icated any thing, it was under the hand of Shēl'o-mīth, and of his brēthren.

29 Of the Iz'hār-ites, Chēn-a-nī'āh and his sons wēre for the outward business over Iṣ'ra-ēl, for officers and judges.

30 And of the Hē'b'rōn-ites, Hāsh-a-bī'āh and his brēthren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, wēre officers among them of Iṣ'ra-ēl on this side Jōr'dān wēst'wārd, in all the business of the LORD, and in the sēr'vice of the king.

31 Among the Hē'b'rōn-ites was Jē-rī'jāh the chief, even among the Hē'b'rōn-ites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of Dā'vid they wēre sought for, and there wēre found among them mighty men of valour at Jā-zēr of Gil'e-ād.

32 And his brēthren, men of valour, wēre two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers, whom king Dā'vid made rulers over the Re'ū'bēn-ites, the Gād'ites, and the half tribe of Ma-nās'seh, for every matter pērtāin'ing to God, and affairs of the king.

CHAP. XXVII.

NOW the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl after their number, to wit, the chief fathers and cāp'tains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that sērved the king in any matter of the courses, which came in and went out mōnth by mōnth, throughout all the mōnths of the year, of every course wēre twenty and four thousand.

2 Over the first course, for the first mōnth, was Ja-shō'be-ām the son of Zāb'dī-ēl: and in his course wēre twenty and four thousand.

3 Of the children of Pērēz was the chief of all the cāp'tains of the host for the first mōnth.

4 And over the course of the second mōnth was Dōd'a-i an Ā-hō'hīte, and of his course was Mik'lōth also the ruler: in his course likewise wēre twenty and four thousand.

5 The third cāp'tain of the host, for the third mōnth, was Bēn-āī'āh the son of Jē-hōī'a-dā, a chief priest: and in his course wēre twenty and four thousand.

6 This is that Bēn-āī'āh who was mighty among the thirty, and above the thirty: and in his course was Ām-nūz'a-bād his son.

7 The fourth cāp'tain, for the fourth mōnth, was Āṣ'a-hēl the brōther of Jō'āb, and Zēb-a-dī'āh his son after him: and in his course wēre twenty and four thousand.

8 The fifth cāp'tain, for the fifth mōnth, was Shām'hūth the Iz'ra-hīte: and in his course wēre twenty and four thousand.

9 The sixth cāp'tain, for the sixth mōnth, was I'rā the son of Ik'kēsh the Tē-kō'ite: and in his course wēre twenty and four thousand.

10 The seventh cāp'tain, for the seventh mōnth, was Hē'lēz the Pē'lō-nīte, of the children of Ēphra-īm: and in his course wēre twenty and four thousand.

11 The eighth cāp'tain, for the eighth mōnth, was Sib'be-ḡāi the Ilu'shāth-ite, of the Zār'hītes: and in his course wēre twenty and four thousand.

12 The ninth cāp'tain, for the ninth mōnth, was Ā-bi-ē-zēr the Ān'e-tōth-ite, of the Bēn'ja-mītes: and in his course wēre twenty and four thousand.

13 The tenth cāp'tain, for the tenth mōnth, was Ma-hār'a-i the Nē-tōph'a-thīte, of the Zār'hītes: and in his course wēre twenty and four thousand.

14 The eleventh cāp'tain, for the eleventh mōnth, was Bēn-āī'āh the Pir'a-thōn-ite,¹ of the children of Ēphra-īm: and in his course wēre twenty and four thousand.

15 The twelfth cāp'tain, for the twelfth mōnth, was Hēl'da-i the Nē-tōph'a-thīte, of Ōth'nī-ēl: and in his course wēre twenty and four thousand.

16 Furthermore, over the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl; the ruler of the Re'ū'bēn-ites was Ē-li-ē-zēr the son of Zīch'ri: of the Sim'e-ōn-ites, Shēph-a-tī'āh the son of Mā'a ḡhāh:

17 Of the Lē'vītes, Hāsh-a-bī'āh the son of Kēm'u-ēl: of the Śār'rōn-ites, Zā'dōk:

18 Of Jū'dāh, Ē-lī'hū, one of the brēthren of Dā'vid: of I'ssa-ḡhār, Ōm'ri the son of Mī'cha-ēl.

19 Of Zēb'u-lōn, I'sh-mā-ī'āh the son of Ōb-a-dī'āh: of Nāph'ta-lī, Jērī-mōth the son of Āz'ri-ēl:

20 Of the children of Ēphra-īm, Ilō-shē'ā the son of Āz-a-zī'āh: of the half tribe of Ma-nās'seh, Jō'ēl the son of Pēd-āī'āh:²

21 Of the half tribe of Ma-nās'seh in Gil'e-ād, Id'dō the son of Zēḡh-a-rī'āh: of Bēn'ja-mīn, Jā-ā'ṣi-ēl the son of Āb'nér:

22 Of Dān, Ā-zā're-ēl the son of Jēr'o-hām. These wēre the princes of the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

23 But Dā'vid took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: because the LORD had said he would increase Iṣ'ra-ēl like to the stars of the heavens.

24 Jō'āb the son of Zēr-ū-ī'āh began to number, but he finished not, because there fell wrāth for it against Iṣ'ra-ēl; nēither was the number put in the account of the Ch'rōn'i-cles of king Dā'vid.

25 And over the king's trēas'ures was Āz'ma-vēth the son of Ā'dī-ēl: and over the store-houses in the fīlds, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the cāstles, was Jē-hōn'a-thān the son of Ūz-zī'āh:

26 And over them that did the work of

¹ Pēr'a-thōn-īte.

² Pēd-ā'yāh.

the fiëld, for tillage of the ground, was Ez'ri the son of Çhë'lüb :

27 And over the vine'yards¹ was Shim'e-i the Rā'māth-ite : over the increase of the vine'yards for the wine-celiars was Zāb'di the Shiph'mite :

28 And over the olive-trees, and the sycamore-trees that wëre in the low plains, was Bā'al-Hān'an the Gēd'e-rite : and over the cellars of oil was Jō'āsh :

29 And over the hërds that fed in Shā'rōn was Shit'ra-i the Shā'rōn-ite : and over the hërds that wëre in the valleys was Shā'phāt the son of Ād'la-i :

30 Over the camels also was ō'bil the Ish'ma-ël-ite : and over the ässets was Jēh-dēi'āh² the Mē-rōn'o-thite :

31 And over the flocks was Jā'ziz the Hā'gār-ite. All these wëre the rulers of the substance which was king Dā'vid's.

32 Also Jōn'a-thān, Dā'vid's uncle, was a counsellor, a wise man, and a scribe : and Jē-hi'ël the son of Hāçh'mo-nā was with the king's sons.

33 And Ā-hith'o-phël was the king's counsellor, and Hū'shāi the Arçh'ite was the king's companion :

34 And äfter Ā-hith'o-phël was Jē-hōi'a-dā the son of Bēn-āi'āh, and Ā-bi'a-thār : and the general of the king's army was Jō'āb.

CHAP. XXVIII.

AND Dā'vid assembled all the princes of Iş'ra-ël, the princes of the tribes, and the cāp'tains of the cōm'panies that ministered to the king by course, and the cāp'tains over the thousands, and cāp'tains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and pōssēs'sion of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

2 Then Dā'vid the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brëthren, and my people : *As for me, I had in mine heärt to build a house of rest for the ark of the cōvenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building :*

3 But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build a house for my name ; because thou *hast been* a man of war, and hast shed blood.

4 Howbeit the LORD God of Iş'ra-ël chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Iş'ra-ël for ever : for he hath chosen Jū'dāh to be the ruler ; and of the house of Jū'dāh, the house of my father ; and ämóng the sons of my father he liked me, to make me king over all Iş'ra-ël :

5 And of all my sons (for the LORD hath given me many sons) he hath chosen Söl'o-môn my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Iş'ra-ël.

6 And he said unto me, Söl'o-môn thy

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 estāb'lish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my cōmmānd'ments and my judgments, as at this day.

8 Now thëre'fore, in the sight of all Iş'ra-ël, the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the cōmmānd'ments of the LORD your God, that ye may pōssēs's this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children äfter you for ever.

9 And thou, Söl'o-môn my son, know thou the God of thy father, and sërve him with a përfect heart, and with a willing mind : for the LORD sëarcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts : if thou seek him, he will be found of thee ; but if thou forsake him, he will cāst thee off for ever.

10 Take heed now ; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build a house for the sanctuary : be strong, and do it.

11 ¶ Then Dā'vid gave to Söl'o-môn his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the trëas'uries thereof, and of the upper çhāmbers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mërçy seat,

12 And the pattern of all that he had by the Spir'it, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the çhāmbers round äbout', of the trëas'uries of the house of God, and of the trëas'uries of the dedicated things :

13 Also for the courses of the priests and the Lëv'ites, and for all the work of the sër'vice of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of sër'vice in the house of the LORD,

14 *He gave* of gold by weight for things of gold, for all instruments of all manner of sër'vice ; *silver also* for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of every kind of sër'vice :

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 *also* for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick.

16 And by weight *he gave* gold for the tables of show-bread, for every table ; and *likewise* silver for the tables of silver :

17 Also pure gold for the flesh-hooks, and the bōwls, and the cups : and for the golden basins *he 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 *Dā'vid*, the LORD made me understand in writing by *his hand* upon me, *even* all the works of this pattern.

20 And *Dā'vid* said to *Sō'l'o-mōn* his son, Be strong, and of good courage, and do *it*: fear not, nor be *dīš-māy'ed*; for the LORD God, *even* my God, *will be* with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the sēr'vice of the house of the LORD.

21 And, behold, the courses of the priests and the *Lē'vites*, *even they shall be with thee* for all the sēr'vice of the house of God: and *there shall be* with thee, for all manner of workmanship, every willing skilful man, for any manner of sēr'vice; also the princes and all the people *will be* wholly at thy cōmmand'ment.

CHAP. XXIX.

FURTHERMORE, *Dā'vid* the king said unto all the congregation, *Sō'l'o-mōn* my son, whom *ālōne* God hath chosen, *is yet* young and tender, and the work *is* great: for the palace *is* not for man, but for the LORD God.

2 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 brāss for *things* of brāss, the iron for *things* of iron, and wood for *things* of wood; *Ō'nŷx*-stones, and *stones* to be set, glistening stones, and of *dī'vērṣ* colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

3 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 *ābōve* all that I have prepared for the holy house,

4 *Even* three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of *Ō'phīr*, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses *withal*:

5 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 sēr'vice this day unto the LORD?

6 ¶ Then the chief of the fathers, and princes of the tribes of *İṣ'ra-ēl*, and the cāp'tains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers over the king's work, offered willingly,

7 And gave, for the sēr'vice of the house of God, of gold, five thousand talents and ten thousand drams; and of silver, ten thousand talents; and of brāss, eighteen thousand talents; and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

8 And they with whom *precious* stones were found gave *them* to the trēas'ure of the house of the LORD, by the hand of *Jē-hī'ēl* the *Gēr'shōn-ite*.

9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with pērfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and *Dā'vid* the king also rejoiced with great joy.

10 Wherefore *Dā'vid* blēss'ed the LORD before all the congregation: and *Dā'vid* said, Blēss'ed be thou, LORD God of *İṣ'ra-ēl* our Fā'ther, for ever and ever.

11 Thine, O LORD, *is* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the vic'tōry, and the māj'esty:¹ for all *that is* in the heaven and in the *ēarth is thine*; thine *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head *ābōve* all.

12 Both riches and hōnour *come* of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand *is* power and might, and in thine hand *it is* to make great, and to give strength unto all.

13 Now thēre'fōre, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

14 But who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things *come* of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

15 For we *āre* strāngers before thee, and sō'journers, as *wēre* all our fathers: our days on the *ēarth āre* as a shadow, and *there is nōne ābī'ding*.

16 O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared, to build thee a house for thine holy name, *cometh* of thine hand, and *is* all thine own.

17 I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast plēas'ure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which *āre* present here, to offer willingly unto thee.

18 O LORD God of *Ā'bra-hām*, *İṣ'āac*, and of *İṣ'ra-ēl*, 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 *Sō'l'o-mōn* my son a pērfect heart, to keep thy cōmmand'ments, thy tēs'timōnies, and thy statutes, and to do all *these things*, and to build the palace for the which I have made provision.

20 ¶ And *Dā'vid* said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blēss'ed the LORD God of their fathers, and bōwed down their heads, and wōr'shipped the LORD and the king.

21 And they sēc'rifiçes unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings unto the LORD, on the morrow *āfter* that day, *even* a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams,

¹ *mād'jēs-te.*

and a thousand lambs, with their drink-offerings, and sâc'rifices in abundance for all Iş'ra-ël:

22 And did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness: and they made Söl'o-môn, the son of Dä'vid, king the second time, and anointed him unto the LORD to be the chief governor, and Zä'dök to be priest.

23 Then Söl'o-môn sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of Dä'vid his father, and prospered; and all Iş'ra-ël obeyed him.

24 And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king Dä'vid, submitted themselves unto Söl'o-môn the king.

25 And the LORD magnified Söl'o-môn exceedingly in the sight of all Iş'ra-ël, and bestowed upon him such royal mä'jesty, as

had not been on any king before him in Iş'ra-ël.

26 ¶ Thus Dä'vid the son of Jës'se reigned over all Iş'ra-ël.

27 And the time that he reigned over Iş'ra-ël was forty years; seven years reigned he in Hé'brön, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and hön'our: and Söl'o-môn his son reigned in his stead.

29 Now the acts of Dä'vid the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Säm'u-ël the seer, and in the book of Nā'hān the prophet, and in the book of Gäd the seer,

30 With all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Iş'ra-ël, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

¶ The SECOND Book of the CHRONICLES.

CHAPTER I.

AND Söl'o-môn the son of Dä'vid was strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly.

2 Then Söl'o-môn spake unto all Iş'ra-ël, to the câp'tains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Iş'ra-ël, the chief of the fathers.

3 So Söl'o-môn, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that was at Gib'e-ön; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Mō'sés, the servant of the LORD, had made in the wilderness.

4 But the ark of God had Dä'vid brought up from Kir'jāth-Jē'a-rim¹ to the place which Dä'vid had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

5 Moreover, the brazen altar that Bē-zāl'e-ël, the son of Ū'rī, the son of Hūr, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the LORD; and Söl'o-môn and the congregation sought unto it.

6 And Söl'o-môn went up thither to the brazen altar before the LORD, which was at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt-offerings upon it.

7 In that night did God appear unto Söl'o-môn, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee.

8 And Söl'o-môn said unto God, Thou hast showed great mercy unto Dä'vid my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead.

9 Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto Dä'vid my father be estāb'lished: for

¹ Kēr'jāth-Jē'a-rim.

thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.

10 Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people that is so great?

11 And God said to Söl'o-môn, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or hön'our, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayst judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:

12 Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and hön'our, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

13 ¶ Then Söl'o-môn came from his journey to the high place that was at Gib'e-ön to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Iş'ra-ël.

14 And Söl'o-môn gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot-cities, and with the king at Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

15 And the king made silver and gold at Jē-rū'sa-lēm as plēn'teous as stones, and cedar-trees made he as the sycamore-trees that are in the vale for abundance.

16 And Söl'o-môn had horses brought out of Ē'gypt, and linen yarn; the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

17 And they fetched up, and brought forth out of E'gypt, a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty: and so brought they out horses for all the kings of the Hīt'ites, and for the kings of Sūr'i-ā, by their means.

CHAP. II.

AND Söl'o-môn dētēr'mined to build a house for the name of the LORD, and a house for his kingdom.

2 And Söl'o-môn told out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the môûn'tain, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.

3 And Söl'o-môn sent to Hūrām the king of Tÿre, saying, As thou didst deal with Dā'vid my father, and didst send him cedars to build him a house to dwell therein, *even so deal with me.*

4 Behold, I build a 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 show-bread, 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 Iś'ra-ël.*

5 And the house which I build is great: for great is our God *ābove* all gods.

6 But who is able to build him a house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who *am* I then, that I should build him a house, save only to burn *sāc'rifice* before him?

7 Send me now, *thère'fore*, a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave with the cunning men that *āre* with me in Jūdāh and in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, whom Dā'vid my father did provide.

8 Send me also cedar-trees, fir-trees,¹ and alghum-trees, out of Lēb'a-nōn; (for I know that thy sērvants can skill to cut timber in Lēb'a-nōn;) and, behold, my sērvants *shall be* with thy sērvants,

9 Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am *ābout'* to build *shall be wōn'derful* great.

10 And, behold, I will give to thy sērvants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand *mēā'sures* of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand *mēā'sures* of barley, and twenty thousand *bāths* of wine, and twenty thousand *bāths* of oil.

11 Then Hūrām the king of Tÿre answered in writing, which he sent to Söl'o-môn, Because the LORD hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them.

12 Hūrām said moreover, Blēs'sed be the LORD God of Iś'ra-ël, that made heaven and *ēarth*, who hath given to Dā'vid the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build

a house for the LORD, and a house for his kingdom.

13 And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Hūrām my father's,

14 The son of a woman of the daughters of Dān, and his father *was* a man of Tÿre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord Dā'vid thy father.

15 Now *thère'fore* the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his sērvants:

16 And we will cut wood out of Lēb'a-nōn, as much as thou shalt need; and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea to Jōp'pā, and thou shalt carry it up to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

17 ¶ And Söl'o-môn numbered all the strangers that *wēre* in the land of Iś'ra-ël, *āfter* the numbering wherewith Dā'vid his father had numbered them; and they *wēre* found a hundred and fifty thousand, and three thousand and six hundred.

18 And he set threescore and ten thousand of them *to be* bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand *to be* hewers in the môûn'tain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people *ā*-work.

CHAP. III.

THEN Söl'o-môn began to build the house of the LORD at Jē-rū'sa-lēm in mount Mō-rī'āh, where the LORD appeared unto Dā'vid his father, in the place that Dā'vid had prepared in the threshing-floor of Or'nān the Jēb'u-sīte.

2 And he began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

3 ¶ Now these *āre the things wherēv* Söl'o-môn was instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits, *āfter* the first *mēā'sure*, *was* threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.

4 And the porch that *was* in the front of the house, the length of it *was* according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height *was* a hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold.

5 And the greater house he ceiled with fir-tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm-trees and chains.

6 And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold *was* gold of Pār-vā'im.

7 He overlaid also the house, the beams,

¹ fir-trees.

the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubims on the walls.

8 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.

9 And the weight of the nails *was* fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.

10 And in the most holy place he made two cherubims of image work, and overlaid them with gold.

11 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.

12 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.

13 The wings of these cherubims spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces *were* in'ward.

14 And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought cherubims thereon.

15 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.

16 And he made chains, as in the oracle, and put them on the heads of the pillars; and made a hundred pomegrān'ātes, and put them on the chains.

17 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 Jā'chīn, and the name of that on the left Bō'āz.

CHAP. IV,

MOREOVER, he made an altar of brāss, 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 cōm'pāss, and five cubits the height thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did cōm'pāss it round about.

3 And under it *was* the similitude of oxen, which did cōm'pāss it round about; ten in a cubit, cōm'pāssing the sea round about. Two rows of oxen *were* cāst when it *was* cāst.

4 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking tō'ward the north, and three looking tō'ward the west, and three looking tō'ward the south, and three looking tō'ward the east; and the sea *was* set ābōve upon

them, and all their hinder parts *were* in'ward.

5 And the thickness of it *was* a 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 bāths.

6 He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wāsh in them: such things as they offered for the burnt-offering they wāshed in them; but the sea *was* for the priests to wāsh in.

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 a hundred 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 brāss.

10 And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, over āgainst' the south.

11 And Hū'rām made the pots, and the shōvels, and the basins. And Hū'rām finished the work that he *was* to make for king Sō'l'o-mōn for the house of God;

12 To wit, the two pillars, and the pōmmels, and the chapters which *were* on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cōver the two pōmmels of the chapters which *were* on the top of the pillars;

13 And four hundred pomegrān'ātes on the two wreaths; two rows of pomegrān'ātes on each wreath, to cōver the two pōmmels of the chapters which *were* upon the pillars.

14 He made also bases; and lavers made he upon the bases;

15 One sea, and twelve oxen under it:

16 The pots also, and the shōvels, and the flesh-hooks, and all their instruments, did Hū'rām his father make to king Sō'l'o-mōn, for the house of the LORD, of bright brāss.

17 In the plain of Jōr'dān did the king cāst them, in the clay-ground between Sūc'cōth and Zē-rēd'a-thāh.

18 Thus Sō'l'o-mōn made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brāss could not be found out.

19 And Sō'l'o-mōn made all the vessels that *were* for the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon the show-bread *was* set;

20 Moreover the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn āfter the manner, before the oracle, of pure gold;

21 And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, made he of gold, and that pērfect gold;

22 And the snuffers, and the basins.

and the spoons, and the censers, 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.

CHAP. V.

THUS all the work that Söl'o-mön made for the house of the LORD was finished: and Söl'o-mön brought in all the things that Dä'vid his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.

2 Then Söl'o-mön assembled the elders of İş'ra-ël, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of İş'ra-ël, unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of Dä'vid, which is ZY'ón.

3 Wherefore all the men of İş'ra-ël assembled themselves unto the king, in the feast which was in the seventh month.

4 And all the elders of İş'ra-ël came; and the Lē'vites took up the ark.

5 And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, these did the priests and the Lē'vites bring up.

6 Also king Söl'o-mön, and all the congregation of İş'ra-ël that were assembled unto him before the ark, säc'rifiçed 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 Mō'sēs put therein at Hō'rēb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of İş'ra-ël, when they came out of E'g'yp't.

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 Lē'vites, which were the singers, all of them of Ā'sāph, of Hē'mān, of Jēd'u-thūn, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psāl'teries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them a 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: that 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.

THEN said Söl'o-mön, The LORD hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

2 But I have built a house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever.

3 And the king turned his face, and blēss'ed the whole congregation of İş'ra-ël: (and all the congregation of İş'ra-ël stood:)

4 And he said, Blēss'ed be the LORD God of İş'ra-ël, who hath with his hands fulfilled that which he spake with his mouth to my father Dä'vid, saying,

5 Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of E'g'yp't, I chose no city among all the tribes of İş'ra-ël to build a house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my people İş'ra-ël:

6 But I have chosen Jē-rū'sa-lēm, that my name might be there; and have chosen Dä'vid to be over my people İş'ra-ël.

7 Now it was in the heart of Dä'vid my father to build a house for the name of the LORD God of İş'ra-ël.

8 But the LORD said to Dä'vid my father, Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build a house for my name, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart:

9 Notwithstanding, thou shalt not build the house; but thy son which shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name.

10 The LORD therefore hath perform'ed his word that he hath spoken; for I am risen up in the room of Dä'vid my father, and am set on the throne of İş'ra-ël, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD God of İş'ra-ël:

11 And in it have I put the ark, wherein is the covenant of the LORD, that he made with the children of İş'ra-ël.

12 ¶ And he stood before the altar of the LORD, in the presence of all the congregation of İş'ra-ël, and spread forth his hands,

13 (For Söl'o-mön had made a brazen scaffold of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his

knees before all the congregation of Iſ'ra-ël, and spread forth his hands tō'wards heaven,)

14 And said, O LORD God of Iſ'ra-ël, *there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest cōvenant, and showest mērcy unto thy sērvants that walk before thee with all their hearts:*

15 Thou which hast kept with thy sērvant Dā'vid my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this day.

16 Now thērē'fōre, O LORD God of Iſ'ra-ël, keep with thy sērvant Dā'vid my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Iſ'ra-ël; 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 Iſ'ra-ël, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy sērvant Dā'vid.

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, thērē'fōre, to the prayer of thy sērvant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy sērvant 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 wouldst put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy sērvant prayeth tō'wards this place.

21 Hearken, thērē'fōre, unto the supplications of thy sērvant and of thy people Iſ'ra-ël, which they shall make tō'wards this place: hear thou from thy dwelling-place, *even* from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.

22 If a man sin āgainst' his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house;

23 Then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy sērvants, by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness.

24 And if thy people Iſ'ra-ël be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned āgainst' thee, and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house;

25 Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Iſ'ra-ël, and bring them āgain' unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers.

26 When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned āgainst' thee; yet if they pray tō'wards this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them;

27 Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy sērvants, and of thy people Iſ'ra-ël, when thou hast taught them the good way wherein they should walk; and send rain upon the land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.

28 If there be dēarth in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be blās'ting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillars; if their enemies besiēge them in the cities of their land; and whatsoever sore or whatsoever sickness *there be*;

29 *Then* what prayer or what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Iſ'ra-ël, when every one shall know his own sore and his own griēf, and shall spread forth his hands in this house;

30 Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men;)

31 That they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

32 Moreover, cōcērn'ing the strānger, which is not of thy people Iſ'ra-ël, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched-out arm; if they come and pray in this house;

33 Then hear thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the strānger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as *dōlth* thy people Iſ'ra-ël; and may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name.

34 If thy people go out to war āgainst' their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee tō'wārd this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name;

35 Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain¹ their cause.

36 If they sin āgainst' thee, (for *there is* no man which sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before their enemies, and they carry them āwāy captives unto a land far off or near;

37 Yet if they bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land

¹ mēn-lāne'.

of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done ämiss', and have dealt wickedly ;

38 If they return to thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray tö'värd their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and tö'värd the city which thou hast chosen, and tö'värd 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 ägainst' thee.

40 Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent 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 äwäy the face of thine anointed : remember the märc'cies of Dä'vid thy särvant.

CHAP. VII.

NOW when Söl'o-mön had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt-offering and the säc'rifices ; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.

2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house.

3 And when all the children of Iş'ra-ël saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they böwed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and wör'shipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good ; for his märcy endureth for ever.

4 Then the king and all the people offered säc'rifices before the LORD.

5 And king Söl'o-mön offered a säc'rifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

6 And the priests waited on their offices ; the Lē'vites also with instruments of musick of the LORD, which Dä'vid the king had made to praise the LORD, because his märcy endureth for ever, when Dä'vid praised by their ministry ; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Iş'ra-ël stood.

7 Moreover, Söl'o-mön 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 Söl'o-mön had made was not able to receive

the burnt-offerings, and the meat-offerings, and the fat.

8 Also, at the same time, Söl'o-mön kept the feast seven days, and all Iş'ra-ël with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hä'mäth unto the river of E'gy'pt.

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 mönth he sent the people äwäy into their tents, glad and merry in heart, for the goodness that the LORD had showed unto Dä'vid, and to Söl'o-mön, and to Iş'ra-ël his people.

11 Thus Söl'o-mön finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house : and all that came into Söl'o-mön's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

12 And the LORD appeared to Söl'o-mön by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of säc'rifice.

13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I cömmänd' the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence ämong my people ;

14 If my people, which äre 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 attent 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 pärpēt'ually.

17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as Dä'vid thy father walked, and do according to all that I have cömmänd'ed thee, and shalt öbşerve' my statutes and my judgments ;

18 Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have cövenanted with Dä'vid thy father, saying There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Iş'ra-ël.

19 But if ye turn äwäy, and forsake my statutes and my cömmänd'ments, which I have set before you, and shall go and särvé other gods and wör'ship them ;

20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them : and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cäst out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a by-word ämong all nations.

21 And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that pässeth by it ; so that he shall say, Why

hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house ?

22 And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of E'gypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them : therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

CHAP. VIII.

AND it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Söl'o-mön had built the house of the LORD, and his own house,

2 That the cities which Hūrām had restored to Söl'o-mön, Söl'o-mön built them, and caused the children of I'sra-ël to dwell there.

3 And Söl'o-mön went to Hā'māth-Zō'bāh, and prevailed against it.

4 And he built Tād'mör in the wilderness, and all the store-cities which he built in Hā'māth.

5 Also he built Bēth-hō'rōn the upper, and Bēth-hō'rōn the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars ;

6 And Bā'a-lāth, and all the store-cities that Söl'o-mön had, and all the chariot-cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Söl'o-mön desired to build in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and in Lēb'a-nōn, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

7 As for all the people that were left of the Hīt'tites, and the Am'o-rites, and the Pēr'iz-zites, and the Hī'vites, and the Jēb'u-sites, which were not of I'sra-ël,

8 But of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of I'sra-ël consumed not, them did Söl'o-mön make to pay tribute until this day.

9 But of the children of I'sra-ël did Söl'o-mön make no servants for his work ; but they were men of war, and chief of his cap'tains, and cap'tains of his chariots and horsemen.

10 And these were the chief of king Söl'o-mön's officers, even two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.

11 And Söl'o-mön brought up the daughter of Phā'raōh out of the city of Dā'vid unto the house that he had built for her : for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of Dā'vid king of I'sra-ël, because the places are holy wherunto the ark of the LORD hath come.

12 ¶ Then Söl'o-mön offered burnt-offerings unto the LORD on the altar of the LORD, which he had built before the porch,

13 Even after a cēr'tain rate every day, offering according to the cōmmāndment of Mō'sēs, 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 Dā'vid his father, the courses of the priests to their sēr'vice, and the Lē'vites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required ; the pōrters also by their courses at every gate : for so had Dā'vid the man of God cōmmānd'ed.

15 And they departed not from the cōmmāndment of the king unto the priests and Lē'vites, cōncērning any matter, or cōncērning the trēas'ures.

16 Now all the work of Söl'o-mön 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 pērfected.

17 ¶ Then went Söl'o-mön to E'zi-ōn-Gē'bér, and to E'lōth, at the sea side in the land of E'dōm.

18 And Hūrām sent him, by the hands of his sēr'vants, ships, and sēr'vants that had knowledge of the sea ; and they went with the sēr'vants of Söl'o-mön to Ō'phīr, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to king Söl'o-mön.

CHAP. IX.

AND when the queen of Shē'bā heard of the fame of Söl'o-mön, she came to prove Söl'o-mön with hard questions at Jē-rū'sa-lēm, with a very great cōmpany, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones : and when she was come to Söl'o-mön, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

2 And Söl'o-mön told her all her questions : and there was nōthing hid from Söl'o-mön which he told her not.

3 And when the queen of Shē'bā had seen the wisdom of Söl'o-mön, and the house that he had built,

4 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his sēr'vants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel ; his cup-bearers also, and their apparel ; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the LORD ; there was no more spirit in her.

5 And she said to the king, *It was a true report which I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom ;*

6 *Howbeit, I believed not thy 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.*

7 *Happy are thy men, and happy are these thy sēr'vants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom.*

8 *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 I'sra-ël, to estāblish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice.*

9 And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Shē'bā gave king Söl'o-mön.

10 And the sērvants also of Hūrām, and the sērvants of Söl'o-mön, which brought gold from Ō'phīr, brought algum-trees and precious stones.

11 And the king made of the algum-trees terraces to the house of the LORD, and to the king's palace, and harps and psāl'teries for singers: and there wēre nōne such seen before in the land of Jū'dāh.

12 And king Söl'o-mön gave to the queen of Shē'bā all her desire, whatsoever she āsked, besides that which she had brought unto the king: so she turned, and went āway to her own land, she and her sērvants.

13 Now the weight of gold that came to Söl'o-mön in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold;

14 Besides that which chapmen and mērchants brought. And all the kings of Ā-rā'bi-ā and gōvērners of the country brought gold and silver to Söl'o-mön.

15 And king Söl'o-mön made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of beaten gold went to one target.

16 And three hundred shiēlds made he of beaten gold; three hundred shekels of gold went to one shiēld: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lēb'a-nōn.

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

18 And there wēre six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which wēre fastened to the throne, and stays on each side of the sitting-place, and two lions standing by the stays:

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

20 And all the drinking-vessels of king Söl'o-mön wēre of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lēb'a-nōn wēre of pure gold: nōne wēre of silver; it was not any thing accounted of in the days of Söl'o-mön.

21 For the king's ships went to Tār-shīsh with the sērvants of Hūrām: every three years once came the ships of Tār-shīsh, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

22 And king Söl'o-mön pāssed all the kings of the ēarth in riches and wisdom.

23 And all the kings of the ēarth sought the presence of Söl'o-mön, to hear his wisdom that God had put in his hēart.

24 And they brought every man his

present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

25 And Söl'o-mön had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the chariot-cities, and with the king at Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

26 And he reigned over all the kings from the river even unto the land of the Phi-līs'tines, and to the border of Ē'gypt.

27 And the king made silver in Jē-rū'sa-lēm as stones, and cedar-trees made he as the sycamore-trees that āre in the low plains in abundance.

28 And they brought unto Söl'o-mön horses out of Ē'gypt, and out of all lands.

29 Now the rest of the acts of Söl'o-mön, first and lāst, āre they not written in the book of Nā'thān the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ā-hī'jāh the Shi-lō'nite, and in the visions of I'd'dō the seer āgainst Jēr-ō-bō'ām the son of Nē'bāt?

30 And Söl'o-mön reigned in Jē-rū'sa-lēm over all Īs'ra-ēl forty years.

31 And Söl'o-mön slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of Dā'vid his father: and Rē-ho-bō'ām his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. X.

AND Rē-ho-bō'ām went to Shē'chēm: for to Shē'chēm wēre all Īs'ra-ēl come to make him king.

2 And it came to pāss, when Jēr-ō-bō'ām the son of Nē'bāt, (who was in Ē'gypt, whither he had fled from the presence of Söl'o-mön the king,) heard it, that Jēr-ō-bō'ām returned out of Ē'gypt.

3 And they sent and called him. So Jēr-ō-bō'ām and all Īs'ra-ēl came, and spake to Rē-ho-bō'ām, saying,

4 Thy father made our yoke griēv'ōus; now, thērē'fōre, ease thou somewhat the griēv'ōus sērvitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will sērve thee.

5 And he said unto them, Come āgain unto me āfter three days. And the people departed.

6 And king Rē-ho-bō'ām took counsel with the old men that had stood before Söl'o-mön his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me, to return ānswer to this people?

7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy sērvants for ever.

8 But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that wēre brought up with him, that stood before him.

9 And he said unto them, What advice give ye, that we may return ānswer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying,

Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us?

10 And the young men that wēre brought up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt 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 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 Jēr-ō-bō'am and all the people came to Rē-ho-bō'am 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 Rē-ho-bō'am 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 Ā-hi'jah the Shilōnite to Jēr-ō-bō'am the son of Nē'bāt.

16 And when all Iš'ra-ël saw that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in Dā'vid? and *we have none inheritance* in the son of Jēs'se: every man to your tents, O Iš'ra-ël: and now, Dā'vid, see to thine own house. So all Iš'ra-ël went to their tents.

17 But *as for* the children of Iš'ra-ël that dwelt in the cities of Jū'dāh, Rē-ho-bō'am reigned over them.

18 Then king Rē-ho-bō'am sent Ha-dō'rām, that *was* over the tribute; and the children of Iš'ra-ël stoned him with stones that he died: but king Rē-ho-bō'am made speed to get him up to *his* chariot, to flee to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

19 And Iš'ra-ël rebelled against' the house of Dā'vid unto this day.

CHAP. XI.

AND when Rē-ho-bō'am was come to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, he gathered of the house of Jū'dāh and Bēn'ja-mīn a hundred and fourscore thousand chosen *men*, which wēre warriors, to fight against' Iš'ra-ël, that he might bring the kingdom again' to Rē-ho-bō'am.

2 But the word of the LORD came to Shēm-ā-i'ah the man of God, saying,

3 Speak unto Rē-ho-bō'am the son of Sōl'o-mōn, king of Jū'dāh, and to all Iš'ra-ël in Jū'dāh and Bēn'ja-mīn, saying,

4 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go

up nor fight against' your brēthren: 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' Jēr-ō-bō'am.

5 And Rē-ho-bō'am dwelt in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and built cities for defence in Jū'dāh.

6 He built even Bēth'le-hēm, and Ē'tām, and Tē-kō'ā,

7 And Bēth'zūr, and Shō'cō, and Ā-dūl'lām,

8 And Gāth, and Ma-rē'shāh, and Zīph,

9 And Ād-o-rā'im, and Lā'chīsh, and Ā-zē'kāh,

10 And Zō'rāh, and Ā'ja-lōn,¹ and Hē-brōn, which *are* in Jū'dāh and in Bēn'ja-mīn, fenced cities.

11 And he fortified the strong holds, and put cap'tains in them, and store of victual, and of oil and wine.

12 And in every several city *he put* shiēlds and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having Jū'dāh and Bēn'ja-mīn on his side.

13 And the priests and the Lē'vites that wēre in all Iš'ra-ël resorted to him out of all their coasts

14 (For the Lē'vites left their suburbs, and their pōssēs'sion, and came to Jū'dāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm: for Jēr-ō-bō'am and his sons had cast them off from executing the priests'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 Iš'ra-ël, such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Iš'ra-ël, came to Jē-rū'sa-lēm to sāk'rifiçe unto the LORD God of their fathers.

17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Jū'dāh, and made Rē-ho-bō'am the son of Sōl'o-mōn strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of Dā'vid and Sōl'o-mōn.

18 And Rē-ho-bō'am took him Mā'ha-lāth the daughter of Jēr'i-mōth the son of Dā'vid to wife, and Āb-i-hā'il the daughter of Ē-lī'āb the son of Jēs'se;

19 Which bare him children; Jē'ūsh, and Shām-a-rī'āh, and Zā'hām.

20 And after her he took Mā'a-çhāh the daughter of Āb'sa-lōm, which bare him Ā-bi'jah, and Ā'tāi, and Zī'zā, and Shēl'o-mīth.

21 And Rē-ho-bō'am loved Mā'a-çhāh the daughter of Āb'sa-lōm above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and threescore concubines; and begat twenty and eight sons, and threescore daughters.)

22 And Rē-ho-bō'am made Ā-bi'jah the son of Mā'a-çhāh the chief, *to be ruler* among his brēthren: for *he thought* to make him king.

¹ Ā'd'ja-lōn.

23 And he dealt wisely, and dispērs'ed of all his children throughout all the countries of Jū'dāh and Bēn'ja-mīn, unto every fenced city; and he gave them victual in abundance. And he desired many wives.

CHAP. XII.

AND it came to pās, when Rē-ho-bō'am had estāb'lished the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Īs'ra-ēl with him.

2 And it came to pās, that, in the fifth year of king Rē-ho-bō'am, Shi'shāk king of Ē'gypt came up āgainst¹ Jē-rū'sa-lēm, because they had transgressed āgainst' the LORD,

3 With twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people wēre without number that came with him out of Ē'gypt; the Lū'bims, the Sūl'ki-ims, and thē Ē-thi-ō'pī-āns.

4 And he took the fenced cities which pertainēd to Jū'dāh, and came to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

5 Then came Shēm-ā-i'āh the prophet to Rē-ho-bō'am, and to the princes of Jū'dāh that wēre gathered togēther to Jē-rū'sa-lēm because of Shi'shāk, and said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Ye have forsaken me, and thērē'fore have I also left you in the hand of Shi'shāk.

6 Whereupon the princes of Īs'ra-ēl and the king hūmblēd themselves; and they said, The LORD is righteous.

7 And when the LORD saw that they hūmblēd themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shēm-ā-i'āh, saying, They have hūmblēd themselves, thērē'fore I will not dēstrōy' them, but I will grānt them some deliverance; and my wrāth shall not be poured out upon Jē-rū'sa-lēm by the hand of Shi'shāk.

8 Nevertheless they shall be his sēr-vants; that they may know my sēr'vice, and the sēr'vice of the kingdoms of the countries.

9 So Shi'shāk king of Ē'gypt came up āgainst' Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and took āwāy the trēas'ures of the house of the LORD, and the trēas'ures of the king's house; he took all: he carried āwāy also the shields of gold which Sōl'o-mōn had made.

10 Instead of which king Rē-ho-bō'am made shields of brās, 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 āgain' into the guard chāmbēr.

12 And when he hūmblēd himself, the wrāth of the LORD turned from him, that he would not dēstrōy' him āltogēther: and also in Jū'dāh things went well.

13 So king Rē-ho-bō'am strengthened himself in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and reigned: for Rē-ho-bō'am was one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Īs'ra-ēl to put his name there. And his mōthēr's name was Na'a-māh, an Am'mōn-i-tēss.

14 And he did evil, because he prepared not his hēart to seek the LORD.

15 Now the acts of Rē-ho-bō'am, first and last, āre they not written in the book of Shēm-ā-i'āh the prophet, and of Id'dō the seer, cōncēr'ning gēnēal'ogies? And there wēre wars between Rē-ho-bō'am and Jēr-ō-bō'am continually.

16 And Rē-ho-bō'am slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of Dā'vid: and Ā-bī'jah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XIII.

NOW in the eighteenth year of king Jēr-ō-bō'am began Ā-bī'jah to reign over Jū'dāh.

2 He reigned three years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm: (his mōthēr's name also was Mī-chā'i'āh, the dāughtēr of Ū-rī'ēl of Gib'e-āh;) and there was war between Ā-bī'jah and Jēr-ō-bō'am.

3 And Ā-bī'jah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: Jēr-ō-bō'am also set the battle in array āgainst' him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, bēing mighty men of valour.

4 And Ā-bī'jah stood up upon mount Zē-m-a-rā'im, which is in mount Ē'phraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jēr-ō-bō'am, and all Īs'ra-ēl;

5 Ought ye not to know, that the LORD God of Īs'ra-ēl gave the kingdom over Īs'ra-ēl to Dā'vid for ever, even to him and to his sons by a cōvēnant of salt?

6 Yet Jēr-ō-bō'am the son of Nē'bāt, the sēr-vant of Sōl'o-mōn, the son of Dā'vid, is risen up, and hath rebelled āgainst' his lord.

7 And there āre gathered unto him vain men, the children of Bē'li-āl, and have strengthened themselves āgainst' Rē-ho-bō'am the son of Sōl'o-mōn, when Rē-ho-bō'am was young and tender-hēartēd, and could not withstand them.

8 And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of Dā'vid; and ye be a great multitude, and there āre with you golden calves, which Jēr-ō-bō'am made you for gods.

9 Have ye not cāst out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aārōn, and the Lē'vites, and have made you priests āfter the manner of the nations of other lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate

¹ ā-gēns't.

² Mī-kā'yāh.

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 Aārōn, and the Lēvites wait upon their business:

11 And they burn unto the LORD, every morning and every evening, burnt-sacrifices and sweet incense: the show-bread also *set they 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 Iŷ'ra-ēl, fight ye not against' the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

13 But Jēr-ō-bō'ām caused an ambushment to come about' behind them: so they wēre before Jūdāh, and the ambushment was behind them.

14 And when Jūdāh looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Jūdāh gave a shout: and as the men of Jūdāh shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jēr-ō-bō'ām and all Iŷ'ra-ēl before Ā-bī'jāh and Jūdāh.

16 And the children of Iŷ'ra-ēl fled before Jūdāh; and God delivered them into their hand.

17 And Ā-bī'jāh and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Iŷ'ra-ēl five hundred thousand chosen men.

18 Thus the children of Iŷ'ra-ēl wēre brought under at that time, and the children of Jūdāh prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers.

19 And Ā-bī'jāh pursued after Jēr-ō-bō'ām, and took cities from him; Bēth'ēl with the towns thereof, and Jēsh'a-nāh with the towns thereof, and Ē'phra-īm with the towns thereof.

20 Nēither did Jēr-ō-bō'ām recover strength again' in the days of Ā-bī'jāh: and the LORD struck him, and he died.

21 But Ā-bī'jāh waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.

22 And the rest of the acts of Ā-bī'jāh, and his ways, and his sayings, *are* written in the story of the prophet I'dō.

CHAP. XIV.

SO Ā-bī'jāh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of Dā'vid; and Ā'sā his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

2 And Ā'sā did *that which was* good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God:

3 For he took āwāy the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves;

4 And cōmmānd'ed Jūdāh to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the cōmmānd'ment.

5 Also he took āwāy, out of all the cities of Jūdāh, the high places and the images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.

6 And he built fenced cities in Jūdāh: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest.

7 Thērē'fōre he said unto Jūdāh, 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 sought the LORD our God, we have sought *him*, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built, and prospered.

8 And Ā'sā had an army of men that bare targets and spears, out of Jūdāh three hundred thousand, and out of Bēn'ja-mīn, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these wēre mighty men of valour.

9 And there came out against' them Zē'rāh the Ē-thi-ō'pi-ān, with a host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots, and came unto Ma-rē'shāh.

10 Then Ā'sā went out against' him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zēph'a-thāh at Ma-rē'shāh.

11 And Ā'sā cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, *it is* nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against' this multitude. O LORD, thou *art* our God; let not man prevail against' thee.

12 So the LORD smote the Ē-thi-ō'pi-āns before Ā'sā, and before Jūdāh; and the Ē-thi-ō'pi-āns fled.

13 And Ā'sā, and the people that wēre with him, pursued them unto Gē'rār: and the Ē-thi-ō'pi-āns wēre overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they wēre destrōy'ed before the LORD, and before his host: and they carried āwāy very much spoil.

14 And they smote all the cities round about' Gē'rār: for the fear of the LORD 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 āwāy sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

CHAP. XV.

AND the Spir'it of God came upon Āz-a-ri'āh the son of Ō'déd :

2 And he went out to meet Ā'sā, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Ā'sā, and all Jū'dāh and Bēn'ja-mīn : The LORD is with you while ye be with him : and if ye seek him, he will be found of you ; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

3 Now for a long season Iṣ'ra-ēl hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law :

4 But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and sought him, he was found of them.

5 And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries.

6 And nation was destrôy'ed of nation, and city of city : for God did vex them with all ādvēr'sity.

7 Be ye strong, thêrê'fôre, and let not your hands be weak : for your work shall be rewarded.

8 ¶ And when Ā'sā heard these words, and the proph'ecy of Ō'déd the prophet, he took courage, and put āwāy the abominable idols out of all the land of Jū'dāh and Bēn'ja-mīn, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount E'phra-īm, and renewed the altar of the LORD that was before the porch of the LORD.

9 And he gāthered all Jū'dāh and Bēn'ja-mīn, and the strāngers with them out of E'phra-īm and Ma-nās'seh, and out of Sim'e-ôn : (for they fell to him out of Iṣ'ra-ēl in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God was with him :)

10 So they gāthered themselves togeth-er at Jē-rú'sa-lēm in the thīrd mōnth, in the fifteēnth year of the reign of Ā'sā.

11 And they offered unto the LORD the same time, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen, and seven thousand sheep.

12 And they entered into a cōvenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heārt and with all their soul ;

13 That whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

14 And they sware unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.

15 And all Jū'dāh rejoiced at the oath ; for they had sworn with all their heārt, and sought him with their whole desire ; and he was found of them : and the LORD gave them rest round ābout'.

16 And also cōncē'r'ning Mā'a-çhāh the mōther of Ā'sā the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove : and Ā'sā cut down her

idol, and stāmped it, and burnt it at the brook Kid'rōn.

17 But the high places were not taken āwāy out of Iṣ'ra-ēl : nevertheless the heārt of Ā'sā was pērfect all his days.

18 And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.

19 And there was no more war unto the five and thīrtieth year of the reign of Ā'sā.

CHAP. XVI.

IN the six and thīrtieth year of the reign of Ā'sā, Bā'a-shā king of Iṣ'ra-ēl came up āgainst' Jū'dāh, and built Rā'māh, to the intent that he might let nōne go out or come in to Ā'sā king of Jū'dāh.

2 Then Ā'sā brought out silver and gold out of the trēās'ures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Bēn'ha-dād king of Sŷ'r'i-ā, that dwelt at Da-mās'çus, saying,

3 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 Bā'a-shā king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, that he may depart from me.

4 And Bēn'ha-dād hearkened unto king Ā'sā, and sent the cāp'tains of his armies āgainst' the cities of Iṣ'ra-ēl ; and they smote Iḷjōn, and Dān, and Ā'bēl-Mā'im, and all the store-cities of Nāph'ta-lī.

5 And it came to pāss, when Bā'a-shā heard it, that he left off building of Rā'māh, and let his work cease.

6 Then Ā'sā the king took all Jū'dāh ; and they carried āwāy the stones of Rā'māh, and the timber thereof, wherewith Bā'a-shā was building ; and he built therewith Gē'bā and Miz'pāh.

7 And at that time Hān'a-nī the seer came to Ā'sā king of Jū'dāh, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Sŷ'r'i-ā, and not relied on the LORD thy God, thêrê'fôre is the host of the king of Sŷ'r'i-ā escāped out of thine hand.

8 Were not the Ē-thi-ō'pi-āns and the Lū'bīms a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen ? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand.

9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole ēarth, to show himself strong in the behālf of them whose heārt is pērfect tō'wārd's him. Herein thou hast done foolishly ; thêrê'fôre from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

10 Then Ā'sā was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison-house ; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Ā'sā oppressed some of the people the same time.

11 And, behold, the acts of Ā'sā, first

and lāst, lo, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Jū'dāh and Iṣ'ra-ēl.

12 And Ā'sā, in the thirty and ninth year of his reign, was diseased in his feet, until his diṣēase *was* exceeding *great*: yet in his diṣēase he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.

13 And Ā'sā slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

14 And they buried him in his own sēp-ulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of Dā'vīd, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and di'vēṛṣ kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries' art; and they made a very great burning for him.

CHAP. XVII.

AND Jē-hōsh'a-phāt his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against' Iṣ'ra-ēl.

2 And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Jū'dāh, and set garrisons in the land of Jū'dāh, and in the cities of Ē'phra-im, which Ā'sā his father had taken.

3 And the LORD was with Jē-hōsh'a-phāt, because he walked in the first ways of his father Dā'vīd, and sought not unto Bā'al-im;

4 But sought to the LORD God of his father, and walked in his cōmmānd'ments, and not āfter the doings of Iṣ'ra-ēl:

5 Therē'fore the LORD established the kingdom in his hand; and all Jū'dāh brought to Jē-hōsh'a-phāt presents; and he had riches and hōnour in abundance.

6 And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the LORD: moreover, he took āwāy the high places and groves out of Jū'dāh.

7 Also, in the third year of his reign, he sent to his princes, *even* to Bēn-hā'il, and to ōb-a-dī'āh, and to Zēch-a-rī'āh, and to Nē-thān'e-ēl, and to Mī-chāi'āh,¹ to teach in the cities of Jū'dāh.

8 And with them he sent Lē'vītes, *even* Shēm-ā-rī'āh, and Nēth-a-nī'āh, and Zēb-a-dī'āh, and Āṣ'a-hēl, and Shē-mir'a-mōth,² and Jē-hōn'a-thān, and Ād-o-nī'jāh, and Tō-bī'jāh, and Tōb-ād-o-nī'jāh, Lē'vītes; and with them Ē-lish'a-mā and Jē-hō'rām, priests.

9 And they taught in Jū'dāh, and had the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went ābout' throughout all the cities of Jū'dāh, and taught the people.

10 And the fear of the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that *were* round ābout' Jū'dāh, so that they made no war āgainst' Jē-hōsh'a-phāt.

11 Also *some* of the Phi-līs'tines brought Jē-hōsh'a-phāt presents, and tribute-silver: and the Ā-rā'bi-āns brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams,

¹ Mī-kā'yāh.² Shē-mēr'a-mōth.

and seven thousand and seven hundred he-goats.

12 And Jē-hōsh'a-phāt waxed *great* exceedingly; and he built in Jū'dāh cāstles, and cities of store.

13 And he had much business in the cities of Jū'dāh: and the men of war, mighty men of valour, *were* in Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

14 And these *are* the numbers of them, according to the house of their fathers: Of Jū'dāh, the cāp'tains of thousands; Ād'nāh the chief, and with him mighty men of valour three hundred thousand.

15 And next to him *was* Jē-hō'ha-nān the cāp'tain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand.

16 And next him *was* Ām-a-sī'āh the son of Zīch'rī, who willingly offered himself unto the LORD; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour.

17 And of Bēn'ja-min; Ē-li'a-dā a mighty man of valour, and with him armed men with bōw and shiēld, two hundred thousand.

18 And next him *was* Jē-hōz'a-bād, and with him a hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war.

19 These waited on the king, besides *those* whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Jū'dāh.

CHAP. XVIII.

NOW Jē-hōsh'a-phāt had riches and hōn'our in abundance, and joined affinity with Ā'hāb.

2 And āfter cēr'tain years he went down to Ā'hāb to Sa-mā'ri-ā: and Ā'hāb killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that *he had* with him, and pērsuādēd him to go up *with him* to Rā-mōth-Gil'e-ād.

3 And Ā'hāb king of Iṣ'ra-ēl said unto Jē-hōsh'a-phāt king of Jū'dāh, Wilt thou go with me to Rā'mōth-Gil'e-ād? 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 Jē-hōsh'a-phāt said unto the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Inquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to-day.

5 Therē'fore the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl gāthered togēther of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Rā-mōth-Gil'e-ād to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver *it* into the king's hand.

6 But Jē-hōsh'a-phāt said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might inquire of him?

7 And the king of Iṣ'ra-ēl said unto Jē-hōsh'a-phāt, *There is* yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same is

Mi-cāi'āh¹ the son of Īm'lā. And Jē-hōsh'-a-phāt said, Let not the king say so.

3 And the king of Īs'ra-ēl called for one of his officers, and said, Fetch quickly Mi-cāi'āh the son of Īm'lā.

9 And the king of Īs'ra-ēl, and Jē-hōsh'-a-phāt king of Jū'dāh, sat either of them on his throne, clothed in their robes, and they sat in a void place at the entering in of the gate of Sa-mā'ri-ā; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

10 And Zēd-e-kī'āh the son of Chē-nā'-a-nāh had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these thou shalt push Sŷ'r'i-ā until they be consumed.

11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Rā'mōth-Gil'e-ād, and prosper; for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

12 And the messenger that went to call Mi-cāi'āh spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one assent: let thy word thērē'fōre, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good.

13 And Mi-cāi'āh said, As the LORD liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak.

14 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Mi-cāi'āh, shall we go to Rā'mōth-Gil'e-ād 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 Īs'ra-ēl scattered upon the mōūn'tains, as sheep that have no shēp'hērd: and the LORD said, These have no māster; let them return, thērē'fōre, every man to his house in peace.

17 And the king of Īs'ra-ēl said to Jē-hōsh'a-phāt, Did I not tell thee that he would not prôph'esŷ good unto me, but evil?

18 Āgain' he said, Thērē'fōre, hear the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand, and on his left.

19 And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ā'hāb king of Īs'ra-ēl, that he may go up and fall at Rā'mōth-Gil'e-ād? 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 thērē'fōre, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.

23 Then Zēd-e-kī'āh the son of Chē-nā'-a-nāh came near, and smote Mi-cāi'āh upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spir'it of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

24 And Mi-cāi'āh said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.

25 Then the king of Īs'ra-ēl said, Take ye Mi-cāi'āh, and carry him back to Ā'mōn the governor of the city, and to Jō'ash the king's son;

26 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 return in peace.

27 And Mi-cāi'āh said, If thou cēr'tainly return in peace, then hath not the LORD spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, all ye people.

28 So the king of Īs'ra-ēl, and Jē-hōsh'-a-phāt the king of Jū'dāh, went up to Rā'mōth-Gil'e-ād.

29 And the king of Īs'ra-ēl said unto Jē-hōsh'a-phāt, I will disguise myself, and will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Īs'ra-ēl disguised himself, and they went to the battle.

30 Now the king of Sŷ'r'i-ā had cōm-mān'ded the cāp'tains of the chariots that wēre with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save only with the king of Īs'ra-ēl.

31 And it came to pāss, when the cāp'tains of the chariots saw Jē-hōsh'a-phāt, that they said, It is the king of Īs'ra-ēl: thērē'fōre they cōm'pāssed about' him to fight: but Jē-hōsh'a-phāt cried out, and the LORD helped him; and God moved them to depart from him.

32 For it came to pāss, that, when the cāp'tains of the chariots pērcēived that it was not the king of Īs'ra-ēl, they turned back āgain' from pursuing him.

33 And a cēr'tain man drew a bōw at a venture, and smote the king of Īs'ra-ēl between the joints of the harness: thērē'fōre he said to his chariot-man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayst carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.

34 And the battle increased that day: howbeit the king of Īs'ra-ēl stayed himself up in his chariot āgainst' the Sŷ'r'i-āns until the even; and ābout' the time of the sun going down he died.

CHAP. XIX.

AND Jē-hōsh'a-phāt the king of Jū'dāh returned to his house in peace to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

2 And Jē'hū, the son of Hān'a-nī the

seer, went out to meet him, and said to king Jē-hösh'a-phät, Shouldst 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 Jē-hösh'a-phät dwelt at Jē-rú'sa-lēm: and he went out again' through the people, from Bē-ēr'she-bā to mount E'phra-im, 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 Jū'dāh, city by city,

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 Jē-rú'sa-lēm did Jē-hösh'a-phät set of the Lē'vites, and of the chief of the fathers of I's'ra-ël, for the judgment of the LORD, and for controversies, when they returned to Jē-rú'sa-lēm.

9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

10 And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trēs'päss not against' the LORD, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trēs'-päss.

11 And, behold, ām-a-rī'āh the chief priest *is* over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zēb-a-dī'āh the son of Ish'ma-ël, the ruler of the house of Jū'dāh, for all the king's matters: also the Lē'vites *shall be* officers before you. Deal courageously, and the LORD shall be with the good.

CHAP. XX.

IT came to pass after this also, *that* the children of Mō'āb, and the children of ām'mōn, and with them *other* beside the ām'mōn-ites, came against' Jē-hösh'a-phät to battle.

2 Then there came some that told Jē-hösh'a-phät, saying, There cometh a great multitude against' thee from beyond the sea, on this side Sūr'i-ā: and, behold, they *be* in Hāz'a-zōn-Tā'mār, which *is* En'ge-di.¹

3 And Jē-hösh'a-phät feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Jū'dāh.

4 And Jū'dāh gathered themselves together to ask *help* of the LORD; even out of all the cities of Jū'dāh they came to seek the LORD.

5 And Jē-hösh'a-phät stood in the congregation of Jū'dāh and Jē-rú'sa-lēm, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,

6 And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand *is* there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

7 Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people I's'ra-ël, and gavest it to the seed of ā'bra-hām thy friend for ever?

8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying,

9 If, *when* evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name *is* in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.

10 And now, behold, the children of ām'mōn, and Mō'āb, and mount Sē'ir, whom thou wouldst not let I's'ra-ël invade, when they came out of the land of E'gypt, but they turned from them, and destrōy'ed them not;

11 Behold, *I say*, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possēs'sion, which thou hast given us to inherit.

12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against' this great company that cometh against' us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes *are* upon thee.

13 And all Jū'dāh stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

14 Then upon Ja-hä'zi-ël, the son of Zēch-a-rī'āh, the son of Bēn-āi'āh, the son of Jē-rī'ël, the son of Māt-ta-nī'āh, a Lē'vite, of the sons of ā'sāph, came the Spīr'it of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;

15 And he said, Harken ye, all Jū'dāh, and ye inhabitants of Jē-rú'sa-lēm, and thou king Jē-hösh'a-phät; Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not āfrāid nor dīš-māy'ed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle *is* not yours, but God's.

16 To-morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jēr-u-ël.

17 Ye shall not *need* to fight in this battle; set yourselves, stand ye *still*, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Jū'dāh and Jē-rú'sa-lēm: fear not, nor

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be dišmāy'ed; to-morrow go out āgainst' them; for the LORD *will be* with you.

18 And Jē-hōsh'a-phāt bowed his head, with *his* face to the ground; and all Jū'dāh and the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm fell before the LORD, wōr'shipping the LORD.

19 And the Lē'vites of the children of the Kō'hāth-ites, and of the children of the Kō'hites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl with a loud voice on high.

20 ¶ And they rose ēarly in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tē-kō'ā: and as they went forth, Jē-hōsh'a-phāt stood and said, Hear me, O Jū'dāh, and ye inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be ēstāb'lished; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mērcy *endureth* for ever.

22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments āgainst' the children of Ām'mōn, Mō'āb, and mount Sē'ir, which wēre come āgainst' Jū'dāh; and they wēre smitten.

23 For the children of Ām'mōn and Mō'āb stood up āgainst' the inhabitants of mount Sē'ir, utterly to slay and dēstrōy' them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Sē'ir, every one helped to dēstrōy' ānōther.

24 And when Jū'dāh came tō'wārd the wātch-tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they wēre dead bodies fallen to the ēarth, and nōne ēscāped.

25 And when Jē-hōsh'a-phāt and his people came to take āwāy the spoil of them, they found āmōng them in abundance, both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, (which they stripped off for themselves,) more than they could carry āwāy: and they wēre three days in gāth'ering of the spoil, it was so much.

26 And on the fourth day, they assembled themselves in the valley of Bēr'a-ḥāh; for there they blēss'ed the LORD: thēr'fōre the name of the same place was called, The valley of Bēr'a-ḥāh, unto this day.

27 Then they returned every man of Jū'dāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and Jē-hōsh'a-phāt in the fore-front of them, to go āgain' to Jē-rū'sa-lēm with joy: for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

28 And they came to Jē-rū'sa-lēm with psāl'tēries and harps and trumpets, unto the house of the LORD.

29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had hēard that the LORD fought āgainst' the enemies of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

30 So the realm of Jē-hōsh'a-phāt was quiet; for his God gave him rest round ābout'.

31 And Jē-hōsh'a-phāt reigned over Jū'dāh. *He* was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm; and his mōthēr's name was Ā-zū'bāh the daughter of Shil'hī.

32 And he walked in the way of Ā'sā his father, and departed not from it, doing *that which* was right in the sight of the LORD.

33 Howbeit the high places wēre not taken āwāy; for as yet the people had not prepared their hēarts unto the God of their fathers.

• 34 Now the rest of the acts of Jē-hōsh'a-phāt, first and lāst, behold they *are* written in the book of Jē'hū, the son of Hān'a-nū, who *is* mentioned in the book of the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

35 And āfter this did Jē-hōsh'a-phāt king of Jū'dāh join himself with Ā-ha-zī'āh king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, who did very wickedly.

36 And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tār'shish: and they made the ships in E'zi-ōn-Gē'bār.

37 Then E-li-ēzēr, the son of Dōd'a-vāh of Ma-rē'shāh, prophesied āgainst' Jē-hōsh'a-phāt, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ā-ha-zī'āh, the LORD hath broken thy works. And the ships wēre broken, that they wēre not able to go to Tār'shish.

CHAP. XXI.

NOW Jē-hōsh'a-phāt slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of Dā'vid: and Jē-hō'rām his son reigned in his stead.

2 And he had brēthren, the sons of Jē-hōsh'a-phāt, Āz-a-rī'āh, and Jē-hī'ēl, and Zēḥ-a-rī'āh, and Āz-a-rī'āh, and Mi'ḥnā-ēl, and Shēph-a-tī'āh: all these wēre the sons of Jē-hōsh'a-phāt king of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

3 And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Jū'dāh: but the kingdom gave he to Jē-hō'rām, because he *was* the first-born.

4 Now when Jē-hō'rām was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his brēthren with the swōrd, and *dī'vers* also of the princes of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

5 Jē-hō'rām *was* thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl, like as did the house of Ā'hāb; for he had the daughter of Ā'hāb to wife: and he wrought *that which* was evil in the eyes of the LORD.

7 Howbeit the LORD would not dēstrōy' the house of Dā'vid, because of the cōv'enant that he had made with Dā'vid, and

as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons for ever.

8 In his days the E'dom-ites revolted from under the dominion of Jū'dāh, and made themselves a king.

9 Then Jē-hō'rām went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the E'dom-ites which compassed him in, and the captains of the chariots.

10 So the E'dom-ites revolted from under the hand of Jū'dāh unto this day. The same time also did Līb'nāh revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers.

11 Moreover, he made high places in the mōn'tains of Jū'dāh, and caused the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm to commit fornication and compelled Jū'dāh thereto.

12 And there came a writing to him from E-l'jah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Dā'vid thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jē-hōsh'a-phāt thy father, nor in the ways of Ā'sā king of Jū'dāh,

13 But hast walked in the way of the kings of I'sra-ēl, and hast made Jū'dāh and the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ā'hāb, 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 thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods;

15 And thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.

16 ¶ Moreover, the LORD stirred up against Jē-hō'rām the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Ā-rā'bi-āns, that were near the E-thi-ō'pi-āns.

17 And they came up into Jū'dāh, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save Jē-hō'a-hāz, the youngest of his sons.

18 ¶ And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease.

19 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 sore diseases: 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 Jē-rū'sa-lēm eight years, and departed without being desired; howbeit they buried him in the city of Dā'vid, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

CHAP. XXII.

AND the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm made Ā-ha-z'ah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Ā-rā'bi-āns to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ā-ha-z'ah, the son of Jē-hō'rām king of Jū'dāh, reigned.

2 Forty and two years old was Ā-ha-z'ah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jē-rū'sa-lēm. His mother's name also was Āth-a-l'iah the daughter of Om'ri.

3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ā'hāb: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.

4 Wherefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ā'hāb; for they were his counsellors, after the death of his father, to his destruction.

5 He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jē-hō'rām, the son of Ā'hāb, king of I'sra-ēl, to war against Hāz'a-ēl king of Sūr'i-ā at Rā'mōth-Gil'e-ād: and the Sūr'i-āns smote Jō'rām.

6 And he returned to be healed in Jēz're-ēl, because of the wounds which were given him at Rāmāh, when he fought with Hāz'a-ēl king of Sūr'i-ā. And Āz-a-r'iah, the son of Jē-hō'rām king of Jū'dāh, went down to see Jē-hō'rām, the son of Ā'hāb, at Jēz're-ēl, because he was sick.

7 And the destruction of Ā-ha-z'ah was of God, by coming to Jō'rām; for when he was come, he went out with Jē-hō'rām against Jē'hū, the son of Nim'shī, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ā'hāb.

8 And it came to pass, that when Jē'hū was executing judgment upon the house of Ā'hāb, and found the princes of Jū'dāh, and the sons of the brethren of Ā-ha-z'ah, that ministered to Ā-ha-z'ah, he slew them.

9 And he sought Ā-ha-z'ah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Sa-mā'ri-ā,) and brought him to Jē'hū: and when they had slain him, they buried him: Because, said they, he is the son of Jē-hōsh'a-phāt, who sought the LORD with all his heart. So the house of Ā-ha-z'ah had no power to keep still the kingdom.

10 But when Āth-a-l'iah, the mother of Ā-ha-z'ah, saw that her son was dead, she arose, and destroyed all the seed-royal of the house of Jū'dāh.

11 But Jē-ho-shāb'e-ath, the daughter of the king, took Jō'ash the son of Ā-ha-z'ah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bed-chamber. So Jē-ho-shāb'e-ath, the daughter of king Jē-hō'rām, the wife of Jē-hō'i'a-dā the priest, (for she was the sister of Ā-ha-z'ah,) hid him from Āth-a-l'iah, so that she slew him not.

12 And he was with them hid in the

house of God six years: and Āth-a-lī'āh reigned over the land.

CHAP. XXIII.

AND in the seventh year Jē-hô'i'a-dā strengthened himself, and took the cāp'tains of hundreds, Āz-a-rī'āh the son of Jēr'o-hām, and Īsh'ma-ēl the son of Jē-hō'a-nān, and Āz-a-rī'āh the son of Ō'bēd, and Mā-a-sē'i'āh¹ the son of Ād-ā-rī'āh, and Ē-līsh'a-phāt the son of Ziḥ'rī, into cōvenant with him.

2 And they went ābout' in Jū'dāh, and gāthered the Lē'vites out of all the cities of Jū'dāh, and the chiēf of the fathers of Īs'ra-ēl, and they came to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

3 And all the congregation made a cōvenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath said of the sons of Dā'vīd.

4 This is the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Lē'vites, shall be pōrters of the doors;

5 And a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD.

6 But let nōne come into the house of the LORD, save the priests, and they that minister of the Lē'vites; they shall go in, for they are holy: but all the people shall keep the wātch of the LORD.

7 And the Lē'vites shall cōm'pāss the king round ābout', every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever else cometh into the house, he shall be put to death; but be you with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.

8 So the Lē'vites, and all Jū'dāh, did according to all things that Jē-hô'i'a-dā the priest had cōmmānd'ed, and took every man his men that wēre to come in on the sabbath, with them that wēre to go out on the sabbath: for Jē-hô'i'a-dā the priest dīssmiss'ed not the courses.

9 Moreover, Jē-hô'i'a-dā the priest delivered to the cāp'tains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shiēlds, that had been king Dā'vīd's, which wēre 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, ālōng' by the altar and the temple, by the king round ābout'.

11 Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and gave him the tēs'timōny, and made him king; and Jē-hô'i'a-dā and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king.

12 Now when Āth-a-lī'āh heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD.

13 And she 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 sounded with trumpets; also the singers with instruments of musick, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Āth-a-lī'āh rent her clothes, and said, Treason, treason!

14 Then Jē-hô'i'a-dā the priest brought out the cāp'tains of hundreds that wēre set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth of the rānges: and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the swōrd. 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 Jē-hô'i'a-dā made a cōvenant 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 Bā'āl, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in piēces, and slew Māt'tān the priest of Bā'āl before the altars.

18 Also Jē-hô'i'a-dā appointed the officers of the house of the LORD by the hand of the priests the Lē'vites, whom Dā'vīd had distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt-offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the law of Mō'sēs, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was ordained by Dā'vīd.

19 And he set the pōrters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that nōne which was unclean in any thing should enter in.

20 And he took the cāp'tains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the gōvernors 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, āfter that they had slain Āth-a-lī'āh with the swōrd.

CHAP. XXIV.

JO'ASH was seven years old when he began to reign; and he reigned forty years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm. His mōther's name also was Zi-bī'āh of Bē-ēr'she-bā.

2 And Jō'āsh did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jē-hô'i'a-dā the priest.

3 And Jē-hô'i'a-dā took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.

4 And it came to pāss āfter this, that Jō'āsh was minded to repair the house of the LORD.

¹ Mā-ā-sē'i'āh.

5 And he gathered together the priests and the Lē'vites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Jū'dāh, and gather of all Iṣ'ra-ēl mōney to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Lē'vites hastened *it* not.

6 And the king called for Jē-hōi'a-dā the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Lē'vites to bring in, out of Jū'dāh and out of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, the collection, according to the cōmmāndment of Mō'sēs the sērvant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Iṣ'ra-ēl, for the tabernacle of witness?

7 For the sons of Āth-a-lī'āh, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD did they bestow upon Bā'āl-im.

8 And at the king's cōmmāndment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the LORD.

9 And they made a proclamation through Jū'dāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm, to bring in to the LORD the collection that Mō'sēs the sērvant of God laid upon Iṣ'ra-ēl in the wilderness.

10 And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cāst into the chest, until they had made an end.

11 Now it came to pāss, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Lē'vites, and when they saw that there was much mōney, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place āgain'. Thus they did day by day, and gathered mōney in abundance.

12 And the king and Jē-hōi'a-dā gave it to such as did the work of the sērvicē of the house of the LORD, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brāss to mend the house of the LORD.

13 So the workmen wrought, and the work was pērfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it.

14 And when they had finished *it*, they brought the rest of the mōney before the king and Jē-hōi'a-dā, whereof wēre made vessels for the house of the LORD, even vessels to minister, and to offer *withal*, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver: and they offered burnt-offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jē-hōi'a-dā.

15 But Jē-hōi'a-dā waxed old, and was full of days when he died; a hundred and thirty years old *was he* when he died.

16 And they buried him in the city of Dā'vid āmōng the kings, because he had

done good in Iṣ'ra-ēl, both tō'wārd's God, and tō'wārd's his house.

17 Now āfter the death of Jē-hōi'a-dā came the princes of Jū'dāh and made ōbei'sānce¹ to the king: then the king hearkened unto them.

18 And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and sērvēd groves and idols: and wrāth came upon Jū'dāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm for this their trēs'pāss.

19 Yet he sent prophēts to them, to bring them āgain' unto the LORD; and they testified āgainst' them: but they would not give ear.

20 And the Spir'it of God came upon Zēch-a-ri'āh the son of Jē-hōi'a-dā the priest, which stood ābōve the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the cōmmāndments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? Because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.

21 And they conspired āgainst' him, and stoned him with stones, at the cōmmāndment of the king, in the court of the house of the LORD.

22 Thus Jō'āsh the king remembered not the kindness which Jē-hōi'a-dā his father had done to him, but slew his son: and when he died, he said, The LORD look upon *it*, and require *it*.

23 And it came to pāss, at the end of the year, that the host of Sŷ'r'i-ā came up āgainst' him: and they came to Jū'dāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and dēstrōy'ed all the princes of the people from āmōng the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Da-mās'cūs.

24 For the army of the Sŷ'r'i-āns came with a small cōmpāny of men, and the LORD delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers: so they executed judgment āgainst' Jō'āsh.

25 And when they wēre departed from him (for they left him in great diseases,) his own sērvants conspired āgainst' him, for the blood of the sons of Jē-hōi'a-dā the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of Dā'vid, but they buried him not in the sēpulchres of the kings.

26 And these āre they that conspired āgainst' him; Zā'bād the son of Shīm'e-āth an Ām'mōn-i-tēss, and Jē-hōz'a-bād the son of Shīm'rith a Mō'ab-i-tēss.

27 Now cōncē'r'ning his sons, and the greatness of the burdens laid upon him, and the repairing of the house of God, behold, they *are* written in the story of the book of the Kings. And Ām-a-zī'āh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXV.

AM-A-ZI'AH was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he

¹ ō-bā'sānse.

reigned twenty and nine years in Jê-rû'sa-lêm: and his mother's name was Jê-hô-âd'-dân of Jê-rû'sa-lêm.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart.

3 Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father:

4 But he slew not their children, but did as it is written in the law in the book of Mō'sēs, where the LORD cōmmanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

5 Moreover, Am-a-zî'ah gathered Jū'dāh together, and made them cāp'tains over thousands, and cāp'tains over hundreds, according to the houses of their fathers, throughout all Jū'dāh and Bēn'ja-mīn: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice men, able to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.

6 He hired also a hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of Iṣ'ra-ël for a hundred talents of silver.

7 But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Iṣ'ra-ël go with thee; for the LORD is not with Iṣ'ra-ël, to wit, with all the children of E'phra-īm.

8 But if thou wilt go, do it, be strong for the battle; God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down.

9 And Am-a-zî'ah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Iṣ'ra-ël? And the man of God answered, The LORD is able to give thee much more than this.

10 Then Am-a-zî'ah separated them, to wit, the army that was come to him out of E'phra-īm, to go home again: wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Jū'dāh, and they returned home in great anger.

11 And Am-a-zî'ah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of Sālt, and smote of the children of Sē'ir ten thousand.

12 And other ten thousand left alive did the children of Jū'dāh 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 soldiers¹ of the army which Am-a-zî'ah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Jū'dāh, from Sa-mā'ri-ā even unto Bēth-hō'rōn, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

14 ¶ Now it came to pass, after that Am-a-zî'ah was come from the slaughter of the children of Sē'ir, 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 Am-a-zî'ah, 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? forbear; why shouldst thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbore, 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 Am-a-zî'ah king of Jū'dāh took advice, and sent to Jō'āsh the son of Jê-hô'a-hāz, the son of Jê'hū king of Iṣ'ra-ël, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face.

18 And Jō'āsh king of Iṣ'ra-ël sent to Am-a-zî'ah king of Jū'dāh, saying, The thistle that was in Lēb'a-nōn sent to the cedar that was in Lēb'a-nōn, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lēb'a-nōn, and trode down the thistle.

19 Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the E'döm-ites, and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home, why shouldst thou meddle to thine hurt, that thou shouldst fall, even thou, and Jū'dāh with thee?

20 But Am-a-zî'ah would not bear; for it came of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they sought after the gods of E'döm.

21 So Jō'āsh the king of Iṣ'ra-ël went up, and they saw one another in the face, both he and Am-a-zî'ah king of Jū'dāh, at Bēth'she-mēsh, which belongeth to Jū'dāh.

22 And Jū'dāh was put to the worse before Iṣ'ra-ël; and they fled every man to his tent.

23 And Jō'āsh the king of Iṣ'ra-ël took Am-a-zî'ah king of Jū'dāh, the son of Jō'āsh, the son of Jê-hô'a-hāz, at Bēth'she-mēsh, and brought him to Jê-rû'sa-lêm, and brake down the wall of Jê-rû'sa-lêm, from the gate of E'phra-īm 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 Ō'bēd-E'dōm, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Sa-mā'ri-ā.

25 And Am-a-zî'ah, the son of Jō'āsh king of Jū'dāh, lived after the death of Jō'āsh, son of Jê-hô'a-hāz king of Iṣ'ra-ël, fifteen years.

¹ söl'jürz.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Ām-a-zī'āh, first and last, behold, are they not written in the book of the Kings of Jū'dāh and Īs'ra-ēl?

27 Now after the time that Ām-a-zī'āh did turn away from following the LORD, they made a conspiracy against him in Jē-rū'sa-lēm; and he fled to Lā'chīsh: but they sent to Lā'chīsh after him, and slew him there.

28 And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Jū'dāh.

CHAP. XXVI.

THEN all the people of Jū'dāh took Ūz-zī'āh, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Ām-a-zī'āh.

2 He built E'lōth, and restored it to Jū'dāh, after that the king slept with his fathers.

3 Sixteen years old was Ūz-zī'āh when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty and two years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm. His mother's name also was Jēç-o-lī'āh of Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

4 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Ām-a-zī'āh did.

5 And he sought God in the days of Zēç-a-rī'āh, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.

6 And he went forth, and warred against the Phi-lis'tines, and brake down the wall of Gāth, and the wall of Jāb'neh, and the wall of Āsh'dōd, and built cities about Āsh'dōd, and among the Phi-lis'tines.

7 And God helped him against the Phi-lis'tines, and against the Ā-rā'bi-āns that dwelt in Gūr-bā'āl, and the Mē-hū'nims.

8 And the Ān'mōn-ites gave gifts to Ūz-zī'āh: and his name spread abroad even to the entering in of Ēg'gypt; for he strengthened himself exceedingly.

9 Moreover, Ūz-zī'āh built towers in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, 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 dēs'ērt, and digged many wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country and in the plains; hūs'bāndmen also, and vine-dressers in the mōūn'tains, and in Çar'mēl: for he loved hūs'bāndry.

11 Moreover, Ūz-zī'āh had a host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jē-i'ēl the scribe, and Mā-a-seī'āh the ruler, under the hand of Hān-a-nī'āh, one of the king's cāp'tains.

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 Ūz-zī'āh prepared for them, throughout all the host, shields, and spears, and helmets, and ha-bēr'ge-ōns, and bows, and slings to cast stones.

15 And he made in Jē-rū'sa-lēm en'gīnes, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal: and his name spread far 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 Āz-a-rī'āh the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, that were valiant men:

18 And they withstood Ūz-zī'āh the king, and said unto him, It appertaineth not unto thee, Ūz-zī'āh, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Āārōn, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trēs'pāssed: neither shall it be for thine hōn'our from the LORD God.

19 Then Ūz-zī'āh was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense; and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his fore'hēad before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense-altar.

20 And Āz-a-rī'āh the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold he was leprous in his fore'hēad, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hastened also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him.

21 And Ūz-zī'āh the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD; and Jō'thām his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

22 Now the rest of the acts of Ūz-zī'āh, first and last, did Ī-sā'i'āh¹ the prophet the son of Ā'mōz, write.

23 So Ūz-zī'āh slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, He is a leper: and Jō'thām his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXVII.

JO'THAM was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm. His mother's name also was Jē-rū'shāh, the daughter of Zā'dōk.

¹ Ī-sā'yāh.

2 And he did that *which was right* in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Ūz-zī'āh 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 Ō'phēl he built much.

4 Moreover, he built cities in the môûn'tains of Jū'dāh: and in the forests he built castles and towers.

5 He fought also with the king of the Ām'môn-ites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ām'môn gave him the same year a hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand mēas'ures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ām'môn pay unto him, both the second year and the third.

6 So Jō'thām became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God.

7 Now the rest of the acts of Jō'thām, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they are written in the book of the Kings of Iſ'ra-ēl and Jū'dāh.

8 He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

9 And Jō'thām slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of Dā'vid: and Ā'hāz his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXVIII.

AH^AZ was twenty years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm: but he did not that *which was right* in the sight of the LORD, like Dā'vid his father:

2 For he walked in the ways of the kings of Iſ'ra-ēl, and made also molten images for Bā'al-īm.

3 Moreover, he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hin'nōm, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Iſ'ra-ēl.

4 He sāc'rificed also, and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 Whereof the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Sŷr'i-ā; and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought them to Da-mās'cūs; and he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Iſ'ra-ēl, who smote him with a great slaughter.

6 For Pē'kāh the son of Rēm-a-lī'āh slew in Jū'dāh a hundred and twenty thousand in one day, *which were* all valiant men; because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers.

7 And Zīch'rī, a mighty man of Ē'phra-īm, slew Mā-a-sē'i'āh¹ the king's son, and

Āz'ri-kām the governor of the house, and Ēl'ka-nāh that was next to the king.

8 And the children of Iſ'ra-ēl carried away captive of their brēthren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Sa-mā'ri-ā.

9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Ō'bēd; and he went out before the host that came to Sa-mā'ri-ā, and said unto them, Behold, because the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Jū'dāh, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage *that reacheth up unto heaven.*

10 And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Jū'dāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm for bondmen and bondwomen unto you: *but are there not with you, even with you, sins against the LORD your God?*

11 Now hear me, thēre'fore, and deliver the captives again; which ye have taken captive of your brēthren: for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.

12 Then cēr'tain of the heads of the children of Ē'phra-īm, Āz-a-rī'āh the son of Jō-hā'nān, Bēr-e-çhī'āh the son of Mē-shīl'le-mōth, and Jē-hiz-kī'āh the son of Shāl'lūm, and Ām'a-sā the son of Hād'la-ī, 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 trēs'pās; for our trēs'pās is great, and *there is* fierce wrath against Iſ'ra-ēl.

14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation.

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 Jēr'i-çhō the city of palm-trees, to their brēthren: then they returned to Sa-mā'ri-ā.

16 ¶ At that time did king Ā'hāz send unto the kings of Ās-sŷr'i-ā to help him.

17 For again the Ē'dōm-ites had come and smitten Jū'dāh, and carried away captives.

18 The Phi-līs'tines also had invaded the cities of the low country, and of the south of Jū'dāh, and had taken Bēth'she-mēsh, and Āj'a-lōn,² and Gē-dē'rōth, and Shō'çhō with the villages thereof, and Tim'nāh with the villages thereof; Gim'zō also and the villages thereof: and they dwelt there.

19 For the LORD brought Jū'dāh low,

¹ Mā-a-sē'yāh.

² Ād'ja-lōn.

because of Ā'hāz king of Iṣ'ra-ēl: for he made Jū'dāh naked, and transgressed sore against the LORD.

20 And Til'gāth-Pil-nē'sér king of Ās-sūr'i-ā came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not.

21 For Ā'hāz took away a pōrtion 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 Ās-sūr'i-ā: but he helped him not.

22 And in the time of his distress did he trēs'päss yet more against the LORD: this is that king Ā'hāz.

23 For he sác'rificed unto the gods of Da-mās'cus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Sūr'i-ā help them, *therefore* will I sác'rifice to them, that they may help me. But they wēre the ruin of him, and of all Iṣ'ra-ēl.

24 And Ā'hāz gāthered togēther the vessels of the house of God, and cut in piēces 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 Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

25 And in every several city of Jū'dāh 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 all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the Kings of Jū'dāh and Iṣ'ra-ēl.

27 And Ā'hāz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, *even* in Jē-rū'sa-lēm; but they brought him not into the sēpulchres of the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl: and Hēz-e-kī'āh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXIX.

HEZ-E-KI'AH began to reign *when he* was five and twenty years old; and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm; and his mōther's name was Ā-bi'jāh the daughter of Zēch-a-rī'āh.

2 And he did that *which* was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Dā'vid his father had done.

3 He, in the first year of his reign, in the first mōnth, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them.

4 And he brought in the priests and the Lē'vites, and gāthered them togēther into the east street,

5 And said unto them, Hear me, ye Lē'vites; 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 trēs'pässed, and done that *which* was evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken 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 porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burnt incense nor offered burnt-offerings in the holy *place*, unto the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

8 Wherefore the wrāth of the LORD was upon Jū'dāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm, 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 dāughters, and our wives, are in captivity for this.

10 Now *it is* in mine heart to make a cōvenant with the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, that his fierce wrāth may turn away from us.

11 My sons, be not now negligent: for the LORD hath chosen you to stand before him, to sērve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense.

12 ¶ Then the Lē'vites ārōse, Mā'hāth the son of Ā-mās'a-i, and Jō'ēl the son of Āz-a-rī'āh, of the sons of the Kō'hāth-ites: and of the sons of Mē'rā-rī; Kīsh the son of Āb'dī, and Āz-a-rī'āh the son of Jē-hāl'e-lēl: and of the Gēr'shōn-ites; Jō'āh the son of Zim'māh, and Ē'dēn the son of Jō'āh:

13 And of the sons of Ē-līz'a-phān; Shīm'rī, and Jē-i'ēl: and of the sons of Ā'sāph; Zēch-a-rī'āh, and Māt-ta-nī'āh:

14 And of the sons of Hē'mān; Jē-hī'ēl, and Shīm'e-i: and of the sons of Jēd'uthūn; Shēm-ā-i'āh, and Ūz-zī'ēl.

15 And they gāthered their brēthren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the cōmmānd'ment of the king, by the words of the LORD, to cleanse 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 Lē'vites took it, to carry it out ābroād into the brook Kid'rōn.

17 Now they began on the first *day* of the first mōnth to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the mōnth 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 mōnth they made an end.

18 Then they went in to Hēz-e-kī'āh 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 show-bread table, with all the vessels thereof.

19 Moreover, all the vessels, which king Ā'hāz in his reign did cāst away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they are before the altar of the LORD.

20 Then Hēz-e-kī'āh the king rose early

and gãthered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD.

21 And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he-goats, for a sin-offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Jû'dâh: and he cõmmãnd'ed the priësts, the sons of Aãrõn, to offer *them* on the altar of the LORD.

22 So they killed the bullocks, and the priësts recëived the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar.

23 And they brought forth the he-goats for the sin-offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them:

24 And the priësts killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Iş'ra-ël; for the king cõmmãnd'ed, *that* the burnt-offering and the sin-offering *should be made* for all Iş'ra-ël.

25 And he set the Lë'vites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psãl'tëries, and with harps, according to the cõmmãnd'ment of Dã'vid, and of Gãd the king's seer, and Nã'thãn the prophet; for so *was* the cõmmãnd'ment of the LORD by his prophets.

26 And the Lë'vites stood with the instruments of Dã'vid, and the priësts with the trumpets.

27 And Hêz-e-kî'âh cõmmãnd'ed to offer the burnt-offering upon the altar. And when the burnt-offering began, the song of the LORD began *also* with the trumpets, and with the instruments *ordãined* by Dã'vid king of Iş'ra-ël.

28 And all the congregation wór'shipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: *and all this continued* until the burnt-offering was finished.

29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all *that wëre* present with him bõwed themselves, and wór'shipped.

30 Moreover, Hêz-e-kî'âh the king, and the princes, cõmmãnd'ed the Lë'vites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of Dã'vid, and of A'sãph the seer: and they sang praises with gladness, and they bõwed their heads and wór'shipped.

31 Then Hêz-e-kî'âh answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near, and bring sãc'rîfîçes and thank-offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sãc'rîfîçes and thank-offerings; and as many as wëre of a free heãrt, burnt-offerings.

32 And the number of the burnt-offerings, which the congregation brought, was

threescore and ten bullocks, a hundred rams, *and* two hundred lambs: all these *wëre* for a burnt-offering to the LORD.

33 And the consecrated things *wëre* six hundred oxen, and three thousand sheep.

34 But the priësts wëre too few, so that they could not slay all the burnt-offerings: wherefore their brëthren the Lë'vites did help them till the work was ended, and until the *other* priësts had sanctified themselves; for the Lë'vites *wëre* more upright in heãrt to sanctify themselves than the priësts.

35 And also the burnt-offerings *wëre* in abundance, with the fat of the peace-offerings, and the drink-offerings for *every* burnt-offering. So the sër'vice of the house of the LORD was set in order.

36 And Hêz-e-kî'âh rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was *done* suddenly.

CHAP. XXX.

AND Hêz-e-kî'âh sent to all Iş'ra-ël and Jû'dãh, and wrote letters also to E'phra-im and Ma-nãs'seh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jë-rù'sa-lëm, to keep the pãssover unto the LORD God of Iş'ra-ël.

2 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jë-rù'sa-lëm, to keep the pãssover in the second month.

3 For they could not keep it at that time, because the priësts had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, nëither had the people gãthered themselves tögëther to Jë-rù'sa-lëm.

4 And the thing pleased the king and all the congregation.

5 So they estãb'lished a decree, to make proclamation throughout all Iş'ra-ël, from Bë-ër'she-bã even to Dãn, that they should come to keep the pãssover unto the LORD God of Iş'ra-ël at Jë-rù'sa-lëm; 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 Iş'ra-ël and Jû'dãh, and according to the cõmmãnd'ment of the king, saying, Ye children of Iş'ra-ël, turn ãgain' unto the LORD God of A'bra-hãm, Iş'ãac, and Iş'ra-ël, and he will return to the remnant of you that ãre èscãped out of the hand of the kings of A's-sÿr'i-ã.

7 And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brëthren, which trës'pãssed ãgainst' the LORD God of their fathers, *who*, thërë'fõre, gave them up to desolation, as ye see.

8 Now be ye not stiff-necked, as your fathers *wëre*, but yiëld yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever; and sër've the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrãth may turn ãwãy from you.

9 For if ye turn āgain' unto the LORD, your brēthren and your children *shall find* compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come āgain' into this land: for the LORD your God *is* gracious and mērciful, and will not turn āway *his* face from you, if ye return unto him.

10 So the posts pāsseed from city to city, through the country of Ēphra-īm and Ma-nās'seh, even unto Zēb'u-lōn: but they laughed them to scorn and mocked them.

11 Nevertheless dī'vērš of Āsh'er and Ma-nās'seh and of Zēb'u-lōn hūmblēd themselves, and came to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

12 Also in Jū'dāh, the hand of God was to give them one hēart to do the cōm-mānd'ment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the LORD.

13 And there assembled at Jē-rū'sa-lēm much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second mōnth, a very great congregation.

14 And they ārōše, and took āway the altars that *were* in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and all the altars for incense took they āway, and cāst *them* into the brook Kid'rōn.

15 Then they killed the pāssover on the fourteenth *day* of the second mōnth: and the priests and the Lē'vites *were* āshāmed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt-offerings into the house of the LORD.

16 And they stood in their place āfter their manner, according to the law of Mō'sēs the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, *which they received* of the hand of the Lē'vites:

17 For *there were* many in the congregation that *were* not sanctified; thērēfōre the Lē'vites had the charge of the killing of the pāssovers for every one *that was* not clean, to sanctify *them* unto the LORD.

18 For a multitude of the people, *even* many of Ēphra-īm and Ma-nās'seh, Īs'sa-čhār and Zēb'u-lōn, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the pāssover otherwise than it was written: but Hēz-e-kī'ah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon every one

19 *That* preparēth *his* hēart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though *he be* not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary.

20 And the LORD hearkened to Hēz-e-kī'ah, and healed the people.

21 And the children of Īs'ra-ēl that *were* present at Jē-rū'sa-lēm kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Lē'vites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, *singing* with loud instruments unto the LORD.

22 And Hēz-e-kī'ah spake cōm'fōrtably unto all the Lē'vites that taught the good

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.

23 And the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days: and they kept *other* seven days with gladness.

24 For Hēz-e-kī'ah king of Jū'dāh 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.

25 And all the congregation of Jū'dāh, with the priests and the Lē'vites, and all the congregation that came out of Īs'ra-ēl, and the strangers that came out of the land of Īs'ra-ēl, and that dwelt in Jū'dāh, rejoiced.

26 So there was great joy in Jē-rū'sa-lēm: for since the time of Sōl'o-mōn the son of Dā'vid king of Īs'ra-ēl *there was* not the like in Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

27 Then the priests the Lē'vites ārōše and blēss'ed the people: and their voice was hēard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling-place, *even* unto heaven.

CHAP. XXXI.

NOW when all this was finished, all Īs'ra-ēl that *were* present went out to the cities of Jū'dāh, and brake the images in piēces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Jū'dāh and Bēn'ja-mīn, in Ēphra-īm also and Ma-nās'seh; until they had utterly dēstrōy'ed them all. Then all the children of Īs'ra-ēl returned every man to his pōssēs'sion into their own cities.

2 And Hēz-e-kī'ah appointed the courses of the priests and the Lē'vites āfter their courses, every man according to his sērvice, the priests and Lē'vites for burnt-offerings and for peace-offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD.

3 *He appointed* also the king's pōrtion of his substance for the burnt-offerings, *to wit*, for the morning and evening burnt-offerings, and the burnt-offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as *it is* written in the law of the LORD

4 Moreover, he cōm-mānd'ed the people that dwelt in Jē-rū'sa-lēm to give the pōrtion of the priests and the Lē'vites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the LORD.

5 And as soon as the cōm-mānd'ment came ābroād, the children of Īs'ra-ēl brought in abundance the first-fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and hōney, and of all the increase of the fiēld; and the tithe of all *things* brought they in abundantly.

6 And cōncē'ning the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl and Jū'dāh that dwelt in the cities of oxen and sheep, and the tithes of holy things *which wēre* consecrated unto the LORD their God, and laid *them* by heaps.

7 In the third mōnth they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished *them* in the seventh mōnth.

8 And when Hēz-e-kī'āh and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blēss'ed the LORD, and his people Iṣ'ra-ēl.

9 Then Hēz-e-kī'āh questioned with the priests and the Lē'vites cōncē'ning the heaps.

10 And Āz-a-rī'āh the chief priest, of the house of Zā'dōk, ānswēred 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 blēss'ed his people: and that which is left *is* this great store.

11 Then Hēz-e-kī'āh cōmmān'ded to prepare chāmbērs in the house of the LORD; and they prepared *them*,

12 And brought in the offerings, and the tithes, and the dedicated *things*, faithfully; over which Čōn-o-nī'āh the Lē'vite *was* ruler, and Shim'e-ī his brōther *was* the next.

13 And Jē-hī'ēl, and Āz-a-zī'āh, and Nā'hāth, and Āṣ'a-hēl, and Jēr'i-mōth, and Jōz'a-bād, and E'li-ēl, and Iṣ-ma-ḥī'āh, and Mā'hāth, and Bēn-āi'āh, *wēre* overseers, under the hand of Čōn-ō-nī'āh and Shim'e-ī his brōther, at the cōmmān'd'ment of Hēz-e-kī'āh the king, and Āz-a-rī'āh the ruler of the house of God.

14 And Kō're the son of Im'nāh the Lē'vite, the pōrter tō'wārd the east, *was* over the free-will-offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the LORD, and the most holy things.

15 And next him *wēre* E'dēn, and Minī'a-min, and Jēsh'u-ā, and Shēm-ā-ī'āh, Ām-a-rī'āh, and Shēç-a-nī'āh, in the cities of the priests, in *their* set office, to give to their brēthren by courses, as well to the great as to the small:

16 Beside their gēnēāl'ogy of males, from three years old and ūp'wārd, *even* unto every one that entereth into the house of the LORD, his daily pōrtion for their sēr'vice in their charges, according to their courses;

17 Both to the gēnēāl'ogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Lē'vites from twenty years old and ūp'wārd, in their charges by their courses:

18 And to the gēnēāl'ogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their set office they sanctified themselves in holiness:

19 Also of the sons of Aā'rōn the priests,

which wēre in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, the men that wēre expressed by name to give pōrtions to all the males āmōng the priests, and to all that wēre reckoned by gēnēāl'ogies āmōng the Lē'vites.

20 And thus did Hēz-e-kī'āh throughout all Jū'dāh, and wrought *that which was* good and right and truth before the LORD his God.

21 And in every work that he began in the sēr'vice of the house of God, and in the law, and in the cōmmān'd'ments, to seek his God, he did *it* with all his heart, and prospered.

CHAP. XXXII.

AFTER these things, and the ēstāb'lish-ment *thereof*, Sēn-na-ḥē'rib king of Ās-sūr'i-ā came, and entered into Jū'dāh, and encamped āgāinst' the fenced cities, and thought to win *them* for himself.

2 And when Hēz-e-kī'āh saw that Sēn-na-ḥē'rib *was* come, and that he *was* purposed to fight āgāinst' Jē-rū'sa-lēm,

3 He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fōun'tains, which *wēre* without the city; and they did help him.

4 So there *was* gāthēred much people togēther, who stopped all the fōun'tains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Ās-sūr'i-ā come and find much water?

5 Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that *was* broken, and raised *it* up to the towers, and ānōth-er wall without, and repaired Mil'ō *in* the city of Dā'vid, and made darts and shiēlds in abundance.

6 And he set cāp'tains of war over the people, and gāthēred *them* togēther to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spake cōm'fōrtably to *them*, saying,

7 Be strong and courageous, be not āfrāid nor dīsmāy'ed for the king of Ās-sūr'i-ā, nor for all the multitude that *is* with him: for *there be* more with us than with him.

8 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 Hēz-e-kī'āh king of Jū'dāh.

9 After this did Sēn-na-ḥē'rib king of Ās-sūr'i-ā send his sēr'vants to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, (but he *himself* laid siēge āgāinst' Lā'ḥish, and all his power with him,) unto Hēz-e-kī'āh king of Jū'dāh, and unto all Jū'dāh that *wēre* at Jē-rū'sa-lēm, saying,

10 Thus saith Sēn-na-ḥē'rib king of Ās-sūr'i-ā, Whereon do ye trust, that ye ābide in the siēge in Jē-rū'sa-lēm?

11 Dōth not Hēz-e-kī'āh pērsuāde' 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 *Ās-sūr'i-ā*?

12 Hath not the same *Hēz-e-kī'āh* taken *āwāy* his high places and his altars, and cōmmān'ded *Jū'dāh* and *Jē-rū'sa-lēm*, saying, Ye shall wór'ship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?

13 Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of *other* lands? wére the gods of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of mine hand?

14 Who *was there* *āmong* all the gods of those nations, that my fathers utterly *dēstrōy'ed*, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand?

15 Now *thērē'fore* let not *Hēz-e-kī'āh* deceive you, nor *pērsuāde'* you on this manner, *nēither* yet *beliēve* 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 *sērvants* spake yet *more* *āgainst'* the LORD God, and *āgainst'* his *sērvant* *Hēz-e-kī'āh*.

17 He wrote also letters to rail on the LORD God of *Īs'ra-ēl*, and to speak *āgainst'* 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 *Hēz-e-kī'āh* deliver his people out of mine hand.

18 Then they cried with a loud voice, in the Jews' speech, unto the people of *Jē-rū'sa-lēm* that *wére* on the wall, to *af-fright* them, and to *trōuble* them, that they might take the city.

19 And they spake *āgainst'* the God of *Jē-rū'sa-lēm* as *āgainst'* the gods of the people of the *ēarth*, *which wére* the work of the hands of man.

20 And for this *cause* *Hēz-e-kī'āh* the king, and the prophet *Ī-sāi'āh*¹ the son of *Ā'mōz*, prayed and cried to heaven.

21 And the LORD sent an *āngel*, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and *cap'tains*, in the camp of the king of *Ās-sūr'i-ā*: 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 *Hēz-e-kī'āh* and the inhabitants of *Jē-rū'sa-lēm* from the hand of *Sēn-na-chērib* the king of *Ās-sūr'i-ā*, and from the hand of all *other*, and guided them on every side.

23 And many brought gifts unto the LORD to *Jē-rū'sa-lēm*, and presents to *Hēz-e-kī'āh* king of *Jū'dāh*: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.

24 In those days *Hēz-e-kī'āh* was sick to the death, and prayed unto the LORD: and he spake unto him, and he gave him a sign.

25 But *Hēz-e-kī'āh* rendered not *āgain'* according to the benefit *done* unto him; for his *heārt* was lifted up: *thērē'fore* there was *wrāth* upon him, and upon *Jū'dāh* and *Jē-rū'sa-lēm*.

26 Notwithstanding, *Hēz-e-kī'āh* *hūm-bled* himself for the pride of his *heārt*, (*both* he and the inhabitants of *Jē-rū'sa-lēm*,) so that the *wrāth* of the LORD came not upon them in the days of *Hēz-e-kī'āh*.

27 And *Hēz-e-kī'āh* had exceeding much riches and *hōn'our*: and he made himself *trēaş'uries* for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for *shields*, and for all manner of *plēāfant* 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 *possession's* of flocks and *hērds* in abundance; for God had given him substance very much.

30 This same *Hēz-e-kī'āh* also stopped the upper water-course of *Gī'hōn*, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of *Dā'vid*. And *Hēz-e-kī'āh* prospered in all his works.

31 Howbeit, in *the business* of the ambassadors of the princes of *Bāb'y-lōn*, who sent unto him to inquire of the *wōndēr* that was *done* in the land, God left him to try him, that he might know all *that was* in his *heārt*.

32 Now the rest of the acts of *Hēz-e-kī'āh*, and his goodness, behold, they *āre* written in the *Vision* of *Ī-sāi'āh* the prophet the son of *Ā'mōz*, and in the book of the Kings of *Jū'dāh* and *Īs'ra-ēl*.

33 And *Hēz-e-kī'āh* slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the *chiēfest* of the *sēpulchres* of the sons of *Dā'vid*: and all *Jū'dāh* and the inhabitants of *Jē-rū'sa-lēm* did him *hōn'our* at his death. And *Ma-nās'seh* his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXXIII.

MA-NAS'SEH was twelve years old when he began to reign: and he reigned fifty and five years in *Jē-rū'sa-lēm*:

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 *Īs'ra-ēl*.

3 For he built *āgain'* the high places which *Hēz-e-kī'āh* his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for *Bā'al-im*, and made groves, and wór'shipped all the host of heaven, and sērvéd them.

4 Also he built altars in the house of

¹ *Ī-sā'yāh*.

the LORD, whereof the LORD had said, In Jē-rū'sa-lēm shall my name be for ever.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And he caused his children to pās through the fire in the valley of the son of Hin'nōm: also he öbšerv'ed times, and used enchantments, and used witch'craft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

7 And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to Dā'vid, and to Söl'o-mōn his son, In this house, and in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, which I have chosen before all the tribes of İř'ra-ël, will I put my name for ever:

8 Neither will I any more remove the foot of İř'ra-ël from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers: so that they will take heed to do all that I have cōmmand'ed them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Mōšēs.

9 So Ma-nās'seh made Jū'dāh and the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm to ęrr, and to do wōrse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destrōy'ed before the children of İř'ra-ël.

10 And the LORD spake to Ma-nās'seh, and to his people; but they would not hearken.

11 Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the cāp'tains of the host of the king of Ās-syr'i-ā, which took Ma-nās'seh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Bāb'y-lōn.

12 And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and hūmbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers.

13 And prayed unto him; and he was entreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him āgain' to Jē-rū'sa-lēm into his kingdom. Then Ma-nās'seh knew that the LORD he was God.

14 Now āfter this he built a wall without the city of Dā'vid, on the west side of Gī'hōn, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish-gate, and cōmpāssed ābout' ō'phēl, and raised it up a very great height, and put cāp'tains of war in all the fenced cities of Jū'dāh.

15 And he took āwāy the strānge gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and cāst them out of the city.

16 And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sār'rificed thereon peace-offerings and thank-offerings, and cōmmand'ed Jū'dāh to sērve the LORD God of İř'ra-ël.

17 Nevertheless, the people did sār'ri-

fice still in the high places, yet unto the LORD their God only.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Ma-nās'seh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD God of İř'ra-ël, behold, they āre written in the book of the Kings of İř'ra-ël:

19 His prayer also, and how God was entreated of him, and all his sin, and his trēs'pās, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was hūmbled, behold, they āre written among the sayings of the seers.

20 So Ma-nās'seh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Ā'mōn his son reigned in his stead.

21 ¶ Ā'mōn was two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

22 But he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Ma-nās'seh his father: for Ā'mōn sār'rificed unto all the carved images which Ma-nās'seh his father had made, and sērved them:

23 And hūmbled not himself before the LORD, as Ma-nās'seh his father had hūmbled himself: but Ā'mōn trēs'passed more and more.

24 And his sērvents conspired āgainst' him, and slew him in his own house.

25 But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired āgainst' king Ā'mōn: and the people of the land made Jō-sī'āh his son king in his stead.

CHAP. XXXIV.

JO-SI'AH was eight years old when he began to reign: and he reigned in Jē-rū'sa-lēm one and thirty years.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of Dā'vid his father, and declined neither to the right hand nor to the left.

3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek āfter the God of Dā'vid his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Jū'dāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.

4 And they brake down the altars of Bā'āl-īm, in his presence: and the images that wēre on high ābōve them he cut down: and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in piēces, and made dust of them, and strewed it upon the graves of them that had sār'rificed unto them.

5 And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Jū'dāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

6 And so did he in the cities of Ma-nās'seh, and É'phra-īm, and Sim'e-ōn, even unto Nāph'ta-li, with their mattocks round ābout'.

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 *İs'ra-ēl*, he returned to *Jē-rū'sa-lēm*.

8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent *Shā'phān* the son of *Āz-a-li'āh*, and *Mā-a-sēi'āh* the governor of the city, and *Jō'āh* the son of *Jō'a-hāz* the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God.

9 And when they came to *Hil-kī'āh* the high priest, they delivered the mōney that was brought into the house of God, which the *Lē'vites* that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of *Ma-nās'seh* and *Ephra-im*, and of all the remnant of *İs'ra-ēl*, and of all *Jū'dāh* and *Bēn'ja-mīn*, and they returned to *Jē-rū'sa-lēm*.

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 mend the house;

11 Even to the artificers and builders gave they it, to buy hewn stone and timber for couplings, and to floor the houses which the kings of *Jū'dāh* had destrōy'ed.

12 And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them *wēre* *Jā'hāth* and *ōb-a-dī'āh*, the *Lē'vites*, of the sons of *Mēr'a-rī*; and *Zēch-a-rī'āh* and *Mē-shū'lām*, of the sons of the *Kō'hāth-ites*, to set it fōr'wārd: and other of the *Lē'vites*, all that could skill of instruments of musick.

13 Also they *wēre* over the bearers of burdens, and *wēre* overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of sēr'vice; and of the *Lē'vites* there *wēre* scribes, and officers, and pōrters.

14 And when they brought out the mōney that was brought into the house of the LORD, *Hil-kī'āh* the priest found a book of the law of the LORD given by *Mō'sēs*.

15 And *Hil-kī'āh* answered and said to *Shā'phān* the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And *Hil-kī'āh* delivered the book to *Shā'phān*.

16 And *Shā'phān* carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back āgain', saying, All that was committed to thy sēr'vants, they do it.

17 And they have gathered togēther the mōney that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen.

18 Then *Shā'phān* the scribe told the king, saying, *Hil-kī'āh* the priest hath given me a book. And *Shā'phān* read it before the king:

19 And it came to pāss, when the king had hēard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes.

20 And the king cōmmān'ded *Hil-kī'āh*, and *Ā-hī'kām* the son of *Shā'phān*, and *Āb'dōn* the son of *Mī'cāh*, and *Shā'phān* the scribe, and *Āš-ā-rī'āh* a sēr'vant of the king's, saying,

21 Go, inquire of the LORD for me, and for them that āre left in *İs'ra-ēl* and in *Jū'dāh*, cōncēr'ning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrāth of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do āfter all that is written in this book.

22 And *Hil-kī'āh*, and they that the king had appointed, went to *Hūl'dāh* the prophetess, the wife of *Shāl'lūm* the son of *Tik'vāth*, the son of *Hāš'rāh* keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in *Jē-rū'sa-lēm* in the college;) and they spake to her to that effect.

23 And she ānswered them, Thus saith the LORD God of *İs'ra-ēl*, Tell ye the man that sent you to me,

24 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the curses that āre written in the book which they have read before the king of *Jū'dāh*:

25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; thērēfōre my wrāth shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.

26 And as for the king of *Jū'dāh*, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of *İs'ra-ēl*, cōncēr'ning the words which thou hast hēard;

27 Because thine hēart was tender, and thou didst hūmble thyself before God, when thou hēardest his words āgainst' this place, and āgainst' the inhabitants thereof, and hūmblest thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even hēard thee also, saith the LORD.

28 Behold, I will gāther thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, nēither 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 āgain'.

29 Then the king sent and gāthered togēther all the elders of *Jū'dāh* and *Jē-rū'sa-lēm*.

30 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of *Jū'dāh*, and the inhabitants of *Jē-rū'sa-lēm*, and the priests, and the *Lē'vites*, and all the people, great and small; and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the cōvenant that was found in the house of the LORD.

31 And the king stood in his place, and made a cōvenant before the LORD, to walk

āfter the LORD, and to keep his cōmmāndments, and his tēs'timōnies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to pērfōrm' the words of the cōvenant which āre written in this book.

32 And he caused all that wēre present in Jē-rū'sa-lēm and Bēn'ja-mīn to stand to it. And the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm did according to the cōvenant of God, the God of their fathers.

33 And Jō-sī'āh took āwāy all the abominations out of all the countries that pērtained to the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and made all that wēre present in Iṣ'ra-ēl to sērve, even to sērve the LORD their God. And all his days they departed not from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

CHAP. XXXV.

MOREOVER, Jō-sī'āh kept a pāssover unto the LORD in Jē-rū'sa-lēm: and they killed the pāssover on the fourteenth day of the first mōnth.

2 And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the sērvice of the house of the LORD,

3 And said unto the Lē'vites that taught all Iṣ'ra-ēl, which wēre holy unto the LORD, Put the holy ark in the house which Sōl'o-mōn the son of Dā'vid king of Iṣ'ra-ēl did build; *it shall not be a burden upon your shoulders; sērve now the LORD your God, and his people Iṣ'ra-ēl,*

4 And prepare *yourselves* by the houses of your fathers, āfter your courses, according to the writing of Dā'vid king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and according to the writing of Sōl'o-mōn his son;

5 And stand in the holy place, according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brēthren the people, and āfter the division of the families of the Lē'vites:

6 So kill the pāssover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brēthren, that *they* may do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Mō'sēs.

7 And Jō-sī'āh gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the pāssover-offerings, for all that wēre present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these wēre of the king's substance.

8 And his princes gave willingly unto the people, to the priests, and to the Lē'vites: Hīl-kī'āh and Zēḡh-a-rī'āh and Jē-hī'ēl, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the pāssover-offerings two thousand and six hundred *small cattle*, and three hundred oxen.

9 Cōn-a-nī'āh also, and Shēm-ā-ī'āh, and Nē-thān'e-ēl, his brēthren, and Hāsh-a-bī'āh, and Jē-hī'ēl, and Jōz'a-bād, chief of the Lē'vites, gave unto the Lē'vites, for pāssover-offerings, five thousand *small cattle*, and five hundred oxen.

10 So the sērvice was prepared, and the

priests stood in their place, and the Lē'vites in their courses, according to the king's cōmmāndment.

11 And they killed the pāssover, and the priests sprinkled *the blood* from their hands, and the Lē'vites slayed *them*.

12 And they removed the burnt-offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the LORD, as *it is* written in the book of Mō'sēs: and so *did they* with the oxen.

13 And they roasted the pāssover with fire, according to the ordinance: but the *other holy offerings* sod they in pots, and in cāldrōns, and in pans, and divided *them* speedily āmōng all the people.

14 And āf'tērward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aā'rōn wēre busied in offering of burnt-offerings and the fat until night; thērē'fōre the Lē'vites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aā'rōn.

15 And the singers the sons of A'sāph, wēre in their place, according to the cōmmāndment of Dā'vid, and A'sāph, and Hē'mān, and Jēd'u-thūn the king's seer: and the pōrters waited at every gate: they might not depart from their sērvice; for their brēthren the Lē'vites prepared for them.

16 So all the sērvice of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the pāssover, and to offer burnt-offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the cōmmāndment of king Jō-sī'āh.

17 And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl that wēre present kept the pāssover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.

18 And there was no pāssover like to that kept in Iṣ'ra-ēl, from the days of Sām'u-ēl the prophet; nēither did all the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl keep such a pāssover as Jō-sī'āh kept, and the priests, and the Lē'vites, and all Jū'dāh and Iṣ'ra-ēl that wēre present, and the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Jō-sī'āh was this pāssover kept.

20 ¶ After all this, when Jō-sī'āh had prepared the temple, Nē'ḡhō king of E'gyp't came up to fight āgainst' Cār'chemish by Eū-phrā'tēs: and Jō-sī'āh went out āgainst' him.

21 But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Jū'dāh? *I come* not āgainst' thee this day, but āgainst' the house where-with I have war; for God cōmmānded me to make haste: forbear thee from *meddling with* God, who *is* with me, that he destrōy' thee not.

22 Nevertheless, Jō-sī'āh would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and

nearkened not unto the words of Nē'chō from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Mē-gid'dō.

23 And the archers shot at king Jō-sī'āh : and the king said to his sērvants, Have me āwāy ; for I am sore wōunded.

24 His sērvants thērē'fōre took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had ; and they brought him to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and he died, and was buried in *one of the sēpulchres of his fathers* : and all Jūdāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm mourned for Jō-sī'āh.

25 And Jēr-e-mī'āh lamented for Jō-sī'āh ; and all the singing-men and the singing-women spake of Jō-sī'āh in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in Iṣ'ra-ēl : and, behold, they *are written in the Lām-en-tā'tions.*

26 Now the rest of the acts of Jō-sī'āh, and his goodness, according to *that which was written in the law of the LORD,*

27 And his deeds, first and last, behold, they *are written in the book of the Kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl and Jūdāh.*

CHAP. XXXVI.

THEN the people of the land took Jē-hō'a-hāz the son of Jō-sī'āh, and made him king in his father's stead in Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

2 Jē-hō'a-hāz *was* twenty and three years old when he began to reign ; and he reigned three mōnths in Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

3 And the king of Ē'g̃ypt put him down at Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and condemned the land in a hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

4 And the king of Ē'g̃ypt made Ē-lī'a-kim his brōther king over Jūdāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and turned his name to Jē-hōi'a-kim. And Nē'chō took Jē-hō'a-hāz his brōther, and carried him to Ē'g̃ypt.

5 ¶ Jē-hōi'a-kim *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign ; and he reigned eleven years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm : and he did *that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God.*

6 Āgainst' him came up Nēb-u-ḥād-nēz'zār king of Bāb'y-lōn, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Bāb'y-lōn.

7 Nēb-u-ḥād-nēz'zār also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Bāb'y-lōn, and put them in his temple at Bāb'y-lōn.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Jē-hōi'a-kim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they *are written in the book of the kings of Iṣ'ra-ēl and Jūdāh* : and Jē-hōi'a-ḥin his son reigned in his stead.

9 ¶ Jē-hōi'a-ḥin *was* eight years old when he began to reign ; and he reigned three mōnths and ten days in Jē-rū'sa-lēm : and he did *that which was evil in the sight of the LORD.*

1 sāngk'ishū-ā-re.

10 And when the year was expired, king Nēb-u-ḥād-nēz'zār sent and brought him to Bāb'y-lōn, with the goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made Zēd'e-kī'āh his brōther king over Jūdāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

11 ¶ Zēd'e-kī'āh *was* one and twenty years old when he began to reign ; and reigned eleven years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

12 And he did *that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and hūmbled not himself before Jēr-e-mī'āh the prophet, speaking from the mouth of the LORD.*

13 And he also rebelled āgainst' king Nēb-u-ḥād-nēz'zār, who had made him swear by God : but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

14 Moreover, all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much, āfter all the abominations of the heathen, and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

15 And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending ; because he had compassion 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 wrāth of the LORD ārōse āgainst' his people, till *there was no remedy.*

17 Thērē'fōre he brought upon them the king of the Chāl'dēes, who slew their young men with the swōrd in the house of their sanctuary,¹ 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 trēas'ures of the house of the LORD, and the trēas'ures of the king and of his princes, all *these* he brought to Bāb'y-lōn.

19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destrōy'ed all the goodly vessels thereof.

20 And them that had ēscāped from the swōrd carried he āwāy to Bāb'y-lōn, where they wēre sērvants to him and his sons, until the reign of the kingdom of Pēr'si-ā :²

21 To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jēr-e-mī'āh, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths : *for* as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

22 ¶ Now, in the first year of Cŷrūs king of Pēr'si-ā, (that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jēr-e-mī'āh might be accomplished,) the LORD stirred

2 Pēr'she-ā.

Cyrus's proclamation.

EZ'RA. The number of Iſ'ra-ël that return.

up the spirit of Cÿrüs king of Për'si-ä, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

23 Thus saith Cÿrüs king of Për'si-ä, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the

LORD God of heaven given me, and he hath charged me to build him a house in Jê-rû'sa-lêm, which is in Jû'däh. Who is there among you of all his people? the LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.

¶ EZ'RA.

CHAPTER I.

NOW in the first year of Cÿrüs king of Për'si-ä, (that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jêr-e-mi'äh might be fulfilled,) the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cÿrüs king of Për'si-ä, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

2 Thus saith Cÿrüs king of Për'si-ä, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him a house at Jê-rû'sa-lêm, which is in Jû'däh:

3 Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jê-rû'sa-lêm, which is in Jû'däh, and build the house of the LORD God of Iſ'ra-ël (He is the God) which is in Jê-rû'sa-lêm.

4 And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, besides the free-will-offering for the house of God that is in Jê-rû'sa-lêm.

5 Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Jû'däh and Bën'ja-min, and the priests, and the Lëv'ites, with all them whose spirit God had raised to go up to build the house of the LORD which is in Jê-rû'sa-lêm.

6 And all they that were about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, besides all that was willingly offered.

7 Also Cÿrüs the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nêb-u-çhäd-nêz'zâr had brought forth out of Jê-rû'sa-lêm, and had put them in the house of his gods;

8 Even those did Cÿrüs king of Për'si-ä bring forth by the hand of Mith're-däth the treasurer, and numbered them unto Shêsh-báz'zâr the prince of Jû'däh.

9 And this is the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives,

10 Thirty basins of gold, silver basins of a second sort four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand.

11 All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. All these did Shêsh-báz'zâr bring up with them

of the captivity, that were brought up from Báb'y-lôn unto Jê-rû'sa-lêm.

CHAP. II.

NOW these are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Nêb-u-çhäd-nêz'zâr the king of Báb'y-lôn had carried away unto Báb'y-lôn, and came again unto Jê-rû'sa-lêm and Jû'däh, every one unto his city;

2 Which came with Zê-rüb'ba-bël: Jêsh'u-ä, Nê-hê-mi'äh, Sê-rä-í'äh, Rê-ël-äi'äh,¹ Mór'de-çai, Bil'shän, Miz'pär, Big'va-i, Rê'hüm, Bâ'a-näh. The number of the men of the people of Iſ'ra-ël.

3 The children of Pärösh, two thousand a hundred seventy and two.

4 The children of Shêph-a-ti'äh, three hundred seventy and two.

5 The children of Ä'räh, seven hundred seventy and five.

6 The children of Pähäth-Mó'äb, of the children of Jêsh'u-ä and Jô'äb, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.

7 The children of E'läm, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

8 The children of Zät'tü, nine hundred forty and five.

9 The children of Zäç'ça-i, seven hundred and threescore.

10 The children of Bänü, six hundred forty and two.

11 The children of Bêb'a-i, six hundred twenty and three.

12 The children of Äz'gäd, a thousand two hundred twenty and two.

13 The children of Ä-dôn'i-käm, six hundred sixty and six.

14 The children of Big'va-i, two thousand fifty and six.

15 The children of Ä'din, four hundred fifty and four.

16 The children of Ä'tér of Hêz-e-kí'äh, ninety and eight.

17 The children of Bê'zäi, three hundred twenty and three.

18 The children of Jô'räh, a hundred and twelve.

19 The children of Hähshüm, two hundred twenty and three.

20 The children of Gib'bär, ninety and five.

21 The children of Bêth'le-hêm, a hundred twenty and three.

¹ Rê-ël-ä'yäh.

22 The men of Nē-tō'phāh, fifty and six.

23 The men of Ān'a-thōth, a hundred twenty and eight.

24 The children of Āz'ma-vēth, forty and two.

25 The children of Kir'jāth-Ā'rīm,¹ Chēph'i-rāh, and Bē-ē'rōth, seven hundred and forty and three.

26 The children of Rā'māh and Gā'bā, six hundred twenty and one.

27 The men of Miḡ'mās, a hundred twenty and two.

28 The men of Bēth'ēl and Ā'ī, two hundred twenty and three.

29 The children of Nē'bō, fifty and two.

30 The children of Māg'bīsh, a hundred fifty and six.

31 The children of the other Ē'lām, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

32 The children of Hā'rīm, three hundred and twenty.

33 The children of Lōd, Hā'dīd, and Ō'nō, seven hundred twenty and five.

34 The children of Jēr'i-ḡbō, three hundred forty and five.

35 The children of Sēn'a-āh, three thousand and six hundred and thirty.

36 † The priests: the children of Jē-dā'āh,² of the house of Jēsh'u-ā, nine hundred seventy and three.

37 The children of Im'mér, a thousand fifty and two.

38 The children of Pāsh'ūr, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

39 The children of Hā'rīm, a thousand and seventeen.

40 The Lē'vītes: the children of Jēsh'u-ā and Kād'mi-ēl, of the children of Hōd-a-vī'āh, seventy and four.

41 The singers: the children of Ā'sāph, a hundred twenty and eight.

42 The children of the pōrters: the children of Shāl'lūm, the children of Ā'tér, the children of Tāl'mōn, the children of Āk'kūb, the children of Hāt'i-tā, the children of Shō'ba-ī, in all a hundred thirty and nine.

43 The Nēth'i-nīms: the children of Zi'hā, the children of Ha-sū'phā, the children of Tāb'ba-ōth,

44 The children of Kē'rōs, the children of Sī'a-hā, the children of Pā'dōn,

45 The children of Lēb'a-nāh, the children of Hāg'a-bāh, the children of Āk'kūb,

46 The children of Hā'gāb, the children of Shāl'ma-ī, the children of Hā'nān,

47 The children of Gīd'dēl, the children of Gā'hār, the children of Rē-ā-ī'āh,

48 The children of Rē'zīn, the children of Nē-kō'dā, the children of Gāz'zām,

49 The children of Ūz'zā, the children of Pa-sē'āh, the children of Bē'sāi,

50 The children of Āḡ'nāh, the children of Mē-hū'nīm, the children of Nē-phū'sīm,

51 The children of Bāk'būk, the children of Hāk-ū'phā, the children of Hār'hūr,

52 The children of Bāz'lūth, the children of Mē-hī'dā, the children of Hār'shā,

53 The children of Bār'kōs, the children of Sīs'e-rā, the children of Thā'māh,

54 The children of Nē-zī'āh, the children of Ha-tī'phā.

55 The children of Sō'l-o-mōn's sērvaunts: the children of Sō'ta-ī, the children of Sōph'e-rēth, the children of Pēr-ū'dā,

56 The children of Jā-ā'lāh, the children of Dār'kōn, the children of Gīd'dēl,

57 The children of Shēph-a-tī'āh, the children of Hāt'tīl, the children of Pōḡ'e-rēth of Zē-bā'im, the children of Ā'mī.

58 All the Nēth'i-nīms, and the children of Sō'l-o-mōn's sērvaunts, wēre three hundred ninety and two.

59 And these wēre they which went up from Tēl'me-lāh, Tēl-hār'sā, Chē'rūb, Ād-dān, and Im'mér; but they could not show their father's house, and their seed, whether they wēre of Iḡ'ra-ēl:

60 The children of Dēl-ā-ī'āh, the children of Tō-bī'āh, the children of Nē-kō'dā, six hundred fifty and two.

61 And of the children of the priests: the children of Ha-bā'ī'āh,³ the children of Kōz, the children of Bār-zīl'a-ī; (which took a wife of the daughters of Bār-zīl'a-ī the Gīl'e-ād-ite, and was called āfter their name;)

62 These sought their register āmong those that wēre reckoned by ḡenēāl'ogy, but they wēre not found; thērē'fōre wēre they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

63 And the Tīr'sha-thā⁴ said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Ū'rīm and with Thūm'mīm.

64 The whole congregation tōghēther was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore.

65 Beside their sērvaunts and their maids, of whom there wēre seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and there wēre āmong them two hundred singing-men and singing-women.

66 Their horses wēre seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five;

67 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; their āsses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

68 And some of the chiēf of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which is at Jē-rū'sa-lēm, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place:

69 They gave āfter their ability unto the trēas'ure of the work, threescore and one thousand drams of gold, and five

¹ Ker'jāth-Ā'rīm. ² Jē-dā'yāh.

³ Ha-bā'yāh.

⁴ Tīr'sha-thā.

thousand pounds of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.

70 So the priests, and the Lē'vites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the pōrters, and the Nēth'i-nims, dwelt in their cities, and all Iṣ'ra-ēl in their cities.

CHAP. III.

AND when the seventh month was come, and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl wēre in the cities, the people gāthered themselves togēther as one man to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

2 Then stood up Jēsh'u-ā the son of Jōz'a-dāk, and his brēthren the priests, and Zē-rūb'ba-bēl the son of Shē-āl'ti-ēl, and his brēthren, and builded the altar of the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, as *it is* written in the law of Mō'sēs the man of God.

3 And they set the altar upon his bases; (for fear was upon them because of the people of those 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 āft'ērwārd offered the continual burnt-offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD that wēre consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a free-will-offering unto the LORD.

6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt-offerings unto the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid.

7 They gave mōney also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zi'dēn, and to them of Tȳre, to bring cedar-trees from Lēb'a-nōn to the sea of Jōp'pā, according to the grānt that they had of Cȳ'rūs king of Pēr'si-ā.

8 Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jē-rū'sa-lēm, in the second month, began Zē-rūb'ba-bēl the son of Shē-āl'ti-ēl, and Jēsh'u-ā the son of Jōz'a-dāk, and the remnant of their brēthren the priests and the Lē'vites, and all they that wēre come out of the captivity unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm; and appointed the Lē'vites, from twenty years old and ūp'wārd, to set fōr'wārd the work of the house of the LORD.

9 Then stood Jēsh'u-ā with his sons and his brēthren, Kād'mi-ēl and his sons, the sons of Jū'dāh, togēther, to set fōr'wārd the workmen in the house of God; the sons of Hēn'a-dād, with their sons and their brēthren the Lē'vites.

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 Lē'vites the sons of Ā'sāph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, āfter the ordinance of Dā'vid king of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

11 And they sung togēther by course, in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because *he is* good, for his mērcy endureth for ever tō'wārd Iṣ'ra-ēl. 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 Lē'vites, and chiēf of the fathers, *who wēre* āncient 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 ālōūd for joy;

13 So that the people could not diṣcērn' 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 hēard āfār off.

CHAP. IV.

NOW when the ād'vērsaries of Jū'dāh and Bēn'ja-mīn hēard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl,

2 Then they came to Zē-rūb'ba-bēl, and to the chiēf of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you; for we seek your God, as ye *do*; and we do sēc'rifiċe unto him, since the days of Ē'sār-Hād'dōn king of Ās'sūr, which brought us up hither.

3 But Zē-rūb'ba-bēl, and Jēsh'u-ā, and the rest of the chiēf of the fathers of Iṣ'ra-ēl, said unto them, You have nōthing to do with us to build a house unto our God; but we ourselves togēther will build unto the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, as king Cȳ'rūs the king of Pēr'si-ā hath cōm-mān'ded us.

4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Jū'dāh, and troubled them in building;

5 And hired counsellors āgainst' them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cȳ'rūs king of Pēr'si-ā, even until the reign of Dā-rī'ūs king of Pēr'si-ā.

6 And in the reign of Ā-hāš-ū-ē'rūs, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they unto him an accusation āgainst' the inhabitants of Jū'dāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

7 And in the days of Ār-tā-xēr'x'ēṣ¹ wrote Bīsh'lām, Mith're-dāth, Tā'be-ēl, and the rest of their companions, unto Ār-tā-xēr'x'ēṣ king of Pēr'si-ā; and the writing of the letter was written in the Sȳri-ān tōngue, and intēr'prēted in the Sȳri-ān tōngue.

8 Rē'hūm the chancellor, and Shim'shāi the scribe, wrote a letter āgainst'² Jē-rū'.

¹ Ar-tā-xēr'x'ēṣ.² āgēnst'.

sa-lēm to Ar-ta-xērx'eš the king in this sort :

9 Then wrote Rē'hūm the chancellor, and Shim'shāi the scribe, and the rest of their companions ; the Dī'na-ītes, the Ā-phār'sāth-çhītes, the Tār'pēl-ītes, the Ā-phār'sītes, the Ār'çhē-vītes, the Bāb-y-lō-ni-āns, the Sū'sān-çhītes, the Dē-hā'vītes, and the Ē'lām-ītes,

10 And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Āš-nāp'pér brought over, and set in the cities of Sa-mā'ri-ā, and the rest that are on this side the river, and at such a time.

11 This is the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, even unto Ar-ta-xērx'eš the king : Thy sērvants the men on this side the river, and at such a time.

12 Be it known unto the king, that the Jews, which came up from thee to us, are come unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have set up the walls thereof, and joined the foundations.

13 Be it known now unto the king, that if this city be builded, and the walls set up again', then will they not pay toll, tribute, and custom, and so thou shalt endamage the revenue of the kings.

14 Now, because we have maintenance¹ from the king's palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's dīshōn'our, thērfōre have we sent and cērtified the king,

15 That sēarch may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers : so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know, that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time : for which cause was this city dēstrōy'ed.

16 We cērtify the king, that if this city be builded again', and the walls thereof set up, by this means thou shalt have no pōrtion on this side the river.

17 ¶ Then sent the king an ānsver unto Rē'hūm the chancellor, and to Shim'shāi the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Sa-mā'ri-ā, and unto the rest beyōnd the river, Peace, and at such a time.

18 The letter which ye sent unto us hath been plainly read before me.

19 And I cōmmānd'ed, and sēarch hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection āgainst kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made thērem.

20 There have been mighty kings also over Jē-rū'sa-lēm, which have ruled over all cōuntries beyōnd the river ; and toll, tribute, and custom, was paid unto them.

21 Give ye now cōmmānd'ment to cause these men to cease, and that this

city be not builded, until anóther cōmmānd'ment 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 Ar-ta-xērx'eš' letter was read before Rē'hūm, and Shim'shāi the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power.

24 Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jē-rū'sa-lēm. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Da-rī'ūs king of Pēr'si-ā.

CHAP. V.

THEN the prophets, Hāg'ga-ī the prophet, and Zēçh-a-rī'āh the son of Īd'dō, prophesied unto the Jews that wēre in Jū'dāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm in the name of the God of Īs'ra-ēl, even unto them.

2 Then rose up Zē-rūb'ba-bēl the son of Shē-āl'ti-ēl, and Jesh'u-ā the son of Jōz'a-dāk, and began to build the house of God which is at Jē-rū'sa-lēm : and with them wēre the prophets of God helping them.

3 At the same time came to them Tāt'na-ī, gōvērnor on this side the river, and Shē'thār-Bōz'na-ī, and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who hath cōmmānd'ed you to build this house, and to make up this wall ?

4 Then said we unto them āfter this manner, What are the names of the men that make this building ?

5 But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Da-rī'ūs : and then they returned ānsver by letter cōncērn'ing this matter.

6 The copy of the letter that Tāt'na-ī, gōvērnor on this side the river, and Shē'thār-Bōz'na-ī, and his companions the Ā-phār'sa-çhītes, which wēre on this side the river, sent unto Da-rī'ūs the king :

7 They sent a letter unto him, wherein was written thus : Unto Da-rī'ūs the king, all peace.

8 Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Jū-dē'ā, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fāst on, and prospereth in their hands.

9 Then āsked we those elders, and said unto them thus, Who cōmmānd'ed you to build this house, and to make up these walls ?

10 We āsked their names also, to cērtify thee, that we might write the names of the men that wēre the chief of them.

11 And thus they returned us ānsver, saying, We are the sērvants of the God of heaven and ēarth, and build the house that was builded these many years āgō,

which a great king of Iſ'ra-ël builded and set up.

12 But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nêb-û-çhâd-nêz'zâr the king of Bâb'y-lôn, the Çhâl-dê'an, who dëstrôy'ed this house, and carried the people away into Bâb'y-lôn.

13 But in the first year of Cÿ'rûs the king of Bâb'y-lôn, the same king Cÿ'rûs made a decree to build this house of God.

14 And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nêb-û-çhâd-nêz'zâr took out of the temple, that was in Jê-rû'sa-lêm, and brought them into the temple of Bâb'y-lôn, those did Cÿ'rûs the king take out of the temple of Bâb'y-lôn, and they were delivered unto one whose name was Shêsh-bâz'zâr, whom he had made gôvêrnor;

15 And said unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that is in Jê-rû'sa-lêm, and let the house of God be builded in his place.

16 Then came the same Shêsh-bâz'zâr, and laid the foundation of the house of God which is in Jê-rû'sa-lêm: 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 trêas'ure-house, which is there at Bâb'y-lôn, whether it be so that a decree was made of Cÿ'rûs the king to build this house of God at Jê-rû'sa-lêm, and let the king send his plêas'ure to us côncêr'ning this matter.

CHAP. VI.

THEN Da-rî'ûs the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the trêas'ures were laid up in Bâb'y-lôn.

2 And there was found at Aç'h'me-thâ, in the palace that is in the province of the Mêdes, a roll, and therein was a record thus written:

3 In the first year of Cÿ'rûs the king, the same Cÿ'rûs the king made a decree côncêr'ning the house of God at Jê-rû'sa-lêm, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sâc'rifiçes, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits;

4 With three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expenses be given out of the king's house:

5 And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nêb-û-çhâd-nêz'zâr took forth out of the temple which is at Jê-rû'sa-lêm, and brought unto Bâb'y-lôn, be restored and brought again' unto the temple which is at Jê-rû'sa-lêm, every one to his place, and place them in the house of God.

6 Now therefore, Tât'na-î, gôvêrnor be-

yônd the river, Shê'thâr-Bôz'na-î, and your companions the A-phâr'sa-çhîtes, which are beyond the river, be ye far from thence;

7 Let the work of this house of God alone; let the gôvêrnor 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 Jê-rû'sa-lêm, let it be given them day by day without fail;

10 That they may offer sâc'rifiçes of sweet savours 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 whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and, being set up, let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this.

12 And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there, dëstrôy' all kings and people that shall put to their hand to alter and to dëstrôy' this house of God which is at Jê-rû'sa-lêm. I Da-rî'ûs have made a decree; let it be done with speed.

13 ¶ Then Tât'na-î, gôvêrnor on this side the river, Shê'thâr-Bôz'na-î, and their companions, according to that which Da-rî'ûs the king had sent, so they did speedily.

14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Hâg'ga-î the prophet, and Zêch-a-rî'âh the son of Îd'dô: and they builded, and finished it, according to the cômmand'ment of the God of Iſ'ra-ël, and according to the cômmand'ment of Cÿ'rûs, and Da-rî'ûs, and Âr-ta-xêr's'êç king of Pêr'si-â.

15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Â'dâr, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Da-rî'ûs the king.

16 And the children of Iſ'ra-ël, the priests and the Lê'vites, 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 a hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and, for a sin-offering for all Iſ'ra-ël, twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Iſ'ra-ël.

18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Lē'vites in their courses, for the sēr'vice of God, which is at Jē-rū'sa-lēm ; as it is written in the book of Mō'sēs.

19 And the children of the captivity kept the pāssover upon the fourteenth day of the first month.

20 For the priests and the Lē'vites were purified together, all of them were pure, and killed the pāssover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

21 And the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, which were come āgain' 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl, 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 Ās-sy'r'i-ā unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

CHAP. VII.

NOW āfter these things, in the reign of Ār-ta-xēr'x'eš king of Pēr'si-ā, Ēz'rā the son of Sē-rā-i'āh, the son of Āz-a-rī'āh, the son of Hil-kī'āh,

2 The son of Shāl'lūm, the son of Zā'dōk, the son of Ā-hī'tūb,

3 The son of Ām-a-rī'āh, the son of Āz-a-rī'āh, the son of Mē-rāi'ōth,¹

4 The son of Zēr-a-hī'āh, the son of Ūz-zī, the son of Būk'kī,

5 The son of Ā-bīsh'u-ā, the son of Phīn'e-hās, the son of Ē-le-ā'zār, the son of Aā'rōn the chief priest :

6 This Ēz'rā went up from Bāb'y-lōn ; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Mō'sēs, which the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl had given : and the king grānted 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl, and of the priests, and the Lē'vites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nēth'i-nims, unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm, in the seventh year of Ār-ta-xēr'x'eš the king.

8 And he came to Jē-rū'sa-lēm in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.

9 For upon the first day of the first month began he to go up from Bāb'y-lōn, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

10 For Ēz'rā had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Iṣ'ra-ēl statutes and judgments.

11 ¶ Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Ār-ta-xēr'x'eš gave unto Ēz'

rā the priest, the scribe, even a scribe of the words of the cōmmānd'ments of the LORD, and of his statutes to Iṣ'ra-ēl.

12 Ār-ta-xēr'x'eš, king of kings, Unto Ēz'rā the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, pērfect peace, and at such a time.

13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and of his priests and Lē'vites, in my realm, which are minded of their own free-will to go up to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, go with thee.

14 Forasmuch as thou art sent of the king, and of his seven counsellors, to inquire cōncēr'ning Jū'dāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm, 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl, whose habitation is in Jē-rū'sa-lēm ;

16 And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Bāb'y-lōn, with the free-will-offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jē-rū'sa-lēm :

17 That thou mayst buy speedily with this mōney, 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 Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

18 And whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do āfter the will of your God.

19 The vessels also that are given thee for the sēr'vice of the house of thy God, those deliver thou before the God of Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

20 And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the king's tréas'ure-house.

21 And I, even I, Ār-ta-xēr'x'eš the king, do make a decree to all the tréas'urers which are beyond the river, that whatsoever Ēz'rā the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily,

22 Unto a hundred talents of silver, and to a hundred méas'ures of wheat, and to a hundred báths of wine, and to a hundred báths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much.

23 Whatsoever is cōmmānd'ed by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven : for why should there be wrāth āgainst' the realm of the king and his sons ?

24 Also we cēr'tify you, that, tōuch'ing any of the priests and Lē'vites, singers, porters, Nēth'i-nims, or ministers of this house of God ; it shall not be lawful to im-

¹ Mē-rā'yōth.

pose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them.

25 And thou, Ez'rā, after the wisdom of thy God, that *is* in thine hand, set magistrates 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 whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether *it be* unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

27 ¶ Blē'sed be the LORD God of our fathers, which hath put *such a thing* as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which *is* in Jē-rū'salēm;

28 And hath extended mērcy 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 gathered together out of Iṣ'ra-ēl chief men to go up with me.

CHAP. VIII.

THESSE *are* now the chief of their fathers, and *this is* the gēnēāl'ogy of them that went up with me from Bāb'y-lōn, in the reign of Ār-ta-xērx'eṣ the king.

2 Of the sons of Phīn'e-hās; Gēr'shōm: of the sons of Ith'a-mār; Dān'i-ēl: of the sons of Dā'vid; Hāt'tūsh:

3 Of the sons of Shēḥ-a-nī'āh, of the sons of Phā'rōsh; Zēḥ-a-rī'āh: and with him wēre reckoned, by gēnēāl'ogy, of the males a hundred and fifty.

4 Of the sons of Pā'hāth-Mō'āb; Ē-li-œ'na-i¹ the son of Zēr-a-hī'āh, and with him two hundred males.

5 Of the sons of Shēḥ-a-nī'āh; the son of Ja-hā'zi-ēl, and with him three hundred males.

6 Of the sons also of Ā'dīn; Ē'bēd the son of Jōn'a-thān, and with him fifty males.

7 And of the sons of Ē'lām; Jēsh-ā-i'āh the son of Āth-a-lī'āh, and with him seventy males.

8 And of the sons of Shēph-a-tī'āh; Zēb-a-dī'āh the son of Mī'ḡha-ēl, and with him fourscore males.

9 Of the sons of Jō'āb; Ōb-a-dī'āh the son of Jē-hī'ēl, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.

10 And of the sons of Shēl'o-mīth; the son of Jōs-i-phī'āh, and with him a hundred and threescore males.

11 And of the sons of Bēb'a-i; Zēḥ-a-rī'āh the son of Bēb'a-i, and with him twenty and eight males.

12 And of the sons of Āz'gād; Jō-hā'nān the son of Hāk'ka-tān, and with him a hundred and ten males.

13 And of the lāst sons of Ā-dōn'i-kām,

whose names *are* these, Ē-līph'e-lēt, Jē-i'ēl, and Shēm-ā-i'āh, and with them threescore males.

14 Of the sons also of Big'va-i; Ū'tha-i, and Zāb'būd, and with them seventy males.

15 And I gāthered them together to the river that runneth to Ā-hā'vā; and there ābōde we in tents three days: and I viewed the people and the priests, and found there nōne of the sons of Lē'vi.

16 Then sent I for Ē-li-ē'zēr, for Ā'ri-ēl, for Shēm-ā-i'āh, and for Ēl'na-thān, and for Jā'rīb, and for Ēl'na-thān, and for Nā'thān, and for Zēḥ-a-rī'āh, and for Mē-shūl'lām, chief men; also for Jōi'a-rīb,² and for Ēl'na-thān, men of understanding.

17 And I sent them with cōmmand'ment unto Id'dō the chief, at the place Ḥa-sīph'i-ā; and I told them what they should say unto Id'dō, *and* to his brēthren the Nēth'i-nīms, at the place Ḥa-sīph'i-ā, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God.

18 And, by the good hand of our God upon us, they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Māh'li, the son of Lē'vi, the son of Iṣ'ra-ēl; and Shēr-e-bī'āh, with his sons and his brēthren, eighteen;

19 And Hāsh-a-bī'āh, and with him Jēsh-ā-i'āh, of the sons of Mēr'a-rī, his brēthren and their sons, twenty;

20 Also of the Nēth'i-nīms, whom Dā'vid and the princes had appointed for the sērvice of the Lēvites, two hundred and twenty Nēth'i-nīms: all of them wēre expressed by name.

21 Then I proclaimed a fāst there at the river Ā-hā'vā, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

22 For I was āshāmed to require of the king a band of sōl'diērs³ and horsemen to help us āgainst' the enemy in the way because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God *is* upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wṛāth *is* āgainst' all them that forsake him.

23 So we fāsted, and besought our God for this; and he was entreated of us.

24 Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Shēr-e-bī'āh, Hāsh-a-bī'āh, and ten of their brēthren with them,

25 And weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, *even* the offering of the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his lords, and all Iṣ'ra-ēl *there* present, had offered;

26 I even weighed unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels a hundred talents, *and* of gold a hundred talents;

27 Also twenty basins of gold, of a

¹ Ē-le-ē'na-i.

² Jōy'a-rīb.

³ sōl'jūrz.

thousand drams; and two vessels of fine copper, precious as gold.

28 And I said unto them, Ye *are* holy unto the LORD; the vessels *are* holy also; and the silver and the gold *are* a free-will-offering unto the LORD God of your fathers:

29 Watch ye, and keep *them*, until ye weigh *them* before the chief of the priests and the Lēvites, and chief of the fathers of Īš'ra-ēl, at Jē-rū'sa-lēm, in the chambers of the house of the LORD.

30 So took the priests and the Lēvites the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring *them* to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, unto the house of our God.

31 Then we departed from the river of Ā-hā'vā, on the twelfth day of the first month, to go unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way.

32 And we came to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and abode there three days.

33 Now on the fourth day was the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Mēr'e-mōth the son of Ū-rī'āh the priest; and with him was Ē-le-āzār the son of Phīn'e-hās; and with them was Jōz'a-bād the son of Jēsh'u-ā, and Nō-a-di'āh the son of Bin'nu-ī, Lēvites;

34 By number and by weight of every one: and all the weight was written at that time.

35 Also the children of those that had been carried away, which were come out of the captivity, offered burnt-offerings unto the God of Īš'ra-ēl, twelve bullocks for all Īš'ra-ēl, 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 commissions unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors on this side the river; and they furthered the people, and the house of God.

CHAP. IX.

NOW when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Īš'ra-ēl, and the priests, and the Lēvites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, *doing* according to their abominations, *even* of the Čān'aan-ites, the Hit'tites, the Pēr'izites, the Jēb'u-sites, the Ām'mōn-ites, the Mō'ab-ites, the Ē-gyp'ti-āns, and the Ām'o-rites.

2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons; so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of *those* lands: yēa, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trēs'pāss.

3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished.¹

4 Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Īš'ra-ēl, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonished 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 and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over *our* head, and our trēs'pāss is grown up unto the heavens.

7 Since the days of our fathers *have* we been in a great trēs'pāss 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.

8 And now for a little space grace hath been *showed* 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.

9 For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Pēr'si-ā, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Jū'dāh and in Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy cōmmānd'ments,

11 Which thou hast cōmmān'ded 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 lands, with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness.

12 Now, thērefōre, 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 for ever.

13 And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trēs'pāss, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities *dēsērvē'*, and hast given us *such* deliverance as this;

14 Should we again' break thy cōmmānd'ments, and join in affinity with the

¹ or, astonished.

people of these abominations, wouldst thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that *there should be* no remnant nor *escāping*?

15 O LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, thou art righteous; for we remain yet *escāped*, as *it is* this day; behold, we *are* before thee in our trēs'pāses; for we cannot stand before thee because of this.

CHAP. X.

NOW when Ēz'ra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and cās'ting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Iṣ'ra-ēl a very great congregation of men, and women, and children: for the people wept very sore.

2 And Shēch-a-nī'āh the son of Jē-hī'ēl, one of the sons of E'lām, answered and said unto Ēz'ra, We have trēs'pāsed āgāinst' our God, and have taken strānge wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Iṣ'ra-ēl cōncērn'ing this thing.

3 Now thērē'fōre let us make a cōvenant with our God to put āwāy all the wives, and such as *are* born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the cōmmānd'ment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.

4 Āriṣe; for *this* matter *belongeth* unto thee: we also *will be* with thee; be of good courage, and do *it*.

5 Then ārōse Ēz'ra, and made the chiēf priests, the Lē'vites, and all Iṣ'ra-ēl, to swear that they should do according to this word. And they swear.

6 Then Ēz'ra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chāmber of Jō-hā'nān the son of E-li'a-shīb: and *when* he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water; for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried āwāy.

7 And they made proclamation throughout Jūdāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gāther themselves tōgēther unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm;

8 And that whosoever 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 āwāy.

9 Then all the men of Jūdāh and Bēn-ja-mīn gāthered themselves tōgēther unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm within three days: *it was* the ninth mōnth, and the twentieth *day* of the mōnth; and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of *this* matter, and for the great rain.

10 And Ēz'ra the priest stood up, and

¹ Mā-ā-sēi'āh.

² E-le-ē'na-ī.

said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strānge wives to increase the trēs'pāss of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

11 Now thērē'fōre make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his plēās'ure; and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strānge wives.

12 Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do.

13 But the people *are* many, and *it is* a time of much rain, and we *are* not able to stand without, nēither *is this* a work of one day or two; for we *are* many that have transgressed in this thing.

14 Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all them which have taken strānge wives in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fiērcē wrāth of our God for this matter be turned from us.

15 ¶ Only Jōn'a-thān the son of Āṣ'a hēl, and Jā-ha-zī'āh the son of Tik'vāh, wēre employed ābout' *this* matter; and Mē-shūl'lām and Shāb-bēth'a-ī the Lē'vite helped them.

16 And the children of the captivity did so. And Ēz'ra the priest, with cēr'tain chiēf of the fathers, āfter the house of their fathers, and all of them by *their* names, wēre separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth mōnth to examine the matter.

17 And they made an end with all the men that had taken strānge wives by the first day of the first mōnth.

18 And āmong the sons of the priests there wēre found that had taken strānge wives; *namely*, of the sons of Jēsh'u-ā the son of Jōz'a-dāk, and his brēthren; Mā-ā-sēi'āh,¹ and E-li-ē-zēr, and Jā'rib, and Gēd-a-li'āh.

19 And they gave their hands that they would put āwāy their wives; and *being* guilty, *they offered* a ram of the flock for their trēs'pāss.

20 And of the sons of Im'mér; Hān a-nī, and Zēb-a-dī'āh.

21 And of the sons of Hā'rīm; Mā-ā-sēi'āh, and E-li'jāh, and Shēm-ā-ī'āh, and Jē-hī'ēl, and Ūz-zī'āh.

22 And of the sons of Pāsh'ūr; E-li-ē-na-ī,² Mā-ā-sēi'āh, Ish'ma-ēl, Nē-thān'e-ēl, Jōz'a-bād, and E'l'a-sāh.

23 Also of the Lē'vites; Jōz'a-bād, and Shīm'e-ī, and Kē-lāi'āh³ (*the same is* Kēl'i-tā.) Pēth-a-hī'āh, Jūdāh, and E-li-ē-zēr.

24 Of the singers also; E-li'a-shīb: and of the pōrters; Shāl'lūm, and Tē'lēm, and Ū'rī.

25 Moreover of Iṣ'ra-ēl: of the sons of Pārōsh; Ra-mī'āh, and Jē-zī'āh, and

³ Kē-lā'yāh.

Māl-çhī'āh, and Mī'a-mīn, and Ē-le-ā'zār, and Māl-çhī'jāh, and Bēn-āi'āh.¹

26 And of the sons of Ē'lām; Māt-ta-nī'āh, Zēçh-a-rī'āh, and Ē-hi'ēl, and Āb'dī, and Jēr'e-mōth, and Ē-lī'āh.

27 And of the sons of Zāt'tū; Ē-li-œ-na-ī, Ē-lī'a-shīb, Māt-ta-nī'āh, and Jēr'i-mōth, and Zā'bād, and Ā-zī'zā.

28 Of the sons also of Bēb'a-ī; Jē-hō'-a-nān, Hān-a-nī'āh, Zāb'bāi, and Āth'lāi.

29 And of the sons of Bā'nī; Mē-shū'lām, Māl'lūçh, and Ād-ā-i'āh, Jāsh'ūb, and Shē'al, and Rā'mōth.

30 And of the sons of Pā'hāth-Mō'āb; Ād'nā, and Chē'lāl, Bēn-āi'āh, Mā-ā-sēi'āh, Māt-ta-nī'āh, Bē-zāl'e-ēl, and Bin'nu-ī, and Ma-nās'sch.

31 And of the sons of Hā'rīm; Ē-li-ē-zér, I-shī'jāh, Māl-çhī'āh, Shēm-ā-i'āh, Shīm'e-ōn,

32 Bēn'ja-mīn, Māl'lūçh, and Shēm-a-rī'āh.

33 Of the sons of Hāsh'um; Māt-tenā'i, Māt'ta-thāh, Zā'bād, Ē-liph'e-lēt, Jēr'e-māi, Ma-nās'sch, and Shīm'e-ī.

34 Of the sons of Bā'nī; Mā-ad'āi, Ām'rām, and Ū'ēl,

35 Bēn-āi'āh, Pēd-e-i'āh, Chēl'lūn,

36 Va-nī'āh, Mēr'e-mōth, Ē-lī'a-shīb

37 Māt-ta-nī'āh, Māt-tenā'i, and Ū'-a-sāu,

38 And Bā'nī, and Bin'nu-ī, Shīm'e-ī,

39 And Shēl'e-mī'āh, and Nā'thān, and Ād-ā-i'āh,

40 Māçh-na-dē'bāi, Shāsh'a-ī, Shār'a-ī,

41 Ā-zā're-ēl, and Shēl-ē-mī'āh, Shēm-a-rī'āh,

42 Shāl'lūm, Ām-a-rī'āh, and Jō'sēph.

43 Of the sons of Nē'bō; Jē-i'ēl, Māt-ti-thī'āh, Zā'bād, Zē-bī'nā, Jād'du-ā, and Jō'ēl, Bēn-āi'āh.

44 All these had taken strange wives: and some of them had wives by whom they had children.

¶ The Book of NEHEMI'AH.

CHAPTER I.

THE words of Nē-hē-mī'āh the son of Hāçh-a-lī'āh. And it came to pass in the month Çhī'sleū, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shū'shān the palace,

2 That Hān'a-nī, one of my brethren, came, he and çir'tain men of Jūdāh; and I asked them concern'ing the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concern'ing Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jē-rū'sa-lēm also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burnt with fire.

4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned çir'tain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,

5 And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe' his commandments;

6 Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayst hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Iç'ra-ēl thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Iç'ra-ēl, which we have sinned against' thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.

7 We have dealt very corruptly against' thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments,

which thou commandedst thy servant Mō'sēs.

8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Mō'sēs, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:

9 But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.

10 Now these are thy servants, and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand.

11 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 sight of this man: For I was the king's cup-bearer.

CHAP. II.

AND it came to pass in the month Nī'sān, in the twentieth year of Ār-taxērx'es the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence.

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 coun-

¹ Bēn-ā'yāh.

tenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sêpulchres, *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost 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 sêrvant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldst send me unto Jû'dâh, unto the city of my fathers' sêpulchres, that I may build it.

6 And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by 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 gôvernors beyond the river, that they may convey me over, till I come into Jû'dâh;

8 And a letter unto Ā'sâph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which *appertain'd* 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 gôvernors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. (Now the king had sent cap tains of the army and horsemen with me.)

10 When Sâ-n-bâl'lât the Hôr'o-nite, and Tô-bî'âh the sêrvant, the Ā'm'môn-ite, heard of *it*, it griev'd them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Is'ra-êl.

11 So I came to Jê-rû'sa-lêm, and was there three days.

12 And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; nêither told I *any* man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jê-rû'sa-lêm: nêither *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 Jê-rû'sa-lêm which wêre broken down, and the gates thereof wêre consumed with fire.

14 Then I went on to the gate of the fôûn'tain, and to the king's pool: but *there was* no place for the beast *that was* under me to pass.

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; nêither had I as yet told *it* to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.

17 Then said I unto them, Ye see the

distress that we *are* in, how Jê-rû'sa-lêm *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are burnt with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jê-rû'sa-lêm, that we be no more a reproach.

18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for *this* good work.

19 But when Sâ-n-bâl'lât the Hôr'o-nite and Tô-bî'âh the sêrvant, the Ā'm'môn-ite, and Gê'shêm the Ā-râ'bi-ân, heard *it*, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What *is* this thing that ye do? will ye rebel agâinst' the king?

20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven he will prosper us; thêrê'fôre we his sêrvants will arise and build: but ye no pòrtion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jê-rû'sa-lêm.

CHAP. III.

THEN Ê-lî a-shûb the high priest rose up, with his brêthren the priests, and they builded the sheep-gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Mê'âh they sanctified it, unto the tower of Ha-nân'e-êl.

2 And next unto him builded the men of Jêrî-çhō. And next to them builded Zâc'çûr the son of Im'ri.

3 But the fish-gate did the sons of Hâş-şe-nâ'âh 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 Mêr'e-môth the son of Ū-rî'jâh, the son of Kôz. And next unto them repaired Mê-shû'lâm the son of Bêr-ê-çhî'âh, the son of Mêsh-êz'a-bê-êl. And next unto them repaired Zâ'dôk the son of Bâ'a-nâ.

5 And next unto them the Tê-kô'ites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their LORD.

6 Moreover, the old gate repaired Jê-hôi'a-dâ the son of Pa-sê'âh, and Mê-shû'lâm the son of Bêş-ô-dêi'âh;¹ they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

7 And next unto them repaired Mêl-a-tî'âh the Gîb'e-ôn-ite, and Ja'don the Mê-rôn'o-thite, the men of Gîb'e-ôn and of Mîz'pâh, unto the throne of the gôvernor on this side the river.

8 Next unto him repaired Ūz-zî'êl the son of Hâr-hâ-i'âh, of the goldsmiths. Next unto him also repaired Hân-a-nî'âh the son of *one* of the apothecaries, and they fortified Jê-rû'sa-lêm unto the broad wall.

9 And next unto them repaired Rêph-â-i'âh the son of Hûr, the ruler of the half part of Jê-rû'sa-lêm.

10 And next unto them repaired Jê-dâi'

¹ Bêş-ô-dêi'yâh.

āh the son of Ha-rū'māph, even over āgainst' his house. And next unto him repaired Hāt'tūsh the son of Hāsh-āb-nī-āh.

11 Māl-chī'jāh the son of Hā'rīm, and Hā'shūb the son of Pā'hāth-Mō'āb, repaired the other piēce, and the tower of the furnaces.

12 And next unto him repaired Shāl'lūm the son of Ha-lō'ēsh, the ruler of the half part of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, he and his daughters.

13 The valley-gate repaired Hā'nūn, and the inhabitants of Za-nō'āh; they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung-gate.

14 But the dung-gate repaired Māl-chī'āh the son of Rē'chāb, the ruler of part of Bēth-hāc'cēr-em;¹ he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

15 But the gate of the fōūn'tain repaired Shāl'lūm the son of Čōl-hō'zēh, the ruler of part of Miz'pāh: he built it, and cōvered it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of Sil'o-āh by the king's gārden, and unto the stairs that go down from the city of Dā'vid.

16 After him repaired Nē-hē-mī'āh the son of Āz'būk, the ruler of the half part of Bēth'zūr, unto the place over āgainst' the sēpulchres of Dā'vid, and to the pool that was made, and unto the house of the mighty.

17 After him repaired the Lē'vites, Rē'hūm the son of Bā'nī. Next unto him repaired Hāsh-a-bī'āh, the ruler of the half-part of Kē'lāh, in his part.

18 After him repaired their brēthren, Bāv'a-i the son of Hēn'a-dād, the ruler of the half-part of Kē'lāh.²

19 And next to him repaired Ē'zēr the son of Jēsh'u-ā, the ruler of Miz'pāh, ānōther piēce over āgainst' the going up to the armoury, at the turning of the wall.

20 After him Bārūch the son of Zāv'bāi earnestly repaired the other piēce, from the turning of the wall unto the door of the house of Ē-lī'a-shīb the high priest.

21 After him repaired Mēr'e-mōth the son of Ū-rī'jāh, the son of Kōz, ānōther piēce, from the door of the house of Ē-lī'a-shīb even to the end of the house of Ē-lī'a-shīb.

22 And after him repaired the priests, the men of the plain.

23 After him repaired Bēn'ja-mīn and Hā'shūb, over āgainst' their house. After him repaired Āz-a-rī'āh the son of Mā-ā-sēi'āh, the son of Ān-a-nī'āh, by his house.

24 After him repaired Bīn'nu-i the son of Hēn'a-dād, ānōther piēce, from the

house of Āz-a-rī'āh unto the turning of the wall, even unto the corner.

25 Pā'lāl the son of Ū'za-i, over āgainst 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 Pēd-āi'āh³ the son of Pā'rōsh.

26 Moreover, the Nēth'i-nīms dwelt in Ō'phēl, unto the place over āgainst' the water-gate tō'ward the east, and the tower that lieth out.

27 After them the Tē-kō'ites repaired ānōther piēce, over āgainst' the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ō'phēl.

28 From ābōve the horse-gate repaired the priests, every one over āgainst' his house.

29 After them repaired Zā'dōk the son of Im'mēr, over āgainst' his house. After him repaired also Shēm-ā-i'āh the son of Shēch-a-nī'āh, the keeper of the east gate.

30 After him repaired Hān-a-nī'āh the son of Shēl-ē-mī'āh, and Hā'nūm the sixth son of Zā'lāph, ānōther piēce. After him repaired Mē-shūl'lām the son of Bēr-ē-čī'āh, over āgainst' his chamber.

31 After him repaired Māl-chī'āh the goldsmith's son, unto the place of the Nēth'i-nīms, and of the mērchants, over āgainst' the gate Miph'kād, 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 mērchants.

CHAP. IV.

BUT it came to pās, that when Sān-bāl'lāt heard that we builded the wall, he was wrōth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.

2 And he spake before his brēthren and the army of Sā-mā'ri-ā, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sār'rifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which āre burnt?

3 Now Tō-bī'āh the Ām'mōn-ite was by 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 āre dēspiš-ed: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity;

5 And cōver not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders.

6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined tōgēther unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

7 But it came to pās, that when Sān-bāl'lāt, and Tō-bī'āh, and the Ā-rā'bi-āns,

¹ Bēth-hāk'sēr-īm.

² Kē'lāh.

³ Pēd-ā'yāh.

and the ām'mōn-ites, and the āsh'dōd-ites, heard that the walls of Jē-rū'sa-lēm wēre made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they wēre very wrōth,

8 And conspired all of them togēther to come and to fight āgainst' Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and to hinder it.

9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a wāch āgainst' them day and night, because of them.

10 And Jūdāh said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish, so that we āre not able to build the wall.

11 And our ād'vēr'saries said, They shall not know, nēither see, till we come in the midst āmōng them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease.

12 And it came to pās, that when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, From all places whence ye shall return unto us they will be upon you.

13 Thēre'fōre set I in the lower places behind the wall, and on the higher places, I even set the people āfter their families, with their swōrds, their spears, and their bōws.

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 āfrāid of them: remember the LORD which is great and terrible, and fight for your brēthren, your sons and your dāughters, your wives and your houses.

15 And it came to pās, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work.

16 And it came to pās, from that time forth, that the half of my sērvants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bōws, and the hā-bēr'gē-ōnš; and the rulers wēre behind all the house of Jūdāh.

17 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a wēapon.¹

18 For the builders, every one had his swōrd girded² by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.

19 And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we āre separated upon the wall, one far from ānōther:

20 In what place thēre'fōre ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us.

21 So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears, from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared.*

22 Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his sērvant lodge within Jē-rū'sa-lēm, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labour on the day.

23 So nēither I, nor my brēthren, nor my sērvants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, nōne of us put off our clothes, saving that every one put them off for wāsh'ing.

CHAP. V.

AND there was a great cry of the people, and of their wives, āgainst' their brēthren the Jews.

2 For there wēre that said, We, our sons, and our dāughters, āre many; thēre'fōre we take up corn for them, that we may eat and live.

3 Some also there wēre that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vine'yardš,³ and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dēarth.

4 There wēre also that said, We have borrowed mōney for the king's tribute, and that upon our lands and vine'yardš.

5 Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brēthren, our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our dāughters to be sērvants, and some of our dāughters āre brought unto bondage ālrēady, nēither is it in our power to redeem them; for other men have our lands and vine'yards.

6 And I was very angry when I heard their cry, and these words.

7 Then I consulted with mysēlf, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury,⁴ every one of his brōther. And I set a great assembly āgainst' them:

8 And I said unto them, We, āfter our ability, have redeemed our brēthren the Jews, which wēre sold unto the heathen; and will ye even sell your brēthren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nōthing to ānswer.

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 the heathen our enemies?

10 I likewise, and my brēthren, and my sērvants, might exact of them mōney and corn: I pray you, let us leave off this usury.

11 Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vine'yardš, their olive-yards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the mōney, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them.

¹ wēp'p'n.² gēr'dēd.³ vīn'yērdz.⁴ yū'zhū-re.

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 perform'eth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out and emptied. And all the congregation said, *Ā'mén'*, 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 Jū'dāh, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Ār-ta-xêr'êš¹ 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; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God.

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 a hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, besides 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.

CHAP. VI.

NOW it came to pass, when Sān-bāl'lāt, and Tō-bī'āh, and Gē'shēm the Ā-rā'bi-ān, 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 Sān-bāl'lāt and Gē'shēm sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in *some one* of the villages in the plain of ō'nō. But they thought to do me mis'chief.

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 Sān-bāl'lāt 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 Gāsh'mū saith it, *that* thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayst be their king, according to these words.

7 And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jē-rū'sa-lēm, saying, *There is* a king in Jū'dāh: 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 Ā'térwārd I came unto the house of Shēm-ā-ī'āh the son of Dēl-ā-ī'āh, the son of Mē-hēt'a-bēl, 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 Tō-bī'āh and Sān-bāl'lāt had hired him.

13 Therefore was he hired, that I 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 Tō-bī'āh and Sān-bāl'lāt according to these their works, and on the prophetess Nō-a-dī'āh, 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 Ē'lūl, 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 saw *these things*, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

17 Moreover, in those days, the nobles of Jū'dāh sent many letters unto Tō-bī'āh, and the letters of Tō-bī'āh came unto them.

18 For *there were* many in Jū'dāh sworn unto him, because he was the son-in-law

¹ Ār-ta-sêr'êš.

of Shēph-a-nī'āh the son of Ā'rāh ; and his son Jō-hā'nān had taken the daughter of Mē-shū'lām the son of Bēr-ē-ḥī'āh.

19 Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him. And Tō-bī'āh sent letters to put me in fear.

CHAP. VII.

NOW it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the pōrters, and the singers, and the Lē'vites were appointed,

2 That I gave my brōther Hān'a-nī, and Hān-a-nī āh the ruler of the palace, charge over Jē-rū'sa-lēm : (for he was a faithful man, and feared God ābove many :))

3 And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jē-rū'sa-lēm be opened until the sun be hot ; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar them : and appoint wātches of the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, every one in his wātch, and every one to be over āgainst' his house.

4 Now the city was large and great : but the people were few therein, and the houses were not builded.

5 And my God put into mine heart to gāther togēther the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by gēnēāl'ogy : and I found a register of the gēnēāl'ogy of them which came up at the first, and found written therein,

6 These are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried āway, whom Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz'zār the king of Bāb'y-lōn had carried āway, and came āgain' to Jē-rū'sa-lēm and to Jū'dāh, every one unto his city ;

7 Who came with Zē-rūb'ba-bēl ; Jēsh'u-ā, Nē-he-mī'āh, Āz-a-rī'āh, Rā-ā-mī'āh, Na-hām'a-nī, Mōr'de-ḥāi, Bil'shān, Miḡ'pērēth, Big'va-ī, Nē'hūm, Bā'a-nāh : the number, I say, of the men of the people of iḡ'ra-ēl, was this :

8 The children of Pā'rōsh, two thousand a hundred seventy and two.

9 The children of Shēph-a-tī'āh, three hundred seventy and two.

10 The children of Ā'rāh, six hundred fifty and two.

11 The children of Pā'hāth-Mō'āb, of the children of Jēsh'u-ā and Jō'āb, two thousand and eight hundred and eighteen.

12 The children of Ē'lām, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

13 The children of Zāt'tū, eight hundred forty and five.

14 The children of Zāḡ'ḥāi, seven hundred and threescore.

15 The children of Bīn'nu-ī, six hundred forty and eight.

16 The children of Bēb'a-ī, six hundred twenty and eight.

17 The children of Āz'gād, two thousand three hundred twenty and two.

18 The children of Ā-dōn'ī-kām, six hundred threescore and seven.

19 The children of Big'va-ī, two thousand threescore and seven.

20 The children of Ā'dīn, six hundred fifty and five.

21 The children of Ā'tér of Hēz-e-kī'āh, ninety and eight.

22 The children of Hā'shūm, three hundred twenty and eight.

23 The children of Bē'zāi, three hundred twenty and four.

24 The children of Hā'rīph, a hundred and twelve.

25 The children of Gīb'e-ōn, ninety and five.

26 The men of Bēth'le-hēm, and Nē-tō'phāh, a hundred fourscore and eight.

27 The men of Ān'a-thōth, a hundred twenty and eight.

28 The men of Bēth-āz'ma-vēth, forty and two.

29 The men of Kir'jāth-Jē'a-rīm,² Chēph-ī'rāh, and Bē-ē'rōth, seven hundred forty and three.

30 The men of Rā'māh and Gā'bā, six hundred twenty and one.

31 The men of Miḡ'mās, a hundred twenty and two.

32 The men of Bēth'ēl and Ā'ī, a hundred twenty and three.

33 The men of the other Nē'bō, fifty and two.

34 The children of the other Ē'lām, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

35 The children of Hā'rīm, three hundred and twenty.

36 The children of Jēr-ī-ḥō, three hundred forty and five.

37 The children of Lōd, Hā'dīd, and Ō'nō, seven hundred twenty and one.

38 The children of Sēn'a-āh, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.

39 The priests : the children of Jē-dāi'āh,¹ of the house of Jēsh u-ā, nine hundred seventy and three.

40 The children of Īm'mér, a thousand fifty and two.

41 The children of Pāsh'ūr, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

42 The children of Hā'rīm, a thousand and seventeen.

43 The Lē'vites : the children of Jēsh'u-ā, of Kād'mi-ēl, and of the children of Hō-dē'vāh, seventy and four.

44 The singers : the children of Ā'sāph, a hundred forty and eight.

45 The pōrters : the children of Shāl'lūm, the children of Ā'tér, the children of Tāl'mōn, the children of Āk'kūb, the children of Hāt'ī-tā, the children of Shō'ba-ī, a hundred thirty and eight.

46 The Nēth'ī-nīms : the children of Zi'hā, the children of Ha-shū'phā, the children of Tāb'ba-ōth,

¹ Jē-dā'yāh.

² Kēr'jūth-Jē'a-rīm.

47 The children of Kē'rōs, the children of Sī'ā, the children of Pā'dōn,

48 The children of Lēb'a-nā, the children of Hāg'a-bā, the children of Shāl'ma-ī,

49 The children of Hā'nān, the children of Gīd'dēl, the children of Gā'hār,

50 The children of Rē-ā-ī'āh, the children of Rē'zīn, the children of Nē-kō'dā,

51 The children of Gāz'zām, the children of Ūz'zā, the children of Phā'se-āh,

52 The children of Bē'sāi, the children of Mē-ū'nīm, the children of Nē-phīsh'e-sīm,

53 The children of Bāk'būk, the children of Hāk-ū'phā, the children of Hār'hūr,

54 The children of Bāz'līth, the children of Mē-hī'dā, the children of Hār'shā,

55 The children of Bār'kōs, the children of Sis'e-rā, the children of Tāmāh,

56 The children of Nē-zī'āh, the children of Ha-tī'phā.

57 The children of Sōl'o-mōn's sērvants: the children of Sō'ta-ī, the children of Sōph'e-rēth, the children of Pē-rī'dā,

58 The children of Jā-ā'lā, the children of Dār'kōn, the children of Gīd'dēl,

59 The children of Shēph-a-tī'āh, the children of Hāt'til, the children of Pōch-e-rēth of Zē-bā'īm, the children of Ā'mōn.

60 All the Nēth'i-nims, and the children of Sōl'o-mōn's sērvants, wēre three hundred ninety and two.

61 And these wēre they which went up also from Tēl'me-lāh, Tēl-ha-rē'shā, Chē'rūb, ād'dōn, and Īm'mér: but they could not show their father's house, nor their seed, whether they wēre of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

62 The children of Dēl-ā-ī'āh, the children of Tō-bī'āh, the children of Nē-kō'dā, six hundred forty and two.

63 And of the priests: the children of Ha-bā'āh,¹ the children of Kōz, the children of Bār-zīl'a-ī, which took one of the daughters of Bār-zīl'a-ī the Gīl'e-ād-īte to wife, and was called āfter their name.

64 These sought their register āmōng those that wēre reckoned by gēneāl'ogy, but it was not found: thēre'fore wēre they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

65 And the Tir'sha-thā² said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things till there stood up a priest with Ū'rim and Thūm'mīm.

66 The whole congregation togēther wās forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore;

67 Besides their man-sērvants and their maid-sērvants, of whom there wēre seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing-men and singing-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 twenty āsces.

70 ¶ And some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work. The Tir'sha-thā gave to the trēāsure a thousand drams of gold, fifty basins, five hundred and thirty priests' gārments.

71 And some of the chief of the fathers gave to the trēāsure of the work twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pounds of silver.

72 And that which the rest of the people gave wās twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pounds of silver, and threescore and seven priests' gārments.

73 So the priests, and the Lēv'ites, and the pōrters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nēth'i-nims, and all Iṣ'ra-ēl, dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh mōnth came, the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl wēre in their cities.

CHAP. VIII.

AND all the people gāthered themselves togēther as one man into the street that wās before the water-gate; and they spake unto Ēz'rā the scribe, to bring the book of the law of Mō'sēs, which the LORD had cōmmānded to Iṣ'ra-ēl.

2 And Ēz'rā the priest brought the law before the congregation, both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh mōnth.

3 And he read therein before the street that wās before the water-gate, from the morning until mid-day, before the men and the women, and those that could understand: and the ears of all the people wēre attentire unto the book of the law.

4 And Ēz'rā the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Māt-ti-thī'āh, and Shē'mā, and Ān-ā-ī'āh, and Ū-rī'jāh, and Hil-kī'āh, and Mā-ā-sēi'āh,³ on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pēd-āi'āh,⁴ and Mish'a-ēl, and Māl-ḥī'āh, and Hā'shūm, and Hāsh-bād'a-nā, Zēch-a-rī'āh, and Mē-shūl'lām.

5 And Ēz'rā opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he wās ābōve all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

6 And Ēz'rā blēss'ed the LORD, the great God: and all the people ānswēred, Ā'mēn', Ā'mēn', with lifting up their hands: and they bōwed their heads, and wōrshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

7 Also Jēsh'u-ā, and Bā'nī, and Shēr-ē-bī'āh, Jā'mīn, Āk'kūb, Shāb-bēth'a-ī, Hō-dī'jāh, Mā-ā-sēi'āh, Kēl'i-tā, Āz-a-rī'āh, Jōz'a-bād, Hā'nān, Pēl-ā-ī'āh, and the Lē-

¹ Ha-bā'yāh.

² Tēr'sha-thā.

³ Mā-ā-sē'yāh

⁴ Pēd-ā'yāh.

vites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place.

8 So they read in the book, in the law of God, distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

9 And Nē-he-mi'āh, which is the Tir'sha-thā, and Ēz'rā the priest the scribe, and the Lē'vites that taught the people, said unto 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 them 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 Lē'vites stilled 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, and to make great mirth,¹ because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

13 ¶ And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests and the Lē'vites, unto Ēz'rā the scribe, even to understand the words of the law.

14 And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Mō'gēs, that the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl 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 Jē-rū-sa-lēm, 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 themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water-gate, and in the street of the gate of Ēphraim.

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 Jēsh'u-ā the son of Nūn, unto that day, had not the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl 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.

NOW in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them.

2 And the seed of Iṣ'ra-ēl separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

3 And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God one fourth part of the day, and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God.

4 Then stood up upon the stairs, of the Lē'vites, Jēsh'u-ā, and Bā'nī, Kād'mi-ēl, Shēb-a-ni'āh, Būn'ni, Shēr-ē-bi'āh, Bā'nī, and Chēn'a-nī, and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God.

5 Then the Lē'vites, Jēsh'u-ā, and Kād'mi-ēl, Bā'nī, Hāsh-āb-ni'āh, Shēr-ē-bi'āh, Hō-di'jah, Shēb-a-ni'āh, and Pēth-a-hi'āh, said, Stand up, and bless the LORD your God for ever and ever; and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

6 Thou, even thou, art LORD alone: thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

7 Thou art the LORD the God, who didst choose Abraham, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chāl'dēes, and gavest him the name of Abraham:

8 And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him, to give the land of the Cān'aan-ites, the Hit'tites, the Am'o-rites, and the Pēr'iz-zites, and the Jēb'u-sites, and the Gir'ga-shites,³ to give it, I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous:⁴

9 And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Ēgypt, and heardst their cry by the Red Sea:

10 And showedst signs and wonders upon Phāroāh, and on 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.

11 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.

12 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.

13 Thou camest down also upon mount Sī'nai, and spakest with them from heav-

¹ mērth.² mēr'tl.³ Gēr'ga-shites.⁴ ri'tshe-ūs.

en, and gavest them right judgments and true laws, good statutes and cōmmānd'ments :

14 And mādest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and cōmmāndedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Mō'sēs thy sērvant :

15 And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promised them that they should go in to pōssēs's' the land which thou hadst sworn to give them.

16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy cōmmānd'ments,

17 And refused to obey, nēither wēre mindful of thy wōnders that thou didst āmōng them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a cāp'tain to return to their bondage : but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and mērciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.

18 Yēa, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy god that brought thee up out of Ē'g'yp't, and had wrought great provocations ;

19 Yet thou, in thy manifold mērcies, forsookest them not in the wilderness : the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way ; nēither the pillar of fire by night, to show them light, and the way wherein they should go.

20 Thou gavest also thy good Spīr'it to instruct them, and withheldst not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.

21 Yēa, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nōthing ; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.

22 Moreover, thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, and didst divide them into corners : so they pōssēs's'ed the land of Sī'hōn, and the land of the king of Hēsh'bōn, and the land of ōg king of Bā'shān.

23 Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, cōncēr'ning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to pōssēs's' it.

24 So the children went in and pōssēs's'ed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Čan'aān-ites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with them as they would.

25 And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and pōssēs's'ed houses full of all goods, wells digged, vine'yards,¹ and olive-yards, and fruit-trees in abundance :

so they did eat, and wēre filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.

26 Nevertheless they wēre disobē'dient, and rebelled āgainst' thee, and cāst thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets, which testified āgainst' them to turn them to thee ; and they wrought great provocations.

27 Thērē'fōre thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them : and in the time of their trōuble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven ; and, according to thy manifold mērcies, thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.

28 But āfter they had rest, they did evil āgain' before thee : thērē'fōre leftest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them : yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven ; and many times didst thou deliver them, according to thy mērcies ;

29 And testifiedst āgainst' them, that thou mightst bring them āgain' unto thy law : yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy cōmmānd'ments, but sinned āgainst' thy judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them,) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear :

30 Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst āgainst' them by thy Spīr'it in thy prophets ; yet would they not give ear : thērē'fōre gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

31 Nevertheless, for thy great mērcies' sake, thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them ; for thou art a gracious and mērciful God.

32 Now thērē'fōre, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest cōvenant and mērcy, let not all the trōuble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Ās-syr'i-ā unto this day.

33 Howbeit, thou art just in all that is brought upon us ; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly :

34 Nēither have our kings, our princes, nor priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy cōmmānd'ments and thy tēs'timōnies, wherewith thou didst testify āgainst' them.

35 For they have not sērvēd thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, nēither turned they from their wicked works.

¹ vīn'yērdz.

36 Behold, we are servants this day; and for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers, to eat the fruit thereof, and the good thereof, behold, we are servants in it:

37 And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress.

38 And because of all this, we make a sure covenant, and write it: and our princes, Levites, and priests, seal unto it.

CHAP. X.

NOW those that sealed were, Nehemiah the Tirshathā, the son of Hachabiah, and Zidkiah,

2 Serai, Azariah, Jeremiah,

3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchiah,

4 Hatthush, Shebaniah, Maluch,

5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,

6 Dani-el, Ginnethon, Binnuch,

7 Meshullam, Azbub, Mijamin,

8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemariah: these were the priests.

9 And the Levites: both Jeshua the son of Azariah, Binbun of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;

10 And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelai, Hanan,

11 Michah, Reho, Hashabiah,

12 Zaenur, Shebaniah, Shebaniah,

13 Hodiah, Bani, Benai,

14 The chief of the people; Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zathub, Bani,

15 Binnai, Azgad, Bebai,

16 Adoniah, Bigvai, Adin,

17 Ater, Hizkiah, Azzur,

18 Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai,

19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,

20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

21 Mesh-ezra-babel, Zadok, Jaddua,

22 Pelai, Hanan, Ananiah,

23 Hoshai, Hananiah, Hashub,

24 Halhoresh, Pilshai, Shobek,

25 Rehun, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

26 And Azbub, Hanan, Anan,

27 Maluch, Harim, Baanah.

28 ¶ And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding;

29 They came to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, 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

daughters 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 victuals 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 show-bread, and for the continual meat-offering, and for the continual burnt-offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin-offerings, to make an atonement for Israel, and for 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 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;

35 And to bring the first-fruits of our ground, and the first-fruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the Lord:

36 Also the first-born 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 treasure-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 forsake the house of our God.

CHAP. XI.

AND the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts to dwell in other cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men

that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

3 Now these are the chief of the province that dwell in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, (but in the cities of Jū'dāh dwelt every one in his possession in their cities,) to wit, Iſ'ra-ēl, the priests, and the Lē'vites, and the Nēth'i-nims, and the children of Sōl'omōn's servants.

4 And at Jē-rū'sa-lēm dwelt cēr'tain of the children of Jū'dāh, and of the children of Bēn'ja-mīn. Of the children of Jū'dāh; Āth-ā-ī'āh the son of Ūz-zī'āh, the son of Zēḥ-a-rī'āh, the son of Ām-a-rī'āh, the son of Shēph-a-tī'āh, the son of Mā-ha-lā'le-ēl, of the children of Pērēz;

5 And Mā-ā-sēī'āh¹ the son of Bā'qūḥ, the son of Ḷol-hō'zēh, the son of Hāz-ā-ī'āh, the son of Ād-ā-ī'āh, the son of Jōi-arīb, the son of Zēḥ-a-rī'āh, the son of Shi-lō'nī.

6 All the sons of Pērēz that dwell at Jē-rū'sa-lēm were four hundred threescore and eight valiant men.

7 And these are the sons of Bēn'ja-mīn; Sāl'lū the son of Mē-shūl'lām, the son of Jō'ēd, the son of Pēd-āi'āh,² the son of Kōl-ā-ī'āh, the son of Mā-ā-sēī'āh, the son of Ith'ī-ēl, the son of Jē-sāī'āh.³

8 And after him Gāb'bāi, Sāl'la-ī, nine hundred twenty and eight.

9 And Jō'ēl the son of Zīḥ'rī was their overseer: and Jū'dāh the son of Sēn'u-āh was second over the city.

10 Of the priests: Jē-dāī'āh⁴ the son of Jōi'a-riḥ, Jā'ḥīn.

11 Sē-rā-ī'āh the son of Hil-kī'āh, the son of Mē-shūl'lām, the son of Zā'dōk, the son of Mē-rāi'ōth,⁵ the son of Ā-hī'tūb, 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 Ād-ā-ī'āh the son of Jēr'o-hām, the son of Pēl-a-lī'āh, the son of Ām'zī, the son of Zēḥ-a-rī'āh, the son of Pāsh'ūr, the son of Māl-ḥī'āh,

13 And his brethren, chief of the fathers, two hundred forty and two: and Ā-māsh'a-ī the son of Ā-zā're-ēl, the son of Ā-hāg'a-ī, the son of Mē-shil'le-mōth, the son of Īm'mēr,

14 And their brethren, mighty men of valour, a hundred twenty and eight: and their overseer was Zāb'dī-ēl, the son of one of the great men.

15 Also of the Lē'vites: Shēm-ā-ī'āh the son of Hā'shūb, the son of Āz'rī-kām, the son of Hāsh-a-bī'āh, the son of Būn'nī:

16 And Shāb-bēth'a-ī and Jōz'a-bād, of the chief of the Lē'vites, had the oversight of the ôut'wārd business of the house of God.

17 And Māt-ta-nī'āh the son of Mī'ḥā, the son of Zāb'dī, the son of Ā'sāph, was the principal to begin the thanksgiving in

prayer; and Bāk-būk-ī'āh, the second among his brethren, and Āb'dā the son of Shām-mū'ā, the son of Gā'lāl, the son of Jēd'u-thūn.

18 All the Lē'vites in the holy city were two hundred fourscore and four.

19 Moreover, the pōrters, Āk'kūb, Tāl'mōn, and their brethren that kept the gates, were a hundred seventy and two.

20 ¶ And the residue of Iſ'ra-ēl, of the priests and the Lē'vites, were in all the cities of Jū'dāh, every one in his inheritance.

21 But the Nēth'i-nims dwelt in Ō'phēl: and Zī'hā and Gīſ'pā were over the Nēth'i-nims.

22 The overseer also of the Lē'vites at Jē-rū'sa-lēm was Ūz'zī the son of Bā'nī, the son of Hāsh-a-bī'āh, the son of Māt-ta-nī'āh, the son of Mī'ḥā. Of the sons of Ā'sāph, the singers were over the business of the house of God.

23 For it was the king's cōmmānd'ment cōncēr'ning them, that a cēr'tain pōrtion should be for the singers, due for every day.

24 And Pēth-a-hī'āh the son of Mēsh-ēz'a-bē-ēl, of the children of Zērāh, the son of Jū'dāh, was at the king's hand in all matters cōncēr'ning the people.

25 And for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Jū'dāh dwelt at Kir'jāth-Ār'bā, and in the villages thereof, and at Dī'bōn, and in the villages thereof, and at Jē-kāb'ze-ēl, and in the villages thereof,

26 And at Jēsh'u-ā, and at Mōl'a-dāh, and at Bēth'phe-lēt,

27 And at Hāzār-Shū'āl, and at Bē-ēr'she-bā, and in the villages thereof,

28 And at Zīk'lāg, and at Mēk'o-nāh, and in the villages thereof,

29 And at Ēn-rim'mōn, and at Zā're-āh, and at Jār'mūth,

30 Za-nō'āh, Ā-dūl'lām, and in their villages, at Lā'ḥīsh, and the fields thereof, at Ā-zē'kāh, and in the villages thereof. And they dwelt from Bē-ēr'she-bā unto the valley of Hīn'nōm.

31 The children also of Bēn'ja-mīn from Gē'bā dwell at Mīḥ'māsh, and Ā-ī'jā, and Bēth'ēl, and in their villages,

32 And at Ān'a-thōth, Nōb, Ān-a-nī'āh,

33 Hā'zōr, Rā'māh, Gīt'ta-īm,

34 Hā'dīd, Zē-bō'īm, Nē-bāl'lāt,

35 Lōd, and Ō'nō, the valley of crāfts-men.

36 And of the Lē'vites were divīſ'ions in Jū'dāh, and in Bēn'ja-mīn.

CHAP. XII.

NOW these are the priests and the Lē'vites that went up with Zē-rūb'abēl the son of Shē-āl'ti-ēl, and Jēsh'u-ā: Sē-rā-ī'āh, Jēr-ē-mī'āh, Ēz'rā,

2 Ām-a-rī'āh, Māl'lūḥ, Hāt'tūsh,

3 Shēḥ-a-nī'āh, Rē'hūm, Mēr'e-mōth,

¹ Mā-ā-sēī'āh. ² Pēd-āī'āh. ³ Jē-sāī'āh. ⁴ Jē-dāī'āh. ⁵ Mē-rāī'ōth. ⁶ Kēr'jāth-Ār'bā.

- 4 Id'dō, Gin'ne-thō, Ā-bī'jah,
5 Mī'a-min, Mā-ā-dī'ah, Bil'gah,
6 Shēm-ā-i'ah, and Jōi'a-rib, Jē-dāi'ah,¹
7 Sāl'lū, Ā'mōk, Hil-kī'ah, Jē-dāi'ah.

These *were* the chief of the priests, and of their brethren, in the days of Jēsh'u-ā.

8 Moreover, the Lē'vites : Jēsh'u-ā, Bin'nu-i, Kād'mi-ēl, Shēr-ē-bī'ah, Jūdāh, and Māt-ta-nī'ah, *which was* over the thanksgiving, he and his brethren.

9 Also Bāk-būk-i'ah and Ūn'nī, their brethren, *were* over against' them in the wāches.

10 ¶ And Jēsh'u-ā begat Jōi'a-kīm, Jōi'a-kīm also begat Ē-lī'a-shīb, and Ē-lī'a-shīb begat Jōi'a-dā,

11 And Jōi'a-dā begat Jōn'a-thān, and Jōn'a-thān begat Jād-dū'ā.

12 And in the days of Jōi'a-kīm *were* priests, the chief of the fathers : of Sē-rā-i'ah, Mēr-ā-i'ah : of Jēr-ē-mī'ah, Hān-a-nī'ah :

13 Of Ēz'rā, Mē-shūl'lām : of Ām-a-rī'ah, Jē-hō'a-nān :

14 Of Mēl'i-cū, Jōn'a-thān : of Shēb-a-nī'ah, Jō'sēph :

15 Of Hā'rim, Ād'nā : of Mē-rāi'ōth, Hēl'ka-i :

16 Of Id'dō, Zēch-a-rī'ah : of Gin'ne-thōn, Mē-shūl'lām :

17 Of Ā-bī'jah, Zīch'ri : of Mi-nī'a-min, of Mō-a-dī'ah, Pil'tai :

18 Of Bil'gah, Shām-mū'ā : of Shēm-ā-i'ah, Jē-hōn'a-thān :

19 And of Jōi'a-rib, Māt-te-nā'i : of Jē-dāi'ah, Ūz'zi :

20 Of Sāl'la-i, Kāl'la-i : of Ā'mōk, Ē'bēr :

21 Of Hil-kī'ah, Hāsh-a-bī'ah : of Jē-dāi'ah, Nē-thān'e-ēl.

22 ¶ The Lē'vites, in the days of Ē-lī'a-shīb, Jōi'a-dā, and Jō-hā'nān, and Jād-dū'ā, *were* recorded chief of the fathers ; also the priests, to the reign of Da-rī'ūs the Pēr'si-ān.²

23 The sons of Lē'vī, the chief of the fathers, *were* written in the book of the Chōn'i-çles, even until the days of Jō-hā'nān the son of Ē-lī'a-shīb.

24 And the chief of the Lē'vites : Hāsh-a-bī'ah, Shēr-ē-bī'ah, and Jēsh'u-ā the son of Kād'mi-ēl, with their brethren over against' them, to praise *and* to give thanks, according to the cōmmāndment of Dā'vid the man of God, ward over against' ward.

25 Māt-ta-nī'ah, and Bāk-būk-i'ah, Ōb-a-dī'ah, Mē-shūl'lām, Tāl'mōn, Āk'kūb, *were* pōrters, keeping the ward at the thresholds of the gates.

26 These *were* in the days of Jōi'a-kīm the son of Jēsh'u-ā, the son of Jōz'a-dāk, and in the days of Nē-he-mī'ah the gōv-ernor, and of Ēz'rā the priest, the scribe.

27 And at the dedication of the wall of Jē-rū'sa-lēm they sought the Lē'vites

out of all their places, to bring them to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, *with* cymbals, psāl'teries, and with harps.

28 And the sons of the singers gāthered themselves together, both out of the plain country round about' Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and from the villages of Nē-tōph-a-thī ;

29 Also from the house of Gil'gāl, and out of the fields of Gē'bā and Āz'ma-vēth : for the singers had builded them villages round about' Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

30 And the priests and the Lē'vites purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

31 Then I brought up the princes of Jūdāh upon the wall, and appointed two great cōm'panies of them that gave thanks, *whereof one* went on the right hand upon the wall, tō'ward the dung-gate :

32 And āfter them went Hōsh-ā-i'ah, and half of the princes of Jūdāh,

33 And Āz-a-rī'ah, Ēz'rā, and Mē-shūl'lām,

34 Jūdāh, and Bēn'ja-min, and Shēm-ā-i'ah, and Jēr-ē-mī'ah ;

35 And cēr'tain of the priests' sons with trumpets ; *namely*, Zēch-a-rī'ah the son of Jōn'a-thān, the son of Shēm-ā-i'ah, the son of Māt-ta-nī'ah, the son of Mī-çhāi'ah, the son of Zāc'çur, the son of Ā'sāph ;

36 And his brethren, Shēm-ā-i'ah, and Ā-zā'ra-ēl, Mīl'a-lā-i, Gil'a-lāi, Mā-ā'i, Nē-thān'e-ēl, and Jūdāh, Hān'a-nī, with the musical instruments of Dā'vid the man of God, and Ēz'rā the scribe before them.

37 And at the fōun'tain-gate, which was over against' them, they went up by the stairs of the city of Dā'vid, at the going up of the wall, ābōve the house of Dā'vid, even unto the water-gate east'ward.

38 And the other cōm'pany of them that gave thanks went over against' them, and I āfter them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall ;

39 And from ābōve the gate of Ē'phra-īm, and ābōve the old gate, and ābōve the fish-gate, and the tower of Ha-nān'e-ēl, and the tower of Mē'ah, even unto the sheep-gate : and they stood still in the prison-gate.

40 So stood the two cōm'panies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me :

41 And the priests ; Ē-lī'a-kīm, Mā-ā-sēi'ah,³ Mī-nī'a-min, Mī-çhāi'ah,⁴ Ē-li-æ'-na-i,⁵ Zēch-a-rī'ah, and Hān-a-nī'ah, with trumpets ;

42 And Mā-ā-sēi'ah, and Shēm-ā-i'ah, and Ē-le-ā-z'ar, and Ūz'zi, and Jē-hō'a-nān, and Māl-çhī'jah, and Ē-lām, and Ē'

¹ Jē-dā'yāh. ² Pēr'she-ān. ³ Mā-ā-sē'yāh. ⁴ Mī-kā'yāh. ⁵ Ē-le-ē'na-i.

zér. And the ſingers ſang loud, with Jēzra-hī'āh 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 Jē-rū'sa-lēm was heard even afar off.

44 And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the first-fruits, 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 Jūdāh 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 purification, according to the commandment of Dā'vid, and of Sōl'o-mōn his son.

46 For in the days of Dā'vid and Ā'sāph, of old, there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God.

47 And all Iſ'ra-ēl, in the days of Zērüb'ba-bēl, and in the days of Nē-he-mī'āh, 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 Āā'rōn.

CHAP. XIII.

ON that day they read in the book of Mō'sēs in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Am'mōn-ite and the Mō'āb-ite should not come into the congregation of God for ever;

2 Because they met not the children of Iſ'ra-ēl with bread and with water, but hired Bā'lāam 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 Iſ'ra-ēl all the mixed multitude.

4 ¶ And before this, Ē-lī'a-shīb the priest, having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, was allied unto Tō-bī'āh:

5 And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the 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 singers, and the porters,) and the offerings of the priests.

6 But in all this time was not I at Jē-rū'sa-lēm: for in the two and thirtieth year of Ār-ta-xērx'es¹ king of Bāb'y-lōn came I unto the king, and after certain days obtained I leave of the king.

7 And I came to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and understood of the evil that Ē-lī'a-shīb did for

Tō-bī'āh, 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 Tō-bī'āh 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 forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place.

12 Then brought all Jūdāh the tithes of the corn, and the new wine, and the oil, unto the treasures.

13 And I made treasurers over the treasures, Shēl-ē-mī'āh the priest, and Zādōk the scribe; and of the Levites, Pēd-ā'āh;² and next to them was Hā'nān the son of Zāççūr, the son of Māt-ta-nī'āh: 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 saw I in Jūdāh some treading wine-presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jē-rū'sa-lēm on the sabbath-day: and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals.

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 Jūdāh, and in Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

17 Then I contended with the nobles of Jūdāh, 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 Iſ'ra-ēl by profaning the sabbath.

19 And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jē-rū'sa-lēm began to be dark before 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 the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath-day.

20 So the merchants, and sellers of all kind of ware, lodged without Jē-rū'sa-lēm once or twice.

21 Then I testified against them, and

¹ Ār-ta-xērx'es.

² Pēd-ā'yāh.

said unto them, Why lodge ye ābout' the wall? if ye do *so* āgain', I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no *more* on the sabbath.

22 And I cōmmān'ded the Lē'vites, that they should cleanse themselves, and *that* they should come *and* keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath-day. Remember me, O my God, *cōncērn*ing this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mērcy.

23 ¶ In those days also saw I Jews *that* had married wives of Āsh'dōd, of Ām'mōn, and of Mō'āb :

24 And their children spake half in the speech of Āsh'dōd, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people.

25 And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote cēr'tain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, *saying*, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves.

26 Did not Sōl'o-mōn king of Iṣ'ra-ēl sin by these things? yet āmōng many nations was there no king like him, who was belōved of his God, and God made him king over all Iṣ'ra-ēl : nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin.

27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress āgainst' our God in marrying strānge wives?

28 And *one* of the sons of Jōi'a-dā, the son of Ē-lī'a-shīb the high priēst, was son-in-law to Sān-bāl'lāt the Hōr'o-nite : thēre'fōre I chased him from me.

29 Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priēsthood, and the cōvenant of the priēsthood, and of the Lē'vites.

30 Thus cleansed I them from all strāngers, and appointed the wards of the priēsts and the Lē'vites, every one in his business ;

31 And for the wood-offering at times appointed, and for the first-fruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

¶ The BOOK of ESTHER.*

CHAPTER I.

NOW it came to pāss in the days of Ā-hāṣ-ū-ē-rūs, (this *is* Ā-hāṣ-ū-ē-rūs which reigned from In'di-ā even unto Ē-thi-ō'pi-ā, *over* a hundred and seven and twenty provinces,)

2 *That* in those days, when the king Ā-hāṣ-ū-ē-rūs sat on the throne of his kingdom, which *was* in Shū'shān the palace,

3 In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his sēr-vants ; the power of Pēr'si-ā and Mē'di-ā, the nobles and princes of the provinces, *being* before him ;

4 When he showed the riches of his glorious kingdom, and the hōn'our of his excellent māj'esty,¹ many days, *even* a hundred and fourscore days.

5 And when these days wēre expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that wēre present in Shū'shān the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the gārden of the king's palace ;

6 *Where wēre* white, green, and blue hangings, fāstened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble : the beds *wēre* of gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black marble.

7 And they gave *them* drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being dī'verse one from ānōther,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the state of the king.

8 And the drinking *was* according to the law ; nōne did compel : for so the king

had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's plēāṣ'ure.

9 Also Vāsh'tī the queen made a feast for the women *in* the royal house which *belonged* to king Ā-hāṣ-ū-ē-rūs.

10 ¶ On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he cōmmān'ded Mē-hū'mān, Bīz'thā, Hār-bō'nā, Bīg'thā, and Ā-bāg'thā, Zē'thār, and Çār'çās, the seven chām'bér'lains that sērv'ed in the presence of Ā-hāṣ-ū-ē-rūs the king,

11 To bring Vāsh'tī the queen before the king, with the crown royal, to show the people and the princes her beauty : for she *was* fair to look on.

12 But the queen Vāsh'tī refused to come at the king's cōmmān'dment by his chām'bér'lains : thēre'fōre was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

13 Then the king said to the wise men, which knew the times, (for so *was* the king's manner tō'wārd's all that knew law and judgment ;

14 And the next unto him *was* Çār-shē'nā, Shē'thār, Ād'ma-thā, Tār'shīsh, Mē-res, Mār'se-nā, and Mē-mū'çau, the seven princes of Pēr'si-ā and Mē'di-ā, which saw the king's face, and which sat the first in the kingdom ;)

15 What shall we do unto the queen Vāsh'tī according to law, because she hath not pērform'ed the cōmmān'dment of the king Ā-hāṣ-ū-ē-rūs by the chām'bér'lains?

16 And Mē-mū'çau answered before the

* Ēs'tūr.

¹ mād'jes-te.

king and the princes, Vāsh'tī the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that *are* in all the provinces of the king Ā-hāš-ū-ē-rūs.

17 For *this* deed of the queen shall come ābroād unto all women, so that they shall *dēspise'* their hūš'bānds in their eyes, when it shall be reported, 'The king Ā-hāš-ū-ē-rūs cōmmān'ded Vāsh'tī the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not.

18 *Likewise* shall the ladies of Pēr'si-ā and Mē'di-ā say this day unto all the king's princes, which have hēard of the deed of the queen. Thus *shall there arise* too much contempt and wrāth.

19 If it please the king, let there go a royal cōmmān'dment from him, and let it be written āmōng the laws of the Pēr'si-āns and the Mēdes, that it be not altered, that Vāsh'tī come no more before king Ā-hāš-ū-ē-rūs; and let the king give her royal *ēstāte'* unto ānōther that is better than she.

20 And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their hūš'bānds hōn'our, both to great and small.

21 And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Mē-mū'čān:

22 For he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people āfter their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house; and that *it* should be published according to the language of every people.

CHAP. II.

AFTER these things, when the wrāth of king Ā-hāš-ū-ē-rūs was appeased, he remembered Vāsh'tī, and what she had done, and what was decreed āgainst her.

2 Then said the king's sērvents that ministered unto him, 'Let there be fair young vir'gins ¹ sought for the king:

3 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdōm, that they may gāther togēther all the fair young vir'gins unto Shū'shān the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of Hē'gē the king's chām'bérlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given *them*:

4 And let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vāsh'tī. And the thing pleased the king, and he did so.

5 ¶ *Now* in Shū'shān the palace there was a cēr'tain Jew, whose name was Mōr'de-čāi, the son of Jā'ir, the son of Shīm'e-i, the son of Kish, a Bēn'ja-mite,

6 Who had been carried āwāy from Jē-rū'sa-lēm with the captivity which had been carried āwāy with Jēç-ō-ni'āh king of

Jū'dāh, whom Nēb-ū-çhād-nēz'zār the king of Bāb'y-lōn had carried āwāy.

7 And he brought up Ha-dās'sāh (that is *Ēs'thér*) his uncle's dāughter; for she had nēither father nor mōther, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mōr'de-čāi, when her father and mōther wēre dead, took for his own dāughter.

8 So it came to pāss, when the king's cōmmān'dment and his decree was hēard, and when many maidens wēre gāthered togēther unto Shū'shān the palace, to the custody of Hē'g'a-i, that *Ēs'thér* was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Hē'g'a-i, keeper of the women.

9 And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, *which wēre* meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he prēferr'ed her and her maids unto the best *place* of the house of the women.

10 *Ēs'thér* had not showed her people nor her kindred: for Mōr'de-čāi had chargēd her that she should not show *it*.

11 And Mōr'de-čāi walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how *Ēs'thér* did, and what should become of her.

12 Now, when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ā-hāš-ū-ē-rūs, āfter that she had been twelve mōnths, according to the manner of the women, (for so wēre the days of their purifications accomplished, *to wit*, six mōnths with oil of myrrh, and six mōnths with sweet odours, and with *other* things for the purifying of the women,)

13 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.

14 In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shā-āsh-gāz the king's chām'bérlain, which kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she wēre called by name.

15 Now when the turn of *Ēs'thér*, the dāughter of Āb-i-hā'il the uncle of Mōr'de-čāi, who had taken her for his dāughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nōthing but what Hē'g'a-i the king's chām'bérlain, the keeper of the women, appointed: and *Ēs'thér* obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

16 So *Ēs'thér* was taken unto king Ā-hāš-ū-ē-rūs into his house royal in the tenth mōnth, which is the mōnth Tē'bēth, in the seventh year of his reign.

17 And the king loved *Ēs'thér* ābōve all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the vir-

¹ *vir'gins.*

² *mēr.*

gīng; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vāsh'ti.

18 Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his sērvants, *even* Ēs'thēr's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts according to the state of the king.

19 And when the vir'gīngs wēre gāthered togēther the second time, then Mōr'de-çāi sat in the king's gate.

20 Ēs'thēr had not yet showed her kindred nor her people, as Mōr'de-çāi had charged her: for Ēs'thēr did the cōmmānd'ment of Mōr'de-çāi, like as when she was brought up with him.

21 ¶ In those days, while Mōr'de-çāi sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chām'bērlains, Big'thān and Tē'rēsh, of those which kept the door, wēre wrōth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ā-hāš-ū-ē'rūs.

22 And the thing was known to Mōr'de-çāi, who told it unto Ēs'thēr the queen, and Ēs'thēr cēr'tified the king thereof in Mōr'de-çāi's name.

23 And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; thērefōre they wēre both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the Çhrōn'i-çles before the king.

CHAP. III.

AFTER these things did king Ā-hāš-ū-ē'rūs promote Hā'mān the son of Hām-mēd'a-thā the Ā'gāg-ite, and advanced him, and set his seat ābove all the princes that wēre with him.

2 And all the king's sērvants, that wēre in the king's gate, bōwed and revered Hā'mān: for the king had so cōmmānd'ed cōncēr'ning him: but Mōr'de-çāi bōwed not, nor did him reverence.

3 Then the king's sērvants, which wēre in the king's gate, said unto Mōr'de-çāi, Why transgresses thou the king's cōmmānd'ment?

4 Now it came to pāss, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Hā'mān, to see whether Mōr'de-çāi's matters would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew.

5 And when Hā'mān saw that Mōr'de-çāi bōwed not, nor did him reverence, then was Hā'mān full of wrāth.

6 And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mōr'de-çāi ālōne; for they had showed him the people of Mōr'de-çāi: wherefore Hā'mān sought to dēstrōy' all the Jews that wēre throughout the whole kingdom of Ā-hāš-ū-ē'rūs, *even* the people of Mōr'de-çāi.

7 In the first mōnth, (that is the mōnth Nī'sān,) in the twelfth year of king Ā-hāš-ū-ē'rūs, they cāst Pūr, that is, the lot, before Hā'mān, from day to day, and from mōnth to mōnth, to the twelfth mōnth, that is the mōnth Ā'dār.

8 And Hā'mān said unto king Ā-hāš-ū-ē'rūs, There is a cēr'tain people scattered ābroād and dispērs'ed āmōng the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws āre dī'vērse from all people, nēither keep they the king's laws, thērefōre it is not for the king's profit to suffer them.

9 If it please the king, let it be written that they may be dēstrōy'ed; 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 trēas'uries.

10 And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Hā'mān the son of Hām-mēd'a-thā the Ā'gāg-ite, the Jews' enemy.

11 And the king said unto Hā'mān, The silver is given to thee, the man also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee.

12 Then wēre the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first mōnth, and there was written according to all that Hā'mān had cōmmānd'ed, unto the king's licūtēn'ānts, and to the gōvērners that wēre over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province, according to the writing thereof, and to every people āfter their language; in the name of king Ā-hāš-ū-ē'rūs was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.

13 And the letters wēre sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to dēstrōy', 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 mōnth, which is the mōnth Ā'dār, and to take the spoil of them for a prey.

14 The copy of the writing, for a cōmmānd'ment to be given in every province, was published unto all people, that they should be ready āgainst' that day.

15 The posts went out, being hastened by the king's cōmmānd'ment; and the decree was given in Shū'shān the palace. And the king and Hā'mān sat down to drink; but the city Shū'shān was pērplēx'ed.

CHAP. IV.

WHEN Mōr'de-çāi pērçēived all that was done, Mōr'de-çāi 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 nōne might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.

3 And in every province, whithersoever the king's cōmmānd'ment and his decree came, there was great mourning āmōng the Jews, and fāst'ing, and weeping, and wailing: and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

4 So Es'ther's maids and her cham'bér-láins came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly griéved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mór'de-çái, and to take áway the sackcloth from him: but he received it not.

5 Then called Es'ther for Hã'tãch, one of the king's cham'bér-láins, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a cõmmãnd'ment to Mór'de-çái, to know what it was, and why it was.

6 So Hã'tãch went forth to Mór'de-çái unto the street of the city, which was before the king's gate:

7 And Mór'de-çái told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the mõncy that Hã'mãn had promised to pay to the king's treãsuries for the Jews, to destrõy' them:

8 Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shū'shãn to destrõy' them, to show it unto Es'ther, 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 Hã'tãch came and told Es'ther the words of Mór'de-çái;

10 Ágain' Es'ther spake unto Hã'tãch, and gave him cõmmãnd'ment unto Mór'de-çái;

11 All the king's sèrvants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, *there is* one law of his to put *him* to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden scèptre¹, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

12 And they told to Mór'de-çái Es'ther's words.

13 Then Mór'de-çái cõmmãnd'ed to answer Es'ther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escãpe' in the king's house more than all the Jews.

14 For if thou áltogèther holdest thy peace at this time, *then* shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from ánother place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destrõy'ed; and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?

15 Then Es'ther báde them return Mór'de-çái *this* answer;

16 Go, gáther togèther all the Jews that are present in Shū'shãn, and fást ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fást 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 Mór'de-çái went his way, and did

¹ sc'ptúr.

according to all that Es'ther had cõmmãnd'ed him.

CHAP. V.

NOW it came to páss on the thírd day that Es'ther put on *her* royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over ágainst' the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal thrõne in the royal house, over ágainst' the gate of the house.

2 And it was so, when the king saw Es'ther the queen standing in the court, *that* she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Es'ther the golden scèptre that was in his hand. So Es'ther drew near, and tõiuched the top of the scèptre.

3 Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Es'ther? and what *is* thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom.

4 And Es'ther answered, *If it seem* good unto the king, let the king and Hã'mãn come this day unto the bãn'quët² that I have prepared for him.

5 Then the king said, Cause Hã'mãn to make haste, that he may do as Es'ther bath said. So the king and Hã'mãn came to the bãnquet that Es'ther had prepared.

6 And the king said unto Es'ther at the bãnquet of wine, What *is* thy petition? and it shall be grãnted thee: and what *is* thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be pèrfõrm'ed.

7 Then answered Es'ther, and said, My petition and my request *is*;

8 If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grãnt my petition, and to pèrfõrm' my request, let the king and Hã'mãn come to the bãnquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to-morrow as the king hath said.

9 Then went Hã'mãn forth that day joyful and with a glad heàrt: but when Hã'mãn saw Mór'de-çái in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation ágainst' Mór'de-çái.

10 Nevertheless, Hã'mãn refrained himself: and when he came home, he sent and called for his friends, and Zè'rèsh his wife.

11 And Hã'mãn told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all *the things* wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him ábõve the princes and sèrvants of the king.

12 Hã'mãn said moreover, Yea, Es'ther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the bãnquet that she had prepared but myself; and to-morrow am I invited unto her also with the king.

13 Yet all this ávãileth me nóthing, so

² bãnk'kwët.

long as I see Môr'de-çai the Jew sitting at the king's gate.

14 Then said Zê'rêsh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to-morrow speak thou unto the king that Môr'de-çai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Hâ'mân; and he caused the gallows to be made.

CHAP. VI.

ON that night could not the king sleep; and he cômmand'ed to bring the book of rêc'ords of the Çhrôn'i-çes; and they wêre read before the king.

2 And it was found written, That Môr'de-çai had told of Big'tha-nâ and Tê'rêsh, two of the king's çâm'bêrlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king ã-hâç-û-ê'rûs.

3 And the king said, What hôn'our and dignity hath been done to Môr'de-çai for this? Then said the king's sêrvants that ministered unto him, There is nôthing done for him.

4 And the king said, Who is in the court? (Now Hâ'mân was come into the ôût'wârd court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Môr'de-çai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.)

5 And the king's sêrvants said unto him, Behold, Hâ'mân standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in.

6 So Hâ'mân came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to hôn'our? (Now Hâ'mân thought in his hêart, To whom would the king delight to do hôn'our more than to mysêlf?)

7 And Hâ'mân answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to hôn'our,

8 Let the royal apparel be brought which the king usêth 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 *withal* whom the king delighteth to hôn'our, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to hôn'our.

10 Then the king said to Hâ'mân, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Môr'de-çai the Jew that sitteth at the king's gate: let nôthing fail of all that thou hast spoken.

11 Then took Hâ'mân the apparel, and the horse, and arrayed Môr'de-çai, and brought him on horseback through the

street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to hôn'our.

12 And Môr'de-çai came âgain' to the king's gate: but Hâ'mân hastened to his house mourning, and having his head cöved.

13 And Hâ'mân told Zê'rêsh his wife and all his friends every *thing* that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zê'rêsh his wife unto him, If Môr'de-çai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail âgainst' him, but shalt surely fall before him.

14 And while they wêre yet talking with him, came the king's çâm'bêrlains, and hastened to bring Hâ'mân unto the banquet that Ës'thêr had prepared.

CHAP. VII.

SO the king and Hâ'mân came to banquet with Ës'thêr the queen.

2 And the king said âgain' unto Ës'thêr, on the second day, at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition, queen Ës'thêr? and it shall be granted thee: and what *is* thy request? and it shall be pêrforn'ed, *even* to the half of the kingdom.

3 Then Ës'thêr 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 âre sold, I and my people, to be dêstrôy'ed, to be slain, and to perish: but if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tóngue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage.

5 Then the king ã-hâç-û-ê'rûs answered and said unto Ës'thêr the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that durst prêçûme in his hêart to do so?

6 And Ës'thêr said, The âd'vêrsary and enemy *is* this wicked Hâ'mân. Then Hâ'mân was âfrâid before the king and the queen.

7 And the king, ârîçing from the banquet of wine in his wrâth, *went* into the palace-gârden: and Hâ'mân stood up to make request for his life to Ës'thêr the queen; for he saw that there was evil dêtêr'mined âgainst' him by the king.

8 Then the king returned out of the palace-gârden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Hâ'mân was fallen upon the bed whereon Ës'thêr 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 cöved Hâ'mân's face.

9 And Hâr-bô'nâh, one of the çâm'bêrlains, said before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Hâ'mân had made for Môr'de-çai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the

house of Hā'mān. Then the king said, Hang him thereon.

10 So they hanged Hā'mān on the gallows that he had prepared for Mōr'de-çai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

CHAP. VIII.

ON that day did the king Ā-hāš-ū-ē'rūs give the house of Hā'mān, the Jews' enemy, unto Ēs'théer the queen: and Mōr'de-çai came before the king; for Ēs'théer had told what he was unto her.

2 And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Hā'mān, and gave it unto Mōr'de-çai. And Ēs'théer set Mōr'de-çai over the house of Hā'mān.

3 And Ēs'théer spake yet again' before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Hā'mān the Ā'gāg-ite, and his device that he had devised against' the Jews.

4 Then the king held out the golden sceptre tō'wārd Ēs'théer. So Ēs'théer arose, and stood before the king,

5 And said, If it please the king, and if I have found favour in his sight, and the thing seem right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Hā'mān the son of Hām-méd'a-thā the Ā'gāg-ite, which he wrote to destrōy' the Jews which are in all the king's provinces:

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 Ā-hāš-ū-ē'rūs said unto Ēs'théer the queen, and to Mōr'de-çai the Jew, Behold, I have given Ēs'théer the house of Hā'mān, 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 wére the king's scribes called at that time in the third mōnth, that is, the mōnth Sī'vān, on the three and twentieth day thereof: and it was written, according to all that Mōr'de-çai cōmmānded, unto the Jews, and to the liētēn'ānts, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which are from Īn'di-ā unto Ē-thi-ō-pi-ā, a hundred 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 Ā-hāš-ū-ē'rūs' name, and sealed it with the king's ring; and sent letters by posts on horse-

back, and riders on mules, camels, and young drōm'edaries:

11 Wherein the king grānted the Jews which wére in every city to gather themselves togēther, and to stand for their life, to destrōy', to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey,

12 Upon one day, in all the provinces of king Ā-hāš-ū-ē'rūs, namely, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth mōnth, which is the mōnth Ā'dār.

13 The copy of the writing, for a cōmmāndment to be given in every province, was published unto all people, and that the Jews should be ready against' that day to āvēnge' themselves on their enemies.

14 So the posts that rode upon mules and camels went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's cōmmāndment. And the decree was given at Shū'shān the palace.

15 And Mōr'de-çai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a gārmēt of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shū'shān rejoiced and was glad.

16 The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and hōn'our.

17 And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's cōmmāndment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

CHAP. IX.

NOW in the twelfth mōnth, that is the mōnth Ā'dār, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's cōmmāndment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them,)

2 The Jews gathered themselves togēther in their cities, throughout all the provinces of the king Ā-hāš-ū-ē'rūs, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt; and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people.

3 And all the rulers of the provinces, and the liētēn'ānts, and the deputies, and officers of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mōr'de-çai fell upon them.

4 For Mōr'de-çai was great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mōr'de-çai waxed greater and greater.

5 Thus the Jews smote all their ene-

mies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them.

6 And in Shū'shān the palace the Jews slew and destrōy'ed five hundred men,

7 And Pār-shān'da-thā, and Dāl'phōn, and Āš'pa-thā,

8 And Pōr'a-thā, and Ād-a-lī'ā, and Ā-rid'a-thā,

9 And Pār-māsh'tā, and Ā-rīs'a-ī, and Ā-rid'a-ī, and Va-jēz'a-thā,

10 The ten sons of Hā'mān, the son of Hām-mēd'a-thā, the enemy of the Jews, slew they; but on the spoil laid they not their hand.

11 On that day the number of those that wēre slain in Shū'shān the palace was brought before the king.

12 And the king said unto Ēs'thēr the queen, The Jews have slain and destrōy'ed five hundred men in Shū'shān the palace, and the ten sons of Hā'mān; what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces! Now what *is* thy petition? and it shall be grānted thee; or what *is* thy request further? and it shall be done.

13 Then said Ēs'thēr, If it please the king, let it be grānted to the Jews which *are* in Shū'shān to do to-morrow also according unto this day's decree, and let Hā'mān's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows.

14 And the king cōmmānd'ed it so to be done; and the decree was given at Shū'shān; and they hanged Hā'mān's ten sons.

15 For the Jews that wēre in Shū'shān gāthered themselves togēther on the fourteenth day also of the month Ā'dār, and slew three hundred men at Shū'shān; but on the prey they laid not their hand.

16 But the other Jews that wēre in the king's provinces gāthered themselves togēther, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes seventy and five thousand (but they laid not their hands on the prey)

17 On the thirteenth day of the month Ā'dār: and on the fourteenth day of the same rested they, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

18 But the Jews that wēre at Shū'shān assembled togēther on the thirteenth day thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

19 Thēre'fōre the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Ā'dār a day of gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending pōrtions one to ānōther.

20 And Mōr'de-çāi wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that

wēre in all the provinces of the king Ā-hāš-ū-ē-rūs, both nigh and far,

21 To stablish *this* āmōng them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Ā'dār, and the fifteenth day of the same yearly,

22 As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day; that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending pōrtions one to ānōther, and gifts to the poor.

23 And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mōr'de-çāi had written unto them;

24 Because Hā'mān the son of Hām-mēd'a-thā the Ā'gāg-ite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised āgainst' the Jews to destrōy' them, and had cāst Pūr (that *is*, the lot) to consume them, and to destrōy' them:

25 But when Ēs'thēr came before the king, he cōmmānd'ed by letters, that his wicked device, which he devised āgainst' the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

26 Wherefore they called these days Pūr'im, āfter the name of Pūr: thēre'fōre, for all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen cōncērn'ing this matter, and which had come unto them,

27 The Jews ōrdāin'ed, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their appointed time, every year;

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 Pūr'im should not fail from āmōng the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed.

29 Then Ēs'thēr the queen, the dāughter of Āb-i-hā'il, and Mōr'de-çāi the Jew, wrote with all authority, to cōnfirm¹ this second letter of Pūr'im.

30 And he sent the letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ā-hāš-ū-ē-rūs, with words of peace and truth,

31 To cōnfirm' these days of Pūr'im in their times appointed, according as Mōr'de-çāi the Jew and Ēs'thēr the queen had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves, and for their seed, the matters of the fāst'ings and their cry.

32 And the decree of Ēs'thēr confirmed these matters of Pūr'im; and it was written in the book.

¹ kōn-fērm'.

CHAP. X.

AND the king Ā-hāṣ-ū-ē'rūs 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 Mōr'de-cāi, whereunto the king advanced him, are they not written

in the book of the Ch'rōn'i-cles of the kings of Mē'di-ā and Pēr'si-ā?

3 For Mōr'de-cāi the Jew was next unto king Ā-hāṣ-ū-ē'rūs, 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.

CHAPTER I.

THERE was a man in the land of Ūz, whose name was Jōb; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

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 she-āsses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the 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 Jōb sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt-offerings according to the number of them all: for Jōb said,¹ It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Jōb continually.

6 ¶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Sā'tān came also among them.

7 And the LORD said unto Sā'tān, Whence comest thou? Then Sā'tān answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

8 And the LORD said unto Sā'tān, Hast thou considered my servant Jōb, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

9 Then Sā'tān answered the LORD, and said, Dóth Jōb fear God for nought?

10 Hast thou not made a 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:

11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

12 And the LORD said unto Sā'tān, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine

hand. So Sā'tān went forth from the presence of the LORD.

13 ¶ And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

14 And there came a messenger unto Jōb, and said, The oxen were ploughing, and the asses feeding beside them;

15 And the Sa-be'āns fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

16 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burnt up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

17 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chāl-dē'āns made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

18 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

19 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

20 Then Jōb arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

22 In all this Jōb sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

CHAP. II.

AGAIN² there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Sā'tān came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

¹ sēd.

² ū-gēn'.

2 And the LORD said unto Sā'tān, From whence comest thou? And Sā'tān 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 Sā'tān, Hast thou considered my sērvant Jōb, that *there is none* like him in the earth, a pērfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fāst his integrity, although thou movedst me āgainst' him, to dēstrōy' him without cause.

4 And Sā'tān answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin; yēa, all that a man hath will he give for his life:

5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

6 And the LORD said unto Sā'tān, Behold, he *is* in thine hand; but save his life.

7 ¶ So went Sā'tān forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Jōb with sore boils, from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

8 And he took him a pōt'shērd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down āmōng the ashes.

9 Then said his wife unto him, Dōst thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die.

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 Jōb sin with his lips.

11 ¶ Now when Jōb's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Ēl'i-phāz the Tē'mān-ite, and Bil'dād the Shū'hite, and Zō'phār the Nā'ama-thīte: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him, and to cōm'fōrt him.

12 And when they lifted up their eyes āfār off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads tō'wārd heaven.

13 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and nōne spake a word unto him: for they saw that *his griēf* was very great.

CHAP. III.—

AFTER this opened Jōb his mouth, and cursed his day.

2 And Jōb 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 ābōve, nēither let the light shine upon it.

5 Let darkness and the shadow of death

stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.

6 *As for* that night, let darkness sēize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year; let it not come into the number of the mōnths.

7 Lo, let that night be solitary; let no joyful voice come therein.

8 Let them curse it that curse the day, who āre ready to raise up their mourning.

9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but *have none*; nēither let it see the dawning of the day:

10 Because it shut not up the doors of my *mōther's* womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.

11 Why died I not from the womb? why did I *not* give up the ghōst 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 Or as a hidden untimely birth¹ I had not been; as infants *which* never saw light.

17 There the wicked cease *from* trōub'ling; 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 āre there; and the sērvant *is* free from his māster.

20 Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter *in* soul;

21 Which long for death, but it *cometh* not; and dig for it more than for hid trēas'ures;

22 Which rejoice exceedingly, and āre glad when they can find the grave?

23 *Why is light given* to a man whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in?

24 For my sighing cometh before I eat, and my roarings āre poured out like the waters.

25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was āfrāid of is come unto me.

26 I was not in safety, nēither had I rest, nēither was I quiet; yet trōuble came.

CHAP. IV.

THEN Ēl'i-phāz the Tē'mān-ite, answered and said,

2 *If* we assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be griēved? but who can withhold himself from speaking?

3 Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands.

4 Thy words have upholden 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, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways?

7 Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous² cut off?

8 Even as I have seen, they that plough iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.

9 By the blāst of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed.

10 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken.

11 The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad.

12 Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof.

13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men,

14 Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake.

15 Then a spirit pass'ed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up:

16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes; there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying,

17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his Maker?

18 Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly:

19 How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth?

20 They are destrōy'ed from morning to evening: they perish for ever, without any regarding it.

21 Dóth not their excellency which is in them go awāy? they die, even without wisdom.

CHAP. V.

CALL now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou turn?

2 For wrāth killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one.

3 I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation.

4 His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither is there any to deliver them.

¹ rī'she-ūs.

5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and the robber swālloweth up their substance.

6 Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither dóth trouble spring out of the ground,

7 Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly up'ward.

8 I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause;

9 Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number:

10 Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields:

11 To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety.

12 He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise.

13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness; and the counsel of the frō'ward is carried headlong.

14 They meet with darkness in the day-time, and grope in the noon-day as in the night.

15 But he saveth the poor from the swōrd, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty.

16 So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth.

17 Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth; therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Āl-migh'ty.

18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up; he wōund'eth,² and his hands make whole.

19 He shall deliver thee in six troubles; yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

20 In famine he shall redeem thee from death; and in war from the power of the swōrd.

21 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tóngue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.

22 At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.

23 For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the fiēld; and the beasts of the fiēld shall be at peace with thee.

24 And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin.

25 Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great, and thine offspring as the grass of the earth.

26 Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season.

27 Lo this, we have searched it, so it is; hear it, and know thou it for thy good.

² rhyming with bóund, sóund, &c.

CHAP. VI.

BUT Jōb answered and said,
2 Oh that my grief wēre thoroughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances togēther!

3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea: thērē'fōre my words āre swallowed up.

4 For the arrows of the Āl-mīgh'ty āre within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array āgainst' me.

5 Dōth the wild āss bray when he hath grāss? or loweth the ox over his fodder?

6 Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? or is there any taste in the white of an egg?

7 The things that my soul refused to touch āre as my sorrowful meat.

8 Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grānt me the thing that I long for;

9 Even that it would please God to dēstrōy' me; that he would let lōdse his hand, and cut me off!

10 Then should I yet have cōm'fōrt; yēa, I would harden myself in sorrow: let him not spare; for I have not concealed the words of the Hōly One.

11 What is my strength, that I should hope? and what is mine end, that I should prolong my life?

12 Is my strength the strength of stones? or is my flesh of brāss?

13 Is not my help in me? and is wisdom driven quite from me?

14 To him that is afflicted pity should be showed from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Āl-mīgh'ty.

15 My brēthren have dealt decēitfully as a brook, and as the stream of brooks they pāss āwāy;

16 Which āre blackish by reason of the ice, and wherein the snow is hid:

17 What time they wax warm they vanish: when it is hot, they āre consumed out of their place.

18 The pāths of their way āre turned āside; they go to nōthing, and perish.

19 The troops of Tēmā looked, the cōmpānies of Shēbā waited for them.

20 They wēre confounded because they had hoped; they came thither, and wēre āshāmed.

21 For now ye āre nōthing; ye see my cās'ting down, and āre āfrāid.

22 Did I say, Bring unto me? or, Give a reward for me of your substance?

23 Or, Deliver me from the enemies' hand? or, Redeem me from the hand of the mighty?

24 Teach me, and I will hold my tōngue; and cause me to understand wherein I have ērred.

25 How forcible āre right words! but what dōth your arguing reprove?

26 Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, which āre as wind?

27 Yēa, ye overwhelm the fatherless, and ye dig a pit for your friend.

28 Now, thērē'fōre, be content; look upon me: for it is evident unto you if I lie.

29 Return, I pray you, let it not be in iniquity; yēa, return āgain', my righteous ness is in it.

30 Is there iniquity in my tōngue? cannot my taste dīſcern' pērvēse' things?

CHAP. VII.

IS there not an appointed time to man upon ēarth? āre not his days also like the days of a hireling?

2 As a sērvant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as a hireling looketh for the reward of his work;

3 So am I made to pōssēs' mōnths of vanity, and wearisome nights āre appointed to me.

4 When I lie down, I say, When shall I ārise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.

5 My flesh is clothed with wōrms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome.

6 My days āre swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and āre spent without hope.

7 O remember that my life is wind: mine eye shall no more see good.

8 The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no more: thine eyes āre upon me, and I am not.

9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth āwāy; so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more.

10 He shall return no more to his house, nēither shall his place know him any more.

11 Thērē'fōre I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

12 Am I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a wātch over me?

13 When I say, My bed shall cōm'fōrt me, my couch shall ease my complaint;

14 Then thou scārest me with dreams, and terriest me through visions:

15 So that my soul chōdōgeth strangling, and death rather than my life.

16 I loathe it: I would not live alway: let me ālōne; for my days āre vanity.

17 What is man that thou shouldst magnify him? and that thou shouldst set thine hēart upon him?

18 And that thou shouldst visit him every morning, and try him every moment?

19 How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me ālōne till I swallow down my spittle?

20 I have sinned ; what shall I do unto thee, O thou Prēšērv'er of men ? why hast thou set me as a mark āgainst' thee, so that I am a burden to mysēlf ?

21 And why dōst thou not pardon my transgression, and take āwāy mine iniquity ? for now shall I sleep in the dust ; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.

CHAP. VIII.

THEN ānswēred Bi'dād the Shū'hite, and said,

2 How long wilt thou speak these things ? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind ?

3 Dóth God pērvērt' judgment ? or Jóth the Āl-migh'ty pērvērt' justice ?

4 If thy children have sinned āgainst' him, and he have cāst them āwāy for their transgression ;

5 If thou wouldst seek unto God be-times, and make thy supplication to the Āl-migh'ty ;

6 If thou wērt pure and upright ; surely now he would āwāke for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.

7 Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.

8 For inquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the sēarch of their fathers :

9 (For we āre but of yēs'tērdāy, and know nōthing, because our days upon ēarth āre a shadow :)

10 Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and utter words out of their hēart ?

11 Can the rush grow up without mire ? can the flag grow without water ?

12 Whilst it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it withereth before any other hērb.

13 So āre the pāths of all that forget God ; and the h̄yp'ocrite's hope shall perish :

14 Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web.

15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand : he shall hold it fāst, but it shall not endure.

16 He is green before the sun, and his brānch shooteth forth in his gārdēn.

17 His roots āre wrāppēd ābout' the heap, and seeth the place of stones.

18 If he dēstrōy' him from his place, then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen thee.

19 Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the ēarth shall others grow.

20 Behold, God will not cāst āwāy a pērfect man, nēither will he help the evil-doers ;

21 'Till he fill thy mouth with laugh-ing, and thy lips with rejoicing.

22 They that hate thee shall be clothed

with shame ; and the dwelling-place of the wicked shall come to nought.

CHAP. IX.

THEN Jōb ānswēred and said, 2 I know it is so of a truth : but how should man be just with God ?

3 If he will contend with him, he cannot ānswēr him one of a thousand.

4 He is wise in hēart, and mighty in strength : who hath hardened himself āgainst' him, and hath prospered ?

5 Which removeth the mōūn'tains, and they know not ; which overturneth them in his anger ;

6 Which shaketh the ēarth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble ;

7 Which cōmmāndeth the sun, and it riseth not, and sealeth up the stars ;

8 Which ālōne spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea ;

9 Which maketh Ārç-tūrūs, Ō-rī'ōn, and Plēi'a-dēs,¹ and the chāmbērs of the south ;

10 Which doeth great things pāst finding out, yēa, and wōndērs without number.

11 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not ; he pāsseth on also, but I percēive him not.

12 Behold, he taketh āwāy, who can hinder him ? who will say 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 ānswēr him, and chōōse out my words to reason with him ?

15 Whom, though I wēre rīgh'teous, yet would I not ānswēr, but I would make supplication to my Jūdge.

16 If I had called, and he had ānswēred me : yet would I not beliēve that he had hearkened unto my voice.

17 For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wōūnds without cause.

18 He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness.

19 If I speak of strength, lo, he is strong : and if of judgment, who shall set me a time to plead ?

20 If I justify mysēlf, mine own mouth shall condemn me : if I say, I am pērfect, it shall also prove me pērvērsē'.

21 Though I wēre pērfect, yet would I not know my soul : I would dēspīse' my life.

22 This is one thing, thērē'fōre I said it, He dēstrōy'eth the pērfect and the wicked.

23 If the scōūrgē slay suddenly, he will laūgh at the trial of the innocent.

24 The ēarth is given into the hand of the wicked : he cōvereth the faces of the judges thereof ; if not, where, and who is he ?

¹ Plē'ya-dēs.

25 Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good.

26 They are passed away as the swift ships; as the eagle that hasteth to the prey.

27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort myself;

28 I am afraid of all my sorrows, 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 so clean;

31 Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me.

32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment.

33 Neither is there any days-man 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 speak, and not fear him: but it is not so with me.

CHAP. X.

MY 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 say unto God, Do not condemn me; show me wherefore thou contendest with me.

3 Is it good unto thee that thou shouldst oppress, that thou shouldst despise the work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?

4 Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth?

5 Are thy days as the days of man? are thy years as man's days,

6 That thou inquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin?

7 Thou knowest 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 Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese?

11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews.

12 Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

13 And these things hast thou hid in thine heart: I know that this is with thee.

14 If I sin, then thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.

15 If I be wicked, wo unto me; and if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head. I am full of confusion; therefore see thou mine affliction;

16 For it increaseth. Thou huntest me as a fierce lion; and again thou showest thyself marvellous upon me.

17 Thou renewest thy witnesses against me, and increasest thine indignation upon me; changes and war are against me.

18 Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen 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, and let me alone, that I may take comfort a little,

21 Before I go whence I shall not return, even to the land of darkness and the shadow of death;

22 A land of darkness, as darkness itself: and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness.

CHAP. XI.

THEN answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

2 Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified?

3 Should thy lies make men hold their peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed?

4 For thou hast said, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in thine eyes.

5 But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee;

6 And that he would show thee the secrets of wisdom, that they are double to that which is! Know, therefore, that God exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth.

7 Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

8 It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know?

9 The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

10 If he cut off, and shut up, or gather together, then who can hinder him?

11 For he knoweth vain men: he seeth wickedness also: will he not then consider it?

12 For vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt.

13 If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him;

14 If iniquity be in thine hand, put it.

far āwāy, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles.

15 For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yēa, thou shalt be stēadfast, and shalt not fear:

16 Because thou shalt forget *thy* misery, and remember *it* as waters that pāss āwāy:

17 And *thine* age shall be clearer than the noon-day; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.

18 And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yēa, thou shalt dig *ābout* *thee*, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety.

19 Also thou shalt lie down, and nōne shall make *thee* āfrāid; yēa, many shall make suit unto thee.

20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not ēscāpe, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghōst.

CHAP. XII.

AND Jōb ānswered and said, 2 No doubt but ye *āre* the people, and wisdom shall die with you.

3 But I have understanding as well as you; I *am* not inferiour to you: yēa, who knoweth not such things as these?

4 I *am* as one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, and he ānswereth him: the just upright *man* is laughed to scorn.

5 He that is ready to slip with *his* feet is as a lamp dēspīsed in the thought of him that is at ease.

6 The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God *āre* secure; into whose hand God bringeth *abundantly*.

7 But āsk now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:

8 Or speak to the ēarth, and it shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.

9 Who knoweth not in all these, that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?

10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mākīnd?¹

11 Dōth not the ear try words? and the mouth taste his meat?

12 With the āncient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding.

13 With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding.

14 Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built āgain; he shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening.

15 Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up; also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the ēarth.

16 With him is strength and wisdom: the dēcīved and the dēcēiver *āre* his.

17 He leadeth counsellors āwāy spoiled, and maketh the judges fools.

¹ mākīnd',

² gērd'eth

18 He lōdseth the bond of kings, and girdeth² their loins with a gir'dle.³

19 He leadeth princes āwāy spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty.

20 He removeth āwāy the speech of the trusty, and taketh āwāy the understanding of the aged.

21 He poureth contempt upon princes, and weakeneth the strength of the mighty.

22 He dīscōvereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death.

23 He increaseth the nations, and dēstrōy'eth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them āgain'.

24 He taketh āwāy the heart of the chief of the people of the ēarth, and causeth them to wānder in a wilderness *where there is* no way.

25 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man.

CHAP. XIII.

LO, mine eye hath seen all *this*, mine ear hath heard and understood it.

2 What ye know, *the same* do I know also: I *am* not inferiour unto you.

3 Surely I would speak to the Āl-mīgh'ty, and I desire to reason with God.

4 But ye *āre* fōrgers of lies, ye *āre* all physicians of no value.

5 O that you would āltogēther hold your peace! and it should be your wisdom.

6 Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips.

7 Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk dēcēitfully for him?

8 Will ye accept his pērsōn? will ye contend for God?

9 Is it good that he should sēarch you out? or, as one man mocketh ānōther, do ye *so* mock him?

10 He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept pērsōns.

11 Shall not his excellency make you āfrāid? and his dread fall upon you?

12 Your remembrances *āre* like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.

13 Hold your peace, let me ālōne, 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 maintāin⁴ mine own ways before him.

16 He also *shall* be my salvation: for a hŷp'ōcrite shall not come before him.

17 Hear diligently my speech and my declaration with your ears.

18 Behold now, I have ordered *my* cause; I know that I shall be justified.

19 Who *is* he *that* will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tōngue, I shall *gīve* up the ghōst.

³ gērd'l.

⁴ mēn-tāne'.

20 Only do not two *things* unto me ; then will I not hide myself from thee.

21 Withdraw thine hand far from me ; and let not thy dread make me afraid :

22 Then call thou, and I will answer ; or let me speak, and answer thou me.

23 How many *are* my iniquities and sins ? make me to know my transgression and my sin.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy ?

25 Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro ? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble ?

26 For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess' the iniquities of my youth.

27 Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths ; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet.

28 And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth-eaten.

CHAP. XIV.

MAN *that is* born of a woman *is* of 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 dost thou open thine eyes upon such a 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 a 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 ;

9 Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

10 But man dieth, and wasteth away ; yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where *is* he ?

11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up ;

12 So man lieth down, and riseth not : till the heavens *be* no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

13 Oh that thou wouldst hide me in the grave, that thou wouldst keep me secret until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldst appoint me a set time, and remember me !

14 If a man die, shall he live again' ? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

15 Thou shalt call ; and I will answer

thee thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

16 For now thou numberest my steps ; dost thou not watch over my sin ?

17 My transgression *is* sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity.

18 And surely the mountain falling cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place.

19 The waters wear the stones : thou wāshest away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth ; and thou destrōyest the hope of man.

20 Thou prevailtest for ever against him ; and he passeth : thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.

21 His sons come to honour, and he knoweth *it* not ; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth *it* not of them.

22 But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

CHAP. XV.

THEN answered Ēl'i-phāz the Tē'mānite, and said,

2 Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind ?

3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk ? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good ?

4 Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God.

5 For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou chōdest the tongue of the crafty.

6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I ; yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

7 Art thou the first man *that* was born ? or wast thou made before the hills ?

8 Hast thou heard the secret of God ? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself ?

9 What knowest thou, that we know not ? *what* understandest thou, which *is* not in us ?

10 With us *are* both the gray-headed and very aged men, much elder than thy father.

11 *Are* the consolations of God small with thee ? *is* there any secret thing with thee ?

12 Why doth thine heart carry thee away ? and what do thine eyes wink at,

13 That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest *such* 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 saints ; yea, the heavens *are* not clean in his sight :

16 How much more abominable and filthy *is* man, which drinketh iniquity like water ?

17 I will show thee, hear me ; and that *which* I have seen I will declare ;

18 Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hid it :

19 Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them.

20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all his days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.

21 A dreadful sound 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 his neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers;

27 Because he covereth his face with his fatness, and maketh collops of fat on his 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: the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.

31 Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity; for vanity shall be his recompense.

32 It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green.

33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive.

34 For the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.

35 They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

CHAP. XVI.

THEN Jôb answered and said,

2 I have heard many such things: miserable comforters are ye all.

3 Shall vain words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest?

4 I also could speak as ye do: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you.

5 But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage your grief.

6 Though I speak, my grief is not assuaged; and though I forbear, what am I eased?

7 But now he hath made me weary: thou hast made desolate all my company.

8 And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, which is a witness against me: and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face.

9 He teareth me in his wrath who hateth me: he gnasheth upon me with his teeth; mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me.

10 They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me.

11 God hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked.

12 I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder: he hath also taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark.

13 His archers compass me round about; he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground.

14 He breaketh me with breach upon breach; he runneth upon me like a giant.

15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and defiled my horn in the dust.

16 My face is foul with weeping, and on mine 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 Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high.

20 My friends scorn me; but mine eye poureth out tears unto God.

21 Oh that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbour!

22 When a few years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return.

CHAP. XVII.

MY breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are ready for me.

2 Are there not 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 by-word of the people, and aforetime 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 astonished¹ at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against' the hyp'ocrite.

9 The righ'teous² 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.

11 My days *are* past, my purposes *are* broken off, *even* the thoughts of my heart.

12 They change the night into day: the light *is* short because of darkness.

13 If I wait, the grave *is* mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness.

14 I have said to corruption, Thou *art* my father: to the worm, Thou *art* my mother and my sister.

15 And where *is* now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?

16 They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when *our* rest together *is* in the dust.

CHAP. XVIII.

THEN answered Bil'dād the Shū'hīte, and said,

2 How long *will it be ere*³ you make an end of words? mark, and *afterwards* we will speak.

3 Wherefore *are* we counted as beasts, and reputed vile in your sight?

4 He teareth himself in his anger: shall the earth be forsaken for thee? and shall the rock be removed out of his place?

5 Yēa, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.

6 The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out with him.

7 The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down.

8 For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare.

9 The gin shall take *him* by the heel, and the robber shall prevail against' him.

10 The snare *is* laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way.

11 Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall drive him to his feet.

12 His strength shall be hunger-bitten, and destruction *shall be* ready at his side.

13 It shall devour the strength of his skin: *even* the first-born of death shall devour his strength.

14 His confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle; and it shall bring him to the king of terrors.

15 It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because *it is* none of his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.

16 His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off.

17 His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.

18 He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world.

19 He shall neither have son nor nephew⁴ among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings.

20 They that come after *him* shall be astonished at his day, as they that went before were affrighted.

21 Surely such *are* the dwellings of the wicked, and this *is* the place of *him* that knoweth not God.

CHAP. XIX.

THEN Jōb 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: you *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 am not heard: I cry aloud, but *there is* no judgment.

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 entreated him with my mouth.

17 My breath *is* strange to my wife, though I entreated for the children's sake of mine own body.

18 Yēa, young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against' me.

19 All my inward friends abhorred

¹ or astonished.

² rī'she-ūs.

³ are.

⁴ nēv'vū.

The state and portion of the wicked.

me: and they whom I loved are turned against me.

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 O 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 Rē-dēem'ér 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; though my reins be consumed within me.

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.

CHAP. XX.

THEN answered Zō'phār the Nā'a-mā-thīte, and said,

2 Thērefōre do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for this I make haste.

3 I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my understanding causeth 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 hÿp'ocrite 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 hide it under his tongue;

13 Though he spare it, and forsake it not, but keep it still within his mouth;

14 Yet his meat in his bowels is turned, it is the gall of āsps within him.

JOB. Job showeth he hath reason to be grieved.

15 He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly.

16 He shall suck the poison of āsps: the viper's tongue shall slay him.

17 He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of hōney 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 hath forsaken the poor; because he hath violently taken away a house which he builded not;

20 Surely he shall not feel quietness in his belly, he shall not save 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 in straits: 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: terrors are upon him.

26 All darkness 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. XXI.

BUT Jōb answered and said,

2 Hear diligently my speech; and let this be your consolations.

3 Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on.

4 As for me, is my complaint to man? and if it were so, why should not my spirit be troubled?

5 Mark me, and be astonished, and lay your hand upon your mouth.

6 Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on my flesh.

7 Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power?

8 Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes.

9 Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them.

10 Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow cālveth, and cāsteth not her cālf.

11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dānce.

12 They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ.

13 They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave.

14 Thēre'fore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

15 What *is* the Āl-mīgh'ty, that we should sērve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?

16 Lo, their good *is* not in their hand: the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

17 How oft is the candle of the wicked put out? and *how oft* cometh their destruction upon them? God distributeth sorrows in his anger.

18 They āre as stubble before the wind, and as chāff that the storm carrieth āwāy.

19 God layeth up his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know *it*.

20 His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrāth of the Āl-mīgh'ty.

21 For what pleās'ure *hath* he in his house āfter him, when the number of his mōnths is cut off in the midst?

22 Shall *any* teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that āre high.

23 One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet:

24 His breasts āre full of milk, and his bones āre moistened with marrow.

25 And ānōther dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleās'ure.

26 They shall lie down ālike in the dust, and the wōrms shall cōver them.

27 Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices *which* ye wrongfully imagine āgainst' me.

28 For ye say, Where *is* the house of the prince? and where āre the dwelling-places of the wicked?

29 Have ye not āsked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens,

30 That the wicked is resērvēd to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrāth.

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 āfter him, as *there āre* innumerable before him.

34 How then cōm'fōrt ye me in vain,

seeing in your ānswers there remaineth falsehood?

CHAP. XXII.

THEN Ēl'i-phāz the Tē'mān-ite ānswered and said,

2 Can a man be profitable unto God, as that *is* wise may be profitable unto himself?

3 *Is it* any pleās'ure to the Āl-mīgh'ty that thou art rīgh'teous? or *is it* gain to him that thou makest thy ways pērfect?

4 Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee into judgment?

5 *Is* not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite?

6 For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brōther 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 ēārth; and the hōnourable man dwelt in it.

9 Thou hast sent widows āwāy empty; and the arms of the fatherless have been broken:

10 Thēre'fore snares āre round ābout' thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee;

11 Or darkness, *that* thou canst not see; and abundance of waters cōver thee.

12 *Is* not God in the hēight of heaven? and, behold, the hēight of the stars, how high they āre!

13 And thou sayest, How dóth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud?

14 Thick clouds āre a cōv'ering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the cir'cuit ¹ of heaven.

15 Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden;

16 Which wēre cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood;

17 Which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Āl-mīgh'ty do for them?

18 Yet he filled their houses with good *things*: but the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

19 The righteous see *it*, and āre glad; and the innocent lāugh them to scorn.

20 Whereas our substance is not cut down: but the remnant of them the fire consumeth.

21 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

22 Recēive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine hēart.

23 If thou return to the Āl-mīgh'ty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put āwāy iniquity far from thy tabernacles.

24 Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ō'phīr as the stones of the brooks.

25 Yēa, the Āl-mīgh'ty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver.

26 For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Āl-mīgh'ty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God.

27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.

28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be estāb'lished unto thee; and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

29 When *men* are cāst down, then thou shalt say, *There is* lifting up; and he shall save the hūmble pērsōn.

30 He shall deliver the island of the innocent; and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.

CHAP. XXIII.

THEN Jōb ānswered 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* cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

5 I would know the words *which* he would ānswer me, and understand what he would say unto me.

6 Will he plead āgainst' me with *his* great power? no; but he would put *strength* in me.

7 There the right'eous¹ might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge.

8 Behold, I go fōr'wārd, but he *is* not *there*; and backward, but I cannot pērcēve him:

9 On the left hand, where he dōth work, but I cannot behold *him*: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see *him*:

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 Nēither have I gone back from the cōmmānd'ment of his lips; 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* his soul desireth, even *that* he doeth.

14 For he pērfōrm'eth *the thing* that is appointed for me: and many such *things* āre with him.

15 Thērē'fore am I trōubled at his presence; when I consider, I am āfrāid of him.

16 For God maketh my hēart soft, and the Āl-mīgh'ty trōubleth me:

17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, *nēither* hath he cōvered the darkness from my face.

CHAP. XXIV.

WH^Y, seeing times āre not hidden from the Āl-mīgh'ty, do they that know him not see his days?

2 *Some* remove the land-marks; they violently take āwāy flocks, and feed *thereof*;

3 They drive āwāy the āss 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 ēarth hide themselves gēther.

5 Behold, *as* wild āsses in the dēs'ērt, go they forth to their work, rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness *yūildeth* food for them *and* for *their* children.

6 They reap *every one* his corn in the fiēld, and they gāther the vin'tage² of the wicked;

7 They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that *they* have no cōv'ering in the cold;

8 They āre wet with the showers of the mōūn'tains, and embrace the rock for wānt of a shelter;

9 They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor;

10 They cause *him* to go naked without clothing, and they take āwāy the sheaf *from* the hungry;

11 *Which* make oil within their walls, and tread *their* wine-presses, and suffer thirst.

12 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wōunded crieth out; yet God layeth not folly *to them*.

13 They āre of those that rebel āgainst the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor ābide in the pāths thereof.

14 The murderer, rising with the light, killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thiēf.

15 The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me; and dīsguīseth *his* face.

16 In the dark they dig through houses, *which* they had marked for themselves in the day-time: they know not the light.

17 For the morning *is* to them even as the shadow of death: if *one* know *them*, *they* āre in the terrors of the shadow of death.

18 He *is* swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the ēarth: he beholdeth not the way of the vine'yards.

19 Drōught³ and heat consume the snow-waters; *so* dōth the grave *those* *which* have sinned.

20 The womb shall forget him; the wōrm shall feed sweetly on him: he shall

¹ rī'tshe-ūs.

² vīn'tidje.

³ drōwt.

be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.

21 He evil entreateth the barren *that* beareth not, and doeth not good to the widow.

22 He draweth also 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, whereon he resteth; yet his eyes *are* upon their ways.

24 They *are* exalted for a little while, but *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 make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

CHAP. XXV.

THEN answered Bil'dād the Shū'hīte, 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; yēa, the stars *are* not pure in his sight:

6 How much less man, *that is* a worm, and the son of man, *which is* a worm?

CHAP. XXVI.

BUT Jōb 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* hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is?

4 To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose 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 cōv'ering.

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 cōm'passed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.

11 The pillars of heaven tremble, and *are* astonished at his reproof.

12 He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud.

13 By his Spir'it he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked sērpent.

14 Lo, these *are* parts of his ways; but how little a pōrtion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

CHAP. XXVII.

MOREOVER, Jōb continued his parable, and said,

2 *As* God liveth, *who* hath taken *āwāy* my judgment; and the *Āl-mīgh'ty, who* hath vexed my soul;

3 All the while my breath *is* in me, and the spirit of God *is* in my nostrils,

4 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tōngue utter deceit.

5 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove my integrity from me.

6 My righteousness I hold fāst, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach *me* so long as I live.

7 Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up *āgainst'* me as the unrighteous.

8 For what *is* the hope of the hŷp'ocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh *āwāy* his soul?

9 Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?

10 Will he delight himself in the *Āl-mīgh'ty?* will he always call upon God?

11 I will teach you by the hand of God: *that which is* with the *Āl-mīgh'ty* will I not conceal.

12 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen *it*; why then *are* ye thus *āltogēther* vain?

13 This *is* the pōrtion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, *which* they shall receive of the *Āl-mīgh'ty*.

14 If his children be multiplied, *it is* for the swōrd; and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.

15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death; and his widows shall not weep.

16 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay;

17 He may prepare *it*, but the just shall put *it* on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.

18 He buildeth his house as a mōth, and as a bōth *that* the keeper maketh.

19 The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he *is* not.

20 Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him *āwāy* in the night.

21 The east wind carrieth him *āwāy* and he departeth; and, as a storm, hurl-eth him out of his place.

22 For God shall cāst upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand.

23 *Men* shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

CHAP. XXVIII.

SURELY there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold *where they fine 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 for men.*

5 *As for the earth, out of it cometh bread; and under it is turned up as it were fire.*

6 The stones of it are the place of sapphires;¹ and it hath dust 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 rock; 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 bringeth 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 saith, *It is not in me:* and the sea saith, *It is not with me.*

15 It cannot be gotten for 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 of 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 *When 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 the air.

22 Destruction and death say, 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 seeth under the whole heaven;

25 To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth 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.

MOREOVER, Job continued his parable, and said,

2 Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me;

3 When his candle shined upon my head, 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 talking, and laid their hand on their mouth.

10 The nobles held their peace, and their tongue 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 witness to me:

12 Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him.

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 bow 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

¹ säffirz.

āgain'; 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 cāst not down.

25 I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that cōm'fōrteth the mourners.

CHAP. XXX.

BUT now they that are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdāined to have set with the dogs of my flock.

2 Yēa, whereto might the strength of their hands profit me, in whom old age was perished?

3 For wānt and famine they wēre solitary; fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste:

4 Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper-roots for their meat.

5 They wēre driven forth from among men, (they cried āfter them as āfter a thief,)

6 To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, in caves of the earth, and in the rocks.

7 Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they wēre gathered together.

8 They wēre children of fools, yēa, children of base men; they wēre viler than the earth.

9 And now am I their song; yēa, I am their by-word.

10 They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face.

11 Because he hath lōdōed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let lōdōe the bridle before me.

12 Upon my right hand rise the youth; they push āway my feet, and they raise up āgainst me the ways of their destruction.

13 They mar my pāth, they set fōr-wārd 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.

15 Terrors are turned upon me: they pursue my soul as the wind; and my welfare pāsseth āway 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 piērced in me in the night-season; and my sinews take no rest.

18 By the great force of my disease is my gārmēt chānged: it hindeth me ābout' as the collar of my coat.

19 He hath cāst me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes.

20 I cry unto thee, and thou dōst not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me not.

21 Thou art become cruel to me: with thy strong hand thou opposest thyself āgainst 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 griēved for the poor?

26 When I looked for good, then evil came unto 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 sun: I stood up, and I cried in the congregation.

29 I am a brōther to dragons, and a companion to owls.

30 My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burnt 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 cōvenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

2 For what pōrtion of God is there from ābōve? and what inheritance of the Almighty from on high?

3 Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strānge punishment to the workers of iniquity?

4 Dōth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?

5 If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hasted to decēit;

6 Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.

7 If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked āfter mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to my hands;

8 Then let me sow, and let ānōther eat; yēa, let my offspring be rooted out.

9 If mine heart have been decēived by a woman; or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door;

10 Then let my wife grind unto ānōther, and let others bōw down upon her.

11 For this is a heinous crime; yēa, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges.

12 For it is a fire that consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.

13 If I did despise' the cause of my man sērvant, or of my maid-sērvant, when they contended with me;

14 What then shall I do when God riseth up? and, when he visiteth, what shall I ānswer him?

15 Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?

16 If I have withheld the poor from *their* desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;

17 Or have eaten my môrsel¹ myself âlone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof;

18 (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as *with* a father, and I have guided her from my môther's womb;)

19. If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without còv'ering;

20 If his loins have not blèss'ed me, and if he wêre *not* wârmèd with the fleece of my sheep;

21 If I have lifted up my hand âgainst' the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate;

22 *Then* let mine arm fall from my shoulder-blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone.

23 For destruction from God *was* a terror to me, and by reason of his highness I could not endure.

24 If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, *Thou art* my confidence;

25 If I rejoiced because my wealth *was* great, and because mine hand had gotten much;

26 If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking *in* brightness,

27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand:

28 This also *wêre* an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should have denied the God *that is* âbôve.

29 If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him;

30 (Nêither have I suffered my mouth to sin, by wishing a curse to his soul;)

31 If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied.

32 (The strânger did not lodge in the street; *but* I opened my doors to the traveller;)

33 If I còvered my transgressions as Âd'âm, by hiding mine iniquity in my bò'sôm;

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 Oh that one would hear me! behold, my desire *is* that the Âl-mîgh'ty would ânswer me, and *that* mine âd'vèrsary had wri'tten a book:

36 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, *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 unto him.)

38 If my land cry âgainst' me, or that the furrows likewise thereof complain;

39 If I have eaten the fruits thereof without mòney, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life;

40 Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of bårley. The words of Jôb are ended.

CHAP. XXXII.

SO these three men ceased to ânswer Jôb, because he *was* rîgh'teous² in his own eyes.

2 Then was kindled the wra'th of Ē-lî'hû, the son of Bâr'a-çhêl the Bûz'ite, of the kindred of Râm; âgainst' Jôb was his wra'th kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.

3 Also âgainst' his three friends was his wra'th kindled, because they had found no ânswer, and *yet* had condemned Jôb.

4 Now Ē-lî'hû had waited till Jôb had spoken, because they *wêre* elder than he.

5 When Ē-lî'hû saw that *there was* no ânswer in the mouth of *these* three men, then his wra'th was kindled.

6 And Ē-lî'hû, the son of Bâr'a-çhêl the Bûz'ite, ânswered and said, I *am* young, and ye *are* very old; wherefore I was âfrâid, and durst not show you mine opinion.

7 I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.

8 But *there is* a spirit in man; and the inspiration of the Âl-mîgh'ty giveth them understanding.

9 Great men *are* not *always* wise; nêither do the aged understand judgment.

10 Thêrê'fore I said, Hearken to me; I also will show mine opinion.

11 Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye sêarched out what to say.

12 Yêa, I attended unto you; and, behold, *there was* nône of you that convinced Jôb, or that ânswered his words:

13 Lést ye should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusteth him down, not man.

14 Now, he hath not dirêcted *his* words âgainst' me; nêither will I ânswer him with your speeches.

15 They *wêre* âmâzed; they ânswered no more; they left off speaking.

16 When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, *and* ânswered no more,)

17 *I said*, I will ânswer also my part; I also will show mine opinion.

18 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 I may be reîfresh-ed: I will open my lips, and ânswer.

¹ môr'sîl.² rî'she-ûs.

21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person; neither let me give flattering titles unto man.

22 For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my Māk'er would soon take me āwāy.

CHAP. XXXIII.

WHEREFORE, Jōb, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words.

2 Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tōngue hath spoken in my mouth.

3 My words shall be of the uprightnes of my heart; and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.

4 The Spir'it of God hath made me, and the breath of the Āl-migh'ty 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 wish in God's stead; I also am formed out of the clay.

7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee āfrāid, 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 clean without transgression, I am innocent; neither is there iniquity in me.

10 Behold, he findeth occasions 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 sealeth 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 inter'preter, one among a thousand, to show unto man his uprightnes;

24 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit; I have found a ransom.

25 His flesh shall be fresher 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 see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

27 He looketh upon men; and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not;

28 He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

29 Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man,

30 To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

31 Mark well, O Jōb; hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will speak.

32 If thou hast any thing to say, answer me: speak; for I desire to justify thee.

33 If not, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.

CHAP. XXXIV.

FURTHERMORE, Ē-lī'hū 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 chōōse to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is good.

5 For Jōb 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 Jōb, who drinketh up scorning like water;

8 Which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men?

9 For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.

10 Therē'fore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: Far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Āl-migh'ty, 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 Āl-migh'ty pervert judgment.

13 Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed the whole world?

14 If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;

15 All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

16 If now thou hast understanding, hear this; hearken to the voice of my words:

17 Shall even he that hateth right govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just?

18 Is it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked? and to princes, Ye are ungodly?

19 How much less to him that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands.

20 In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand.

21 For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.

22 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

23 For he will not lay upon man more than right, that he should enter into judgment with God.

24 He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead.

25 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 consider 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 said unto God, I have borne chastisement, 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 Should it be according to 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.

35 Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom.

36 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 sin; he clappeth his hands amongst us, and multiplieth his words against God.

CHAP. XXXV.

E-LI'HU spake moreover, and said,
2 Thinkest thou this to be right,

that thou saidst, My righteousness is more than God's?

3 For thou saidst, What advantage will it be unto thee? and, What profit shall I have, if I be cleansed from my sin?

4 I will answer thee, and thy companions with thee.

5 Look unto the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds, which are higher than thou.

6 If thou sinnest, what doest thou against him? or if thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto him?

7 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.

9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make the oppressed to cry; they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty:

10 But none saith, Where is God my Maker, who giveth songs in the night;

11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?

12 There they cry, but none giveth answer, because of the pride of evil men.

13 Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.

14 Although thou sayest thou shalt not see him, yet judgment is before him; therefore trust thou in him.

15 But now, because it is not so, he hath visited in his anger; yet he knoweth it not in great extremity:

16 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain: he multiplieth words without knowledge.

CHAP. XXXVI.

E-LI'HU also proceeded, and said,
2 Suffer me a little, and I will show thee that I have yet to speak on God's behalf.

3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

4 For truly my words shall not be false: he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.

5 Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom.

6 He preserveth not the life of the wicked: but giveth right to the poor.

7 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings are they on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.

8 And if they be bound in fetters, and be holden in cords of affliction;

9 Then he showeth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded.

10 He openeth also their ear to discipline, and cōmmandeth that they return from iniquity.

11 If they obey and sērve *him*, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in plēasūres :

12 But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

13 But the hÿp'ocrites in hēart heap up wrāth; they cry not when he bindeth them :

14 They die in youth, and their life is āmōng the unclean.

15 He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression :

16 Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait *into* a broad place, where *there is* no straitness; and that which should be set on thy table *should* be full of fatness.

17 But thou hast fulfilled the judgment of the wicked : judgment and justice take hold *on thee*.

18 Because *there is* wrāth, beware lēst he take thee āwāy with *his* stroke : then a great ransom cannot deliver thee.

19 Will he ēstēem' thy riches? *no*, not gold, nor all the forces of strength.

20 Desire not the night, when people āre cut off in their place.

21 Take heed, regard not iniquity : for this hast thou chosen rāther than affliction.

22 Behold, God exālteth by his power : who teacheth like him ?

23 Who hath enjoined him his way ? or who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity ?

24 Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold.

25 Every man may see it ; man may behold *it* āfār off.

26 Behold, God *is* great, and we know *him* not ; nēither can the number of his years be sēarched ont.

27 For he maketh small the drops of water : they pour 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 cōvereth the bottom of the sea.

31 For by them judgeth he the people ; he giveth meat in abundance.

32 With clouds he cōvereth the light ; and cōmmandeth it *not to shine*, by the cloud that cometh betwixt.

33 The noise thereof showeth cōncērning it, the cattle also cōncērning the vapour.

CHAP. XXXVII.

AT this also my hēart trembleth, and is moved out of his place.

2 Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound *that* goeth out of his mouth.

3 He dirēcteth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the ēarth.

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 saith to the snow, Be thou *on* the ēarth ; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength.

7 He sealeth up 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 Also by watering he wearieth the thick cloud ; he scattereth his bright cloud,

12 And it is turned round ābout' by his counsels ; that they may do whatsoever he cōmmandeth them upon the face of the world in the ēarth.

13 He causeth it to come, whether for correction, or for his land, or for mērcy.

14 Hearken unto this, O Jōb : stand still and consider the wōndrous works of God.

15 Dōst thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine ?

16 Dōst thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wōndrous works of him which is pērfect in knowledge ?

17 How thy gārments āre wārm, when he quieteth the ēarth by the south *wind* ?

18 Hast thou with him spread out the sky,² *which is* strong, *and* as a molten look'ing-glāss ?

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 swālowed up.

21 And now *men* see not the bright light which *is* in the clouds ; but the wind pāsseth and cleanseth them.

22 Fair weather cometh out of the north : with God *is* terrible mājesty.³

23 *Toūch'ing* the Al-mighty, we cannot find him out : *he is* excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice : he will not afflict.

² *skēi.*³ *mād'jēs-le.*

24 Men do there'fore fear him: he respecteth not any *that* are wise of heart.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

THEN the LORD answered Jōb out of the whirlwind,¹ and said,

2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Gird² up now thy loins like a man; for I will demānd' of thee, and answer thou me.

4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

5 Who hath laid the mēasures 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 swād'dling-bānd for it,

10 And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,

11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further; and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

12 Hast thou cōmmand'ed the morning since thy days; and caused 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 withholden, and the high arm shall be broken.

16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?

17 Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?

18 Hast 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 shouldst take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldst know the pāths to the house thereof?

21 Knowest thou *it*, because thou wast then born? or *because* the number of thy days is great?

22 Hast thou entered into the trēasures

of the snow, or hast thou seen the trēasures of the hail,

23 Which I have reserved āgainst' the time of trouble, āgainst' 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 water-course 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 Plei'a-dēs,³ or lōse the bands of ō-rī'ōn?⁴

32 Canst thou bring forth Māz'za-rōth⁵ in his season? or canst thou guide Arç-tū-rūs⁶ with his sons?

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 cōver 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 wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven,

38 When the dust groweth into 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 cōuch in *their* dens, and abide in the cōvert to lie in wait?

41 Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wānder for lack of meat.

CHAP. XXXIX.

KNOWEST thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? or canst thou mark when the hinds do calve?

2 Canst thou number the months *that* they fulfil; or knowest thou the time when they bring forth?

¹ hwērl'wind. ² gērd. ³ Pron. Plē'yā-dēz. A Northern Constellation, the 7 stars. ⁴ A Southern Constellation. ⁵ The Zodiac or the apparent track of the Sun through the twelve signs,—a great circle in the heavens, containing the twelve signs, through which the Earth, in its orbit, passes round the Sun, producing the various seasons of the year. ⁶ A Star of the first magnitude in Bootes.

3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young ones, they cast out their sorrows.

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 I have made the wilderness, and the barren land his dwellings.

7 He scorneth the multitude of the city, neither regardeth he the crying of the driver.

8 The range of the mountains is his pasture, and he searcheth after every green thing.

9 Will the unicorn be willing to serve thee, or abide by thy crib?

10 Canst thou bind the unicorn with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after thee?

11 Wilt thou trust him, because his strength is great? or wilt thou leave thy labour to him?

12 Wilt thou believe him, that he will bring home thy seed, and gather it into thy barn?

13 Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?¹

14 Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in the dust,

15 And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them.

16 She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers: her labour is in vain without fear;

17 Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding.

18 What time she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider.

19 Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?

20 Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper? the glory of his nostrils is terrible.

21 He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength: he goeth on to meet the armed men.

22 He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword.

23 The quiver rattleth against him, the glittering spear and the shield.

24 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage; neither believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet.

25 He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha! and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

¹ More frequently, ostrich. ² whirlwind. ³ gird. ⁴ majesty. ⁵ The hippopotamus, or river-horse: an animal found in the river Nile.

26 Dóth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south?

27 Dóth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high?

28 She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place.

29 From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off.

30 Her young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain are, there is she.

CHAP. XL.

MOREOVER, the LORD answered Job, and said,

2 Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproveth God, let him answer it.

3 ¶ Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay my hand upon my mouth.

5 Once have I spoken, but I will not answer; yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.

6 ¶ Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind,² and said,

7 Gird³ up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

8 Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayst be righteous?

9 Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

10 Deck thyself now with majesty⁴ and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty.

11 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath; and behold every one that is proud, and abase him.

12 Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place.

13 Hide them in the dust together, and bind their faces in secret.

14 Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee.

15 Behold now behemoth,⁵ which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox.

16 Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly.

17 He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together.

18 His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron.

19 He is the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him.

20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play.

21 He lieth under the shady trees, in the cōvert of the reed, and fens.

22 The shady trees cōver him *with* their shadow; the willows of the brook cōm'pāss him ābout'.

23 Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up *Jōr'dān* into his mouth.

24 He taketh it with his eyes: *his* nose piērceth through snares.

CHAP. XLI.

CANST thou draw out *lĕvī'athān*¹ with a hook? or his tōngue with a cord *which* thou lettest down?

2 Canst thou put a hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn?

3 Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak soft *words* unto thee?

4 Will he make a cōvenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a sĕrvant for ever?

5 Wilt thou play with him as *with* a bird? wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?

6 Shall thy companions make a bān'quet² of him? shall they part him āmōng the mĕrchants?

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 cāst down even at the sight of him?

10 Nōne *is* so fiērcē that dare stīr him up; who then is able to stand before me?

11 Who hath prevented me, that I should repay *him*? *whatsoever* *is* under the whole heaven is mine.

12 I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.

13 Who can dīscōver the face of his gārment? or who can come to *him* with his dōuble bridle?

14 Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth *āre* terrible round ābout'.

15 *His* scales *āre* his pride, shut up together *as* *with* a close seal.

16 One is so near to ānōther, that no air can come between them.

17 They *āre* joined one to ānōther, they stick together, that they cannot be sundered.

18 By his neesings a light dōth shine, and his eyes *āre* like the ey-lids 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 cāl'dron.

21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.

22 In his neck remaineth strength, and sorrow is turned into joy before him.

23 The flakes of his flesh *āre* joined to-

gether: they *āre* firm³ in themselves they cannot be moved.

24 His hĕārt is as firm as a stone; yĕā, as hard as a piēce of the nĕther *millstone*.

25 When he raiseth up himself, the mighty *āre* āfrāid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves.

26 The *swōrd* of him that layeth at him cannot hold; the spear, the dart, nor the hā-bĕr'gĕ-ōn.

27 He esteemeth iron as straw, and brāss as rotten wood.

28 The arrow cannot make him flee: sling-stones *āre* turned with him into stubble.

29 Darts *āre* counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear.

30 Sharp stones *āre* under him: he spreadeth sharp-pointed things upon the mire.

31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.

32 He maketh a pāth to shine āfter him; *one* would think the deep *to be* hoary.

33 Upon ĕāth there is not his like, who is made without fear.

34 He beholdeth all high *things*: he is a king over all the children of pride.

CHAP. XLII.

THEN *Jōb* ānswered the LORD, and said,

2 I know that thou canst do every *thing*, and *that* no thought can be withholden from thee.

3 Who *is* he that hideth counsel with out knowledge? thĕrĕ'fōre have I uttered that I understood not; things too wōnderful for me, which I knew not.

4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will dĕmānd' of thee, and declare thou unto me.

5 I have hĕārd of thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth thee:

6 Wherefore I abhor *mysĕlf*, and repent in dust and ashes.

7 ¶ And it was *so*, that, āfter the LORD had spoken these words unto *Jōb*, the LORD said to Ēl'i-phāz the Tĕ'mān-ite, My wrāth is kindled āgāinst' thee, and āgāinst' thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me *the thing that is* right, as my sĕrvant *Jōb* *hath*.

8 Thĕrĕ'fōre take you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my sĕrvant *Jōb*, and offer up for yourselves a burnt-offering; and my sĕrvant *Jōb* shall pray for you, for him will I accept; lĕst I deal with you āfter *your* folly, in that ye have not spoken of me *the thing which is* right, like my sĕrvant *Jōb*.

9 ¶ So Ēl'i-phāz the Tĕ'mān-ite, and Bil'dād the Shū'hīte, and Zō'phār the Nā'a-mā-thīte, went, and did according as

¹ A large water-animal; by some imagined the crocodile, but in poetry generally taken for the whale.

² bānk'kwĕt.

³ fĕrm.

the LORD cōmmān'ded them: the LORD also accepted Jōb.

10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Jōb, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Jōb twice as much as he had before.

11 Then came there unto him all his brēthren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house; and they bemoaned him, and cōm'fōrted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piēce of mōney, and every one an ear-ring of gold.

12 So the LORD blēss'ed the latter end of Jōb more than his beginning: for he

had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-ässes.

13 He had also seven sons, and three daughters.

14 And he called the name of the first Jēm'i-mā; and the name of the second, Kē-zī'ā; and the name of the thīrd, Kēr-ēn-hāp'pūch.

15 And in all the land wēre no women found so fair as the daughters of Jōb: and their father gave them inheritance among their brēthren.

16 After this lived Jōb a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.

17 So Jōb died, being old and full of days.

¶ The BOOK of PSALMS.

PSALM I.

BLES'SED 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 the scornful:

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 plānted 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 chāff which the wind driveth āwāy.

5 Thēre'fore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM II.

WHYY do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

2 The kings of the ēarth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel togethēr, āgainst' the LORD, and āgainst' his Anointed, saying,

3 Let us break their bands āsūn'der, and cāst āwāy their cords from us.

4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wṛāth, and vex them in his sore displēaṣ'ure.

6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zi'ōn.

7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the ut-

termost parts of the ēarth for thy pōssēs'sion.

9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in piēces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now, thēre'fore, O ye kings; be instructed, ye judges of the ēarth.

11 Sērve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wṛāth is kindled but a little. Blēss'ed are all they that put their trust in him.

PSALM III.

A Psālm of Dā'vid, when he fled from āb-sā-lōm his Son.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me? many are they that rise up āgainst' me.

2 Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Sē'lāh.

3 But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

4 I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Sē'lāh.

5 I laid me down and slept; I āwāked: for the LORD sustained me.

6 I will not be āfrāid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves āgainst' me round ābout'.

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. Sē'lāh.

PSALM IV.

To the chiēf Muṣi'ian on Nēg'i-nōth.

A Psālm of Dā'vid.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged

God favoureth not the wicked.

PSALMS. *Dā'vid's complaint in his sickness*

me when I was in distress; 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 leasing? Sē'lāh.

3 But know that the LORD hath set 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. Sē'lāh.

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness; and put your trust in the LORD.

6 There be many that say, Who will show us any good? 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 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.

PSALM V.

To the chief Musiq'ian upon Nē-hilōth.

A Psalm of Dā'vid.

GIVE ear to my words, O LORD; consider my meditation.

2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct 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 sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

6 Thou shalt destrōy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

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 wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

10 Destrōy thou them, O God; 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, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

PSALM VI.

To the chief Musiq'ian on Nēg'i-nōth upon Shēm'i-nith. A Psalm of Dā'vid.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten 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: O 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 sore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM VII.

Shig-gā'ōn¹ of Dā'vid, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning the words of Cūsh the Bēn'ja-mite.

O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me;

2 Lest 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; (yēa, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy);

5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; yēa, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine hōn'our in the dust. Sē'lāh.

6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger; lift up thyself, because of the rage of mine enemies; and awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commended.

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 O let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

Shig-gā'yōn.

10 My defence is of God, which saveth 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 righteousness; and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

PSALM VIII.

To the chief Musiq'ian upon Gît'tith.

A Psalm of Dâ'vid.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies; that thou mightst still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers; the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands: thou hast put all things under his feet:

7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

PSALM IX.

To the chief Musiq'ian upon Mûth-lâb'bên.

A Psalm of Dâ'vid.

I WILL praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvellous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High.

3 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast maintained¹ my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou

hast destrôy'ed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

6 O thou enemy! destructions are come to a pèrpet'ual² end; and thou hast destrôy'ed cities; their memorial is perished with them.

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.

9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zî'on: declare among the people his doings.

12 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

14 That I may show forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zî'on: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

16 The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Hig-gâ'on.³ Sê'lâh.

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail; let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O LORD; that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Sê'lâh.

PSALM X.

WHY standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?

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 blesseth 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; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity.

¹ mên-lânê'd.

² pèr-pè'tshû-âl.

³ Hig-gâ'yôn.

7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud; under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

8 He sitteth in the lurking-places of the villages; in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.

9 He lieth in wait secretly, as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

10 He croûcheth, and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.

11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it.

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.

14 Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.

15 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man: seek out his wickedness till thou find none.

16 The LORD is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear;

18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

PSALM XI.

To the chief Musiçian. A Psalm of Dā'vid.

IN the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?

2 For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

4 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eye-lids try, the children of men.

5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked, and him that loveth violence, his soul hateth.

6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and a horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

1 rî'tshe-ûs.

PSALM XII.

To the chief Musiçian upon Shēm'i-nith. A Psalm of Dā'vid.

HELP, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips, and with a double heart, do they speak.

3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things;

4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?

5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.

6 The words of the LORD are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace² of earth, purified seven times.

7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve¹ them from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

PSALM XIII.

To the chief Musiçian. A Psalm of Dā'vid.

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 Consider and hear me, O LORD my God; lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

4 Lest 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.

6 I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM XIV.

To the chief Musiçian. A Psalm of Dā'vid.

THE fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt; they have done abominable works; there is none that doeth good.

2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.

3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD.

2 fūr'nîs.

5 There wēre they in great fear: for God *is* in the generation of the righteous.

6 Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor; because the LORD *is* his refuge.

7 Oh that the salvation of Iſ'ra-ēl wēre come out of Zi'ōn! When the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jā'cōb shall rejoice, and Iſ'ra-ēl shall be glad.

PSALM XV.

A Psālm of Dā'vid.

LORD, who shall ābide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

3 *He that* backbiteth not with his tōngue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach āgainst' his neighbour.

4 In whose eyes a vile pērson is contemned; but he hōn'oureth them that fear the LORD. *He that* sweareth to his own hurt, and chāngeth not.

5 *He that* putteth not out his mōney to usury, nor taketh reward āgainst' the innocent. He that doeth these *things* shall never be moved.

PSALM XVI.

Mīch'tām of Dā'vid.

PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

2 *O my soul*, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness *extendeth* not to thee;

3 *But* to the saints that *are* in the ēarth, and to the excellent, in whom *is* all my delight.

4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten *after* ānōther god: their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

5 The LORD *is* the pōrtion of mine inheritance, and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

6 The lines *are* fallen unto me in plēas'ant places; yēa, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel; my reins also instruct me in the night-seasons.

8 I have set the LORD always before me: because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Thērē'fōre 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; nēither wilt thou suffer thine Hōly One to see corruption.

11 Thou wilt show me the pāth of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* plēas'ures for evermore.

PSALM XVII.

A Prayer of Dā'vid.

HEAR 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 presence; let thine eyes behold the things that *are* equal.

3 Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited *me* in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nōthing: I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

4 Cōncēr'n'ing the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept *me* from the pāths of the dēstrōy'er.

5 Hold up my goings in thy pāths, that my footsteps slip not.

6 I have called upon thee; for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.

7 Show thy marvellous loving-kindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up *āgainst'* them.

8 Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

9 From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies *who* cōm'pāss me *ābout'*.

10 They *are* enclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.

11 They have now cōm'pāssed us in our steps; they have set their eyes bōw'ing down to the ēarth;

12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it wēre a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Ārīše, O LORD, disappoint him, cāst him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, *which is* thy swōrd:

14 From men *which are* thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, *which have* their pōrtion in *this* life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid trēas'ure: they *are* full of children, and leave the rest of their *substance* to their babes.

15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I *āwāke* with thy likeness.

PSALM XVIII.

To the chief Musīc'ian. *A Psālm* of Dā'vid, the sērvant 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 Sāul: 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 sorrows of death cōm'pāssed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me āfrāid.

5 The sorrows of hell cōm'pāssed me about'; the snares of death prevented me.

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he hēard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears.

7 Then the ēarth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and wēre shaken, because he was wrōth.

8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals wēre kindled by it.

9 He bōwed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness *was* under his feet.

10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly; yēa, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his secret place: his pavilion round ābout' him wēre dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

12 At the brightness *that was* before him his thick clouds pāssed; 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 Yēa, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discōm'fited them.

15 Then the channels of waters wēre seen, and the foundations of the world wēre discōvered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blāst of the breath of thy nostrils.

16 He sent from ābōve, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they wēre 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 wēre before me, and I did not put āwāy his statutes from me.

23 I was also upright before him, and I kept mysēlf from mine iniquity.

24 Thēre'fōre hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eye-sight.

25 With the mērciful thou wilt show thyself mērciful; with an upright man thou wilt show thyself upright;

26 With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure; and with the frō'wārd thou wilt show thyself frō'wārd.

27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks.

28 For thou wilt light my candle; the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

29 For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

30 *As for* God, his way is pērfect: the word of the LORD is tried; he *is* a buckler to all those that trust in him.

31 For who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a rock save our God?

32 *It is* God that gird'eth¹ me with strength, and maketh my way pērfect.

33 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet and setteth me upon my high places.

34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bōw of steel is broken by mine arms.

35 Thou hast also given me the shiēld of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.

37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: nēither did I turn āgain till they wēre consumed.

38 I have wōunded them that they wēre not able to rise: they āre fallen under my feet.

39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up āgainst' me.

40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might dēstrōy' them that hate me.

41 They cried, but *there was* nōne to save *them*: *even* unto the LORD, but he ānswered them not.

42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind; I did cāst them out as the dirt in the streets.

43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people *whom* I have not known shall sērve me.

44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strāngers shall submit themselves unto me.

45 The strāngers shall fade āwāy, and be āfrāid out of their close places.

46 The LORD liveth; and blēs'sed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exālted.

47 *It is* God that āvēn'geth me, and subdueth the people under me.

¹ gērd'ēth.

48 He delivereth me from mine enemies; yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

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 showeth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

PSALM XIX.

To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

THE heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament¹ showeth his handy work.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth 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 heaven, and his circuit² 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 commandment of the LORD is 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 honey-comb.

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, my strength and my redeemer.

PSALM XX.

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.

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion.

¹ *fēr'ma-mēnt.*² *sēr'kit.*

3 Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt-sacrifice. Selah.

4 Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed: he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

8 They are brought down and fallen; but we are risen, and stand upright.

9 Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.

PSALM XXI.

To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

THE king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.

3 For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

4 He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, even length of days for ever and ever.

5 His glory is great in thy salvation: honour and majesty³ hast thou laid upon him.

6 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

7 For the king trusteth in the LORD; and, through the mercy of the Most High, he shall not be moved.

8 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies; thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.

11 For they intended evil against thee; they imagined a mischiefous device, which they are not able to perform:

12 Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, when thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy strings against the face of them.

13 Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.

PSALM XXII.—

To the chief Musician upon Aſſe-lēth. Shāhār. A Psalm of David.

MY God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from

³ *mād'jēs-te.*⁴ *Ā'je-lēth.*

helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not; and in the night-season, and am not silent.

3 But thou *art* holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Īṣ'ra-ēl.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered; they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

6 But I *am* a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*,

8 He trusted on the LORD *that* he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

9 But thou *art* he that took me out of the womb; thou didst make me hope *when I was* upon my mother's breasts.

10 I was cast upon thee from the womb; thou *art* my God from my mother's belly.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble *is* near; for *there is* none to help.

12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong *bulls* of Bā'shān have beset me round.

13 They gaped upon me *with* their mouths, *as* a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 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.

15 My strength is dried up like a pōt'shērd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

16 For dogs have compassed me; the assembly of the wicked have enclosed 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 vēs'tūre.¹

19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD; O my strength, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him: all ye the seed of Jā'çōb, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Īṣ'ra-ēl.

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

¹ vēs'tshūre.

25 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied; they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember, and turn unto the LORD; and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

28 For the kingdom *is* the LORD's; and he *is* the governor among the nations.

29 All *they that* be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him, and none can keep alive his own soul.

30 A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the LORD for a generation.

31 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done *this*.

PSALM XXIII.

A Psalm of Dā'vid.

THE LORD is my shēp'hērd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pās'tures:² he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they cōm'fōrt me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 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 XXIV.

A Psalm of Dā'vid.

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 estāb'lished it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? and 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 Jā'çōb. Sē'lāh.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye evērlās'ting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD

² pās'tshūr.

Dā'vid prayeth for remission of PSALMS.
strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye ēvērlās'ting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Sē'lāh.

PSALM XXV.

A Psālm of Dā'vid.

UNTO thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be āshāmed; let not mine enemies triumph over me.

3 Yēa, let nōne that wait on thee be āshāmed; let them be āshāmed which transgress without cause.

4 Show me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy pāths.

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 mē'r-cies, 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 mercy remember thou me, for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

8 Good and upright is the LORD: thērē'fōre 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 pāths of the LORD are mē'r-cy and truth unto such as keep his cōve-nant and his tēs'timōnies.

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 chōdōse:

13 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the ēārth.

14 The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will show them his cōve-nant.

15 Mine eyes are ever tō'wārds the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

16 Turn thee unto me, and have mē'r-cy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

17 The trōubles of my heart are enlarg-ed: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

18 Look upon mine affliction, and my pain: and forgive all my sins.

19 Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hat-red.

20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be āshāmed; for I put my trust in thee.

21 Let integrity and uprightness prē-serve me; for I wait on thee.

22 Redeem Iſ'ra-ēl, O God, out of all his trōubles

sins, and for help in affliction.

PSALM XXVI.

A Psālm of Dā'vid.

JUDGE me, O LORD; for I have walk-ed in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; thērē'fōre I shall not slide.

2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

3 For thy loving-kindness is before mine eyes; and I have walked in thy truth.

4 I have not sat with vain pē'rsons, nēi-ther will I go in with dissemblers.

5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.

6 I will wāsh mine hands in innocency so will I cōm'pāss thine altar, O LORD:

7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wōn-drous works.

8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine hōn'our dwelleth.

9 Gāther not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men;

10 In whose hands is mīs'chief, and their right hand is full of bribes.

11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be mē'r-ciful unto me.

12 My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I blēss the LORD.

PSALM XXVII.

A Psālm of Dā'vid.

THE LORD is my light and my salva-tion; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be āfrāid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3 Though a host should encamp āgainst me, mine heart shall not fear; though war should rise āgainst me, in this will I be confident.

4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek āfter; 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 inquire in his temple.

5 For in the time of trōuble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me: he shall set me up upon a rock.

6 And now shall mine head be lifted up ābōve mine enemies round ābout me: thērē'fōre will I offer in his tabernacle sār'c'rifiċes of joy; I will sing, yēa, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mē'r-cy also upon me, and ānswer me.

8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face, my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

9 Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy sērvant āwāy in anger: thou hast

Dāvīd prayeth āgainst' his enemies. PSALMS. *He praiseth God for his deliverance.*

beer my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up āgainst' me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

13 *I had fainted*, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

14 Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

PSALM XXVIII.

A Psālm of Dāvīd.

UNTO thee will I cry, O LORD, my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands tōwārd thy holy oracle.

3 Draw me not āwāy with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity; which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts.

4 Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them āfter the work of their hands; render to them their dēsērt'.

5 Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall dēstrōy' them, and not build them up.

6 Blēssed be the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

7 The LORD is my strength and my shield: my heart trusted in him, and I am helped; thērfōre my heart greatly rejoiceth, and with my song will I praise him.

8 The LORD is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

PSALM XXIX.

A Psālm of Dāvīd.

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: wōr'ship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth; the LORD is upon many waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of māj'esty.¹

5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the

cedars; yēa, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lēb'a-nōn.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lēb'a-nōn and Sir'i-ōn like a young unicorn.

7 The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire.

8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kā'dēsh.

9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to cāve, and discóvereth the forests: and in his temple dóth every one speak of his glory.

10 The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yēa, the LORD sitteth King for ever.

11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

PSALM XXX.

A Psālm and Song at the dedication of the house of Dāvīd.

I WILL extōl thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

3 O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me ālive, that I should not go down to the pit.

4 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

7 LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mōūntain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.

8 I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication.

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 mērcy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dān'cing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and gir'ded² me with gladness;

12 To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

PSALM XXXI.

To the chief Musīq'ian. A Psālm of Dāvīd.

IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be āshāmed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bōw down thine ear to me; deliver

¹ mād'jēs-te.

² gēr'ded.

me speedily : be thou my strong rock, for a house of defence to save me.

3 For thou *art* my rock and my fortress : thēr'fōre, 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.

5 Into thine hand I commit my spirit : thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities : but I trust in the LORD.

7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mērcy : for thou hast considered my trouble ; thou hast known my soul in ādvēr'sities ;

8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy : thou hast set my feet in a large room.

9 Have mērcy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble ; mine eye is consumed with griēf, *yēa*, my soul and my belly.

10 For my life is spent with griēf, and my years with sighing : my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones āre consumed.

11 I was a reproach āmōng all mine enemies, but especially āmōng my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance : they that did see me without fled from me.

12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind : I am like a broken vessel.

13 For I have hēard the slānder of many : fear *was* on every side : while they took counsel tōgēthēr āgainst' me, they devised to take āwāy my life.

14 But I trusted in thee, O LORD : I said, Thou *art* my God.

15 My times āre in thy hand : deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that pēsecute me.

16 Make thy face to shine upon thy sērvant : save me for thy mērcies' sake.

17 Let me not be āshāmed, O LORD ; for I have called upon thee : let the wicked be āshāmed, and let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be put to silence ; which speak griēv'ōūs things proudly and contemptuously āgainst' the righteous.

19 *Oh* how great *is* thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee ; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men !

20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man ; thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tōngues.

21 Blēs'sed *be* the LORD ; for he hath showed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes : nevertheless thou

hēardest the voice of my supplications, when I cried unto thee.

23 O love the LORD, all ye his saints : for the LORD p̄sērv'eth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your hēart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

PSALM XXXII.

A Psālm of Dā'vīd, Mās'chil.

BLES'SED *is* he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is cōvered.

2 Blēs'sed *is* the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit *there is* no guile.

3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old : through my roaring all the day long.

4 (For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me) my moisture is turned into the drōught of summer. Sē'lāh.

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD ; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Sē'lāh.

6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayst be found : surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

7 Thou *art* my hiding-place ; thou shalt p̄sērv'e me from trouble ; thou shalt cōm'pās me ābout' with songs of deliverance. Sē'lāh.

8 I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go : I will guide thee with mine eye.

9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding ; whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked : but he that trusteth in the LORD, mērcy shall cōm'pās him ābout'.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous : and shout for joy, all ye that āre upright in hēart.

PSALM XXXIII.

REJOICE in the LORD, O ye rīgh'teous ;¹ for praise is comely for the upright.

2 Praise the LORD with harp : sing unto him with the psāltery, and an instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto him a new song ; play skilfully with a loud noise :

4 For the word of the LORD *is* right ; and all his works āre done in truth.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment : the ēarth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

6 By the word of the LORD wēre the heavens made : and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gāthēreth the waters of the sea to-

They are blessed who trust in God.

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Dā ād prayeth for his own safety.

gēther as a heap: he layeth up the depth in store-houses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him:

9 For he spake, and it was done; he cōmmānded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

12 Blē'sed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

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 saved by the multitude of a host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

17 A 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.

PSALM XXXIV.

A Psālm of Dā'vid, when he chānged his behaviour before ā-bīm'e-lech; who drove him āway, and he departed.

I WILL bless the LORD at all times. his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exālt his name togethēr.

4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked unto him, and wēre lightened; and their faces wēre not āshāmed.

6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The āngel of the LORD encampeth round ābout' them that fear him, and delivereth them.

8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blē'sed is the man that trusteth in him.

9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no wānt to them that fear him.

10 The young lions do lack and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not wānt any good thing.

11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

13 Keep thy tōngue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is āgainst' them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked; and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants; and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

PSALM XXXV.

A Psālm of Dā'vid.

PLEAD my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight āgainst' them that fight āgainst' me.

2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

3 Draw out also the spear, and stop the way āgainst' them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek āfter my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

5 Let them be as chāff before the wind: and let the āngel of the LORD chase them.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery; and let the āngel of the LORD persecute them.

7 For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul.

8 Let destruction come upon him at un-awares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yēa, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

11 False witnesses did rise up : they laid to my charge things that I knew not.

12 They rewarded me evil for good, to the spoiling of my soul.

13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth : I humbled my soul with fasting, and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

14 I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother : I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together ; yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not ; they did tear me, and ceased not.

16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17 LORD, how long wilt thou look on ? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.

18 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation : I will praise thee among much people.

19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me ; neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

20 For they speak not peace ; but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land.

21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, à-hà ! à-hà ! our eye hath seen it.

22 This thou hast seen, O LORD ; keep not silence : O LORD, be not far from me.

23 Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, ercu unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness ; and let them not rejoice over me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it : let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

26 Let them be ashamed, and brought to confusion together, that rejoice at my hurt : let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify themselves against me.

27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause ; yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise, all the day long.

PSALM XXXVI.

To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD.

THE transgression of the wicked saith 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.

3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit : he hath left off to be wise, and to do good.

4 He deviseth mischief upon his bed ; he setteth himself in a way that is not good ; he abhorreth not evil.

5 Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens, and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness is like the great mountains ; thy judgments are a great deep : O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.

7 How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God ! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house ; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

9 For with thee is the fountain of life ; in thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee : and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen : they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

PSALM XXXVII.

A Psalm of David.

FRET not thyself because of evil-doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity :

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good : so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thyself also in the LORD ; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5 Commit thy way unto the LORD ; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass :

6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noon-day.

7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him : fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath ; fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

9 For evil-doers shall be cut off : but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be : yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

11 But the meek shall inherit the earth ;

and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

12 The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

13 The LORD shall laugh at him; for he seeth that his day is coming.

14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation.

15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

16 A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.

18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright; and their inheritance shall be for ever.

19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time; and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

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 showeth mercy, and giveth.

22 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be 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 preserved 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 bay-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.

PSALM XXXVIII.

A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath; neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.

3 There is no soundness 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 a 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 greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease; and there is no soundness in my flesh.

8 I am feeble and sore 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 my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off.

12 They also that seek after my life lay snares for me; and they that seek my hurt speak mischiefous things, and imagine deceits 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 in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O LORD my God.

16 For I said, Hear me; lest otherwise 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 are mine adversaries; because I follow the thing that goed is.

21 Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me.

22 Make haste to help me, O LORD my salvation.

PSALM XXXIX.

To the chief Musiç'ian, even to Jēd'uthūn. A Psālm of Dā'vid.

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tōngue; I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

2 I was dumb with silence: I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred.

3 My heart was hot within me; while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tōngue,

4 LORD, make me to know mine end, and the mēasure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

5 Behold, thou hast made my days as a hand-breadth, and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Sē'lāh.

6 Surely every man walketh in a vain show: surely they are disquieted in vain; he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

7 And now, LORD, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.

8 Deliver me from all my transgressions; make me not the reproach of the foolish.

9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it.

10 Remove thy stroke āwāy from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume āwāy like a mōth: surely every man is vanity. Sē'lāh.

12 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a strānger with thee, and a sōjournr, as all my fathers wēre.

13 O spare me, that I may recóver strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

PSALM XL.

To the chief Musiç'ian. A Psālm of Dā'vid.

I WAITED patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

2 He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my

feet upon a rock, and estāblished my goings.

3 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.

4 Blēs'sed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust; and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn āside to lies.

5 Many, O LORD my God, are thy wōnderful 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.

6 Sǎc'rifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened. burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required.

7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me;

8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yēa, thy law is within my heart.

9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.

10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy loving-kindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

11 Withhold not thou thy tender mērcies from me, O LORD: let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually prēsērvē' me.

12 For innumerable evils have cōm-pāssed me ābout; 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; thērē'fōre my heart faileth me.

13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.

14 Let them be āshāmed and confounded togethēr that seek āfter my soul to destrōy it; let them be driven backward, and put to shame, that wish me evil.

15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame, that say unto me, ā-hā', ā-hā'!

16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.

17 But I am poor and needy; yet the LORD thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

PSALM XLI.

To the chief Musiç'ian. A Psālm of Dā'vid.

BLESSED is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

2 The LORD will prēsērvē' him, and

keep him alive; and he shall be blés'ed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

3 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

4 I said LORD, be merciful unto me; heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

5 Mine enemies speak evil of me; When shall he die, and his name perish?

6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; when he goeth abroad, he telleth it.

7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.

8 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him: and now that he lieth, he shall rise up no more.

9 Yea, mine own familiar friend in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

10 But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.

11 By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever.

13 Blés'ed be the LORD God of Ís'ra-ël from évér'lás'ting, and to évér'lás'ting. Ā'mèn', and Ā'mèn'.

PSALM XLII.

To the chief Musiq'ian, Mäs'chil, for the Sons of Kō'räh.

AS the hart pânteth after the water-brooks, so pânteth 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 holy-day.

5 Why art thou cást down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cást down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jór'dän, and of the Hér'mön-ites, from the hill Mí'zär.

7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy water-spouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 Yet the LORD will command his lov-

ing-kindness in the day-time, 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 cást down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM XLIII.

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 cást 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 God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.

5 Why art thou cást down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM XLIV.

To the chief Musiq'ian for the Sons of Kō'räh.

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 plántedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cást them out.

3 For they got not the land in possés'sion 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: cöm-mänd' deliverances for Já'cöb.

5 Through thee will we púsh down our enemies; through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6 For I will not trust in my böw, 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 for ever. Sé'läh.

9 But thou hast cást 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 like 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 by-word 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 reproacheth 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 sore 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? arise, cast 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 for our help, and redeem us, for thy mercies' sake.

PSALM XLV.

To the chief Musicians upon Shō-shān'nim, for the Sons of Kō'rāh, Mās'chil. A Song of Lóves.

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.²

4 And in thy majesty ride prosperous-ly, because of truth, and meekness, and

¹ gird.

² mad'jes-te.

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 God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments smell of myrrh,³ and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

9 Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

10 Harken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

11 So shall the King greatly desire thy beauty; for he is thy Lord, and worship thou him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favour.

13 The King's daughter is all glorious within; her clothing is of wrought gold.

14 She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the King's palace.

16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayst make princes in all the earth.

17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations; therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

PSALM XLVI.

To the chief Musicians for the Sons of Kō'rāh. A Song upon Al'a-mōth.

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble:

2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

³ mer.

7 The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jā'cōb *is* our refuge. Sē'lāh.

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder: he burneth the chariot in the fire.

10 Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jā'cōb *is* our refuge. Sē'lāh.

PSALM XLVII.

To the chief Muṣiḡ'ian. A Psalm for the Sons of Kō'rāh.

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 chōḡse our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jā'cōb, whom he loved. Sē'lāh.

5 God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises, 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 sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

9 The princes of the people are gathered together, *even* the people of the God of Ā'bra-hām: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted.

PSALM XLVIII.

A Song and Psalm for the Sons of Kō'rāh.

GREAT *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mōūn'tain of his holiness.

2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zi'ōn; on the sides of the north the city of the great King.

3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

4 For, lo, the kings were assembled, they pās's'ed by together.

5 They saw *it*, and so they marvelled; they were troubled, and hasted away.

6 Fear look hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in trā'v'ail.

7 Thou breakest the ships of Tār'shīsh 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 estāb'lish it for ever. Sē'lāh.

9 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 Zi'ōn rejoice, let the daughters of Jū'dāh be glad, because of thy judgments.

12 Walk about' Zi'ōn, and go round about' her: tell the towers thereof.

13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider 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.

PSALM XLIX.

To the chief Muṣiḡ'ian. A Psalm for the Sons of Kō'rāh.

HEAR 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 cōm'pās's me about'?

6 They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

7 Nōne 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 seeth *that* wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.

11 Their in'wārd 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 hōn'our ābideth not: he is like the beasts *that* perish.

13 This their way *is* their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Sē'lāh.

14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright 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. Sē'lāh.

16 Be not thou āfrāid 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;

18 Though, while he lived, he blēss'ed his soul: (and men will praise thee when thou doest well to thyself:)

The majesty of God in the church. PSALMS. *Dāvīd prayeth for sanctification.*

19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.

20 Man *that is* in hōn'our, and understandeth not, is like the beasts *that* perish.

PSALM L.

A Psālm of Ā'sāph.

THE mighty God, *even* the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Zī'ōn, the pērfēc'tion 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 round ābout' him.

4 He shall call to the heavens from ābōve, and to the earth, (that he may judge his people.)

5 Gāther my saints togēther unto me; those that have made a cōvenant with me by sāk'rifiçe.

6 And the heavens shall declare his righ'teousness: for God *is* judge himself. Sē'lāh.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Īs'ra-ēl, and I will testify āgainst' thee: *I am* God, *even* thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee for thy sāk'rifiçes, 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 folds:

10 For every beast of the forest *is* mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls of the mōūn'tains; and the wild beasts of the fiēld āre mine.

12 If I wēre hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world *is* mine, and the fullness 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 *that* thou shouldst take my cōvenant in thy mouth?

17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and cāstest my words behind thee.

18 When thou sawest a thiēf, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tōngue frameth decēit.

20 Thou sittest *and* speakest āgainst' thy brōther; thou slānderest thine own mōther's son.

21 These *things* hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was āltogēther *such a one* as thyself; *but* I

will reprove thee, and set *them* in order before thine eyes.

22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear *you* in piēccs, and *there be* nōne to deliver.

23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth *his* conversation ārigh't will I show the salvation of God.

PSALM LI.

To the chief Muṣiç'ian. A Psālm of Dāvīd, when Nā'thān the Prōph'et came unto him, āfter he had gone in to Bāth'she-bā.

HAVE mērcy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mērcies blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin *is* ever before me.

4 Āgainst' thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight; that thou mightst be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mōther concēive me.

6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the in'wārd parts; and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7 Purge me with hys'sōp, 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.

11 Cāst me not āwāy from thy presence; and take not thy holy Spīrit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with* thy free Spīrit:

13 *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be cōvērt'ed unto thee.

14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation; and my tōngue shall sing ālōūd of thy righteousness.

15 O LORD, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

16 For thou desirest not sāk'rifiçe, else would I give *it*: thou delightest not in burnt-offering.

17 The sāk'rifiçes of God *āre* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despīse'.

18 Do good in thy good pleās'ure unto Zī'ōn: build thou the walls of Jē-rū'salēm.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the

¹ rī'she-ūs-nēs.

sac'rifices of righteousness, with burnt-offering, and whole burnt-offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

PSALM LII.

To the chief Musiç'ian, Mās'çhil. *A Psalm of Dā'vid, when Dō'ēg the Ē'dōm-ite came and told Sāul, and said unto him, Dā'vid is come to the house of Ā-him'e-lēch.*

WHY boastest thou thyself in mis'chief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually.

2 Thy tōngue deviseth mis'chiefs, like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

3 Thou lovest evil more than good, and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Sē'lāh.

4 Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tōngue.

5 God shall likewise dēstrōy' thee for ever: he shall take thee āwāy, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling-place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Sē'lāh.

6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him:

7 Lo, *this is* the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

8 But *I am* like a green olive-tree in the house of God: I trust in the mērcy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done *it*: and I will wait on thy name; for *it is* good before thy saints.

PSALM LIII.

To the chief Musiç'ian upon Mā'ha-lāth, Mās'çhil. *A Psalm of Dā'vid.*

THE fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God.* Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: *there is none that doeth good.*

2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.

3 Every one of them is gone back; they are āltōgēther become filthy: *there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God.

5 There were they in great fear where no fear was; for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee: thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them.

6 Oh that the salvation of Īs'ra-ēl were come out of Zī'on! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jā'çōb shall rejoice, and Īs'ra-ēl shall be glad.

PSALM LIV.

To the chief Musiç'ian on Nēg'i-nōth, Mās'çhil. *A Psalm of Dā'vid, when the Zīph'ims came and said to Sāul, Doth not Dā'vid 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 strāngers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Sē'lāh.

4 Behold, God *is* my helper: the LORD *is* with them that uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.

6 I will freely sac'rifice 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 desire* upon mine enemies.

PSALM. LV.

To the chief Musiç'ian on Nēg'i-nōth, Mās'çhil. *A Psalm of Dā'vid.*

GIVE ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.

2 Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrāth they hate me.

4 My heart is sore pained within me; and the terrors of death are fallen 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 dōve! for then would I fly āwāy, and be at rest.

7 Lo then would I wānder far off, and remain in the wilderness. Sē'lāh.

8 I would hasten my ēscāpe' from the windy storm and tempest.

9 Dēstrōy', O LORD, and divide their tōngues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go ābout' it upon the wāis thereof; mis'chief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness *is* in the midst thereof; deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

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 cōmpāny.

15 Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness *is* in their dwellings, and āmōng them.

16 As for me, I will call upon God, and the LORD shall save me.

17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry ālōdd; and he shall hear my voice.

18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle *that was* āgainst' me: for there wēre many with me.

19 God shall hear and afflict them, even he that ābideth of old. Sē'lāh. Because they have no chānges, thēre'fore they fear nōt God.

20 He hath put forth his hands āgainst' such as be at peace with him; he hath broken his cōvānant.

21 *The words* of his mouth wēre smoother than butter, but war *was* in his hēart: his words wēre softer than oil, yet wēre they drawn swōrds.

22 Cāst thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and decēitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.

PSALM LVI.

To the chief Muṣiḡ'ian upon Jō'nāth-Ē'lēm-Rē-ḡhō'kim, Miḡh'tām of Dā'vid, when the Phi-lis'tines took him in Gāth.

BE mērciful unto me, O God; for man would swāllow me up: he fighting daily oppresseth me.

2 Mine enemies would daily swāllow me up: for *they be* many that fight āgainst' me, O thou Most High.

3 What time I am āfrāid I will trust in thee.

4 In God I will praise his word; in God I have put my trust: I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5 Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts *are* āgainst' me for evil.

6 They gāther themselves togēther, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.

7 Shall they ēscāpe' by iniquity? in *thine* anger cāst down the people, O God.

8 Thou tellest my wān'dērings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: *are they* not in thy book?

9 When I cry *unto thee*, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God *is* for me.

10 In God I will praise *his* word; in the LORD will I praise *his* word.

11 In God have I put my trust: I will not be āfrāid what man can do unto me.

12 Thy vows *are* upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death; *wilt* not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

PSALM LVII.

To the chief Muṣiḡ'ian, Āl-tās'ḡhith, Miḡh'tām of Dā'vid, when he fled from Sāul in the cave.

BE mērciful unto me, O God, be mērciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yēa, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until *these* calamities be overpast.

2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that pērfōrm'eth *all things* for me.

3 He shall send from heaven, and save me *from* the reproach of him that would swāllow me up. Sē'lāh. God shall send forth his mērcy and his truth.

4 My soul *is* āmōng lions; and I lie *even* āmōng them that *are* set on fire, *even* the sons of men, whose teeth *are* spears and arrows, and their tōngue a sharp swōrd.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, ābōve the heavens; *let* thy glory be ābōve all the ēarth.

6 They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul *is* bōwed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they *are* fallen *themselves*. Sē'lāh.

7 My hēart *is* fixed, O God, my hēart *is* fixed; I will sing and give praise.

8 Āwāke up, my glory; āwāke psāltery and harp; I *myself* will āwāke ēarly.

9 I will praise thee, O LORD, āmōng the people; I will sing unto thee āmōng the nations:

10 For thy mērcy *is* great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

11 Be thou exalted, O God, ābōve the heavens: *let* thy glory be ābōve all the ēarth.

PSALM LVIII.

To the chief Muṣiḡ'ian, Āl-tās'ḡhith, Miḡh'tām of Dā'vid.

DO ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

2 Yēa, in hēart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the ēarth.

3 The wicked *are* ēstrānged from the womb; they go āstrāy as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

4 Their poison *is* like the poison of a sērpent; *they are* like the deāf adder *that* stoppeth her ear;

5 Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.

6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth; break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD.

7 Let them melt āwāy as waters *which* run continually: *when* he bendeth *his bow* to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in piēces.

8 As a snail *which* melteth, let *every* one of them pāss āwāy; *like* the untimely birth¹ of a woman, *that* they may not see the sun.

¹ bērlh.

9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them āwāy as with a whirlwind,¹ both living, and in his wrāth.

10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wāsh his feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 So that a man shall say, Verily *there* is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the ēarth.

PSALM LIX.

To the chief Muṣiç'ian, Āl-tās'çhith, Miçh'tām of Dā'vid; when Sāul sent, and they wātched the house to kill him.

DELIVER me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up āgainst' me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul; the mighty āre gāthered āgainst' me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD.

4 They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault: āwāke to help me, and behold.

5 Thou, thēre'fōre, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, āwāke to visit all the heathen: be not mērciful to any wicked transgressors. Sē'lāh.

6 They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round ābout' the city.

7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swōrds āre in their lips; for who, *say they*, dōth hear?

8 But thou, O LORD, shalt lāugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

9 *Because of his strength* will I wait upon thee: for God *is* my defence.

10 The God of my mērcy shall prevent me: God shall let me see *my desire* upon mine enemies.

11 Slay them not, lēst my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O LORD our shiēld.

12 For the sin of their mouth, and the words of their lips, let them even be taken in their pride; and for cursing and lying *which* they speak.

13 Consume *them* in wrāth, consume *them*, that they *may* not be; and let them know that God ruleth in Jāçōb unto the ends of the ēarth. Sē'lāh.

14 And at evening let them return, and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round ābout' the city.

15 Let them wānder up and down for meat, and grudge, if they be not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of thy power; yēa, I will sing ālōud of thy mērcy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trōuble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God *is* my defence, and the God of my mērcy.

PSALM LX.

To the chief Muṣiç'ian upon Shū'shān-Ē'dūth, Miçh'tām of Dā'vid, to teach; when he strove with Ā'rām-Nā-ha-rā'im and with Ā'rām-Zō'bāh, when Jō'āb returned and smote of Ē'dōm in the valley of Sālt twelve thousand.

O GOD, thou hast cāst us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us āgain'.

2 Thou hast made the ēarth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast showed thy people hard things; thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Sē'lāh.

5 That thy belōved may be delivered, save *with* thy right hand, and hear me.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice: I will divide Shē'çhēm, and mete out the valley of Sūç'ōth.

7 Gil'e-ād *is* mine, and Ma-nās'seh *is* mine; Ē'phra-im *also* *is* the strength of mine head; Jū'dāh *is* my lawgiver;

8 Mō'āb *is* my wāsh-pot; over Ē'dōm will I cāst out my shoe: Phi-lis'ti-ā, triumph thou because of me.

9 Who will bring me *into* the strong city? who will lead me *into* Ē'dōm?

10 *Will* not thou, O God, *which* hadst cāst us off? and *thou*, O God, *which* didst not go out with our armies?

11 Give us help from trōuble: for vain *is* the help of man.

12 Through God we shall do valiantly; for *he it is* that shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM LXI.

To the chief Muṣiç'ian upon Nēg'i-nāh. *A Psalm of Dā'vid.*

HEAR my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

2 From the end of the ēarth will I cry unto thee, when my heart *is* overwhelmed: lead me to the rock *that* is higher than I.

3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

4 I will ābide in thy tabernacle for ever; I will trust in the cōvert of thy wings. Sē'lāh.

5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given *me* the heritagē of those that fear thy name.

6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life; and his years as many generations.

7 He shall ābide before God for ever: O prepare mērcy and truth, *which* may p̄s̄ērvē' him.

8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily p̄f̄r̄m' my vows.

PSALM LXII.

To the chief Muṣiç'ian, to Jēd'u-thūn.

A Psałm of Dā'vīd.

TRULY my soul waiteth upon God : from him cometh my salvation.

2 He only is my rock and my salvation ; he is my defence : I shall not be greatly moved.

3 How long will ye imagine mis'chief against' a man ? ye shall be slain all of you : as a hōw'ing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence.

4 They only consult to cāst him down from his excellency ; they delight in lies : they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Sē'lāh.

5 My soul, wait thou only upon God : for my expectation is from him.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation ; he is my defence : I shall not be moved.

7 In God is my salvation and my glory ; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

8 Trust in him at all times, ye people ; pour out your heart before him : God is a refuge for us. Sē'lāh.

9 Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie : to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity.

10 Trust not in oppression, become not vain in robbery : if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

11 God hath spoken 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.

PSALM LXIII.

A Psałm of Dā'vīd, when he was in the wilderness of Jū'dāh.

O God, thou art my God ; early will I seek thee : my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is ;

2 To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

3 Because thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

4 Thus will I bless thee while I live : I will lift up my hands in thy name.

5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness ; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips ;

6 When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night-watches.

7 Because thou hast been my help : there'sfore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

8 My soul followeth hard after thee : thy right hand upholdeth me.

9 But those that seek my soul, to de-

strōy' it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

10 They shall fall by the sword ; they shall be a pōrtion for foxes.

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.

PSALM LXIV.

To the chief Muṣiç'ian. A Psałm of Dā'vīd.

HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer : p̄s̄erve' my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked ; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity :

3 Who whet their tōngue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words ;

4 That they may shoot in secret at the p̄f̄ect : suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

5 They encourage themselves in an evil matter : they commune of laying snares privily ; they say, Who shall see them ?

6 They search out iniquities ; they accomplish a diligent search : both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep.

7 But God shall shoot at them with an arrow ; suddenly shall they be wōunded.

8 So they shall make their own tōngue to fall upon themselves : all that see them shall flee āwāy.

9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God : for they shall wisely consider of his doing.

10 The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him ; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

PSALM LXV.

To the chief Muṣiç'ian. A Psałm and Song of Dā'vīd.

PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Zi'ōn ; and unto thee shall the vow be p̄f̄orm'ed.

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 āwāy.

4 Blēs'sed is the man whom thou chōōs'est, and causet to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts : we shall be satisfied with thy goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5 By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation ; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are āfār off upon the sea :

6 Which by his strength setteth fāst the mōūn'tains ; being girded¹ with power :

7 Which stilleth 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 evening 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 them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly; thou settlest the furrows thereof; thou makest it soft with showers; thou bléssést 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 LXVI.

To the chief Musiq'ian 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 shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Sélâh.

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. Sélâh.

8 O bless 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 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. Sélâh.

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 extolled with my tongue.

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

19 But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

PSALM LXVII.

To the chief Musiq'ian on Nég'i-nôth.

A Psalm or Song.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us. Sélâh.

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. Sélâh.

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 bless us.

7 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

PSALM LXVIII.

To the chief Musiq'ian. A Psalm or Song of Dâ'vid.

LET God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad: let them rejoice before God; yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

6 God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains; but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Sélâh:

8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sion itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Isra-él.

9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful

rain, whereby thou didst confirm¹ thine inheritance, when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

11 The LORD gave the word; great was the company of those that published it.

12 Kings of armies did flee āpāce; and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

13 Though ye have lien āmōng the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yē'lōw gold.

14 When the Āl-mīgh'ty scattered kings in it, it was white as snow in Sāl'mōn.

15 The hill of God is as the hill of Bā'shān; a high hill, as the hill of Bā'shān.

16 Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yēa, the LORD will dwell in it for ever.

17 The chariots of God āre twenty thousand, even thousands of āngels: the LORD is āmōng them as in Sī'nāi, in the holy place.

18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yēa, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell āmōng them.

19 Blēs'sed be the LORD, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Sē'lāh.

20 He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the LORD belong the issues from death.

21 But God shall wōund the head of his enemies, and the hairy scālp of such a one as goeth on still in his trēs'pāsses.

22 The LORD said, I will bring āgain' from Bā'shān; I will bring my people āgain' from the depths of the sea:

23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies, and the tōngue of thy dogs in the same.

24 They have seen thy goings, O God; even the goings of my God, my Kīng, in the sanctuary.

25 The singers went before, the players on instruments followed āfter; āmōng them wēre the damsels playing with timbrels.

26 Bless ye God in the congregations, even the LORD from the fōun'tain of Īs'ra-ēl.

27 There is little Bēn'ja-mīn with their ruler, the princes of Jū'dāh and their council, the princes of Zēb'u-lōn, and the princes of Nāph'ta-lī.

28 Thy God hath cōmmān'ded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

29 Because of thy temple at Jē-rū'salēm shall kings bring presents unto thee.

30 Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the cālves of the people, till every one submit him-

self with piēces of silver: scatter thou the people that delight in war.

31 Princes shall come out of Ē'gypt; Ē-thi-ō'pi-ā shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the ēarth; O sing praises unto the LORD; Sē'lāh:

33 To him that rideth upon the heavens which wēre of old: lo, he dōth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Īs'ra-ēl, and his strength is in the clouds.

35 O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Īs'ra-ēl is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blēs'sed be God.

PSALM LXIX.

To the chief Musīc'ian upon Shō-shān-nim. A Psālm of Dā'vid.

SAVE me, O God; for the waters āre come in unto my soul.

2 I sink in deep mire, where there is 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 āre more than the hairs of mine head: they that would dēstrōy' me, being mine enemies wrongfully, āre mighty: then I restored that which I took not āwāy.

5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins āre not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that wait on thee, O LORD God of hosts, be āshāmed for my sake; let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Īs'ra-ēl.

7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach: shame hath cōvered my face.

8 I am become a strānger unto my brēthren, and an ālien unto my mōther's children.

9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee āre fallen upon me.

10 When I wept, and chāstened my soul with fāst'ing, that was to my reproach.

11 I made sackcloth also my gārment; and I became a proverb to them.

12 They that sit in the gate speak āgainst' 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 mērcy 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 water-flood overflow me,

¹ kōn-fīrm'.

nēither let the deep swāllow 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 mērcies.

17 And hide not thy face from thy sērvant; for I am in trōuble: 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 dīshōn'our: mine ād'vērsaries are all before thee.

20 Reproach hath broken my heārt, and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for cōm'fōrters, but I found none.

21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

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 wra'thful anger take hold of them.

25 Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.

26 For they pērsēcute him whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the griēf of those whom thou hast wōunded.

27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity; and let them not come into thy righteousness.

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 song, 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 hūmble shall see this, and be glad: and your heārt shall live that seek God.

33 For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

34 Let the heaven and ēarth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein:

35 For God will save Sī'ōn, and will build the cities of Jū'dāh; that they may dwell there, and have it in pōssēs'sion.

36 The seed also of his sērvants shall inherit it; and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

PSALM LXX.

To the chief Musīq'ian. A Psalm of Dā'vid, to bring to remembrance.

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O LORD.

2 Let them be āshāmed and confounded that seek āfter my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Ā-hā', ā-hā'!

4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

5 But I am poor and needy; make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer, O LORD; make no tarrying.

PSALM LXXI.

IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion.

2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to ēscāpe': incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

3 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given cōmmānd'ment 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 art he that took me out of my mōthēr's bōwels: my praise shall be continually of thee.

7 I am as a wōnder unto many: but thou art my strong refuge.

8 Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy hōn'our all the day.

9 Cāst me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

10 For mine enemies speak āgainst me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel tōgēther,

11 Saying, God hath forsaken him; pērsēcute 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 ād'vērsaries to my soul; let them be cōvērēd with reproach and dīshōn'our that seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

15 My mouth shall show 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 wōndrous works.

18 Now also, when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not, until I have showed thy strength unto this gen-

eration, and thy power to every one that is to come.

19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee?

20 *Thou*, which hast showed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me āgain', and shalt bring me up āgain' from the depths of the ēarth.

21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and cōm'fōrt me on every side.

22 I will also praise thee with the psātery, *even* thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

24 My tōngue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

PSALM LXXII.

A Psālm for Sō'l'o-mōn.

GIVE the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

2 He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

3 The mōūn'tains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

4 He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in piēces the oppressor.

5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grāss; as showers that water the ēarth.

7 In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the ēarth.

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bōw before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tār'shish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Shē'bā and Sē'bā shall offer gifts.

11 Yēa, all kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall sērve him.

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 Shē'bā: prayer also

shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.

16 There shall be a handful of corn in the ēarth upon the top of the mōūn'tains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lēb'ānōn: and *they* of the city shall flourish like grāss of the ēarth.

17 His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and *men* shall be blēs'sed in him: all nations shall call him blēs'sed.

18 Blēs'sed be the LORD God, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, who only doeth wōndrous things.

19 And blēs'sed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole ēarth be filled with his glory. *Ā'mēn'*, and *ā'mēn'*.

20 The prayers of Dā'vīd the son of Jēs'se, are ended.

PSALM LXXIII.

A Psālm of Ā'sāph.

TRULY God is good to Iṣ'ra-ēl, *even* to such as are of a clean heart.

2 But as for me, my feet wēre almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

3 For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For *there are* no bands in their death; but their strength is firm.¹

5 They are not in trouble as other men; nēither are they plagued like other men.

6 Thēre'fōre pride cōm'pāsseth them ābout' as a chain; violence cōvereth them as a gārmēt.

7 Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.

8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly cōncēr'ning oppression: they speak loftily.

9 They set their mouth āgainst' the heavens; and their tōngue walketh through the ēarth.

10 Thēre'fōre his people return hither; and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them:

11 And they say, How dóth God know? and is there knowledge in the Most High?

12 Behold, these are the ungodly who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

13 Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chāstened every morning.

15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend āgainst' the generation of thy children.

16 When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me,

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.

18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou cāstedst them down into destruction.

19 How are they brought into desola-

tion, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 As a dream when *one* awaketh; so, O LORD, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise^r their image.

21 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

22 So foolish was I and ignorant; I was as a beast before thee.

23 Nevertheless, I *am* continually with thee; thou hast holden *me* by my right hand.

24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and shalt^rward receive me *to* glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven *but* thee? and *there is* none upon earth that I desire besides thee.

26 My flesh and my heart faileth: *but* God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish; thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.

28 But *it is* good for me to draw near to God. I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.

PSALM LXXIV.

Mās'chil of Ā'sāph.

O GOD, why hast thou cast us off for ever? why doth thine anger smoke against^r the sheep of thy pasture?¹

2 Remember thy congregation, *which* thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, *which* thou hast redeemed; this mount Si'ōn, wherein thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift up thy feet unto the pērpēt^{ual} desolations; *even* all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

4 Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns for signs.

5 *A* man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.

6 But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.

7 They have cast fire into thy sanctuary; they have defiled *by* cast^{ing} down the dwelling place of thy name to the ground.

8 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy^r them together: they have burnt up 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 ad^{ver}sary reproach? shall the enemy blaspHEME^r thy name for ever?

11 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck *it* out of thy bō^śōm.

12 For God *is* my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy

¹ pās'tshūre.

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 fōun^tain and the flood: thou driedst 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 blaspHEM^{ed} 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 habitations of cruelty.

21 O let not the oppressed return āshā^med: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause; remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.

23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against^r thee increaseth continually.

PSALM LXXV.

To the chief Musiq^{ian}, Āl-tās'chith.

A Psalm or Song of Ā'sāph.

UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks, *unto* thee do we give thanks: for *that* thy name *is* near, thy wondrous works declare.

2 When I shall receive the congregation, I will judge uprightly.

3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Sē'lāh.

4 I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly; and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:

5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck.

6 For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south:

7 But God *is* the judge; he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

8 For in the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture, and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring *them* out, and drink *them*.

9 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jā'cōb.

10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; *but* the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

² pēr-pē'tshū-āl.

PSALM LXXVI.

To the chief Musiç'ian on Nēg'i-nōth.

A Psālm or Song of Ā'sāph.

IN Jū'dāh is God known; his name is great in Iṣ'ra-ēl.

2 In Sālēm also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling-place in Sī'ōn.

3 There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Sē'lāh.*

4 Thou art more glorious and excellent than the mōun'tains of prey.

5 The stout-hearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep; and none of the men of might have found their hands.

6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jā'çōb, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

7 Thou, even thou, art to be feared; and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

8 Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still,

9 When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Sē'lāh.

10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

11 Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes: he is terrible to the kings of the earth.

PSALM LXXVII.

To the chief Musiç'ian, to Jēd'u-thūn.

A Psālm of Ā'sāph.

ICRIED unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the LORD: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

3 I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Sē'lāh.

4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

5 I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

6 I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart, and my spirit made diligent search.

7 Will the LORD cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?

8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore?

9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious?

* SELAH is a word found seventy-four times in the Book of Psalms, and thrice in Habakkuk. Some think it signifies a rest or pause in singing, or a change of tone; or, as others, the elevation of the voice, or a high note. Also, for ever, or, so be it. But it is in general concluded, that it properly signifies the end or pause.—BUTTERWORTH

hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Sē'lāh.

10 And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.

11 I will remember the works of the LORD; surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

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 Jā'çōb and Jō'sēph. Sē'lāh.

16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee: they were afraid; the depths also were troubled.

17 The clouds poured out water; the skies sent 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 leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Mō'sēs and Aārōn.

PSALM LXXVIII.

Māsçhil of Ā'sāph.

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;

3 Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide them from their children, showing to 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 Jā'çōb, and appointed a law in Iṣ'ra-ēl, 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 which 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 stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart right,

and whose spirit was not stēadfast with God.

9 The children of E'phra-īm, *being* armed, and carrying bōws, turned back in the day of battle.

10 They kept not the cōvenant of God, and refused to walk in his law ;

11 And forgat his works, and his wōnders that he had showed them.

12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers in the land of E'g̃ypt, in the field of Zō'ān.

13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pās through ; and he made the waters to stand as a heap.

14 In the day-time 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* the 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 ask'ing meak for their lust.

19 Yea, they 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 Thēre'fōre the LORD heard *this*, and was wroth : so a fire was kindled against' Jā'cōb, and anger also came up against' Iṣ'ra-ēl.

22 Because they believ'd not in God, and trusted not in his salvation ;

23 Though he had cōmman'ded the clouds from ābōve, 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 āngels' 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 dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea ;

28 And he let *it* fall in the midst of their camp, round ābout' their habitations.

29 So they did eat, and wēre well filled : for he gave them their own desire ;

30 They wēre not estranged from their lust : but while their meat *was* yet in their mouths,

31 The wrāth of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen *men* of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

32 For all this they sinned still, and believ'd not for his wōndrous works.

33 Thēre'fōre their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble.

34 When he slew them, then they sought him ; and they returned and inquired early after God :

35 And they remembered that God *was* their Rōck, and the high God their Rē-dēem'er.

36 Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tōngues :

37 For their heart was not right with him, nēither wēre they stēadfast in his cōvenant.

38 But he, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity, and destrōy'ed *them* not : yea, many a time turned he his anger āwāy, and did not stir up all his wrāth :

39 For he remembered that they *wēre* but flesh ; a wind that pāsseth āwāy, and cometh not āgain'.

40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and griēve him in the dēs'ert !

41 Yea, they turned back, and tempted God, and limited the Hōly One of Iṣ'ra-ēl

42 They remembered not his hand, *nor* the day when he delivered them from the enemy :

43 How he had wrought his signs in E'g̃ypt, and his wōnders in the field of Zō'ān :

44 And had turned their rivers into blood ; and their floods, that they could not drink.

45 He sent dī'vērṣ sorts of flies āmōng them, which devoured them ; and frogs, which destrōy'ed them.

46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust.

47 He destrōy'ed their vines with hail, and their sycamore-trees with frost.

48 He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.

49 He cāst upon them the fiērceness of his anger, wrāth, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil āngels āmōng *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 first-born in E'g̃ypt ; the chief of *their* strength in the tabernacles of Hām :

52 But made his own people to go for'h 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 overwhelmed their enemies.

54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, *even to* this mōūn'tain, *which* his right hand had purchased.

55 He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Iṣ'ra-ēl to dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his tēs'timōnīes;

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 Iṣ'ra-ēl:

60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shī'lōh, the tent which 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 like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts; he put them to a perpēt'ual reproach.

67 Moreover, he refused the tabernacle of Jō'sēph, and chose not the tribe of Ēphra-īm;

68 But chose the tribe of Jūdāh, the mount Si'ōn, which he loved.

69 And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which he hath established for ever.

70 He chose Dā vid also his sērvant, and took him from the sheep-folds:

71 From following the ewes great with young, he brought him to feed Jā'cōb his people, and Iṣ'ra-ēl his inheritance.

72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

PSALM LXXIX.

A Psalm of Ā'sāph.

O GOD, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jē-rū'sa-lēm on heaps.

2 The dead bodies of thy sērvants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.

3 Their blood have they shed like water round about' Jē-rū'sa-lēm; and there was none to bury them.

4 We are become a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and derision to them that are round about' us.

5 How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name:

7 For they have devoured Jā'cōb, and laid waste his dwelling-place.

8 O remember not against' us former iniquities: let thy tender mērcies speedily prevent us; for we are brought very low.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name; and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

10 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight, by the revenging of the blood of thy sērvants which is shed.

11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power prēsērvē' thou those that are appointed to die:

12 And render unto our neighbours seven-fold into their bō'sóm their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O LORD.

13 So we thy people, and sheep of thy pasture, will give thee thanks for ever, we will show forth thy praise to all generations.

PSALM LXXX.

To the chief Musiq'ian upon Shō-shān'nim Ē'dūth. A Psalm of Ā sapi.

GIVE ear, O Shēp'hērd of Iṣ'ra-ēl, thou that ledest Jō'sēph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth.

2 Before Ēphra-īm, and Bēn'ja-mīn, and Ma-nās'seh, stir up thy strength, and come and save us.

3 Turn us again', O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, how long will thou be angry against' the prayer of thy people?

5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great mēas'ure.

6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours; and our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 Turn us again', O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Ēg'gypt; thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

9 Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the bōughs thereof were like the goodly cedars.

11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.

12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts, look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

15 And the vineyard¹ which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself.

16 It is burnt with fire; it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.

18 So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

19 Turn us again', O LORD God of hosts; cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

PSALM LXXXI.

To the chief Musiq'ian upon Gūt'tith.

A Psalm of Ā'sāph.

SING ālōūd unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jā'cōb.

2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleās'ant harp with the psaltery.

3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

4 For this was a statute for Iṣ'ra-ēl, and a law of the God of Jā'cōb.

5 This he ordained in Jō'sēph for a tēs'timōny, when he went out through the land of Ē'gypt; 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 calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder; I proved thee at the waters of Mēr'i-bāh. Sē'lāh.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Iṣ'ra-ēl, 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 Ē'gypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 But my people would not hearken to my voice: and Iṣ'ra-ēl would none of me.

12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust; and they walked in their own counsels.

13 O that my people had hearkened unto me, and Iṣ'ra-ēl had walked in my ways!

14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against' their adversaries.

15 The haters 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 satisfied thee.

PSALM LXXXII.

A Psalm of Ā'sāph.

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? Sē'lāh.

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 on 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.

PSALM LXXXIII.

A Song or Psalm of Ā'sāph.

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 that 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl may be no more in remembrance.

5 For they have consulted together with one consent; they are confederate against' thee:

6 The tabernacles of Ē'dōm, and the Ish'ma-ēl-ites; of Mō'āb, and the Hā-gār-ēneš';

7 Gē'bāl, and Ām'mōn, and Ām'a-lēk; the Phi-lis'tines, with the inhabitants of Tyre;

8 Ās'sūr also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lōt. Sē'lāh.

9 Do unto them as unto the Mid'i-ān-ites; as to Sis'e-rā, as to Jā'bīn, at the brook of Kī sōn;

¹ vīn'yērd.

10 Which perished at Ēn'dōr : they became as dung for the earth.

11 Make their nobles like ō'rēb and like Zē'bēb ; yēa, all their princes as Zē'bāh and as Zāl-mūn'nā :

12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in pōssēs'sion.

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 mōūn'tains on fire,

15 So pērsecute them with thy tempest, and make them āfrāid with thy storm.

16 Fill their faces with shame ; that they may seek thy name, O LORD.

17 Let them be confounded and troubled for ever ; yēa, let them be put to shame, and perish :

18 That men may know that thou, whose name ālōne is JE-HO'VAH, art the Most High over all the earth.

PSALM LXXXIV.

To the chief Musiq'ian upon Gīt'tih. A

Psālm for the sons of Kō'rāh.

HOW amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts !

2 My soul longeth, yēa, even fainteth, for the courts of the LORD ; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3 Yēa, the sparrow hath found a house, and the swāllow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.

4 Blēs'sed are they that dwell in thy house : they will be still praising thee. Sē'lāh.

5 Blēs'sed is the man whose strength is in thee ; in whose heart are the ways of them :

6 Who pās'sing through the valley of Bā'çā, make it a well : the rain also filleth the pools.

7 They go from strength to strength ; every one of them in Zi'ōn appeareth before God.

8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer : give ear, O God of Jā'çōb. Sē'lāh.

9 Behold, O God, our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield : the LORD will give grace and glory : no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts, blēs'sed is the man that trusteth in thee.

PSALM LXXXV.

To the chief Musiq'ian. A Psālm for the sons of Kō'rāh.

LORD, thou hast been favourable unto thy land : thou hast brought back the captivity of Jā'çōb.

2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people ; thou hast covered all their sin. Sē'lāh.

3 Thou hast taken āwāy all thy wrāth : thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.

4 Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger tō'wārd us to cease.

5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever ? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations ?

6 Wilt thou not revive us āgain', that thy people may rejoice in thee ?

7 Show us thy mērcy, O LORD, and grāt us thy salvation.

8 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 āgain' to folly.

9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him ; that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mērcy and truth are met together ; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring out of the earth ; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 Yēa, the LORD shall give that which is good : and our land shall yield her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, and shall set us in the way of his steps.

PSALM LXXXVI.

A Prayer of Dā'vid.

BOW down thine ear, O LORD, hear me ; for I am poor and needy.

2 Prējērvē' my soul, for I am holy : O thou my God, save thy sērvant that trusteth in thee.

3 Be mērciful unto me, O LORD : for I cry unto thee daily.

4 Rejoice the soul of thy sērvant : for unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, LORD, art good, and ready to forgive ; and plēn'teous in mērcy unto all them that call upon thee.

6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer ; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee : for thou wilt ānswer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O LORD ; neither are there any works like unto thy works.

9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and wór'ship before thee, O LORD ; and shall glorify thy name.

10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things : thou art God ālōne.

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 mērcy tō'wārd me; and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

14 O God, the proud āre risen āgainst' me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought āfter my soul, and have not set thee before them.

15 But thou, O LORD, art a God full of compassion, and gracious; long-suffering, and plēn'teous in mērcy and truth.

16 O turn unto me, and have mērcy upon me: give thy strength unto thy sērvant, and save the son of thine hand-maid.

17 Show me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be āshāmed; because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and cōm'fōrted me.

PSALM LXXXVII.

A Psālm or Song for the sons of Kō'rāh. HIS foundation is in the holy mōūn'tains.

2 The LORD loveth the gates of Zi'ōn more than all the dwellings of Jā'cōb.

3 Glorious things āre spoken of thee, O city of God. Sē'lāh.

4 I will make mention of Rā'hāb and Bāb'y-lōn to them that know me; behold, Phi-lis'ti-ā, and Tyre, with E-thi-ō'pi-ā: this man was born there.

5 And of Zi'ōn it shall be said, This and that man was born in her; and the High'est himself shall estāb'lish her.

6 The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Sē'lāh.

7 As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs āre in thee.

PSALM LXXXVIII.

A Song or Psālm for the sons of Kō'rāh. To the chief Muṣi'cian upon Mā'ha-lāth Lē-ān'nōth, Mās'chil of Hē'mān the Ez'ra-hīte.

O 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 āmōng the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they āre cut off from thy hand.

6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

7 Thy wra'th lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Sē'lāh.

8 Thou hast put āwāy 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 show wōnders to the dead? shall the dead ārise and praise thee? Sē'lāh.

11 Shall thy loving-kindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction?

12 Shall thy wōnders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness 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 cāstest 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 fēre wra'th goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.

17 They came round ābout' me daily like water, they cōm'pāssed me ābout' tōghether.

18 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness.

PSALM LXXXIX.

Mās'chil of E'thān the Ez'ra-hīte.

I WILL sing of the mērcies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

2 For I have said, Mērcy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou estāb'lish in the very heavens.

3 I have made a cōvenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto Dā'vid my sērvant.

4 Thy seed will I estāb'lish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Sē'lāh.

5 And the heavens shall praise thy wōnders, O LORD; thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

6 For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? who āmōng the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that āre ābout him.

8 O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round ābout' thee?

9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof ārise, thou stillest them.

10 Thou hast broken Rā'hāb in piēces, as one that is slain: thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.

11 The heavens āre thine, the ēarth

also is thine: *as for the world, and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.*

12 The north and the south thou hast created them: Tā'bōr and Hēr'mōn shall rejoice in thy name.

13 Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, *and high is thy right hand.*

14 Justice and judgment *are* the habitation of thy throne: mērcy and truth shall go before thy face.

15 Blēs'sed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

16 In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

17 For thou *art* the glory of their strength; and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.

18 For the LORD is our defence; and the Hōly One of Iṣ'ra-ēl is our King.

19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy Hōly One, and saidst, I have laid help upon *one that is mighty*; I have exalted *one* chosen out of the people.

20 I have found Dā'vid my sērvant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:

21 With whom my hand shall be estāb'lished; mine arm also shall strengthen him.

22 The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

23 And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

24 But my faithfulness and my mērcy shall be with him; and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

25 I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.

26 He shall cry unto me, Thou *art* my Fā'ther, my God, and the Rōck of my salvation.

27 Also I will make him *my* first-born, higher than the kings of the earth.

28 My mērcy will I keep for him for evermore, and my cōvenant shall stand fāst 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 cōmmand'ments;

32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

33 Nevertheless my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

34 My cōvenant 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 Dā'vid.

36 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.

37 It shall be estāb'lished for ever as the moon, and *as a faithful witness* in heaven. Sē'lāh.

38 But thou hast cāst off and abhorred, thou hast been wrōth with thine anointed.

39 Thou hast made void the cōvenant of thy sērvant; thou hast profaned his crown, *by cāst'ing it to the ground.*

40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.

41 All that pāss by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbours.

42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his ād'versaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his swōrd, and hast not made him to stand in the battle.

44 Thou hast made his glory to cease, and cāst his throne down to the ground.

45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast cōvered him with shame. Sē'lāh.

46 How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrōth burn like fire?

47 Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?

48 What man *is he that* liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Sē'lāh.

49 LORD, where *are* thy former loving-kindnesses, *which* thou swarest unto Dā'vid in thy truth?

50 Remember, LORD, the reproach of thy sērvants; *how* I do bear in my bō'sōm *the reproach of* all the mighty people;

51 Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O LORD; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.

52 Blēs'sed be the LORD for evermore. Ā'mēn', and ā'mēn'.

PSALM XC.

A Prayer of Mō'sēs, the Man of God.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

2 Before the mōūn'tains wēre brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from ēvērlā'sting to ēvērlā'sting, thou *art* God.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight *are* but as yēs'tērdāy when it is pāst, and *as a wāch* in the night.

5 Thou carriest them āwāy as with a flood; they *are as a sleep*: in the morning they *are* like grāss *which* groweth up.

6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

7 For we *are* consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrōth *are* we troubled.

8 Thou hast set our iniquities before

thee, our secret *sins* in the light of thy countenance.

9 For all our days *àre* pàssed àwày in thy wràth; we spend our years as a tale *that is told*.

10 The days of our years *àre* three-score years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow: for it is soon cut off, and we fly àwày.

11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear; *so is* thy wràth.

12 So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee cōncērn'ing thy sērvants.

14 O satisfy us ēarly with thy mērcy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad according to the days *wherein* thou hast afflicted us, and the years *wherein* we have seen evil.

16 Let thy work appear unto thy sērvants, and thy glory unto their children.

17 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and ēstāb'lish thou the work of our hands upon us; yēa, the work of our hands ēstāb'lish thou it.

PSALM XCI.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall ābide under the shadow of the Āl-migh'ty.

2 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 noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cōver thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shiēld and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be āfrāid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that lieth by day.

6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold, and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is* my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation,

10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his āngels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot āgāinst' a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and

¹ mādjēs-te.

adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, thērēfōre will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will ānswer him: I *will be* with him in trōuble; I will deliver him, and hōn'our him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

PSALM XCII.

A Psālm or Song for the Sāb'bath-day.
IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High:

2 To show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,

3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psāltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.

4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work; I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

5 O LORD, how great *àre* thy works: and thy thoughts *àre* very deep.

6 A brutish man knoweth not; nēither dōth a fool understand this.

7 When the wicked spring as the grāss, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; *it is* that they shall be destrōy'ed for ever:

8 But thou, LORD, *art most* high for evermore.

9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish: all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered;

10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like *the horn of* a 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 āgāinst' me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the pālm-tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lēb'a-nōn.

13 Those that be plānted 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 show that the LORD *is* upright: *he is* my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in him.

PSALM XCIII.

THE LORD reigneth; he is clothed with mājesty¹; the LORD is clothed with strength, *wherewith* he hath girded² himself: the world also is ēstāb'lished, that it cannot be moved.

2 Thy throne *is* ēstāb'lished of old: thou *art* from ēvérlās'ting.

3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD,

² g'erded.

the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

4 The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, *yēa*, than the mighty waves of the sea.

5 Thy tēs'timónies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

PSALM XCIV.

O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, show thyself.

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 piéces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage:

6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

7 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jā'çob regard it.

8 Understand, ye brú'tish among the people; and, ye fools, when will ye be wise?

9 He that plánted 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 not he know?

11 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.

12 Blēs'sed is the man whom thou chāstenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;

13 That thou mayst give him rest from the days of advēr'sity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not cāst off his people, 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 evil-doers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

17 Unless the LORD had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

18 When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mērcy, O LORD, held me up.

19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy cōm'forts delight my soul.

20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?

21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

22 But the LORD is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge.

23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; *yēa*, the LORD our God shall cut them off.

PSALM XCV.

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

3 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.

5 The sea is his, and he made it; and his hands formed the dry land.

6 O come, let us wór'ship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our Mā'kér.

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,

8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9 When your fathers tempted me, provoked me, and 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:

11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath, that they should not enter into my rest.

PSALM XCVI.

O SING unto the LORD a new song; sing unto the LORD all the earth.

2 Sing unto the LORD, blēs's his name: show forth his salvation from day to day.

3 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.

6 Hón'our and maj'esty 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;

8 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

9 O wór'ship 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 estāb'lished 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 fiēld 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 XCVII.

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 enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the LORD 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 Sion 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.

10 Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth 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 XCVIII.

A Psalm.

SING unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand and his holy arm hath gotten him the victory.

2 The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

3 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth; make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

6 With trumpets, and sound of cornet, make a joyful noise before the LORD the King.

7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

8 Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together,

9 Before the LORD: for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

PSALM XCIX.

THE LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

2 The LORD is great in Zion, and he is high above all people.

3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy.

4 The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity: thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Sam'uel among them that call upon his name: they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them.

8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

9 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill: for the LORD our God is holy.

PSALM C.

A Psalm of Praise.

MAKE a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

2 Serve the LORD with gladness; come before his presence with singing.

3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

5 For the LORD is good, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

PSALM CI.

A Psalm of David.

I WILL sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O! when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside, it shall not cleave to me.

4 A forward heart shall depart from me; I will not know a wicked person.

5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath a high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful

of the land, that they may dwell with me : he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house ; he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

8 I will early destroy' all the wicked of the land, that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

PSALM CII.

A Prayer of the Afflicted ; when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, 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 smoke, and my bones are burned as a hearth.

4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass ; so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 By reason of the voice of my groaning, my bones cleave to my skin.

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 grass.

12 But thou, O LORD, 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 LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

16 When the LORD 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 LORD.

19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary ; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth ;

20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner, to loose those that are appointed to death ;

21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem ;

22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

23 He weakened my strength in the way ; he shortened my days.

24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days : 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 servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

PSALM CIII.

A Psalm of David.

BLESS the LORD, O my soul ; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

2 Bless the LORD, 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 LORD 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 LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous 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 LORD 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 flourisheth :

16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone ; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

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 cōmmandments 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 āngels, that excel in strength, that do his cōmmandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his that do his pleāsure.

22 Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

PSALM CIV.

BLESS the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with hōn'our and mā'jesty:¹

2 Who cōverest thyself with light as with a gārmēt; who stretchest out the heavens like a cūr'tain;

3 Who layeth the beams of his chāmbers in the waters; who maketh the clouds his chariot; who walketh upon the wings of the wind;

4 Who maketh his āngels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire;

5 Who laid the foundations of the ēarth, that it should not be removed for ever.

6 Thou cōveredst it with the deep as with a gārmēt: the waters stood ābōve the mōūntāins.

7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted āwāy.

8 They go up by the mōūntāins; 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 pāss over, that they turn not āgain' to cōver the ēarth.

10 He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run āmōng the hills.

11 They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild āsses quench their thīrst.

12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing āmōng the brānches.

13 He watereth the hills from his chāmbers: the ēarth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

14 He causeth the grāss to grow for the cattle, and hērb for the sērvice of man, that he may bring forth food out of the ēarth;

15 And wine that maketh glad the hēart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's hēart.

16 The trees of the LORD āre full of sap: the cedars of Lēb'a-nōn, which he hath plānted;

17 Where the bīrds make their nests: as for the stork, the sīr-trees āre her house.

18 The high hills āre a refuge for the wild goats, and the rocks for the cōnies.

19 He appointeth the moon for seasons: 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 āfter their prey, and seek their meat from God.

22 The sun ārīseth, they gāther themselves tōgēther, and lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth unto his work, and to his labour, until the evening.

24 O LORD, how manifold āre thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the ēarth is full of thy riches;

25 So is this great and wide sea, wherein āre 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 mayst give them their meat in due season.

28 That thou givest them, they gāther: thou openest thine hand, they āre filled with good.

29 Thou hidest thy face, they āre troubled; thou takest āwāy their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they āre created; and thou renewest the face of the ēarth.

31 The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.

32 He looketh on the ēarth, and it trembleth; he tōucheth 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.

35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the ēarth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CV.

GIVE thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds āmōng the people.

2 Sing unto him, sing psālms unto him talk ye of all his wōndrous works.

3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the hēart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

4 Seek the LORD, and his strength; seek his face evermore.

5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wōnders, and the judgments of his mouth;

6 O ye seed of Ābra-hām his sērvant, ye children of Jāçōb his chosen.

¹ mād'jēs-te.

7 He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations:

9 Which covenant he made with Ā'bra-hām, and his oath unto Ī'sāac;

10 And confirmed the same unto Jā'çöb for a law, and to Ī's'ra-ël for an everlasting covenant;

11 Saying, unto thee will I give the land of Çā'na-ān, the lot of your inheritance:

12 When they were but a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it.

13 When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people,

14 He suffered no man to do them wrong; yea, he reproved kings for their sakes;

15 Saying, Touch not my anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

16 Moreover, he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole staff of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, even Jō'sēph, who was sold for a servant;

18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron;

19 Until the time that his word came; the word of the LORD tried him.

20 The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free.

21 He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance;

22 To bind his princes at his pleasure, and teach his senators wisdom.

23 Ī's'ra-ël also came into E'gypt, and Jā'çöb sojourned in the land of Hām.

24 And he increased 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 Mō'sēs his servant, and Aārōn whom he had chosen.

27 They showed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Hām.

28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.

29 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.

30 The 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 flaming fire in their land.

33 He smote their vines also, and their fig-trees; and brake the trees of their coasts.

34 He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillars, 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 first-born 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 E'gypt 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 Ā'bra-hām his servant.

43 And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen 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 CVI.

PRAISE ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? who can show 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 bearest unto 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 E'gypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red Sea.

8 Nevertheless, he saved 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 saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 And the waters covered their enemies; there was not one of them left.

12 Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.

13 They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel;

14 But lusted exceedingly in the wil

derness, and tempted God in the dēš'črt.

15 And he gave them their request ; but sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Mō'sēs also in the camp ; and Aā'rōn the saint of the LORD.

17 The earth opened and swāllowed up Dā'thān, and cōvered the cōmpany of Ā-bī'rām.

18 And a fire was kindled in their cōmpany ; the flame burnt up the wicked.

19 They made a calf in Hō'rēb, and wōr'shipped the molten image.

20 Thus they chānged their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grās.

21 They forgat God their saviour, which had done great things in Ē'g'ēpt ;

22 Wōndrous works in the land of Hām, and terrible things by the Red Sea.

23 Thēr'fōre he said that he would dēstrōy' them, had not Mō'sēs his chosen fōod before him in the breach, to turn āwāy his wrāth, lēst he should dēstrōy' them.

24 Yēa, they dēspisēd the pleasant land ; they believ'd not his word ;

25 But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD :

26 Thēr'fōre he lifted up his hand āgāinst' them, to overthrow them in the wilderness :

27 To overthrow their seed also āmōng the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselvēs also unto Bā'āl-Pē'ōr, and ate¹ the sār'rifīces of the dead.

29 Thus they provok'd him to anger with their inventions ; and the plague brake in upon them.

30 Then stood up Phīn'e-hās, 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 Mō'sēs for their sakes :

33 Because they provok'd his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 They did not dēstrōy' the nations, cōncērning whom the LORD cōmmān'ded them :

35 But wēre mingled āmōng the heathen, and learned their works.

36 And they sērv'd their idols ; which wēre a snare unto them.

37 Yēa, they sār'rifīc'd their sons and their dāughters unto devils,

38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons, and of their dāughters, whom they sār'rifīc'd unto the idols of Cā'na-ān : and the land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus wēre they defiled with their

own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

40 Thēr'fōre was the wrāth of the LORD kindled āgāinst' his people, inso-much 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 wēre brought into subjection under their hand.

43 Many times did he deliver them ; but they provok'd him with their counsel, and wēre brought low for their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless, he regarded their affliction, when he hēard their cry :

45 And he remembered for them his cōvenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mērc'ies.

46 He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.

47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gāther us from āmōng the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.

48 Blēs'sed be the LORD God of Īs'ra-ēl from ēvēr'lās'ting to ēvēr'lās'ting : and let all the people say, Ā'mēn'. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CVII.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is good ; for his mērcy endureth for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy ;

3 And gāthered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

4 They wāndered in the wilderness in a solitary way ; they found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trōuble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

8 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wōnderful works to the children of men !

9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

10 Such as sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron ;

11 Because they rebelled āgāinst' the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the Most High ;

12 Thēr'fōre he brought down their hēart with labour ; they fell down, and there was nōne to help.

13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

15 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

17 Fools, because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted:

18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

19 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble; he saveth them out of their distresses.

20 He sent his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

21 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.

28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

31 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the water-springs into dry ground;

34 A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into water-springs.

36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards,¹ which may yield fruits of increase.

38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly, and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

39 Again, they are minished, and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

40 He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.

41 Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh him families like a flock.

42 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice; and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

43 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the LORD.

PSALM CVIII.

A Song or Psalm of Dá'vid.

O GOD, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

2 Awake, psaltery and harp; I myself will awake early.

3 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4 For thy mercy is great above the heavens, and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; and thy glory above all the earth:

6 That thy beloved may be delivered, save with thy right hand, and answer me.

7 God hath spoken in his holiness, I will rejoice; I will divide Shé'chém, and mete out the valley of Súç'côth.

8 Gil'e-ád is mine; Ma-nás'seh is mine; Ephra-ím also is the strength of mine head; Jū'dáh is my lawgiver;

9 Mō'áb is my washpot; over E'dóm will I cast out my shoe; over Phi-lis'ti-á will I triumph.

10 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into E'dóm?

11 Will not thou, O God, who hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

12 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM CIX.

To the chief Musiq'ian. A Psalm of Dá'vid.

HOLD not thy peace, O God of my praise;

2 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.

¹ vīn'yērd.

3 They cōm'pāssed me ābout' also with words of hatred; and fought āgainst' me without a cause.

4 For my love they āre my ād'vērsāries: but I give mysēlf unto prayer.

5 And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

6 Set thou a wicked man over him; and let Sā'tān stand at his right hand.

7 When he shall be judged, let him be condemned; and let his prayer become sin.

8 Let his days be few: and let ānōther take his office.

9 Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.

10 Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.

11 Let the extortioner cātch all that he hath; and let the strānger spoil his labour.

12 Let there be nōne to extend mērcy unto him; nēither let there be any to favour his fatherless children.

13 Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD; and let not the sin of his mōther be blotted out.

15 Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the ēarth.

16 Because that he remembered not to show mērcy, but pēsecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heārt.

17 As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him; as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

18 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his gārment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

19 Let it be unto him as the gārment which cōvereth him, and for a girdle¹ wherewith he is girded² continually.

20 Let this be the reward of mine ād'vērsāries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil āgainst' my soul.

21 But do thou for me, O GOD the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mērcy is good, deliver thou me.

22 For I am poor and needy, and my heārt is wōunded within me.

23 I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust.

24 My knees āre weak through fāst'ing, and my flesh faileth of fatness.

25 I became also a reproach unto them: when they looked upon me they shook their heads.

26 Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mērcy;

¹ gēr'dl.

27 That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, LORD, hast done it.

28 Let them curse, but bless thou: when they āriſe, let them be āshāmed; but let thy sērvant rejoice.

29 Let mine ād'vērsāries be clothed with shame; and let them cōver themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.

30 I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yēa, I will praise him āmōng the multitude.

31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.

PSALM CX.

A Psālm of Dā'vid.

THE LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zi'ōn: 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 hast the dew of thy youth.

4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever āfter the order of Mēl-chiz'e-dēk.

5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrāth.

6 He shall judge āmōng the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wōund the heads over many countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: thēr'fōre shall he lift up the head.

PSALM CXI.

PRAISE ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heārt in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

2 The works of the LORD āre great, sought out of all them that have plēās'ure therein.

3 His work is hōn'ourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 He hath made his wōnderful 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 cōvenant.

6 He hath showed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands āre verity and judgment: all his cōmmānd'ments āre sure.

8 They stand fāst for ever and ever, and āre done in truth and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption unto his people;

² gēr'ded.

he hath cōmmānd'ed his cōvenant for ever ; holy and reverend *is* his name.

10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom : a good understanding have all they that do *his* cōmmānd'ments : his praise endureth for ever.

PSALM CXII.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Blēs'sed *is* the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his cōmmānd'ments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth : the generation of the upright shall be blēs'sed.

3 Wealth and riches *shall be* in his house ; and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 Unto the upright there āriſeth light in the darkness : *he is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

5 A good man showeth favour, and lendeth : he will guide his affairs with discretion.

6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever : the righteous shall be in ēvēr'lās'ting remembrance.

7 He shall not be āfrāid of evil tidings : his hēart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

8 His hēart *is* ēstāb'lished, he shall not be āfrāid, until he see *his* dēsire upon his enemies.

9 He hath dispersed : he hath given to the poor ; his righteousness endureth for ever : his horn shall be exalted with hōn'our.

10 The wicked shall see *it*, and be griēved ; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt āwāy ; the desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM CXIII.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise, O ye sērvants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

2 Blēs'sed be the name of the LORD, from this time forth and for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun, unto the going down of the same, the LORD's name *is* to be praised.

4 The LORD *is* high ābōve all nations, and his glory ābōve the heavens.

5 Who *is* like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high,

6 Who hūmblēth *himself* to behold the things that *āre* in heaven, and in the earth !

7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill ;

8 That he may set *him* with princes, *even* with the princes of his people.

9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mōther of children. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXIV.

WHEN Iſ'ra-ēl went out of Ē'g'yp't, the house of Jā'qōb from a people of strānge language,

2 Jū'dāh was his sanctuary, and Iſ'ra-ēl his dominion.

3 The sea saw *it*, and fled ; Jōr'dān was driven back.

4 The mōūn'tāins skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs.

5 What *ailed* thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest ? thou Jōr'dān, that thou wast driven back ?

6 Ye mōūn'tāins, that ye skipped like rams ; and ye little hills, like lambs ?

7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jā'qōb ;

8 Which turned the rock *into* a standing water, the flint into a fōūn'tain of waters.

PSALM CXV.

NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us, **L** but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

2 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where *is* now their God ?

3 But our God *is* in the heavens ; he hath done whatsoever he pleased.

4 Their idols *āre* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

5 They have mouths, but they speak not ; eyes have they, but they see not ;

6 They have ears, but they hear not ; noses have they, but they smell not ;

7 They have hands, but they handle not ; feet have they, but they walk not ; nēither speak they through their throat.

8 They that make them *āre* like unto them ; *so is* every one that trusteth in them.

9 O Iſ'ra-ēl, trust thou in the LORD ; he *is* their help and their shiēld.

10 O house of Aā'rōn, trust in the LORD ; he *is* their help and their shiēld.

11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD ; he *is* their help and their shiēld.

12 The LORD hath been mindful of us ; he will bless *us* : he will bless the house of Iſ'ra-ēl, he will bless the house of Aā'rōn.

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 *āre* blēs'sed of the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

16 The heaven, *even* the heavens, *āre* the LORD's : but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 The dead praise not the LORD, nēither any that go down into silence.

18 But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.

PSALM CXVI.

I LOVE the LORD, because he hath hēard my voice and my supplications.

2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto

me, thêrê'fôre will I call upon *him* as long as I live.

3 The sorrows of death côm'pâssed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

5 Gracious *is* the LORD, and right ous; yêa, our God *is* mērciful.

6 The LORD prēsērv'eth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped .ne.

7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tear, *and* my feet from falling.

9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

10 I believ'd, thêrê'fôre have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted.

11 I said in my haste, All men *are* liars.

12 What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits tō'wârd's me?

13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

15 Precious in the sight of the LORD *is* the death of his saints.

16 O LORD, truly I *am* thy sêrvant; I *am* thy sêrvant, *and* the son of thy handmaid: thou hast lōdsed my bonds.

17 I will offer to thee the sâc'rifiçe of thanksgiving, *and* will call upon the name of the LORD.

18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people,

19 In the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of thee, O Jê-rû'sa-lêm. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXVII.

O PRAISE the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

2 For his mērciful kindness *is* great tō'wârd us: and the truth of the LORD *endureth* for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXVIII.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good; because his mērcy *endureth* for ever.

2 Let Īs'ra-ël now say, that his mērcy *endureth* for ever.

3 Let the house of Aâ'rôn now say, that his mērcy *endureth* for ever.

4 Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mērcy *endureth* for ever.

5 I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, *and set* me in a large place.

6 The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

7 The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: thêrê'fôre shall I see *my de-sire* upon them that hate me.

* *This Psalm is divided by the names and characters of the Hebrew alphabet.*

8 *It is* better to trust in the LORD, than to put confidence in man:

9 *It is* better to trust in the LORD, than to put confidence in princes.

10 All nations côm'pâssed me about', but in the name of the LORD will I dēstrôy' them.

11 They côm'pâssed me about'; yêa, they côm'pâssed me about': but in the name of the LORD I will dēstrôy' them.

12 They côm'pâssed me about' like bees; they *are* quenched as the fire of thorns: in the name of the LORD I will dēstrôy' them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at me, that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.

14 The LORD *is* my strength and song, and *is* become my salvation.

15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation *is* in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

16 The right hand of the LORD *is* exalted; the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD hath châstened me sore; but he hath not given me over unto death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go in to them, *and* I will praise the LORD;

20 This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter.

21 I will praise thee; for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

22 The stone *which* the builders refused *is* become the head stone of the corner.

23 This is the LORD's doing; *it is* marvellous in our eyes.

24 This *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

26 Blēs'sed *be* he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

27 God *is* the LORD, which hath showed us light: bind the sâc'rifiçe with cords, *even* unto the horns of the altar.

28 Thou *art* my God, and I will praise thee; *thou art* my God, I will exalt thee.

29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mērcy *endureth* for ever.

PSALM CXIX.*

ALEPH. **ℵ**

BLES'SED *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blēs'sed *are* they that keep his tēs'timônies, *and that* seek him with the whole hēart.

3 They also do no iniquity : they walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast cōmmān'ded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

5 O that my ways wēre dirēcted to keep thy statutes!

6 Then shall I not be āshāmed, when I have respect unto all thy cōmmān'dments.

7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have lēarned thy righteous judgments.

8 I will keep thy statutes : O forsake me not utterly.

BETH. 3

9 Wherewith 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 wānder from thy cōmmān'dments.

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin āgainst' thee.

12 Blēssed 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 tēs'timōnies, 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.

GIMEL. 3

17 Deal bountifully with thy sērvant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wōndrous things out of thy law.

19 I am a strānger in the ēarth; hide not thy cōmmān'dments 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 cōmmān'dments.

22 Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy tēs'timōnies.

23 Princes also did sit and speak āgainst' me: but thy sērvant did meditate in thy statutes.

24 Thy tēs'timōnies also are my delight, and my counsellors.

DALETH. 7

25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardst me: teach me thy statutes.

27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wōndrous works.

28 My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

29 Remove from me the way of lying; and grānt me thy law graciously.

30 I have chosēn the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid *before* me.

31 I have stuck unto thy tēs'timōnies: O LORD, put me not to shame.

32 I will run the way of thy cōmmān'dments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

HE. 7

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; yēa, I shall obēserve' it with my whole heart.

35 Make me to go in the pāth of thy cōmmān'dments; for therein do I delight.

36 Incline my heart unto thy tēs'timōnies, and not to cōvetousness.

37 Turn āway mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

38 Stablish thy word unto thy sērvant who is devoted to thy fear.

39 Turn āway my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good.

40 Behold, I have longed āfter thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

VAU. 7

41 Let thy mērcies come also unto me, O LORD; *even* thy salvation, according to thy word.

42 So shall I have wherewith to ānswer 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 tēs'timōnies also before kings, and will not be āshāmed.

47 And I will delight myself in thy cōmmān'dments, which I have loved.

48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy cōmmān'dments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

ZAIN. 7

49 Remember the word unto thy sērvant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

50 This is my cōm'fōrt 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 cōm'fōrted myself.

53 Horror hath taken hold upon me, because of the wicked that forsake 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.

CHETH. ¶

57 *Thou art my pōrtion*, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words.

58 I entreated thy favour with *my* whole heart: be mērciful unto me according to thy word.

59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy tēs'timōnies.

60 I made haste, and delayed not, to keep thy cōmmānd'ments.

61 The hands of the wicked have robbed me: *but* I have not forgotten thy law.

62 At midnight I will 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 mērcy: teach me thy statutes.

TETH. ¶

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy sērvant, O LORD, according unto thy word.

66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believ'd thy cōmmānd'ments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went āstrāy: but now have I kept thy word.

68 Thou *art* good, and doest good: teach me thy statutes.

69 The proud have fōrged a lie āgainst' 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.

71 *It is* good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might lēarn thy statutes.

72 The law of thy mouth *is* better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

JOD. ¶

73 Thy hands have made me, and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may lēarn thy cōmmānd'ments.

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 mērciful kindness be for my cōmfōrt, according to thy word unto thy sērvant.

77 Let thy tender mērcies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law *is* my delight.

78 Let the proud be āshāmed, for they dealt pērvērsely 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 tēs'timōnies.

80 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes, that I be not āshāmed.

CAPH. ¶

81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation; *but* I hope in thy word

82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou cōmfōrt 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 sērvant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that pērsecute me?

85 The proud have digged pits for me, which *are* not āfter thy law.

86 All thy cōmmānd'ments *are* faithful: they pērsecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

87 They had almost consumed me upon earth: *but* I forsook not thy precepts.

88 Quicken me āfter thy loving-kindness; so shall I keep the tēs'timōny of thy mouth.

LAMED. ¶

89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

90 Thy faithfulness *is* unto all generations; thou hast estāblished the earth, and it ābideth.

91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all *are* thy sērvants.

92 Unless thy law *had been* my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

93 I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

94 I *am* thine, save me: for I have sought thy precepts.

95 The wicked have waited for me, to dēstrōy' me: *but* I will consider thy tēs'timōnies.

96 I have seen an end of all pērfēc'tion: *but* thy cōmmānd'ment *is* exceeding broad.

MEM. ¶

97 O how love I thy law! *it is* my meditation all the day.

98 Thou, through thy cōmmānd'ments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they *are* ever with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy tēs'timōnies *are* my meditation.

100 I understand more than the āncients; because I keep thy precepts.

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep thy word.

102 I have not departed from thy cōmmānd'ments: for thou hast taught me.

103 How sweet *are* thy words unto my taste! *yēa*, sweeter than hōney to my mouth!

104 Through thy precepts I get' understanding: thērefōre I hate every false way.

NUN. ¶

105 Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my pāth.

106 I have sworn, and I will pērfōrm it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

108 Accept, I beseech thee, the free-will-offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.

109 My soul *is* continually in my hand : yet do I not forget thy law.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me : yet I erred not from thy precepts.

111 Thy tēs'timónies have I taken as an heritage for ever : for they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.

112 I have inclined mine heart to pērform' thy statutes alway, *even unto* the end.

SAMECH. **Ⲁ**

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 evil-doers : for I will keep the cōmmānd'ments of my God.

116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live : and let me not be āshām-ed 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 decēit *is* falsehood.

119 Thou puttēst āwāy all the wicked of the *ē*arth *like* dross : thēre'fōre I love thy tēs'timónies.

120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee ; and I am āfrāid of thy judgments.

AIN. **Ⲳ**

121 I have done judgment and justice : leave me not to mine oppressors.

122 Be surety for thy sērvant for good : let not the proud oppress me.

123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

124 Deal with thy sērvant according unto thy mērcy, and teach me thy statutes.

125 I *am* thy sērvant, give me understanding, that I may know thy tēs'timónies.

126 *It is* time for *thee*, LORD, to work ; for they have made void thy law.

127 Thēre'fōre I love thy cōmmānd'ments ābōve gold, yēa, ābōve fine gold.

128 Thēre'fōre I *ē*stēem' all thy precepts cōncēr'nīng all things to be right ; and I hate every false way.

PE. **Ⲅ**

129 Thy tēs'timónies *āre* wōnderful : thēre'fōre dōth my soul keep them.

130 The entrance of thy words giveth light ; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

131 I opened my mouth, and pānted : for I longed for thy cōmmānd'ments.

132 Look thou upon me, and be mērciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

133 Order my steps in thy word : and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Deliver me from the oppression of man : so will I keep thy precepts.

135 Make thy face to shine upon thy sērvant ; and teach me thy statutes.

136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

TSADDI. **Ⲇ**

137 Righteous *art* thou, O LORD, and upright *āre* thy judgments.

138 Thy tēs'timónies *that* thou hast cōmmānd'ed *āre* righteous and very faithful.

139 My zeal hath consumed me : because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

140 Thy word *is* very pure : thēre'fōre thy sērvant loveth it.

141 I *am* small and dēspīsed ; yet do not I forget thy precepts.

142 Thy righteousness *is* an ēvērlās'ting righteousness, and thy law *is* the truth.

143 Trōuble and anguish have taken hold on me : yet thy cōmmānd'ments *āre* my delights.

144 The righteousness of thy tēs'timónies *is* ēvērlās'ting : give me understanding, and I shall live.

KOPH. **Ⲉ**

145 I cried with *my* whole heart ; hear me, O LORD : I will keep thy statutes.

146 I cried unto thee ; save me, and I shall keep thy tēs'timónies.

147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried : I hoped in thy word.

148 Mine eyes prevent the *n*ight-watches, that I might meditate in thy word.

149 Hear my voice, according unto thy loving-kindness : O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment.

150 They draw nigh that follow āfter mis'chief : they *āre* far from thy law.

151 Thou *art* near, O LORD ; and all thy cōmmānd'ments *āre* truth.

152 Cōncēr'nīng thy tēs'timónies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

RESH. **Ⲋ**

153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me ; for I do not forget thy law.

154 Plead my cause, and deliver me quicken me according to thy word.

155 Salvation *is* far from the wicked for they seek not thy statutes.

156 Great *āre* thy tender mērcies, O LORD ; quicken me according to thy judgments.

157 Many *āre* my pēsecutors and mine enemies ; yet do I not decline from thy tēs'timónies.

158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grīevēd ; because they kept not thy word.

159 Consider how I love thy precepts

quicken me, O LORD, according to thy loving-kindness.

160 Thy word *is* true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever.

SCHIN. 

161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

162 I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

163 I hate and abhor lying; but thy law do I love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise thee: because of thy righteous judgments.

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 tēs'timōnīes; and I love them exceedingly.

168 I have kept thy precepts and thy tēs'timōnīes: for all my ways *are* before thee.

TAU. 

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* righteousness.

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.

PSALM CXX.

A Song of Degrees.

IN 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 Wo is me that I sō'journ in Mēs'ēch, that I dwell in the tents of Kē'dār!

6 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.

7 I am for peace: but, when I speak, they *are* for war.

PSALM CXXI.

A Song of Degrees.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

2 My help *cometh* from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Iṣ'ra-ēl shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD *is* thy keeper; the LORD *is* thy shade upon thy right hand.

6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall prēs'erve' thee from all evil: he shall prēs'erve' thy soul.

8 The LORD shall prēs'erve' thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM CXXII.

A Song of Degrees of Dāvīd.

I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

3 Jē-rū'sa-lēm is builded as a city that is compact together:

4 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the tēs'timōny of Iṣ'ra-ēl, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

5 For there *are* set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of Dāvīd.

6 Pray for the peace of Jē-rū'sa-lēm: 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 say, Peace *be* within thee.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

PSALM CXXIII.

A Song of Degrees.

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

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 scorning of those that *are* at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.

PSALM CXXIV.

A Song of Degrees of Dāvīd.

IF *it had not been* the LORD who was on our side, now may Iṣ'ra-ēl say;

2 If *it had not been* the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against' us;

3 Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrāth was kindled against' us:

4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:

5 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

6 Blés'sed be the LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

7 Our soul is éscáped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we áre éscáped.

8 Our help *is* in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and éarth.

PSALM CXXV.

A Song of Degrees.

THEY that trust in the LORD *shall be* as mount Zi'ón, *which* cannot be removed, *but* ábideth for ever.

2 *As* the móú'n'tains áre round ábout' Jē-rá'sa-lēm, so the LORD *is* round ábout' his peopie from henceforth, even for ever.

3 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the rígh'teous; lést the rígh'teous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

4 Do good, O LORD, unto *those that be* good, and to *them that áre* upright in their héarts.

5 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: *but* peace *shall be* upon Ís'ra-él.

PSALM CXXVI.

A Song of Degrees.

WHEN the LORD turned ágain' the captivity of Zi'ón, we wére like them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tóngue with singing: then said they ámong the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.

3 The LORD hath done great things for us, *whereof* we áre glad.

4 Turn ágain' our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall, doubtless, come ágain' with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

PSALM CXXVII.

A Song of Degrees for Söl'o-món.

EXCEPT the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the wácht-man waketh *but* in vain.

2 *It is* vain for you to rise up éarly, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: *for* so he giveth his beloved sleep.

3 Lo, children *áre* a heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is* his reward.

4 As arrows *áre* in the hand of a mighty man: so *áre* children of the youth.

5 Happy *is* the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be áshámed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

¹ rí'tshe-ús.

PSALM CXXVIII.

A Song of Degrees.

BLES'SED *is* every one 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 ábout' thy table.

4 Behold, that thus shall the man be bléss'ed that feareth the LORD.

5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zi'ón: and thou shalt see the good of Jē-rá'sa-lēm all the days of thy life.

6 Yēa, thou shalt see thy children's children, *and* peace upon Ís'ra-él.

PSALM CXXIX.

A Song of Degrees.

MANY a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Ís'ra-él now say:

2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth; yet they have not prevailed ágainst' me.

3 The ploughers ploughed upon my back; they made long their furrows.

4 The LORD *is* rígh'teous:¹ he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zi'ón:

6 Let them be as the gráss upon the house-tops, which withereth áfore it groweth up;

7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand, nor he that bindeth sheaves, his bò'sóm.

8 Néither do they which go by say, The blessing of the LORD *be* upon you: we bless you in the name of the LORD.

PSALM CXXX.

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, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O LORD, who shall stand?

4 But *there is* forgiveness with thee, that thou mayst be feared.

5 I wait for the LORD, my soul dóth wait, and in his word do I hope.

6 My soul *waiteth* for the LORD more than they that wáitch for the morning; *I say, more than* they that wáitch for the morning.

7 Let Ís'ra-él hope in the LORD: for with the LORD *there is* mércy, and with him *is* plén'teous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Ís'ra-él from all his iniquities.

PSALM CXXXI.

A Song of Degrees of Dá'vid.

LORD, my héart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: néither do I *exer*

cise 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl hope in the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

PSALM CXXXII.

A Song of Degrees.

LORD, remember Dā'vid, and all his afflictions;

2 How he sware unto the LORD, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jā'cōb;

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, a habitation for the mighty God of Jā'cōb.

6 Lo, we heard of it at Eph'ra-tāh; we found it in the fields of the wood.

7 We will go into his tabernacles; we will worship at his footstool.

8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou and the ark of thy strength.

9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.

10 For thy servant Dā'vid's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed.

11 The LORD hath sworn in truth unto Dā'vid, he will not turn from it, Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

12 If thy children will keep my covenant, and my tes'timony that I shall teach them, their children also shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.

13 For the LORD hath chosen Zi'on: he hath desired it for his habitation.

14 This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

15 I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation; and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

17 There will I make the horn of Dā'vid to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

18 His enemies will I clothe with shame; but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

PSALM CXXXIII.

A Song of Degrees of Dā'vid.

BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aā'rōn's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments;

3 As the dew of Hēr'mōn, and as the dew that descended upon the mōū'tains of Zi'on: for there the LORD cōmmā'nded the blessing, even life for evermore.

PSALM CXXXIV.

A Song of Degrees.

BEHOLD, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.

3 The LORD, that made heaven and earth, bless thee out of Zi'on.

PSALM CXXXV.

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 ye the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleās'ant.

4 For the LORD hath chosen Jā'cōb unto himself, and Iṣ'ra-ēl for his peculiar treās'ure.

5 For I know that the LORD is great, and that our LORD is above all gods.

6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

7 He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings for the rain: he bringeth the wind out of his treās'uries.

8 Who smote the first-born of E'g'yp't, both of man and beast.

9 Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O E'g'yp't, upon Phā'raōh, and upon all his servants.

10 Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings;

11 Sī'hōn king of the ā'm'o-rītes, and Ōg king of Bā'shān, and all the kingdoms of Cā'na-an:

12 And gave their land for a heritage, a heritage unto Iṣ'ra-ēl 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 Bless the LORD, O house of Iṣ'ra-ēl: bless the LORD, O house of Aā'rōn:

20 Bless the LORD, O house of Lē'vī: ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD.

21 Bless'd be the LORD out of Zi'on, which dwelleth at Jē-rū'sa-lēm. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXXXVI.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mērcy endureth for ever.

2 O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mērcy endureth for ever.

3 O give thanks to the LORD of lords: for his mērcy endureth for ever.

4 To him who ālōne dōth great wōnders: for his mērcy endureth for ever.

5 To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mērcy endureth for ever.

6 To him that stretched out the ēarth ābōve the waters: for his mērcy endureth for ever.

7 To him that made great lights: for his mērcy endureth for ever:

8 The sun to rule by day: for his mērcy endureth for ever:

9 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mērcy endureth for ever.

10 To him that smote Ē'ġypt in their first-born: for his mērcy endureth for ever:

11 And brought out Iṣ'ra-ēl from āmōng them: for his mērcy endureth for ever:

12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched-out arm: for his mērcy endureth for ever.

13 To him which dividēd the Red Sea into parts: for his mērcy endureth for ever:

14 And made Iṣ'ra-ēl to pāss through the midst of it: for his mērcy endureth for ever:

15 But overthrew Phā'raōh and his host in the Red Sea: for his mērcy endureth for ever.

16 To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mērcy endureth for ever.

17 To him which smote great kings: for his mērcy endureth for ever:

18 And slew famous kings: for his mērcy endureth for ever:

19 Sī'hōn king of the ām'o-rītes: for his mērcy endureth for ever:

20 And ōg the king of Bā'shān: for his mērcy endureth for ever:

21 And gave their land for a heritage: for his mērcy endureth for ever:

22 Even a heritage unto Iṣ'ra-ēl his sēr-vant: for his mērcy endureth for ever.

23 Who remembered us in our low ēs-tāte': for his mērcy endureth for ever:

24 And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mērcy endureth for ever.

25 Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mērcy endureth for ever.

26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mērcy endureth for ever.

PSALM CXXXVII.

BY the rivers of Bāb'y-lōn there we sat down; yēa, we wept, when we remembered Zī'ōn.

2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

3 For there they that carried us āwāy captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth,¹ saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zī'ōn.

4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song in a strānge land?

5 If I forget thee, O Jē-rū'sa-lēm, let my right hand forget her cunning.

6 If I do not remember thee, let my tōngue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I p̄fēr' not Jē-rū'sa-lēm ābōve my chief joy.

7 Remember, O LORD, the children of Ē'dōm in the day of Jē-rū'sa-lēm; who said, Raḡe it, raḡe it, even to the foundation thereof.

8 O dāughter of Bāb'y-lōn, who art to be dēstrōy'ed; happy shall he be that rewardeth thee as thou hast sērv'd us.

9 Happy shall he be that taketh and dasheth thy little ones āgainst' the stones.

PSALM CXXXVIII.

A Psalm of Dā'vid.

I WILL praise thee with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

2 I will wōr'shīp tō'wārd's thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving-kindness, and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word ābōve all thy name.

3 In the day when I cried thou ānswēredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the ēarth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.

5 Yēa, 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 respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth āfār off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trōuble, thou wilt revive me; thou shalt stretch forth thine hand āgainst' the wrāth of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The LORD will pērfect that which cōncērn'eth me: thy mērcy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

PSALM CXXXIX.

To the chief Musīç'ian. A Psalm of Dā'vid.

O LORD, thou hast sēarched me, and known me.

2 Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thought āfār off.

3 Thou cōm'passest my pāth and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways:

4 For there is not a word in my tōngue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it āltō-gēther.

5 Thou hast beset 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 Spir'it? 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.

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

12 Yēa, 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 possess'ed 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 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

17 How precious also are thy 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 still with thee.

19 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me, therefore, ye bloody men.

20 For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them mine enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts;

24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM CXL.

To the chief Musiq'ian. A Psalm of Dā'vid.

DELIVER me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;

2 Which imagine mischiefs in their heart: continually are they gathered together for war.

3 They have sharpened their tongues

like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Sē'lāh.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings.

5 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords: they have spread a net by the way-side: they have set gins for me. Sē'lāh.

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, lest they exalt themselves. Sē'lāh.

9 As for the head 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: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.

13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name; the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

PSALM CXLI.

A Psalm of Dā'vid.

LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

5 Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.

6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

7 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth.

8 But mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord: in thee is my trust, leave not my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.

Dā'vid showeth that in trouble all PSALMS. *his cōm'fort was in prayer unto Goa.*

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape'.

PSALM CXLII.

Más'chil of Dā'vid; a Prayer when he was in the cave.

I CRIED unto the LORD with my voice: with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication.

2 I poured out my complaint before him: I showed before him my trouble.

3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path: in the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

4 I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

5 I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge, and my portion in the land of the living.

6 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors: for they are stronger than I.

7 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.

PSALM CXLIII.

A Psālm of Dā'vid.

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 my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground: he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

4 There'fore 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. Sē'lāh.

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 loving-kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I fly unto thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy Spir'it is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy' all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.

PSALM CXLIV.

A Psālm of Dā'vid.

BLESSED be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:

2 My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

3 LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him? or the son of man, that thou makest account of him?

4 Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that pass'eth away.

5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: touch the mōū'tains, and they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy' them.

7 Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;

8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity; and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psātery, and an instrument of ten strings, will I sing praises unto thee.

10 It is he that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth Dā'vid his servant from the hurtful sword.

11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:

12 That our sons may be as plānts grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

13 That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store; that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:

14 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.

15 Happy is that people that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.

PSALM CXLV.

Dā'vid's Psālm of Praise.

I WILL extōl thee, my God, O King; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless thee, and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

4 One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

5 I will speak of the glorious hōn'our of thy māj'esty,¹ and of thy wōndrous works.

6 And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

8 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mērcy.

9 The LORD is good to all; and his tender mērcies are over all his works.

10 All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee.

11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious māj'esty of his kingdom.

13 Thy kingdom is an ēvērlās'ting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bōwed down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

16 Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20 The LORD prēsērv'eth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he dēstrōy'.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

PSALM CXLVI.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

2 While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his ēarth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jā'çōb for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God;

Which made heaven and ēarth, 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. The LORD lōōseth the prisoners.

8 The LORD openeth the eyes of the

¹ māđ'jēs-te.

blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bōwed down: the LORD loveth the righteous.

9 The LORD prēsērv'eth the strāngers, he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

10 The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zi'ōn, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXLVII.

PRAISE ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is plēas'ant; and praise is comely.

2 The LORD dóth build up Jē-rú'salēm: he gāthereth togethēr the ōūt'cāsts of Iŷ'ra-ēl.

3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wōunds.

4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

6 The LORD lifeth up the meek; he cāsteth the wicked down to the ground.

7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God;

8 Who cōvereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the ēarth, who maketh grāss to grow upon the mōūn'tāins.

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 plēas'ure in the legs of a man.

11 The LORD taketh plēas'ure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mērcy.

12 Praise the LORD, O Jē-rú'salēm; praise thy God, O Zi'ōn.

13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blēs'sed thy children within thee.

14 He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

15 He sendeth forth his cōmmānd'ment upon ēarth: his word runneth very swiftly.

16 He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

17 He cāsteth forth his ice like mōr'sels:² who can stand before his cold?

18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

19 He showeth his word unto Jā'çōb, his statutes and his judgments unto Iŷ'ra-ēl.

20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXLVIII.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

² mōr'sils.

2 Praise ye him, all his ängels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be äböve the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he cömmän'ded, and they were created.

6 He hath also estäb'lished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not päss.

7 Praise the LORD from the äarth, ye dragons, and all deeps.

8 Fire and hail; snow and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

9 Möün'tains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

11 Kings of the äarth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the äarth:

12 Both young men and maidens; old men and children:

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name älöne is excellent; his glory is äböve the äarth and heaven.

14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Iş'ra-ël, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXLIX.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.

2 Let Iş'ra-ël rejoice in him that made

him: let the children of Zi'ön be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his name in the dänce: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD taketh pleäs'ure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing älöüd upon their beds.

6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged swörd in their hand;

7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;

8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this hön'our have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CL.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament¹ of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psältery and harp.

4 Praise him with the timbrel and dänce: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high-sounding cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

¶ The PROV'ERBS.

CHAPTER I.

THE Pröv'ërbs of Söl'o-mön, the son of Dä'vid, king of Iş'ra-ël;

2 To know wisdom and instruction; to percëive' the words of understanding;

3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

4 To give subtlety to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

5 A wise man will hear, and will increase lear'ning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels;

6 To understand a pröv'ërb, and the interpretä'tion; 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 möther:

9 For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:

12 Let us swallow them up älive, as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:

13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:

14 Cäst in thy lot ämóng us; let us all have one purse.

15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their päth:

16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood:

17 (Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird:)

¹ *fër'ma-mënt.*

Wisdom promiseth godliness to her **PROVERBS.** children, and safety from all evil.

18 And they lay wait for their *own* blood; they lurk privily for their *own* lives.

19 So *àre* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; *which* taketh *àwày* the life of the owners thereof.

20 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets;

21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, *saying*,

22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity, and the scornors delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn ye at my reproof; behold, I will pour out my Spir'it unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof;

26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh.

27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirl'wind;¹ when distress and anguish cometh upon you;

28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not chòse the fear of the LORD:

30 They would none of my counsel; they despised all my reproof:

31 There'fore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

32 For the turning *àwày* of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destròy² them.

33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

CHAP. II.

MY son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my còmmand'ments with thee;

2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;

3 Yea, if thou criest *àfter* knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;

4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid tréasures;

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 sound wisdom for the righteous: *he is* a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and prèserv'eth the way of his saints.

9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; *yèa*, every good path.

10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleàs'ant unto thy soul,

11 Discretion shall prèserve³ thee, understanding shall keep thee;

12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man*, from the man that speaketh frò'wàrd things;

13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;

14 Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frò'wàrdness of the wicked;

15 Whose ways *àre* crooked, and *they* frò'wàrd 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 còvenant of her God.

18 For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead;

19 Nòne that go unto her return *àgain'*, neither take they hold of the paths of life;

20 That thou mayst 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.

CHAP. III.

MY son, forget not my law; but let thy heart keep my còmmand'ments:

2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them *àbout'* thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

4 So shalt 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 understanding.

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 Hòn'our the LORD with thy substance, and with the first-fruits 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 chàs'tening

of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth, 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 mēr'chāndīse of it is better than the mēr'chāndīse 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 hōn'our.

17 Her ways are ways of plēaš'antness, and all her pāths 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 estāb'lished 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 āfrāid; yēa, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

25 Be not āfrāid 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 āgain', and to-morrow I will give, when thou hast it by thee.

29 Devise not evil āgainst' thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.

30 Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

31 Envy thou not the oppressor, and chōḡse nōne of his ways.

32 For the frō'ward 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 blesseth the habitation of the just.

34 Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

35 The wise shall inherit glory; but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

CHAP. IV.

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 said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my cōmmānd'ments, and live.

5 Get wisdom, get understanding; for get it not: neither decline from the words of my mouth.

6 Forsake her not, and she shall p̄s̄erve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

7 Wisdom is the principal thing: th̄erefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to hōn'our, 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 pāths.

12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

13 Take fāst hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.

14 Enter not into the pāth of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.

15 Avoid it, pāss not by it, turn from it, and pāss āwāy.

16 For they sleep not, except they have done mis'chief; and their sleep is taken āwāy, unless they cause some to fall.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18 But the pāth of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the p̄rfect day.

19 The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble.

20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings:

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart:

22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

24 Put āwāy from thee a frō'ward mouth, and p̄rverse' lips put far from thee.

25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

26 Ponder the pāth of thy feet, and let all thy ways be estāb'lished.

27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

CHAP. V.—

MY son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding;
2 That thou mayst regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.

3 For the lips of a strange woman drop as a honey-comb, 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 Läst thou shouldst pender the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them.

7 Hear me now, thère'fore, 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 Läst thou give thine hön'our unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:

10 Läst strangers be filled with thy wealth, and thy labours be in the house of a stranger;

11 And thou mourn at the läst, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,

12 And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;

13 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!

14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

15 ¶ Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

16 Let thy föün'tains be dispèrs'ed äbroäd, and rivers of waters in the streets.

17 Let them be only thine own, and not strangers with thee.

18 ¶ Let thy föün'tain be blèss'ed; and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

19 Let her be as the loving hind and pleäs'ant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times, and be thou ravished always with her love.

20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bò'sóm of a stranger?

21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

23 He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go ästráy.

CHAP. VI.—

MY son, if thou be surety for thy friend, if thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger,

2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself; when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.

4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.

5 Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

6 ¶ Go to the änt, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou ärise out of thy sleep?

10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep;

11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy wänt as an armed man

12 ¶ A naughty pèrson, a wicked man, walketh with a frö'ward mouth.

13 He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;

14 Frö'wärdnèss is in his heart, he deviçeth mis'chief continually; he soweth discord.

15 Thère'fore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.

16 ¶ These six things dóth the LORD hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

17 A proud look, a lying tóngue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 A heart that deviçeth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mis'chief,

19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and him that soweth discord ämóng brèthren.

20 ¶ My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy móther:

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 äwäkest, it shall talk with thee.

23 For the cömmänd'ment 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 flatery of the tóngue of a strange woman.

25 Lust not äfter her beauty in thine heart; néither let her take thee with her eyelids:

26 For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a pièce of bread; and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

27 Can a man take fire in his bò'sóm, and his clothes not be burnt?

28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burnt?

29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's

wife ; whosoever 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 seven-fold ; he shall give all the substance of his house.

32 But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding : he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.

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 he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

35 He will not regard any ransom ; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

CHAP. VII.—

MY son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.

2 Keep my commandments, and live ; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

3 Bind them upon thy 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 Pasing through the street near her corner ; and he went the way to her house ;

9 In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night :

10 And, behold, there met him a woman, with the attire of a harlot, and subtle of heart.

11 (She is loud and stubborn ; her feet abide 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 with an impudent face said unto him,

14 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 I have found thee.

16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt.

17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh,¹ aloes, and cinnamon.

18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning ; let us solace ourselves with loves :

19 For the good man is not at home, he is gone a long journey :

20 He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed.

21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.

22 He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks ;

23 Till a dart strike through his liver, as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life.

24 Hearken unto me now, therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth :

25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths :

26 For she hath cast down many wounded ; yea, many strong men have been slain by her.

27 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

CHAP. VIII.

DOETH not Wisdom cry ? and Understanding put forth her voice ?

2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths ;

3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors ;

4 Unto you, O men, I call ; and my voice is to the sons of man.

5 O ye simple, understand wisdom ; and ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.

6 Hear ; for I will speak of excellent things ; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.

7 For my mouth shall speak truth ; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness ; there is nothing forward or perverse in them.

9 They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

10 Receive my instruction, and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold.

11 For wisdom is better than rubies ; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

12 I Wisdom dwell with Prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

13 The fear of the Lord is to hate evil ; pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the forward mouth, do I hate.

14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom : I am understanding ; I have strength.

15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

17 I love them that love me ; and those that seek me early shall find me.

18 Riches and honour are with me ; yea, durable riches and righteousness.

19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold ; and my revenue than choice silver.

20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment ;

¹ mēr.

21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

22 The LORD possess'ed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

23 I was set up from év'rlās'ting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

24 When *there wēre* no depths, I was brought forth; when *there wēre* no fōū'n'tains ābōū'n'ding with water.

25 Before the mōū'n'tains wēre settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there; when he set a cōm'pāss upon the face of the depth;

28 When he estāb'lished the clouds ābōve; when he strengthened the fōū'n'tains of the deep;

29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pās his cōm'mān'd'ment; when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

30 Then I was by him, as one brought up *with him*; and I was daily *his* delight, rejoicing always before him;

31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights *wēre* with the sons of men.

32 Now, *thēre'fore*, hearken unto me, O ye children: for blēs'sed *āre they* that keep my ways.

33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

34 Blēs'sed *is* the man that heareth me, wātch'ing daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.

36 But he that sinneth āgainst' me wrong-eth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

CHAP. IX.

WISDOM hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table:

3 She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,

4 Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: *as for* him that wānteth understanding, she saith to him,

5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine *which* I have mingled.

6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame; and he that rebuketh a wicked *man* getteth himself a blot.

8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser; teach a just *man*, and he will increase in lēar'n'ing.

10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.

11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but *if* thou scornest, thou ālone shalt hear it.

13 ¶ A foolish woman *is* clamorous; she *is* simple, and knoweth nōthing.

14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,

15 To call passengers who go right on their ways;

16 Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: and *as for* him that wānteth understanding, she saith to him,

17 Stolen waters *āre* sweet, and bread eaten in secret *is* plēas'ant.

18 But he knoweth not that the dead *āre* there; and *that* her guēsts *āre* in the depths of hell.

CHAP. X.

THE Prōv'ērs of Sōl'o-mōn. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mōther.

2 Trēas'ures of wickedness profit nōthing: but righteousness delivereth from death.

3 The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he cāsteth āway the substance of the wicked.

4 He becometh poor that dealeth *with* a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

5 He that gāthereth in summer *is* a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest *is* a son that causeth shame.

6 Blessings *āre* upon the head of the just: but violence cōvereth the mouth of the wicked.

7 The memory of the just *is* blēs'sed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

8 The wise in heart will receive cōm'mān'd'ments: but a prating fool shall fall.

9 He that wālketh uprightly wālketh surely: but he that pērvērt'eth 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 violence cōvereth the mouth of the wicked.

12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love cōvereth all sins.

13 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom *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; and the fruit of the wicked to sin.

17 He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction : but he that refuseth reproof erreth.

18 He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.

19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin : but he that refraineth 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 : 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 workers of iniquity.

30 The righteous shall never be removed : but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

31 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom : but the forward tongue shall be cut out.

32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable : but the mouth of the wicked speaketh forwardness.

CHAP. XI.

A FALSE 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 perverse'ness 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 naughtiness.

7 When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish ; and the hope of unjust men perisheth.

8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

9 A 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 blessing of the upright the city is exalted : but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

12 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour : but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

13 A tale-bearer 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 suretiship 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 troubleth his own flesh.

18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work : but to him 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 forward 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 seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

22 As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, 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 : and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

26 He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him : but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.

27 He that diligently seeketh 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 troubleth 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 wise.

31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth : much more the wicked and the sinner.

CHAP. XII.

WHOSO 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 ashamed 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 of a perverse heart 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 desireth the net of evil men: 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 recompense 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 presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame.

17 He that speaketh truth showeth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.

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 roasteth 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.

CHAP. XIII.

A WISE son heareth his father'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 desireth, and hath 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 overthroweth the sinner.

7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing; there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.

8 The ransom of a man's life are his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke.

9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well-advised is wisdom.

11 Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire 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.

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 to the righteous good shall be repaid.

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 destrôy'ed* 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 satisfying of his soul : but the belly of the wicked shall want.

CHAP. XIV.

EVERY wise woman buildeth her house : but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD : but *he that is pèrvèrse'* in his ways despiseth him.

3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride : but the lips of the wise shall préserve' them.

4 Where no excn *àre*, the crib is clean : but much increase is by the strength of the ox.

5 A faithful witness will not lie : but a false witness will utter lies.

6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth* it not : but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.

7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou pèrcéivest not *in him* the lips of knowledge.

8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way : but the folly of fools is deceit.

9 Fools make a mock at sin : but among the righteous *there is* favour.

10 The heart knoweth his own bitterness ; and a stranger dôth not intermeddle with his joy.

11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown : but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man ; but the end thereof *àre* the ways of death.

13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful ; and the end of that mirth is heaviness.

14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways ; and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.

15 The simple believeth every word : but the prudent man looketh well to his going.

16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil : but the fool rageth, and is confident.

17 He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly ; and a man of wicked devices is hated.

18 The simple inherit folly : but the prudent *àre* crowned with knowledge.

19 The evil bôw before the good ; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbour : but the rich hath many friends.

21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth : but he that hath mèrcy on the poor, happy is he.

22 Do they not èrr that devise evil ? but

mèrcy and truth shall be to them that devise good.

23 In all labour there is profit : but the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.

24 The crown of the wise is their riches : but the foolishness of fools is folly.

25 A true witness delivereth souls : but a deceitful witness speaketh lies.

26 In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence ; and his children shall have a place of refuge.

27 The fear of the LORD is a fôun'tain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

28 In the multitude of people is the king's hôn'our : but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.

29 He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding : but he that is hasty of spirit it exálteth folly.

30 A sound heart is the life of the flesh but envy the rottenness of the bones.

31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Ma'ker : but he that hônoureth him hath mèrcy on the poor.

32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness : but the righteous hath hope in his death.

33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding : but *that which is* in the midst of fools is made known.

34 Righteousness exálteth a nation : but sin is a reproach to any people.

35 The king's favour is tô'ward a wise servant : but his wrath is *àgainst'* him that causeth shame.

CHAP. XV.

A SOFT answer turneth away wrath : but griev'ous words stir up anger.

2 The tóngue of the wise useth knowledge aright : but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

3 The eyes of the LORD *àre* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

4 A wholesome tóngue is a tree of life : but pèrvèrse'ness 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 tréas'ure : but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

7 The lips of the wise dispèrse' knowledge : but the heart of the foolish doeth not so.

8 The sàc'rifice 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 griev'ous unto him that forsaketh the way ; and he that hateth reproof shall die.

11 Hell and destruction *àre* before the LORD ; how much more then the hearts of the children of men ?

12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him; neither will he go unto the wise.

13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

15 All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.

16 Better is little with the fear of the LORD, than great treasure and trouble therewith.

17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox, and hatred therewith.

18 A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

19 The way of the slothful man is as a hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain.

20 A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

21 Folly is joy to him that is destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.

22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth; and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!

24 The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

25 The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.

26 The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD: but the words of the pure are pleasant words.

27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house: but he that hateth gifts shall live.

28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

29 The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart; and a good report maketh the bones fat.

31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.

32 He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

33 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, he 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 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; all the weights of the bag are his work.

12 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness; for the throne is established by righteousness.

13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings, and they love him that speaketh right.

14 The wrath of a king is as messengers of death; but a wise man will pacify it.

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 a haughty spirit before a fall.

19 Better it is 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 whoso 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 well-spring 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 a 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 laboreth, laboreth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him.

27 An ungodly man diggeth up evil; and in his lips there is as a burning fire.

28 A forward 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 shutteth his eyes to devise frōward things ; moving his lips, he bringeth evil to pās.

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 than he that taketh a city.*

33 The lot is cāst into the lap ; but the whole disposing thereof *is* of the LORD.

CHAP. XVII.

BBETTER *is* a dry mōr'sel,¹ and quietness therewith, than a house full of sacrifices *with* strife.

2 A wise sērvant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brēthren.

3 The fining-pot *is* for silver, and the furnace² for gold : but the LORD trieth the hearts.

4 A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips ; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

5 Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Mā'ker ; and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.

6 Children's children *āre* the crown of old men ; and the glory of children *āre* 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 ; whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

9 He that cōvereth a transgression seeketh love : but he that repeateth a matter separateth *very* friends.

10 A reproof entereth more into a wise man than a hundred stripes into a fool.

11 An evil man seeketh only rebellion ; thēre'fore 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 ; thēre'fore leave off contention before it be meddled with.

15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both *āre* abomination to the LORD.

16 Wherefore *is* there a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing *he* hath 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 becometh 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 frōward heart findeth no good ; and he that hath a pērvēse' tongue falleth into mīs'chief.

21 He that begetteth a fool *doeth* it to his

sorrow ; and the father of a fool hath no joy.

22 A merry heart doeth good *like* a medicine : but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

23 A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bō'sōm to pērvērt' the ways of judgment.

24 Wisdom *is* before him that hath understanding ; but the eyes of a fool *āre* in the ends of the earth.

25 A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

26 Also to punish the just *is* not good, nor to strike princes for equity.

27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words ; and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

28 Even a fool when he holdeth his peace is counted wise ; and he that shutteth his lips *is* esteemed a man of understanding.

CHAP. XVIII.

THROUGH desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddeth 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 *āre* as deep waters, and the well-spring of wisdom *as* a flowing brook.

5 *It* is not good to accept the pērson 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 *āre* the snare of his soul.

8 The words of a tale-bearer *āre* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

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 a high wall in his own conceit.

12 Before destruction the heart of man *is* haughty, and before hōn'our *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 ?

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 cause seemeth just ; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.

18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.

19 A brother offended *is* harder to be won

¹ mōr'sil.² fūr'nis.

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 Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord.

23 The poor useth entreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.

24 A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

CHAP. XIX.

BBETTER is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than *he that is perverse* in his lips, and is a fool.

2 Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.

3 The foolishness 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 unpunished; and *he that speaketh lies* shall not escape.

6 Many will entreat 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 pursueth 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 *he 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 discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

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 contentions 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 casteth 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 that which he hath given will he pay him 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 mayst be wise in thy 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 a man is his kindness; and a poor man is better than a liar.

23 The fear of the Lord tendeth to life; and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; 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 scorner, and the simple will beware; and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge.

26 He that wasteth his father, and chaseth 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 devoureth iniquity.

29 Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.

CHAP. 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: whoso provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own soul.

3 It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.

4 The sluggard will not plough by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

5 Counsel in the heart of a man is like deep water: but a man of understanding will draw it out.

6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

7 The just man walketh in his integrity; his children are blessed after him.

8 A king that sitteth 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, saith 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 tale-bearer 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: but wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.

23 Divers weights *are* an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance *is* not good.

24 Man's goings *are* of the LORD: how can a man then understand his own way?

25 *It is* a snare to the man who devoureth that which *is* holy, and after vows to make inquiry.

26 A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.

27 The spirit of man *is* the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

28 Mercy and truth preserve the king; and his throne *is* upholden by mercy.

29 The glory of young men *is* their strength; and the beauty of old men *is* the gray head.

30 The blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil: so do stripes the inward parts of the belly.

CHAP. XXI.

THE king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water; he turneth it whithersoever he will.

2 Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

3 To do justice and judgment *is* more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

4 A high look, and a proud heart, and the ploughing of the wicked, *is* sin.

5 The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one that *is* hasty, only to want.

6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue *is* a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

7 The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment.

8 The way of man *is* forward and strange: but as for the pure, his work *is* right.

9 *It is* better to dwell in a corner of the

house-top, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.

11 When the scorner is punished, the simple *is* made wise; and when the wise *is* instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

12 The righteous man wisely considereth the house of the wicked: but God overthroweth the wicked for their wickedness.

13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger, and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.

15 *It is* joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

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 after righteousness and mercy, findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

22 A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from troubles.

24 Proud and haughty scorner *is* his name, who dealeth in proud wrath.

25 The desire of the slothful killeth him: for his hands refuse to labour.

26 He coveteth greedily all the 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 false 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.

CHAP. XXII.

A GOOD name *is* rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

2 The rich and poor meet together: the LORD *is* the maker of them all.

3 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

4 By humility, and the fear of the LORD, are riches, and hōn'our, and life.

5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the frō'ward: he that dōth keep his soul shall be far from them.

6 Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is sērvant 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 blēssed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

10 Cāst out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yēa, strife and reproach shall cease.

11 He that loveth pureness of hēart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.

12 The eyes of the LORD prēsērve knowledge; and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.

13 The slōthful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.

14 The mouth of strānge women is a deep pit: he that is abhorrēd of the LORD shall fall therein.

15 Foolishness is bound in the hēart 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 wānt.

17 Bōw down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine hēart unto my knowledge.

18 For it is a pleās'ant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.

19 That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee.

20 Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge,

21 That I might make thee know the cēr'tainty of the words of truth, that thou mightst ānswer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

22 Rob not the poor, because he is poor; nēither oppress the afflicted in the gate;

23 For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

24 Make no friendship with an angry man, and with a furious man thou shalt not go;

25 Lēst thou lēarn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

26 Be not thou one of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for debts.

27 If thou hast nōthing to pay, why should he take āwāy thy bed from under thee?

28 Remove not the āncient land-mark 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.

CHAP. XXIII.—

WHEN 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 cēr'tainly make themselves wings; they fly āwāy, as an eagle tō'wārd heaven.

6 Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, nēither desire thou his dainty meats:

7 For as he thinketh in his hēart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his hēart is not with thee.

8 The mōr'sel¹ which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.

9 Speak not in the ears of a fool; for he will dēspīse the wisdom of thy words.

10 Remove not the old land-mark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:

11 For their Rēdēm'cr is mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.

12 Apply thine hēart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

13 Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.

14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

15 My son, if thine hēart be wise, my hēart shall rejoice, even mine;

16 Yēa, my reins shall rejoice when thy lips speak right things.

17 Let not thine hēart 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 hēart in the way.

20 Be not āmōngst wine-bibbers; āmōngst riotous eaters of flesh:

21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

22 Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and dēspīse not thy mōther when she is old.

23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice; and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.

25 Thy father and thy mōther shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

26 My son, give me thine hēart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

27 For a whore *is* a deep ditch; and a strange woman *is* a narrow pit.

28 She also lieth in wait as *for* a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men.

29 Who hath wo? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

30 They that tarry long at the wine, they that go to seek mixed wine.

31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright:

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things:

34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

35 They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again'.

CHAP. XXIV.

BE not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them:

2 For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

3 Through wisdom is a house builded, and by understanding it is established;

4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

5 A wise man *is* strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war; and in multitude of counsellors there *is* safety.

7 Wisdom *is* too high for a fool; he openeth not his mouth in the gate.

8 He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischiefous person.

9 The thought of foolishness *is* sin; and the scorner *is* an abomination to men.

10 If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength *is* small.

11 If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain;

12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?

13 My son, eat thou honey, because *it is* good; and the honey-comb, which *is* sweet to thy taste:

14 So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

15 Lay not wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting-place:

16 For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again': but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth; and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth;

18 Lest the Lord see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

19 Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked:

20 For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

21 My son, fear thou the Lord and the king; and meddle not with them that are given to change:

22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

23 These things also belong to the wise. *It is* not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:

25 But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.

26 Every man shall kiss his lips that giveth a right answer.

27 Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.

28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive not with thy lips.

29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me; I will render to the man according to his work.

30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard¹ of the man void of understanding;

31 And lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

32 Then I saw, and considered it well; I looked upon it, and received instruction.

33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

34 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man

CHAP. XXV.

THESSE are also proverbs of Söl'o-mön, which the men of Héz-e-kí'áh, king of Jú'dáh, copied out.

2 *It is* the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings *is* 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 established 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 said unto thee, Come up hither, than that thou shouldst 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 himself, and discover not a secret to another ;

10 Lest he that heareth *it* put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

11 A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver.

12 *As* an ear-ring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, *so is* a wise reprov^{er} upon an obē'dient¹ 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 forbearing is a prince persüaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

16 Hast thou found honey ? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

17 Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house ; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.

18 A man that beareth false witness against' his neighbour *is* a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble *is like* a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

20 *As* he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, and *as* vinegar upon nitre ; *so is* he that singeth songs to a heavy heart.

21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat ; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink :

22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

23 The north wind driveth away rain ; *so doth* an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

24 *It is* better to dwell in a corner of the house-top, than with a brawling woman, and in a wide house.

25 *As* cold waters to a thirsty soul, *so is* good news from a far country.

26 A righteous man falling down before the wicked, *is as* a troubled fountain and a corrupt spring.

27 *It is* not good to eat much honey ; *so for men* to search their own glory *is not* glory.

28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit *is like* a city that is broken down, and without walls.

AS snow in summer, and as rain in harvest ; so hön'our is not seemly for a fool.

2 *As* the bird by wän'dering, as the swallow by flying ; so the curse causeless shall not come.

3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the äss, and a rod for the fool's back.

4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.

6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool, cutteth off the feet, and drinketh damage.

7 The legs of the lame are not equal ; *so is* a parable in the mouth of fools.

8 *As* he that bindeth a stone in a sling ; *so is* he that giveth hön'our to a fool.

9 *As* a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard ; *so is* a parable in the mouth of fools.

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 saith, *There is* a lion in the way, a lion *is* in the streets.

14 *As* the door turneth upon his hinges, *so doth* the slothful upon his bed.

15 The slothful hideth his hand in his bò'sóm ; 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 saith, Am not I in sport ?

20 Where no wood is, *there* the fire goeth out ; *so where there is* no tale-bearer, 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 tale-bearer are wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

23 Burning lips, and a wicked heart, are like a pöt'shërd covered with silver dross.

24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him ;

25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not : for *there are* seven abominations in his heart.

26 *Whose* hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be showed 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 tóngue hateth *those that are* afflicted by it ; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

CHAP. XXVII.

BOAST not thyſelf of to-morrow ; for thou knoweſt not what a day may bring forth.

2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth ; a ſtranger, and not thine own lips.

3 A ſtone is heavy, and the ſand weighty : but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both.

4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous ; but who is able to ſtand before envy ?

5 Open rebuke is better than ſecret love.

6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend ; but the kiſſes of an enemy are deceitful.

7 The full ſoul loatheth a honeycomb ; but to the hungry ſoul every bitter thing is ſweet.

8 As a bird that wandereth from her neſt, ſo is a man that wandereth from his place.

9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart ; ſo doth the ſweetneſs of a man's friend by hearty counſel.

10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forſake not ; neither go into thy brother's houſe in the day of thy calamity : for better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off.

11 My ſon, be wiſe, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.

12 A prudent man forceeth the evil, and hideth himſelf : but the ſimple paſs on, and are puniſhed.

13 Take his garment that is ſurety for a ſtranger, and take a pledge of him for a ſtrange woman.

14 He that bleſſeth his friend with a loud voice, riſing early in the morning, it ſhall be counted a curſe to him.

15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day, and a contentious woman, are alike.

16 Whoſoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, which bewrayeth itſelf.

17 Iron ſharpeneth iron ; ſo a man ſharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

18 Whoſo keepeth the fig-tree ſhall eat the fruit thereof ; ſo he that waiteth on his maſter ſhall be honoured.

19 As in water, face answereth to face ; ſo the heart of man to man.

20 Hell and deſtruction are never full ; ſo the eyes of man are never ſatisfied.

21 As the ſining-pot for ſilver, and the furnace¹ for gold ; ſo is a man to his pride.

22 Though thou ſhouldeſt bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a peſtle, yet will not his fooliſhneſs depart from him.

23 Be thou diligent to know the ſtate of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds ;

24 For riches are not for ever : and doth the crown endure to every generation ?

25 The hay appeareth, and the tender graſs ſhoweth itſelf, and herbs of the mōūntains are gathered :

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 houſehold, and for the main'tenance² of thy maidens.

CHAP. XXVIII.

THE wicked flee when no man purſueth : but the righteous are bold as a lion.

2 For the tranſgreſſion of a land many are the 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 ſweeping 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 perverſe¹ in his ways, though he be rich.

7 Whoſo keepeth the law is a wiſe ſon : but he that is a companion of riotous men, ſhameth his father.

8 He that by uſury and unjuſt gain increaſeth his ſubſtance, he ſhall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

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 poſſeſſion.

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 hidden.

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 alway : 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 hateth covetouſneſs ſhall prolong his days.

17 A man that doth 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 perverſe¹ in his ways ſhall fall at once.

19 He that tilleth his land ſhall have plenty of bread : but he that followeth after vain perſons ſhall have poverty enough.

¹fūr'nīs

²mēn'tēn-ānſe.

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, for a piece of bread *that* man will transgress.

22 He that hasteth to be rich *hath* an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come 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* no transgression; the same is 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 not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.

CHAP. 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 flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.

6 In the transgression of an evil man *there is* a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.

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 rest.

10 The blood-thirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.

11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.

12 If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked.

13 The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the LORD lighteneth both their eyes.

14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.

15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall.

17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest: yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

18 Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

19 A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand, he will not answer.

20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child, shall have him become his son at the length.

22 An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

23 A man's pride shall bring him low but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth it not.

25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

26 Many seek the ruler's favour; but every man's judgment cometh from the LORD.

27 An unjust man is an abomination to the just; and *he that is* upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.

CHAP. XXX.

THE words of Ā'gūr the son of Jā'kēh, *even* the prophecy: The man spake unto Īth'i-ēl, even unto Īth'i-ēl and Ū'çāl,

2 Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man.

3 I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.

4 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?

5 Every word of God is pure; he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

7 Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die:

8 Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me;

9 Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

10 Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.

11 *There is* a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

12 *There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness*

13 *There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eye-lids are lifted up.*

14 *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.*

15 *The horse-leech hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough:*

16 *The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire, that saith not, It is enough.*

17 *The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.*

18 *There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four, which I know not:*

19 *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.*

20 *Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, 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 a handmaid that is heir¹ to her mistress.*

24 *There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise:*

25 *The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;*

26 *The crickets are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;*

27 *The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;*

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 greyhound; a 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.

THE words of king Lēm'u-ēl, 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?*

1 *are* 2 *vēr'tshu-ūs.* 3 *vīn'yērd.*

3 *Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.*

4 *It is not for kings, O Lēm'u-ēl, it is not for kings to drink wine, nor for princes strong drink;*

5 *Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervers² 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 virtuous² 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.³*

17 *She girdeth⁴ 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 sitteth among the elders of the land.*

24 *She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles⁵ 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 rise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.*

29 *Many daughters have done virtuously,⁶ but thou excellest them all.*

4 *gēr'deth.* 5 *gēr'dlz.* 6 *vēr'tshu-ūs-le.*

30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord she shall be praised.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

¶ ECCLESIAS/TES,¹ or the PREACH/ER.

CHAPTER I.

THE words of the Preach'er, the son of Dá'víd, king of Jē-rá'sa-lēm.

2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preach'er, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

3 What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?

4 One generation pās'seth āwāy, and ānōther generation cometh: but the ēarth ābideth for ever.

5 The sun also ārišeth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he ārōse.

6 The wind goeth tō'wārd the south, and turneth ābout' unto the north: it whirl'eth² ābout' continually; and the wind returneth āgain' according to his cir'cuits³

7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full: unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return āgain'.

8 All things āre 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 no new thing 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; nēither shall there be any remembrance of things that āre to come with those that shall come āfter.

12 ¶ I the Preach'er was king over Īš'-ra-ēl in Jē-rá'sa-lēm:

13 And I gave my hēart to seek and sēarch out by wisdom cōncēr'nīng all things that āre done under heaven: this sore trāv'-ail hath God given to the sons of man, to be exercised therewith.

14 I have seen all the works that āre done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

15 That which is crooked cannot be made straight; and that which is wān'tīng cannot be numbered.

16 I communed with mine own hēart, saying, Lo, I am come to great ēstāte', and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jē-rá'sa-lēm; yēa, my hēart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.

17 And I gave my hēart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I pērcēived that this also is vexation of spirit.

18 For in much wisdom is much griēf; and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

CHAP. II.

I SAID in mine hēart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth; ⁴ thēre'fore enjoy plēas'ure: and, behold, this also is vanity.

2 I said of laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What doeth it?

3 I sought in mine hēart to give mysel'f unto wine, (yet acquainting mine hēart with wisdom,) and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

4 I made me great works; I builded me houses; I plānted me vine'yards;⁵

5 I made me gardens and ō'chārd's, and I plānted trees in them of all kind of fruits;

6 I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees;

7 I got me sērvants and maidens, and had sērvants born in my house; also I had great pōssēs'sions of great and small cattle ābōve all that wēre in Jē-rá'sa-lēm before me;

8 I gāthered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar trēas'ure of kings and of the provinces; I gat me men-singers and women-singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

9 So I was great, and increased more than all that wēre before me in Jē-rá'sa-lēm: also my wisdom remained with me.

10 And whātsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them; I withheld not my hēart from any joy: for my hēart rejoiced in all my labour; and this was my pōrtion of all my labour.

11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

12 And I turned mysel'f to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what can the man do that cometh āfter 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 wise man's eyes āre in his head, but the fool wālketh in darkness: and I mysel'f pērcēived also that one event happeneth to them all.

15 Then said I in my hēart, As it hap-

¹ Ēk-kle-zhe-ās'tēz.

² hvoer'eth.

³ sēr'kīts.

⁴ mērth

⁵ vīn'yērdz.

peneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me: and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also *is* vanity.

16 For *there is* no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now *is*, in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise man? As the fool.

17 *Thère'fore* 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 had taken 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 showed myself wise under the sun. This *is* also vanity.

20 *Thère'fore* 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 to 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, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun?

23 For all his days *àre* sorrows, and his travaill 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 saw, that it *was* from the hand of God.

25 For who can eat, or who else can hasten *hereunto* more than I?

26 For God giveth to a man that *is* good in his sight, wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travaill, 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.

CHAP. III.

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: a time to keep silence, and a time to speak:

8 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 travaill 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 requireth 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.

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 my heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves *àre* 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 pre-eminence above a beast: for all *is* vanity.

20 All go unto one place; all *àre* of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

21 Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast 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.

SO I returned, and considered all the oppressions that *àre* 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.

2 Wherefore I praised the dead which *àre* already dead, more than the living which *àre* yet alive.

3 Yea, better *is* he than both they which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that *is* done under the sun.

4 ¶ Again, I considered all travaill, 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 togēther, and eateth his own flesh.

6 Better is a handfūl *with* quietness, than both the hands full *with* trāv'ail and vexation of spirit.

7 ¶ Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun.

8 There is one *ālōne* and *there is* not a second; yēa, he hath nēither child nor bróther; yet *is there* no end of all his labour; nēither is his eye satisfied with riches; nēither *saith he*, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This is also vanity, yēa, *it is* a sore trāv'ail.

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 wo to him *that is* *ālōne* when he falleth; for *he hath* not *ánóther* to help him up.

11 Ágain', if two lie togēther, then they have heat: but how can one be warm *ālōne*?

12 And if one prevail *ágainst* 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 reīgn; whereas also *he that is* born in his kingdom becometh poor.

15 I considered all the living which wālk 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 tnat come áfter shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

CHAP. V.

KEEP thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear than to give the sác'rifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine héart be hasty to utter *any* thing before God; for God *is* in heaven, and thou upon éarth: *thère'fore* 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, defēr not to pay it; for *he hath* no pléas'ure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.

5 Better *is it* that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay.

6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; nēither say thou before the ángel, that it *was* an érror: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and *děstróy'* the work of thine hands?

7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words *there are* also *di'vērʒ* vanities: but fear thou God.

8 If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent pėrvėrt'ing of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the

matter: for *he that is* higher than the highest reġardeth; and *there be* higher than they.

9 Moreover, the profit of the éarth is for all: the king *himself* is sėrved by the field.

10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase. This *is* also vanity.

11 When goods increase, they *are* increased that eat them: and what good *is there* to the owners thereof, saving the be-holding of them with their eyes?

12 The sleep of a labouring man *is* sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

13 There is a sore evil *which* I have seen under the sun, *namely*, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt.

14 But those riches perish by evil trāv'ail; and he begetteth a son, and *there is* *nóthing* in his hand.

15 As he came forth of his móther's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take *nóthing* of his labour, which he may carry áway in his hand.

16 And this also *is* a sore evil, *that* in all points as he came so shall he go: and what profit hath he that hath laboured for the wind?

17 All his days also he eateth in darkness, and *he hath* much sorrow and wráth with his sickness.

18 Behold *that* which I have seen: *it is* good and comely *for one* to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him; for *it is* his pörtion.

19 Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his pörtion, and to rejoice in his labour; *this is* the gift of God.

20 For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God ánswereth *him* in the joy of his héart.

CHAP. VI.

THERE is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it *is* common *ámóng* men:

2 A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and *kőn'our*, so that he wánteth *nóthing* for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stránger eateth it: *this is* vanity, and it *is* an evil disease.

3 If a man beget a hundred *children*, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and also *that* he have no burial; I say, *that* an timely birth¹ *is* better than he:

4 For he cometh in with vanity, and departeth in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness.

5 Moreover, he hath not seen the sun, nor known any thing: this hath more rest than the other.

6 Yea, though he live a thousand years twice told, yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place?

7 All the labour of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled.

8 For what hath the wise more than the fool? what hath the poor, that knoweth to walk before the living?

9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

10 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.

11 Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what is man the better?

12 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.

A GOOD name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.¹

2 It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart.

3 Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.

4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning: but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.²

5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.

6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool. This also is vanity.

7 Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; and a gift destroyeth the heart.

8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof; and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

10 Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this.

11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance; and by it there is profit to them that see the sun.

12 For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.

13 Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight which he hath made crooked?

14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God

also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

15 All things have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that longeth his life in his wickedness.

16 Be not righteous over-much; neither make thyself over-wise: why shouldst thou destroy thyself?

17 Be not over-much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldst thou die before thy time?

18 It is good that thou shouldst take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all.

19 Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city.

20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

21 Also take no heed unto all words that are spoken: lest thou hear thy servant curse thee:

22 For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.

23 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 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:

26 And I find more bitter than death the woman whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.

27 Behold, this have I found, (saith the Preach'er,) 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.

WHO is as the wise 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 I counsel thee to keep the king's commandment, and that in regard of the oath of God.

3 Be not hasty to go out of his sight: 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 doest thou?

5 Whoso keepeth the cōmmandment shall feel no evil thing : and a wise man's heart diſcerneth both time and judgment.

6 Because to every purpose there is time and judgment ; therefore the misery of man is great upon him.

7 For he knoweth not that which shall be : for who can tell him when it shall be ?

8 There is no man that hath power over the spirit, to retain the spirit ; neither hath he power in the day of death ; and there is no discharge in that war ; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

9 All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun : there is a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt.

10 And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done. This is also vanity.

11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

12 Though a sinner do evil a hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him :

13 But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow ; because he feareth not before God.

14 There is a vanity which is done upon the earth ; that there be just men, unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked : again, there be wicked men, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous. I said, that this also is vanity.

15 Then I commended mirth,¹ because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry ; for that shall abide with him of his labour the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun.

16 When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth : (for also there is that neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes.)

17 Then I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun ; because though a man labour to seek it out, yet he shall not find it ; yea, further, though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it.

CHAP. IX.

FOR all this I considered in my heart, even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise and their works, are in the hand of God : no man knoweth either love or hatred by all that is before them.

2 All things come alike to all : there is no event to the righteous and to the wicked, to the good, and to the clean, and to

the unclean ; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not : as is the good, so is the sinner ; and he that sweareth, as he that feareth an oath.

3 This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all : yea also, the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead.

4 For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope : for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

5 For the living know that they shall die : but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward ; for the memory of them is forgotten.

6 Also their love and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished ; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.

7 Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart ; for God now accepteth thy works.

8 Let thy garments be always white ; and let thy head lack no ointment.

9 Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity : for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.

10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might ; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest.

11 I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill ; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

12 For man also knoweth not his time ; as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare ; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

13 This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great unto me :

14 There was a little city, and few men within it ; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it.

15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city ; yet no man remembered that same poor man.

16 Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength : nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.

17 The words of wise men are heard in 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.

¹ mēth.

CHAP. X.

DEAD flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: *so dõtth* a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom *and hön'our*.

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 saith to every one *that he is* a fool.

4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up *ägainst'* thee, leave not thy place; for yield'ing pacieth great offences.

5 There is an evil *which* I have seen under the sun, as an *ërror* *which* proceedeth from the ruler;

6 Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place.

7 I have seen sèrvants upon horses, and princes walk'ing as sèrvants upon the *ëarth*.

8 He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh a hedge, a sèrpent 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 whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom *is* profitable to direct.

11 Surely the sèrpent will bite without enchäntment; and a babler is no better.

12 The words of a wise man's mouth *äre* 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* mis'chievous madness.

14 A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be *äfter* him who can tell him?

15 The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them; because he knoweth not how to go to the city.

16 Wo to thee, O land, when thy king *is* a child, and thy princes eat in the morning!

17 Blès'ed *art* thou, O land, when thy king *is* the son of nobles and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!

18 By much slöthfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but *móney* änswereth all *things*.

20 Curse not the king, no, not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bed-chamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

CHAP. XI.

CAST thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it *äfter* many days.

2 Give a pörtion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the *ëarth*.

3 If the clouds be full of rain, they emp-

ty *themselves* upon the *ëarth*: and if the tree fall *tö'ward* the south, or *tö'ward* the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.

4 He that *öbšerv'eth* the wind, shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds, shall not reap.

5 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.

6 In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, *ëither* this or that, or whether they both *shall be* *älike* good.

7 Truly the light *is* sweet, and a pleäs'-ant *thing it is* for the eyes to behold the sun.

8 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 sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these *things* God will bring thee into judgment.

10 There'fore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put *äway* evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth *äre* vanity.

CHAP. XII.

REMEMBER now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleäs'ure in them;

2 While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened; nor the clouds return *äfter* the rain:

3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall *böw* themselves, and the grinders cease because they *äre* few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened;

4 And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low; and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird; and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low:

5 Also *when* they shall be *äfräid* of *that* *which is* high, and fears *shall be* in the way, and the älmónd-tree shall flourish, and the grässhopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail; because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go *äbout'* the streets:

6 Or ever the silver cord be löösed, or the golden böwl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the föün'tain, or the wheel broken at the cistern:

7 Then shall the dust return to the *ëarth*-as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

8 *¶* Vanity of vanities, saith the Preach'-er; all *is* vanity.

9 And, moreover, because the Preach'er

was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order, many pröv'ërbs.

10 The Preach'er 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 shép'hërd.

12 And further, by these, my son, be ad-

monished: 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 cömmänd'ments: 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.

1 The SONG of SOL'OMON.

CHAPTER I.—

THE Song of songs, which is Söl'omön's.

2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine.

3 Because of the savour of thy good ointments, thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the vir'gins¹ love thee.

4 Draw me, we will run after thee. The King hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee; we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.

5 I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jë-rù'sa-lëm; as the tents of Kë'där, as the cür'tains of Söl'o-mön.

6 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 the keeper of the vine'yards;² but mine own vine'yard have I not kept.

7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?

8 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.

9 I have compared thee, O my love, to a company of horses in Phä'raöh's chariots.

10 Thy cheeks are comely with rows of jewels, thy neck with chains of gold.

11 We will make thee borders of gold, with studs of silver.

12 While the King sitteth at his table, my spike'närd sendeth forth the smell thereof.

13 A bundle of myrrh³ is my well beloved unto me; he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.

14 My beloved is unto me as a cluster of cäm'phire⁴ in the vine'yards of En'ge-di.⁵

15 Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair, thou hast doves' eyes.

16 Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleäs'ant: also our bed is green.

17 The beams of our house are cedar, and our räfter⁶ of fir.

1 vë'rj'inz. 2 vïn'yërdz. 3 mër.

CHAP. II.—

I AM the rose of Shä'rön and the lily of the valleys.

2 As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.

3 As the apple-tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

4 He brought me to the banqueting-house, and his banner over me was love.

5 Stay me with flagons, cöm'fört me with apples; for I am sick of love.

6 His left hand is under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me.

7 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jë-rù'sa-lëm, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please.

8 The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the möün'tains, skipping upon the hills.

9 My beloved is like a roe, or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the window, showing himself through the lattice.

10 My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

11 For, lo, the winter is päst, the rain is over and gone;

12 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.

13 The fig-tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Ärişe, my love, my fair one, and come away.

14 ¶ 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.

15 Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes.

16 ¶ My beloved is mine, and I am his; he feedeth among the lilies.

17 Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved; and be thou

4 käm'fir. 5 g hard. 6 fër.

like a roe, or a young hart, upon the môûn'tains of Bē'ther.

CHAP. III.—

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 ābout' 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 wātchmen that go ābout' the city found me: *to whom I said*, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?

4 *It was* but a little that I pāsseed 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 môther's house, into the chāmbër of her that conceiv-ed me.

5 I charge you, O ye dāughters of Jē-rū-sa-lēm, by the roes, and by the hinds of the fiēld, that ye stir not up, nor āwake my love till he please.

6 ¶ Who *is* this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, pērfum'd with myrrh¹ and frankincense, with all powders of the mērchānt?

7 Behold his bed, which *is* Sōl'o-mōn's; threescore valiant men *āre* ābout' it, of the valiant of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

8 They all hold swōrds, *being* expērt in war: every man *hath* his swōrd upon his thigh, because of fear in the night.

9 King Sōl'o-mōn made himself a chariot of the wood of Lēb'a-nōn.

10 He made the pillars thereof *of* silver, the bottom thereof *of* gold, the cōv'ring of it *of* purple; the midst thereof being paved *with* love for the dāughters of Jē-rū-sa-lēm.

11 Go forth, O ye dāughters of Zī'ōn, and behold king Sōl'o-mōn with the crown wherewith his môther crowned him in the day of his ēspōū'sāls, and in the day of the gladness of his hēārt.

CHAP. IV.—

BEHOLD, thou *art* fair, my love; behold, thou *art* fair; thou *hast* doves' eyes within thy locks: thy hair *is* as a flock of goats that appear from mcunt Gil'e-ād.

2 Thy teeth *āre* like a flock of sheep that *āre* cren shorn, which came up from the wāsh'ing; whereof every one bare twins, and none *is* barren āmong them.

3 Thy lips *āre* like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech *is* comely: thy temples *āre* like a piēce of a pōmegrān'āte within thy locks.

4 Thy neck *is* like the tower of Dā'vīd, builded for an armoury, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shiēlds of mighty men.

5 Thy two breasts *āre* like two young roes that *āre* twins, which feed āmong the lilies.

6 Until the day break, and the shadows flee āway, I will get me to the môûn'tains of myrrh,¹ and to the hill of frankincense.

7 Thou *art* all fair, my love; *there is* no spot in thee.

¹ mēr.

8 Come with me from Lēb'a-nōn, my spouse, with me from Lēb'a-nōn: look from the top of Ām'a-nā, from the top of Shē'nir and Hēr'mōn, from the lions' dens, from the môûn'tains of the lēop'ārds.

9 Thou hast ravished my hēārt, my sister, my spouse; thou hast ravished my hēārt with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck.

10 How fair *is* thy love, my sister, my spouse! how much better *is* thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!

11 Thy lips, O my spouse, drop *as* the hōney-comb; hōney and milk *āre* under thy tōngue; and the smell of thy gārments *is* like the smell of Lēb'a-nōn.

12 A gārden enclosed *is* my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fōûn'tain sealed.

13 Thy plānts *āre* an ôr'chard of pōmegrān'ātes, with plēā'sant fruits; cām'phīre, with spike'nārd;

14 Spike'nārd and saffron; cālāmus and cīnnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices:

15 A fōûn'tain of gārden, a well of living waters, and streams from Lēb'a-nōn.

16 ¶ Āwake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my gārden, *that* the spices thereof may flow out. Let my belōved come into his gārden, and eat his plēā'sant fruits.²

CHAP. V.—

I AM come into my gārden, my sister, my spouse: I have gāthered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my hōney-comb with my hōney; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yēa, drink abundantly, O belōved.

2 ¶ I sleep, but my hēārt waketh: *it is* the voice of my belōved that knocketh, *saying*, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefil'd: 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 wāshed my feet; how shall I defile them?

4 My belōved put in his hand by the hole *of the door*, and my bowels wēre moved for him.

5 I rose up to open to my belōved; and my hands dropped *with* myrrh, and my fingers *with* sweet-smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock.

6 I opened to my belōved; but my belōved had withdrawn himself, *and* was gone: my soul fail'd when he spake; I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no ānswer.

7 The wātchmen that went ābout' the city found me, they smote me, they wōûnd-ed me; the keepers of the walls took āway my vail from me.

8 I charge you, O dāughters of Jē-rū-sa-lēm, if ye find my belōved, that ye tell him, that I *am* sick of love.

² frōd's

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 so 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* bushy, and black as a raven:

12 His eyes *are* as the eyes of doves by the rivers of water, washed with milk, and fitly set:

13 His cheeks *are* as a bed of spices, as sweet flowers; his lips *like* lilies, dropping sweet-smelling myrrh:

14 His hands *are* as gold rings set with the beryl; his belly *is* as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires:¹

15 His legs *are* as pillars of marble set upon sockets of fine gold; his countenance *is* as Leb'a-nōn, 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 Jē-rā'sa-lēm.

CHAP. VI.—

WHITHER *is* thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? whither *is* thy beloved turned aside, that we may seek him with thee?

2 My beloved *is* gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

3 I *am* my beloved's, and my beloved *is* mine: he feedeth among the lilies.

4 ¶ Thou *art* beautiful, O my love, as Tir'zāh;² comely as Jē-rā'sa-lēm; terrible as an army with banners.

5 Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me: thy hair *is* as a flock of goats that appear from Gil'e-ād:

6 Thy teeth *are* as a flock of sheep, which go up from the washing, whereof every one beareth twins, and *there* *is* not one barren among them.

7 As a piece of a pomegran'āte *are* thy temples within thy locks.

8 There *are* threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins³ without number.

9 My dove, my undefiled, *is* but one: she *is* the only one of her mother, she *is* the choice one of her that bare her: the daughters saw her, and blēss'ed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

10 Who *is* she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?

11 I went down into the garden of nuts, to see the fruits of the valley, and to see whether the vine flourished, and the pomegran'ātes budded.

12 Or ever I was aware, my soul made me like the chariots of ām-mīn'a-dīb.

13 Return, return, O Shū'lam-ite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shū'lam-ite? As it were the company of two armies.

1 sāff'irz. 2 Tēr'zāh. 3 vēr'jīnz. 4 stāt'tshūre. 5 vīl'ld-jiz. 6 vīn'yērdz.

CHAP. VII.—

HO prince's daughter! the joints of thy thighs *are* like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman:

2 Thy navel *is* like a round goblet, which wanteth not liquor; thy belly *is* like a heap of wheat set about with lilies:

3 Thy two breasts *are* like two young roes that *are* twins:

4 Thy neck *is* as a tower of ivory; thine eyes *like* the fish-pools in Hēsh'bōn, by the gate of Bāth-rāb bīm; thy nose *is* as the tower of Leb'a-nōn, which looketh toward Da-mās'cus:

5 Thine head upon thee *is* like Çar'mēl, and the hair of thine head like purple: the King *is* held in the galleries.

6 How fair and how pleas'ant art thou, O love, for delights!

7 This thy stat'ure⁴ *is* like to a palm-tree, and thy breasts to clusters of grapes.

8 I said, I will go up to the palm-tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof; now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the smell of thy nose like apples;

9 And the roof of thy mouth like the best wine for my beloved, that goeth down sweetly, causing the lips of those that *are* asleep to speak.

10 ¶ I *am* my beloved's, and his desire *is* toward me.

11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the vil'lage.⁵

12 Let us get up early to the vineyards;⁶ let us see if the vine flourish, whether the tender grape appear, and the pomegran'ātes bud forth: there will I give thee my loves.

13 The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates *are* all manner of pleas'ant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

CHAP. VIII.—

OH that thou wert as my brother, that sucked the breasts of my mother! when I should find thee without, I would kiss thee; yea, I should not be despised.

2 I would lead thee, and bring thee into my mother's house, who would instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegran'āte.

3 His left hand *should* be under my head, and his right hand should embrace me.

4 I charge you, O daughters of Jē-rā'sa-lēm, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, until he please.

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 coals thereof *are* coals of fire, which hath a most vē-he-mēt flame.

7 Many waters cannot quench love, nei-

ther can the floods drown it : if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.

8 We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts : what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for ?

9 If she be a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver : and if she be a door, we will enclose her with boards of cedar.

10 I am a wall, and my breasts like towers : then was I in his eyes as one that found favour.

11 Söl'o-mön had a vineyard¹ at Ba'äl-

Häm'ön ; he let out the vineyard unto keepers : every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thousand piēces of silver.

12 My vineyard, which is mine, is before me : thou, O Söl'o-mön, must have a thousand, and those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred.

13 Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice : cause me to hear it.

14 Make haste, my beloved, and be thou like to a roe, or to a young hart, upon the mōūntains of spices.

¶ The BOOK of the Proph'et ISAIAH.

CHAPTER I.

THE vision of I-sāi'āh² the son of Ā'mōz, which he saw cōncēr'nīng Jū'dāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm, in the days of Ūz-zī'āh, Jō'thām, Ā'hāz, and Hēz-c-kī'āh, kings of Jū'dāh.

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth ; for the LORD hath spoken : I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled āgainst me :

3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the āss his māster's crib : but Iṣ'ra-ēl dóth not know, my people dóth not consider.

4 Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil-doers, children that are corrupters ! they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Hōly One of Iṣ'ra-ēl unto anger, they are gone āwāy backward.

5 Why should ye be stricken any more ? ye will revōlt 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 wōūnds, and bruises, and putrefying sores : they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burnt with fire : your land, strāngers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strāngers.

8 And the daughter of Zī'ōn 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 had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sūd'om, and we should have been like unto Gō-mōr'rāh.

10 Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sūd'om ; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gō-mōr'rāh :

11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sār'ificēs 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 he-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 āwāy with : it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth : they are a trōuble unto me ; I am weary to bear them.

15 And when ye spread forth your hands I will hide mine eyes from you ; yēa, when ye make many prayers I will not hear : your hands are full of blood.

16 Wash you, make you clean ; put āwāy the evil of your doings from before mine eyes ; cease to do evil ;

17 Lēarn to do well : seek judgment, relieve the oppressed ; judge the fatherless ; plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let us reason tōgēther, saith the LORD : Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow ; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

19 If ye be willing and obē'dient,³ ye shall eat the good of the land :

20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the swōrd : for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

21 How is the faithful city become a harlot ! it was full of judgment ; righteousness lodged in it ; but now murderers.

22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water :

23 Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thēves : every one loveth gifts, and followeth āfter rewards : they judge not the fatherless, neither dóth the cause of the widow come unto them.

24 Thēre'fore, saith the LORD, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Ah, I will ease me of mine ād'versaries, and avēnge me of mine enemies :

25 And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge āwāy thy dross, and take āwāy all thy tin :

¹ vīn'yērd.

² I-sā'yāh.

³ ō-bē'je-ēnt

26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: áft'érward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, The faithful city.

27 Zi'ón shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.

28 And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed.

29 For they shall be áshamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gárden that ye have chosen.

30 For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a gárden 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 nóne shall quench them.

CHAP. II.

THE word that I-sái'áh the son of Á'möz saw concér'ning Jü'dáh and Je-rú'sa-lém.

2 And it shall come to páss in the lást days, that the môûn'tain of the LORD's house shall be estáblished in the top of the môûn'tains, and shall be exálted ábove the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

3 And many¹ people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the môûn'tain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Já'çöb; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his páthis: for out of Zi'ón shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Je-rú'sa-lém.

4 And he shall judge ámong the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and theirspears into pruning-hooks:² nation shall not lift up sword ágainst' nation, néither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Já'çöb, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

6 Thère'fore thou hast forsaken thy people, the house of Já'çöb, because they are replenished from the east, and áre soothsayers like the Phi-lis'tines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers.

7 Their land also is full of silver and gold, néither is there any end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, néither is there any end of their chariots.

8 Their land also is full of idols; they wórship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made.

9 And the mean man boweth down, and the great man húmbleth himself: thère'fore 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 máj'esty.³

11 The lofty looks of man shall be húmble, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down; and the LORD álone shall be exálted in that day.

12 For the day of the LORD of hosts shall

¹ mén'ne.² pròd'ing-hòòks.

le 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 Lëb'a-nôn, that áre high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bá'shán,

14 And upon all the high môûn'tains, and upon all the hills that áre lifted up,

15 And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall,

16 And upon all the ships of Tár'shish, and upon all pléas'ant pictures.

17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low; and the LORD álone shall be exálted in that day.

18 And the idols he shall utterly abolish.

19 And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the éarth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his máj'esty, when he árişeth to shake terribly the éarth.

20 In that day a man shall cást his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to wórship, to the moles, and to the bats;

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 máj'esty, when he árişeth to shake terribly the éarth.

22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils; for wherein is he to be accounted of?

CHAP. III.

FOR, behold, the LORD, the LORD of hosts, dóth take áway from Je-rú'sa-lém, and from Jü'dáh, the stay and the stáff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water,

2 The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the áncient,

3 The cáp'tain of fifty, and the hón'ourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator.

4 And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.

5 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by ánother, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly ágainst' the áncient, and the base ágainst' the hón'ourable.

6 When a man shall take hold of his brother, of the house of his father, saying, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler,⁴ and let this ruin be under thy hand:

7 In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be a healer; for in my house is néither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.

8 For Je-rú'sa-lém is ruined, and Jü'dáh is fallen; because their tóngue and their doings áre ágainst' the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

9 The show of their countenance dóth

³ mád'jes-te.⁴ ròd'l'úr.

witness against them, and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not: wo 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.

11 Wo 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, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

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 saith, Because the daughters of Zí'ón 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 smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zí'ón, 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 cauls, 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 head-bands, and the tablets, and the ear-rings,

21 The rings, and nose-jewels,

22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping-pins,

23 The glásses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the veils.

24 And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell, there shall be stink; and instead of a gir'dle, a rent; and instead of well-set hair, baldness; and instead of a stomacher, a gir'ding 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 she, being desolate, shall sit upon the ground.

CHAP. IV.

AND in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

2 In that day shall the branch of the

1 *vín'yérd.*

LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Ís'ra-él.

3 And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zí'ón, and he that remaineth in Jé-rú'sa-lém, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jé-rú'sa-lém:

4 When the LORD shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zí'ón, and shall have purged the blood of Jé-rú'sa-lém from the midst thereof, by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling-place of mount Zí'ón, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence.

6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the day-time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

CHAP. V.

NOW will I sing to my well-beloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My well-beloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:

2 And he 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 wine-press therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

3 And now, O inhabitants of Jé-rú'sa-lém, and men of Jú'dáh, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.

4 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?

5 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:

6 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.

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Ís'ra-él, and the men of Jú'dáh his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

8 Wo 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!

9 In mine ears, said the LORD of hosts, Of a truth, many houses shall be desolate, even great and fair, without inhabitant.

10 Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and the seed of a homer shall yield an éph'ah.

11 Wo unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong

2 *gér'dl.*

3 *gér'ding.*

drink ; that continue until night, till wine inflame them !

12 And the harp and the viol, the tābret and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts : but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands.

13 There'fore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge ; and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

14 There'fore 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.

15 And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled :

16 But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God, that is holy, shall be sanctified in righteousness.

17 Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat.

18 Wo unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart-ropes !

19 That say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it : and let the counsel of the Holy One of Iſ'ra-ël draw nigh and come, that we may know it !

20 Wo 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 !

21 Wo unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight !

22 Wo unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink :

23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him !

24 There'fore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust : because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Iſ'ra-ël.

25 There'fore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them : and the hills did tremble, and their carcases were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

26 And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth : and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly.

27 None shall be swift nor stumble amongst them : none shall slumber nor sleep ; neither shall the girdle of their loins

be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken :

28 Whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind :

29 Their roaring shall be like a lion, they shall roar like young lions ; yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry it away safe, and none shall deliver it.

30 And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea ; and if one look unto the land, behold darkness and sorrow ; and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

CHAP. VI.

IN the year that king Ūz-zī'āh died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphims : each one had six wings ; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts ; the whole earth is full of his glory.

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I, Wo is me ! for I am undone ; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips : for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar ;

7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

8 Also I heard the voice of the LORD, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us ? Then I said, Here am I ; send me.

9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not ; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes ; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

11 Then said I, LORD, how long ? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate ;

12 And the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

13 But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten : as a teil-tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them when they cast their leaves, so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

CHAP. VII.

AND it came to pāss in the days of Ā'hāz the son of Jō'thām, the son of Ūz zī'āh king of Jū'dāh, that Rē'zīn the king of Sŷr'i-ā, and Pē'kāh the son of Rēm-a-li'āh, king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, went up tō'wārd's Jē-rū'sa-lēm to war āgainst' it, but could not prevāil āgainst' it.

2 And it was told the house of Dā'vīd, saying, Sŷr'i-ā is confederate with Ē'phra-īm : and his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood āre moved with the wind.

3 Then said the LORD unto I-sāi'āh, Go forth now to meet Ā'hāz, thou and Shē-ār-jā'shūb thy son, at the end of the cōn'duit of the upper pool, in the highway of the fuller's field ;

4 And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet ; fear not, neither be faint-hearted, for the two tails of these smoking fire-brands, for the fierce anger of Rē'zīn with Sŷr'i-ā, and of the son of Rēm-a-li'āh.

5 Because Sŷr'i-ā, Ē'phra-īm, and the son of Rēm-a-li'āh, have taken evil counsel āgainst' thee, saying,

6 Let us go up āgainst' Jū'dāh, 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 Tā'be-āl :

7 Thus saith the LORD God, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pāss.

8 For the head of Sŷr'i-ā is Da-mās'cūs, and the head of Da-mās'cūs is Rē'zīn ; and within threescore and five years shall Ē'phra-īm be broken, that it be not a people.

9 And the head of Ē'phra-īm is Sa-mā'ri-ā, and the head of Sa-mā'ri-ā is Rēm-a-li'āh's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be estāb'lished.

10 Moreover, the LORD spake āgain' unto Ā'hāz, saying,

11 Āsk thee a sign of the LORD thy God : āsk it either in the depth, or in the height ābove.

12 But Ā'hāz said, I will not āsk, neither will I tempt the LORD.

13 And he said, Hear ye now, O house of Dā'vīd ; is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also ?

14 Therēfore the LORD himself shall give you a sign : Behold, a Vir'gīn¹ shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Īm-mān'u-ēl.

15 Butter and hōney shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and chōōse the good :

16 For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and chōōse the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken 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 Ē'phra-īm departed from Jū'dāh ; even the king of Ās-sŷr'i-ā.

18 And it shall come to pāss in that day, that the LORD shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Ē'gŷpt, and for the bee that is in the land of Ās-sŷr'i-ā :

19 And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bāshes.

20 In the same day shall the LORD shave with a razor that is hired, namely, by them beyond the river, by the king of Ās-sŷr'i-ā, the head, and the hair of the feet : and it shall also consume the beard.

21 And it shall come to pāss in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow and two sheep :

22 And it shall come to pāss, for the abundance of milk that they shall give, he shall eat butter : for butter and hōney shall every one eat that is left in the land.

23 And it shall come to pāss in that day, that every place shall be, where there wēre a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, it shall even be for briers and thorns.

24 With arrows and with bōws 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 sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of lesser cattle.

CHAP. VIII.

MOREOVER the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen cōncērning Mā'hēr-shāl'āl-hāsh'bāz.

2 And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Ū-rī'āh the priest, and Zēch-ār-ri'āh the son of Jē-bēr-e-ḡhī'āh.

3 And I went unto the prophetess ; and she cōncēived and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Mā'hēr-shāl'āl-hāsh'bāz :

4 For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and, my mōther, the riches of Da-mās'cūs and the spoil of Sa-mā'ri-ā shall be taken āway before the king of Ās-sŷr'i-ā.

5 ¶ The LORD spake also unto me āgain', saying,

6 Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shi-lō'āh that go softly, and rejoice in Rē'zīn and Rēm-a-li'āh's son ;

7 Now therēfore, behold, the LORD bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Ās-sŷr'i-ā, and all his glory : and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks :

8 And he shall pāss through Jū'dāh ; 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 Īm-mān'u-ēl.

9 Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in piéces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird¹ yourselves, and ye shall be broken in piéces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in piéces.

10 Take counsel togëther, and it shall 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 fear, 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 Iſ'ra-ël; for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jê-rû'sa-lêm.

15 And many among them shall stumble and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

16 Bind up the tês'timóný, seal the law among my disciples.

17 And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Já'çöb, 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 Iſ'ra-ël, from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zi'ôn.

19 And when they shall say unto 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 tês'timóný: 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 bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that, when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look üp'wârd.

22 And they shall look unto the ëarth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and *they shall be* driven to darkness.

CHAP. IX.

NEVERTHELESS, the dimness shall not be such as *was* in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zêb'u-lôn and the land of Nâph'ta-lî, and äftêrwârd did more grievously afflict *her* by the way of the sea, beyond Jôr'dân, in Gä'l'i-lêe of the nations.

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, and

1 gërd.

not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as *men* rejoice when they dividë the spoil.

4 For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the stäff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Mid'i-än.

5 For every battle of the wârrior² is with confused noise, and gârmënts 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 góvernment shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wón'dér-fül, Çöûn'sël-lór, The mighty God, The ëvêrläs'ting Fâther, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his góvernment and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of Dä'vid, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to estâb'lish it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will përförm' this.

8 ¶ The LORD sent a word into Já'çöb, and it hath lighted upon Iſ'ra-ël.

9 And all the people shall know, *even* È'phra-ïm and the inhabitants of Sa-mä'ri-ä, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart,

10 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones; the sÿc'amöres are cut down, but we will change *them into* cedars.

11 Thêrê'före the LORD shall set up the äd'vërsarïes of Rê'zîn ägainst' him, and join his enemies togëther;

12 The Sÿr'i-äns before, and the Phi-lis-tines behind; and they shall devour Iſ'ra-ël with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned äwâý, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

13 For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, nêither do they seek the LORD of hosts.

14 Thêrê'före the LORD will cut off from Iſ'ra-ël head and tail, brâñch and rush, in one day.

15 The äncient and hön'ourable, he *is* the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he *is* the tail.

16 For the leaders of this people cause *them to* ërr; and *they that are* led of them are deströy'ed.

17 Thêrê'före the LORD shall have no joy in their young men, nêither shall have mërçy on their fatherless and widows: for every one *is* a hÿp'ocrite and an evil-doer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned äwâý, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

18 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.

19 Through the wrâth of the LORD of hosts is the land darkened, and the people

2 wâr'yür.

shall be as the fuel of the fire : no man shall spare his brother.

20 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 :

21 Ma-nās'seh, Ê'phra-îm ; and Ê'phra-îm, Ma-nās'seh : and they together shall be against' Ju'dah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

CHAP. X.

WO unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed :

2 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 !

3 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 ?

4 Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

5 O Ās-sÿr'i-ān, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

6 I will send him against' a hypocritical nation, and against' the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

7 Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so ; but it is in his heart to destroy' and cut off nations not a few.

8 For he saith, Are not my princes altogether kings ?

9 Is not Cāl'nō as Çar'chē-māsh ? is not Hā'māth as Ār'pād ? is not Sa-mā'ri-ā as Da-mās'cūs ?

10 As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excel them of Jē-rū'sa-lēm and of Sa-mā'ri-ā ;

11 Shall I not, as I have done unto Sa-mā'ri-ā and her idols, so do to Jē-rū'sa-lēm and her idols ?

12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, that, when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zi'ōn and on Jē-rū'sa-lēm, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Ās-sÿr'i-a, and the glory of his high looks.

13 For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom ; for I am prudent : and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man :

14 And my hand hath found, as a nest, the riches of the people : and as one gathereth eggs that are left, have I gathered all the earth ; and there was none that

moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped.

15 Shall the axe boast itself against' him that heweth therewith ? or shall the saw magnify itself against' him that shaketh it ? as if the rod should shake itself against' them that lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up itself, as if it were no wood.

16 Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness ; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

17 And the light of Iš'ra-ël shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame : and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briars in one day ;

18 And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body : and they shall be as when a standard-bearer fainteth

19 And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them.

20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Iš'ra-ël, and such as are escaped of the house of Jā'cōb, shall no more again' stay upon him that smote them ; but shall stay upon the Lord, the Holy One of Iš'ra-ël, in truth.

21 The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jā'cōb, unto the mighty God.

22 For though thy people Iš'ra-ël be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return : the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

23 For the Lord God of hosts shall make a consumption, even detērmīned, in the midst of all the land.

24 Therefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zi'ōn, be not afraid of the Ās-sÿr'i-ān : he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against' thee, after the manner of Ê'gÿpt.

25 For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger, in their destruction.

26 And the Lord of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him, according to the slaughter of Mīd'i-ān at the rock of Ō'rēb : and as his rod was upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Ê'gÿpt.

27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

28 He is come to Ā-i'āth, he is passed to Mīg'rōn ; at Mīch'māsh he hath laid up his carriages :

29 They are gone over the passage : they have taken up their lodging at Gē'bā ; Rā'māh is afraid ; Gīb'e-āh of Sūl is fled.

30 Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Gāl-līm ; cause it to be heard unto La'ish, O poor Ān'a-thōth.

31 Mād-mēn'āh is removed ; the inhabitants of Gē'bīm gather themselves to flee.

32 As yet shall he remain at Nōb that

day : he shall shake his hand *āgainst*' the mount of the daughter of Zī'ōn, the hill of Jē-rā sa lēm.

33 Behold, the LORD, the LORD of hosts, shall lop the bōugh with terror : and the high ones of stature *shall be* hewn down, and the haughty shall be hūmblēd.

34 And he shall cut down the thickets of the forests with iron, and Lēb'a-nōn shall fall by a mighty one.

CHAP. XI.

AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jēs'se, and a Brānch shall grow out of his roots :

2 And the Spīr'it of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge, and of the fear of the LORD ;

3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD : and he shall not judge āfter the sight of his eyes, nēither reprove āfter the hearing of his ears.

4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the ēarth : and he shall smite the ēarth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And righteousness shall be the gir'dle of his loins, and faithfulness the gir'dle of his reins.

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the lēp'ard² shall lie down with the kid ; and the calf, and the young lion, and the fatting togēther ; and a little child shall lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed ; their young ones shall lie down togēther : and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the āsp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice-den.

9 They shall not hurt nor dēstrōy' in all my hōly mōūn'tāin : for the ēarth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cōver the sea.

10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jēs'se, which shall stand for an ensign of the people ; to it shall the Ĝēn'tiles seek : and his rest shall be glōrious.

11 And it shall come to pās in that day, that the LORD shall set his hand āgain' the second time to recōver the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Ās-sy'r'i-ā, and from Ē'ġypt, and from Pāth'rōs, and from Ćūsh, and from Ē'lām, and from Shī'uār, and from Hā'māth, and from the īs'lānds³ of the sea.

12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the ōūt'cāsts of Īy'rā-ēl, and gāther togēther the dīspērsed of Jū'dāh from the four corners of the ēarth.

13 The envy also of Ē'phra-īm shall depart, and the ād'vērsarīes of Jū'dāh shall

be cut off ; Ē'phra-īm shall not envy Jū'dāh and Jū'dāh shall not vex Ē'phra-īm.

14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Phi-lis'tines tō'wārd the west ; they shall spoil them of the east togēther : they shall lay their hand upon Ē'dōm and Mō'āb ; and the children of Ām'mōn shall obey them.

15 And the LORD shall utterly dēstrōy' the tōngue of the Ē-ġypt'i-ān sea ; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dry shod.

16 And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Ās-sy'r'i-ā ; like as it was to Īy'rā-ēl in the day that he came up out of the land of Ē'ġypt.

CHAP. XII.

AND in that day thou shalt say, O LORD I will praise thee : though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned āwāy and thou cōm'fōrtedst me.

2 Behold, God is my salvation ; I will trust, and not be āfrāid : for the LORD JEH-O'VAH is my strength and my song ; he also is become my salvation.

3 Thēre'fōre 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 āmōng the people, make mention that his name is exālted.

5 Sing unto the LORD ; for he hath done excellent things : this is known in all the ēarth.

6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zī'ōn : for great is the Hōly One of Īy'rā-ēl in the midst of thee.

CHAP. XIII.

THE burden of Bāb'y-lōn which Ī-sāi'āh the son of Ā'mōz did see.

2 Lift ye up a banner upon the high mōūn'tāin, exālt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

3 I have cōmmān'ded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, *even* them that rejoice in my highness.

4 The noise of a multitude in the mōūn'tāins, like as of a great people ; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gāthered togēther : the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle.

5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, *even* the LORD, and the wēap'ons⁴ of his indignation, to dēstrōy' the whole land.

6 Howl ye ; for the day of the LORD is at hand ; it shall come as a destruction from the Āl-migh'ty.

7 Thēre'fōre shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt :

8 And they shall be āfrāid : pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them ; they shall

1 ġēr'dl.

2 lēp'pūrd.

3 i'lāndz.

4 wēp'p'nz.

be in pain as a woman that tráv'aileth; 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 sinners 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 haughtiness of the terrible.

12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of O'phir.

13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, 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 chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall 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 dashed 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; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it.

18 Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

19 And Báb'y-lón, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chál'deēs' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Söd'om and Gó-mór'rah.

20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation; neither shall the Á-rá'bi-án pitch tent there, neither shall the shép'hérdš make their fold there:

21 But wild beasts of the dēs'ért shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures;² and owls shall dwell there, and sät'yrs³ shall dance there.

22 And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleás'ant palaces; and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

CHAP. XIV.

FOR the LORD will have mercy on Já'cób, and will yet chòöse Iſ'ra-ël, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Já'cób.

2 And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place; and the house

of Iſ'ra-ël shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose 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,

4 That thou shalt take up this prov'erb against the king of Báb'y-lón, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

5 The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers.

6 He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, 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 Léb'a-nón, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.

9 Hell from 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 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 Lú'ci-fér, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides 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 sides 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 slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trodden under feet.

20 Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy

¹ shép'pürdz.

² kré'tshürz.

³ sät'ürz.

land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

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, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylōn the name, and remnant, and son, and neph'ew,¹ saith the LORD.

23 I will also make it a possession for the bitter, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besōm of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts.

24 The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand;

25 That I will break the ās-sūr'i-ān in my land, and upon my mōūntains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

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 of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

28 In the year that king ā'hāz died, was this burden.

29 Rejoice not thou, whole Pāl-ē-stī'nā, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the sērpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying sērpent.

30 And the first-born of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety: and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.

31 Howl, O gate; cry, O city: thou, whole Pāl-ē-stī'nā, art dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke, and none shall be alone in his appointed times.

32 What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zi'ōn, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.

CHAP. XV.

THE burden of Mō'āb. Because in the night ār of Mō'āb is laid waste, and brought to silence; because in the night Kir² of Mō'āb is laid waste, and brought to silence:

2 He is gone up to Bā'jīth, and to Dī'bōn, the high places, to weep: Mō'āb shall howl over Nē'bō, and over Mēd'e-bā; on all their heads shall be baldness, and every beard cut off.

3 In their streets they shall gird³ themselves with sackcloth: on the tops of their houses, and in their streets, every one shall howl, weeping abundantly.

4 And Hēsh'bōn shall cry, and Ē-le-ā'lēh: their voice shall be heard even unto Jā'hāz: there'fore the armed sōl'diērs⁴ of Mō'āb

1 nēv'vū.

2 Kēr.

3 gērd.

4 sōl'jūrz.

5 Kēr-hār'e-sēth.

shall cry out; his life shall be griēv'ōus unto him.

5 My heart shall cry out for Mō'āb; his fugitives shall flee unto Zō'ār, a heifer of three years old: for by the mounting up of Lō'hīth with weeping shall they go it up; for in the way of Hōr-ō-nā'im they shall raise up a cry of destruction.

6 For the waters of Nim'rīm shall be desolate: for the hay is withered āwāy, the grāss faileth, there is no green thing.

7 There'fore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry āwāy to the brook of the willows.

8 For the cry is gone round ābout the borders of Mō'āb; the howling thereof unto Ēg-lā'im, and the howling thereof unto Bē-ēr-ē'līm.

9 For the waters of Dī'mōn shall be full of blood: for I will bring more upon Dī'mōn, lions upon him that escapeth of Mō'āb, and upon the remnant of the land.

CHAP. XVI.

SEND ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from Sē'lā to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zi'ōn.

2 For it shall be, that as a wān'dēring bird cast out of the nest, so the daughters of Mō'āb shall be at the fords of Ār'nōn.

3 Take counsel, execute judgment, make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noon-day; hide the ōūt'cāsts, bewray not him that wāndereth.

4 Let mine ōūt'cāsts dwell with thee, Mō'āb: be thou a cōvert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land.

5 And in mercy shall the throne be estāb'lished; and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of Dā'vīd, judging and seeking judgment, and hasting righteous ness.

6 We have heard of the pride of Mō'āb; he is very proud: even of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrāth: but his lies shall not be so.

7 There'fore shall Mō'āb howl for Mō'āb, every one shall howl: for the foundations of Kir-hār'e-sēth¹ shall ye mourn; surely they are stricken.

8 For the fields of Hēsh'bōn languish, and the vine of Sīb'māh: the lords of the heathen have broken down the principal plānts thereof, they are come even unto Jā'zēr, they wāndered through the wilderness; her brānches are stretched out, they are gone over the sea:

9 There'fore I will bewail with the weeping of Jā'zēr the vine of Sīb'māh: I will water thee with my tears, O Hēsh'bōn, and Ē-le-ā'lēh; for the shouting for thy summer-fruits, and for thy harvest, is fallen.

10 And gladness is taken āwāy, and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vine-yards there shall be no singing, neither shall

there be shouting; the treaders shall tread out no wine in their presses; I have made their vintage-shouting to cease.

11 Wherefore my bowels shall sound like a harp for Mō'āb, and mine inward parts for Kir'ha-rēsh.¹

12 And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Mō'āb 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 concēring Mō'āb since that time.

14 But now the Lord hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of a hireling, and the glory of Mō'āb shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and feeble.

CHAP. XVII.

THE burden of Da-mās'cūs. Behold, Da-mās'cūs is taken āwāy from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

2 The cities of Ār'o-er are forsaken; they shall be for flocks which shall lie down, and none shall make them āfrāid.

3 The fortress shall also cease from Ēphra-īm, and the kingdom from Da-mās'cūs, and the remnant of Sÿr'i-ā: they shall be as the glory of the children of Iş'ra-ël, saith the Lord of hosts.

4 And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jā'cōb shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.

5 And it shall be as when the harvestman gāthereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he that gāthereth ears in the valley of Rēph'a-īm.

6 Yet gleanings-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, saith the Lord God of Iş'ra-ël.

7 At that day shall a man look to his Mā'ker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Iş'ra-ël.

8 And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect that which his fingers have made, either the groves or the images.

9 In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, which they left, because of the children of Iş'ra-ël: and there shall be desolation.

10 Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the Rēck of thy strength; therefore shalt thou plant pleās'ant plants, and shall 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 a heap in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

12 Wo to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas; 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 shall be chased as the chaff of the mōūn'tains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirl/wind.

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.

WO to the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ē-thi-ō'pi-ā:

2 That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, saying, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled!

3 All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mōūn'tains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye.

4 For so the Lord said unto me, I will take my rest, and I will consider in my dwelling place like a clear heat upon herbs, and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.

5 For afore the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning-hooks,³ and take āwāy and cut down the branches.

6 They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mōūn'tains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

7 In that time shall the present be brought unto the Lord of hosts of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the Lord of hosts, the mount Zi'ōn.

CHAP. XIX.

THE burden of Ê-gÿpt. Behold, the Lord rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Ê-gÿpt; and the idols of Ê-gÿpt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Ê-gÿpt shall melt in the midst of it.

2 And I will set the Ê-gÿp'ti-āns āgainst' the Ê-gÿp'ti-āns: and they shall fight every one āgainst' his brother, and every one āgainst' his neighbour; city āgainst' city, and kingdom āgainst' kingdom.

3 And the spirit of Ê-gÿpt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destrōy' 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.

¹ Kēr'ha-rēsh.³ prōn'ing-hōōks.

4 And the Ē-gÿp/ti-āns will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the LORD, the LORD of hosts.

5 And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted 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 sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and be no more.

8 The fishers 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 net-works, 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 Zō'an are fools, the counsel of the wise counsellors of Phā-raōh is become brutish: how say ye unto Phā-raōh, 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 Ē/gÿpt.

13 The princes of Zō'an are become fools, the princes of Nōph are deceived; they have also seduced Ē/gÿpt, even they that are the stay of the tribes thereof.

14 The LORD hath mingled a pērvēse/spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Ē/gÿpt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit.

15 Neither shall there be any work for Ē/gÿpt, which the head or tail, brānch or rush, may do.

16 In that day shall Ē/gÿpt be like unto women; and it shall be afraid and fear, because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it.

17 And the land of Jūdāh shall be a terror unto Ē/gÿpt: every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts, which he hath dētēr'mined against it.

18 In that day shall five cities in the land of Ē/gÿpt speak the language of Čā'na-ān, and swear to the LORD of hosts: one shall be called, The city of destruction.

19 In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Ē/gÿpt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD.

20 And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Ē/gÿpt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.

21 And the LORD shall be known to Ē/gÿpt, and the Ē-gÿp/ti-āns shall know the LORD in that day, and shall do sār'rifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and pērfōrm it.

22 And the LORD shall smite Ē/gÿpt, ne shall smite and heal it: and they shall return even to the LORD, and he shall be entreated of them, and shall heal them.

23 In that day shall there be a highway out of Ē/gÿpt to Ās-sÿr'i-ā; and the Ās-sÿr'i-ān shall come into Ē/gÿpt, and the Ē-gÿp/ti-ān into Ās-sÿr'i-ā; and the Ē-gÿp/ti-āns shall sērve with the Ās-sÿr'i-āns.

24 In that day shall Iḡ'ra-ēl be the third with Ē/gÿpt and with Ās-sÿr'i-ā, even a blessing in the midst of the land;

25 Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blēs'sed be Ē/gÿpt my people, and Ās-sÿr'i-ā the work of my hands, and Iḡ'ra-ēl mine inheritance.

CHAP. XX.—

IN the year that Tār'tān came unto Āsh'dōd, (when Sār'gōn the king of Ās-sÿr'i-ā sent him,) and fought against Āsh'dōd, and took it;

2 At the same time spake the LORD by I-sāi'āh the son of Ā'mōz, saying, Go, and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, wālk'ing naked and barefoot.

3 And the LORD said, Like as my servant I-sāi'āh hath walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder upon Ē/gÿpt and upon Ē-thi-ō'pi-ā;

4 So shall the king of Ās-sÿr'i-ā lead away the Ē-gÿp/ti-āns prisoners, and the Ē-thi-ō'pi-āns captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Ē/gÿpt.

5 And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ē-thi-ō'pi-ā their expectation, and of Ē/gÿpt their glory.

6 And the inhabitant of this isle shall say in that day, Behold, such is our expectation, whither we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Ās-sÿr'i-ā: and how shall we escape?

CHAP. XXI.

THE burden of the dēs'ērt of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the dēs'ērt, from a terrible land.

2 A griēv'ōūs vision is declared unto me; The treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Ē'lām: besiēge, O Mē'di-ā: all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.

3 Thērc'fōre are my loins filled with pain; pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that trāv'ailēth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dīsmāyed at the seeing of it.

4 My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my plēas'ure hath he turned into fear unto me.

5 Prepare the table, wātch in the wātch-

tower, eat, drink: *āriše*, ye princes, and *ānōit* the shield.

6 For thus hath the LORD said unto me, Go, set a wāchman, 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 wāch-tower in the day-time, 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, Bāb'y-lōn is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

10 O my threshing, and the corn of my floor: that which I have heard of the LORD of hosts, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, have I declared unto you.

11 ¶ The burden of Dū'māh. He call-eth to me out of Se'ir, Wāch'man, what of the night? wāch'man, what of the night?

12 The wāch'man said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: return, come.

13 ¶ The burden upon Ā-rā'bi-ā. In the forest in Ā-rā'bi-ā shall ye lodge, O ye travelling cōmpānies of Dēd'a-nim.

14 The inhabitants of the land of Tē'mā brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled.

15 For they fled from the *swōrds*, from the drawn *swōrd*, and from the bent bow, and from the griev'ousness of war.

16 For thus hath the LORD said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of a hireling, and all the glory of Kē'dār shall fail:

17 And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Kē'dār, shall be diminished: for the LORD God of Iṣ'ra-ēl hath spoken it.

CHAP. XXII.

THE burden of the valley of viṣion. What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the house-tops?

2 Thou that art full of stirs, a tumultuous city, a joyous city: thy slain *men are* not slain with the *swōrd*, 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 Thēre fōre said I, Look āway from me; I will weep bitterly, labour not to cōmfōrt me; because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people.

5 For *it is* a day of trōuble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the LORD God of hosts in the valley of viṣion, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mōn'tains.

6 And Ē'lām bare the quiver with char-

lots of men and horsemen, and Kir¹ uncōvered the shield.

7 And it shall come to pāss, that thy choicest valleys shall be full of chariots, and the horsemen shall set themselves in array at the gate.

8 And he discōvered the cōv'ering of Jū'dāh, 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 Dā'vīd, that they *are* many; and ye gāthered together the waters of the lower pool:

10 And ye have numbered the houses of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and the houses have ye broken down to fortify the wall.

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 āgō.

12 And in that day did the Lord God of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to gir'ding² with sack-cloth:

13 And, behold, joy and gladness, slaying oxen and killing sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine: let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we shall die.

14 And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord God of hosts.

15 Thus saith the Lord God of hosts, Go, get thee unto this trēas'urer, *even* unto Shēb'ā, which *is* over the house, and say,

16 What hast thou here, and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sēpulchre here, *as* he that heweth him out a sēpulchre on high, and that graveth a habitation for himself in a rock?

17 Behold, the LORD will carry thee āway with a mighty captivity, and will surely cōver thee.

18 He will surely violently turn and toss 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 pūll thee down.

20 And it shall come to pāss in that day, that I will call my sērvant Ē-hi'a-kim, the son of Hīl-kī'āh:

21 And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy gir'dle,³ and I will commit thy gōvernment into his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and to the house of Jū'dāh.

22 And the key of the house of Dā'vīd will I lay upon his shoulder: so he shall open, and nōne shall shut; and he shall shut, and nōne shall open.

23 And I will fasten him *as* a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.

¹ Kēr.

² gēr'ding.

³ gēr'dl.

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, saith the LORD of hosts, 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.

THE burden of Tyre. Howl, ye ships of Tar'shish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Chit'tim it is revealed to them.

2 Be still, ye inhabitants of the isle; thou whom the merchants of Zi'don, that pass 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 Zi'don; for the sea hath spoken, even the strength of the sea, saying, I travailed not, nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, nor bring up virgins.¹

5 As at the report concèr'ning Ægypt, so shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.

6 Pass ye over to Tar'shish; howl, ye inhabitants of the isle.

7 Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days? her own feet shall carry her afar off to sojourning.

8 Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honourable of the earth?

9 The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.

10 Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter of Tar'shish: there is no more strength.

11 He stretched out his hand over thesea; he shook the kingdoms: the LORD hath given a commandment against the merchant-city, to destroy the strong holds thereof.

12 And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin, daughter of Zi'don; arise, pass over to Chit'tim; there also shalt thou have no rest.

13 Behold, the land of the Chaldæans; this people was not till the Assyr'i-ans founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness: they set up the towers thereof, they raised up the palaces thereof; and he brought it to ruin.

14 Howl, ye ships of Tar'shish: for your strength is laid waste.

15 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as a harlot.

16 Take a harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten: make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayst be remembered.

17 And it shall come to pass, after the end of seventy years, that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.

18 And her mērchāndise and her hire shall be holiness to the LORD: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her mērchāndise shall be for them that dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.

CHAP. XXIV.

BEHOLD, the LORD maketh the earth empty; and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

2 And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.

3 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word.

4 The earth mourneth, and fadeth away; the world languisheth, and fadeth away; the haughty people of the earth do languish.

5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlast'ing covenant.

6 Thērefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: thērefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

7 The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merry-hearted do sigh.

8 The mirth² 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 When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, there shall be as the shaking of an olive-tree, and as the glean'g-grapes when the vine³ is done.

14 They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty⁴ of the LORD, they shall cry aloud from the sea.

¹ vēr'jinz.

² mēnth.

³ vīn'ūdje.

⁴ mā'd'jes-te.

15 Wherefore glorify ye the LORD in the fires, *even* the name of the LORD God of Iſ'ra-ël in the isles of the sea.

16 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.

17 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, *are* upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.

18 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.

19 The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.

20 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 again¹.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones *that are* on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

22 And they shall be gathered together as prisoners *are* gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.

23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zi'ôn, and in Jê-rù'sa-lêm, and before his ancients, gloriously.

CHAP. XXV.

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* faithfulness and truth.

2 For thou hast made of a city a heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built.

3 There'fore 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, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones *is* as a storm *against* the wall.

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 ones shall be brought low.

6 And in this môûn'tain 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 destroy¹ in this môûn'tain the face of the cov'ering cast over all peo-

ple, and the veil 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 spoken it.

9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this *is* our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this *is* the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

10 For in this môûn'tain shall the hand of the LORD rest, and Mô'ab 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 hands* to swim; and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands.

12 And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, *even* to the dust.

CHAP. XXVI.

IN that day shall this song be sung in the land of Jû'dâh; We have a strong city: salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, whose mind *is* stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee.

4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHIOVAH *is* everlasting strength.

5 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.

6 The foot shall tread it down, *even* the feet of the poor and the steps of the needy.

7 The way of the just *is* uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

8 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.

9 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.

10 Let favour be showed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the maj'esty¹ of the LORD.

11 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.

12 LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us:

¹ mäd'jës-te.

for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

13 O LORD our God, *other* lords besides thee have had dominion over us; *but* by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

14 *They* are dead, they shall not live; *they* are deceased, they shall not rise: *therefore* hast thou visited and destrôy'ed 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 hadst removed *it* far unto all the ends of the earth.

16 LORD, in trouble have they visited thee; they poured out a prayer *when* thy chās'tening *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 wêre 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 wêre for a little moment, until the indignation be overpāst'.

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 cōver her slain.

CHAP. XXVII.

IN that day the LORD, with his sore, and great, and strong swōrd, shall punish leviathan the piē'cing sērpent, even leviathan that crooked sērpent; and he shall slay the dragon that *is* in the sea.

2 In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard¹ of red wine.

3 I the LORD do 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 āgainst' 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 Jā'zōb to take root: Iṣ'ra-ēl 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 mēas'ure, when it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it: he stayeth his rough wind in the day of the east wind.

9 By this, *therefore*, shall the iniquity of Jā'zōb be purged; and this *is* all the fruit to take away his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chālk-stōnes that are beaten in sunder, the groves and images shall not stand up.

10 Yet the defenced city *shall* be desolate, *and* the habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness: there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume the branches thereof.

11 When the bōoughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off: the women come *and* set them on fire; for it *is* a people of no understanding: *therefore* he that made them will not have mērcy on them, and he that formed them will show them no favour.

12 And it shall come to pās in that day, *that* the LORD shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Ē'gẏpt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

13 And it shall come to pās in that day, *that* the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which wêre ready to perish in the land of ās-sÿr'i-ā, and the òut'cāsts in the land of Ē'gẏpt, and shall wōr'ship the LORD in the hōly mount at Jē-rù'sa-lēm.

CHAP. XXVIII.

WO to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ēphra-īm, 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, *which*, as a tempest of hail, *and* a destrôy'ing 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 Ēphra-īm, shall be trodden under feet.

4 And the glorious beauty which *is* on the head of the fat valley shall be a fading flower, *and* as the hasty fruit before the summer; which, *when* he that looketh upon it seeth, 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 diādem 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: the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swāllowed 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 stammering lips, and another tongue, will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith 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 Jē-rū'sa-lēm:

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 Zi'ōn 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 scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.

19 From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night; and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report.

20 For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it; and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it.

21 For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Pēr'a-zīm, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gīb'e-ōn, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.

22 Now, therefore, be ye not mockers, lest your hands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord God of hosts a consumption, even determined, upon the whole earth.

23 Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech.

24 Dóth the ploughman plough all day to sow? dóth he open and break the clods of his ground?

25 When he hath made plain the face thereof, dóth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cumin, and cast in the principal wheat, and the appointed barley, and the rye, in their place?

26 For his God dóth instruct him to discretion, and dóth teach him.

27 For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart-wheel turned about upon the cumin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cumin with a rod.

28 Bread-corn is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it with his horsemen.

29 This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.

CHAP. XXIX.

WO to Ā'ri-ēl, to Ā'ri-ēl, the city where Dá'vid dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sāc'rif'ices.

2 Yet I will distress Ā'ri-ēl, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ā'ri-ēl.

3 And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee.

4 And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be as of one that hath a familiar spirit out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.

5 Moreover, the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones shall be as chaff that passeth away; yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly.

6 Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earth'quake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.

7 And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ā'ri-ēl, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night-vision.

8 It shall even be as when a hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be that fight against mount Zi'ōn.

9 Stay yourselves and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.

10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers, hath he covered.

11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed.

12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.

13 Wherefore the LORD said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their

mouth, and with their lips do hōn'our me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear tō'wārd me is taught by the precept of men :

14 Thēre'fore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work āmongst this people, even a marvellous work and a wōnder ; for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

15 Wo unto them that seek deep to hide their works āround from the LORD, and their works āre in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us ? and who knoweth us ?

16 Surely your turning of things upside down shall be estēemed as the potter's clay : for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not ? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding ?

17 Is it not yet a very little while, and Lēb'a-nōn shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be estēemed as a forest ?

18 And in that day shall the dēaf 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 āmong men shall rejoice in the Hōly One of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that wātch for iniquity āre cut off :

21 That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn āside the just for a thing of nought.

22 Thēre'fore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Ā'bra-hām, cōncērn'ing the house of Jā'cōb, Jā'cōb shall not now be āshāmed, nēither shall his face now wax pale.

23 But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Hōly One of Jā'cōb, and shall fear the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

24 They also that ērred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall lēarn dōctrīne.

CHAP. XXX.

WO to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me, and that cōver with a cōv'ering, but not of my Spīr'it, that they may add sin to sin :

2 That wālk to go down into Ē'gyp't, and have not āsked at my mouth ; to strengthēn themselves in the strength of Phā'raōh, and to trust in the shadow of Ē'gyp't !

3 Thēre'fore shall the strength of Phā'raōh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Ē'gyp't your confusion.

4 For his princes wēre at Zō'ān, and his ambassadors came to Hā'nēs.

5 They wēre āl āshāmed of a people that could not profit them, nor be a help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.

6 The burden of the beasts of the south : Into the land of trōuble and anguish, from whence come the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying sērpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young āsēs, and their trēās'ures upon the bunches of camels, to a people that shall not profit them.

7 For the Ē-gyp'ti-āns shall help in vain, and to no purpose : thēre'fore have I cried cōncērn'ing this, Their strength is to sit still.

8 Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever ;

9 That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD :

10 Which say to the seers, See not : and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things ; speak unto us smooth things, prophesy decēits :

11 Get ye out of the way, turn āside out of the pāth, cause the Hōly One of Iṣ'ra-ēl to cease from before us.

12 Wherefore thus saith the Hōly One of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Because ye dēspīse' this word, and trust in oppression and pērvēse'ness, and stay thereon :

13 Thēre'fore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.

14 And he shall break it as the breaking of the potter's vessel that is broken in pēces ; he shall not spare : so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a shērd to take fire from the hēarth, or to take water withal out of the pit.

15 For thus saith the Lord God, the Hōly One of Iṣ'ra-ēl, In returning and rest shall ye be saved ; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength ; and ye would not.

16 But ye said, No ; for we will flee upon horses ; thēre'fore shall ye flee : and, We will ride upon the swift ; thēre'fore shall they that pursue you be swift.

17 One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one ; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee ; till ye be left as a beācon upon the top of a mōūn'tāin, and as an ensign on a hill.

18 And thēre'fore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you ; and thēre'fore will he be exālted, that he may have mērcy upon you ; for the LORD is a God of judgment : blēss'ed āre all they that wait for him.

19 For the people shall dwell in Zī'ōn at Jē-rū'sa-lēm ; 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 ānswer thee.

20 And though the LORD give you the bread of ādvēr'sity, 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 cōv'erīng of thy graven images of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold: thou shalt cāst them āway as a menstuous cloth; thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence.

23 Then shall he give the rain of thy seed, that thou shalt sow the ground withal; and bread of the increase of the ēarth, and it shall be fat and plēn'teous: in that day shall thy cattle feed in large pāstures.

24 The oxen likewise, and the young āsses that eat the ground, shall eat clean provender which hath been winnowed with the shōvel and with the fan.

25 And there shall be upon every high mōūntāin, and upon every high lāll, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slāughter, 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 seven-fold, 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 wōund.

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 tōngue as a devouring fire:

28 And his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity; and there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err.

29 Ye shall have a song, 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 mōūntāin of the LORD, to the mighty One of Īs'ra-ēl.

30 And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall show 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.

31 For through the voice of the LORD shall the Ās-sÿr'i-ān be beaten down, which smote with a rod.

32 And in every place where the grounded stāll shall pāss, which the LORD shall lay upon him, it shall be with tābrets and harps: and in battles of shaking will he fight with it.

33 For Tō'phēt is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared: he hath made it deep and large; the pile thereof is fire and much wood: the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

CHAP. XXXI.

WO to them that go down to Ē-gÿpt for help, and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong: but they look not unto the Holy

One of Īs'ra-ēl, neither seek the LORD!

2 Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words: but will arise āgainst' the house of the evil-doers, and āgainst' the help of them that work iniquity.

3 Now the Ē-gÿp'ti-āns are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.

4 For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shēp/herds² is called forth āgainst' him, he will not be āfrāid of their voice, nor ābāse himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Z'ōn, and for the hill thereof.

5 As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jē-rā'sa-lēm; defending also he will deliver it, and pās'sing over he will prēs'erve' it.

6 Turn ye unto him from whom the children of Īs'ra-ēl have deeply revolted.

7 For in that day every man shall cāst āway his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you for a sin.

8 Then shall the Ās-sÿr'i-ān fall with the swōrd, not of a mighty man; and the swōrd, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the swōrd, and his young men shall be discōm'fited.

9 And he shall pās's over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be āfrāid of the ensign, saith the LORD, whose fire is in Z'ōn, and his fur'nace³ in Jē-rā'sa-lēm.

CHAP. XXXII.

BEHOOLD, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

2 And a man shall be as a hiding-place from the wind, and a cōvert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place; as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

3 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 understand knowledge, and the tōngue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.

5 The vile pērsōn shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.

6 For the vile pērsōn will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypōc'risy, and to utter error āgainst' the LORD, 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 destrōy' 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.

² shēp'pūrdz.³ fūr'nīs

9 Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech.

10 Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come.

11 Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip ye, and make ye bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins.

12 They shall lament for the teats, for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.

13 Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briars, yea, upon all the 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, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;

15 Until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

16 Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

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 sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass.

CHAP. XXXIII.

WO to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealest 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 wayfaring

man ceaseth: he hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man.

9 The earth mourneth and languisheth; LEB'ANON is ashamed and hewn down; SHARON is like a wilderness; and BASHAN and CARMEL shake off their fruits.

10 Now will I rise, saith 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 burnings 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 surprised the hypocrites: Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?

15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;

16 He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks; bread shall be given him, his waters shall be sure.

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 a deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a stammering 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 stakes 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 tacklings 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 inhabitants shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.

CHAP. XXXIV.

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.

2 For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destrōy'ed them, he hath delivered them to the slāughter.

3 Their slain also shall be cāst out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mōūn'tains 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 scrōll: and all their hosts shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig-tree.

5 For my swōrd shall be bāthed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Īd-ū-mē'ā, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

6 The swōrd 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 sār'ificē in Bōz'rāh, and a great slāughter in the land of Īd-ū-mē'ā.

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 recompenses for the controversy of Zi'ōn.

9 And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust 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 cōr'mōrānt and the bitter shall pōssēs's' 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 a habitation of dragons, and a court for owls.

14 The wild beasts of the dēs'ērt shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the sāt'yri shall cry to his fellow; the screech-owl also shall rest there, and 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 vū'tures also be gathered, every one with her mate.

16 Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read; no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath cōmmān'ded, and his spirit it hath gāthered them.

17 And he hath cāst the lot for them, and

1 sāt'yri.

his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall pōssēs's' it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

CHAP. XXXV.

THE wilderness, and the solitary place, shall be glad for them; and the dēs'ērt shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lēb'a-nōn shall be given unto it, the excellency of Ār'mēl and Shā'rōn; they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and cōnfirm² 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 recompense; he will come and save you.

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the dēaf shall be unstopped:

6 Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tōngue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the dēs'ērt.

7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grāss, with reeds and rushes.

8 And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called, The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring 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 Zi'ōn with songs and ēvēr'lās'ting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee āway.

CHAP. XXXVI.—

NOW it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hēz-ē-kī'āh, that Sēna-çhē'rīb king of Ās-syri'ā came up āgainst' all the defenced cities of Jū'dāh, and took them.

2 And the king of Ās-syri'ā sent Rāb'sha-kēh from Lā'çhish to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, unto king Hēz-ē-kī'āh, with a great army: and he stood by the cōn'duit of the upper pool, in the highway of the fuller's field.

3 Then came forth unto him Ē-lī'a-kīm, Hil-kī'āh's son, which was over the house, and Shēb'nā the scribe, and Jō'āh, Ā'sāph's son, the recorder.

4 And Rāb'sha-kēh said unto them, Say ye now to Hēz-ē-kī'āh, Thus saith the great king, the king of Ās-syri'ā, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?

5 I say, sayest thou, (but they are but vain words,) I have counsel and strength for war:

2 kōn-fērm'.

now, on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

6 Lo, thou trustest in the staff of this broken reed, on Ē'ġypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Phā'raōh king of Ē'ġypt 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 Hēz-ē-kī'āh hath taken away, and said to Jū'dāh and to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, Ye shall wór'ship before this altar?

8 Now, thère'före, give pledges, I pray thee, to my master the king of Ās-sŷr'i-ā, 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 cāp'tain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Ē'ġypt for chariots and for horsemen?

10 And am I now come up without the LORD against this land to deströy' it? The LORD said unto me, Go up against this land, and deströy' it.

11 Then said Ē-lī'a-kīm, and Shēb'nā, and Jō'āh, unto Rāb'sha-kēh, Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants in the Sŷr'i-ān 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 Rāb'sha-kēh said, Hath my master sent me to thy master and to thee, to speak these words? huth he not sent me to the men that sit upon the wall, that they may eat their own dung and drink their own piss with you?

13 Then Rāb'sha-kēh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Ās-sŷr'i-ā:

14 Thus saith the king, Let not Hēz-ē-kī'āh deceive you; for he shall not be able to deliver you.

15 Neither let Hēz-ē-kī'āh 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 Ās-sŷr'i-ā.

16 Hearken not to Hēz-ē-kī'āh; for thus saith the king of Ās-sŷr'i-ā, Make an āgreē-ment with me by a present, and come out to me: and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern;

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 vīne'-yards.¹

18 Beware lest Hēz-ē-kī'āh pērsuāde/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 Ās-sŷr'i-ā?

19 Where are the gods of Hā'māth and Ār'pād? where are the gods of Sēph-ār-vā'-

īm? and have they delivered Sa-mā'ri-ā 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 Jē-rū'sa-lēm out of my hand?

21 But they held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's cōmmandment was, saying, Answer him not.

22 Then came Ē-lī'a-kīm the son of Hil-kī'āh, that was over the household, and Shēb'nā the scribe, and Jō'āh the son of Ā'sāph, the recorder, to Hēz-ē-kī'āh with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rāb'sha-kēh.

CHAP. XXXVII.

AND it came to pass, when king Hēz-ē-kī'āh heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

2 And he sent Ē-lī'a-kīm, who was over the household, and Shēb'nā the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, unto Ī-sāi'āh the prophet, the son of Ā'mōz.

3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hēz-ē-kī'āh, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blās'phēmy: for the children are come to the birth,² and there is not strength to bring forth.

4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rāb'sha-kēh, whom the king of Ās-sŷr'i-ā 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.

5 So the servants of king Hēz-ē-kī'āh came to Ī-sāi'āh.

6 And Ī-sāi'āh said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Ās-sŷr'i-ā have blās'phēmed me.

7 Behold, I will send a blāst 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.

8 So Rāb'sha-kēh returned, and found the king of Ās-sŷr'i-ā wār'ring against Lib'nāh: for he had heard that he was departed from Lā'chāsh.

9 And he heard say concēr'nīng Tir'hakāh³ king of Ē-thi-ō'pī-ā, He is come forth to make war with thee: and when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hēz-ē-kī'āh, saying,

10 Thus shall ye speak to Hēz-ē-kī'āh king of Jū'dāh, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jē-rū'sa-lēm shall not be given into the hand of the king of Ās-sŷr'i-ā.

11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Ās-sŷr'i-ā have done to all lands, by deströy'ing them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the nations deliver

1 vīn'yērdz.

2 bērth.

3 Tēr'ha-kāh.

ed them which my fathers have destróy'ed, as Gó'zán, and Há'rán, and Ré'zéph, and the children of É'dén which wére in Tè-lás-sár?

13 Where is the king of Há'máth, and the king of Ár'pád, and the king of the city of Séph-ár-vá'im, Hé'ná, and Í'váh?

14 And Héz-é-kí'ah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Héz-é-kí'ah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

15 And Héz-é-kí'ah prayed unto the LORD, saying,

16 O LORD of hosts, God of Íš'ra-él, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou álone, of all the kingdoms of the éarth; thou hast made heaven and éarth.

17 Incline thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open thine eyes, O LORD, and see; and hear all the words of Sèn-na-çhé'rib, which hath sent to reproach the living God.

18 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Ás-sýr'i-á have laid waste all the nations, and their countries,

19 And have cást their gods into the fire; for they wére no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; thêrê'fore they have destróy'ed them.

20 Now, thêrê'fore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the éarth may know that thou art the LORD, even thou only.

21 Then Í-sai'ah, the son of Á'möz, sent unto Héz-é-kí'ah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Íš'ra-él, Whereas thou hast prayed to me ágainst' Sèn-na-çhé'rib king of Ás-sýr'i-á:

22 This is the word which the LORD hath spoken cōcēr'nīng him, The vir'gīn,¹ the daughter of Zi'ón, hath despīsed thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jè-rú'sa-lém hath shaken her head at thee.

23 Whom hast thou reproached and blásh-pemèd? and ágainst' whom hast thou exálted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even ágainst' the Hóly One of Íš'ra-él.

24 By thy sèrvants hast thou reproached the LORD, and hast said, By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the móún'tains, to the sides of Léb'a-nón; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice fir-trees thereof: and I will enter into the héight of his border, and the forest of his Çár'mél.

25 I have digged, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of the besīeged places.

26 Hast thou not héard long ágō how I have done it; and of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to páss, that thou shouldst be to lay waste defenced cities into ruinous heaps.

27 Thêrê'fore their inhabitants wére of small power, they wére dīsmáyed and confounded: they wére as the gráss of the field,

and as the green hérb; as the gráss on the house-tops, and as corn blásted before it be grown up.

28 But I know thy ábōde, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage ágainst' me.

29 Because thy rage ágainst' me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears; thêrê'fore 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 comest.

30 And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such as groweth of itself; and the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plánt vīne'yards,² and eat the fruit thereof.

31 And the remnant that is éscáped of the house of Jū'dáh shall ágain' take root dōwn'wárd, and bear fruit úp'wárd:

32 For out of Jè-rú'sa-lém shall go forth a remnant, and they that éscápe' out of mount Zi'ón: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

33 Thêrê'fore thus saith the LORD cōcēr'nīng the king of Ás-sýr'i-á, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shīlds, nor cást a bank ágainst' it.

34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

35 For I will defend this city to save it, for mine own sake, and for my sèrvant Dá-vid's sake.

36 Then the ángel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Ás-sýr'i-áns a hundred and fourscore and five thousand; and when they áróse éarly in the morning, behold, they wére all dead corpses.

37 So Sèn-na-çhé'rib king of Ás-sýr'i-á departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nin'e-veh.

38 And it came to páss, as he was wór'-shīppīng in the house of Niš'rōçh his god, that Á-drám'me-léçh and Sha-ré'zér his sons smote him with the swōrd; and they éscáped into the land of Ár-mé'ni-á: and É'sár-Hád'dōn his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

IN those days was Héz-é-kí'ah sick unto death. And Í-sai'ah the prophet, the son of Á'möz, came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.

2 Then Héz-é-kí'ah turned his face tō'-wárd the wall, and prayed unto the LORD,

3 And said, Remember, now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have wálked before thee in truth, and with a pèrfect héart, and have done that which is good in thy sight: and Héz-é-kí'ah wept sore.

4 Then came the word of the LORD to Í-sai'ah, saying,

5 Go and say to Héz-é-kí'ah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Dá'vid thy fater, I have héard thy prayer, I have seen thy

¹ vēr'jīn.

² vīn'yérdz.

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 Ās-sūr'i-ā: 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 āgain' the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun-dial of Ā'hāz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

9 ¶ The writing of Hēz-ē-kī'āh king of Jū'dāh, 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 gates of the grave: 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 inhabitants of the world.

12 Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shēp'hērd's tent: I have cut off like a weaver my life; he will cut me off with pining sickness: 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 swāllow, so did I chatter; I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail with looking ūp'wārd: O LORD, I am oppressed; 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 hast cāst all my sins behind thy back.

18 For the grave cannot praise thee; death cannot 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: thēre'fore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments, all the days of our life, in the house of the LORD.

21 For Ī-sāi'āh had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay it for a plāster upon the boil, and he shall recover.

22 Hēz-ē-kī'āh also had said, What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?

CHAP. XXXIX.

AT that time Mē-rō'dāch-Bāl'a-dān, the son of Bāl'a-dān king of Bāb'y-lōn, sent letters and a present to Hēz-ē-kī'āh:

for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered.

2 And Hēz-ē-kī'āh was glad of them, and showed 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 trēas'ures: there was nōthing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hēz-ē-kī'āh showed them not.

3 Then came Ī-sāi'āh the prophet unto king Hēz-ē-kī'āh, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hēz-ē-kī'āh said, They are come from a far country unto me, even from Bāb'y-lōn.

4 Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hēz-ē-kī'āh answered, All that is in mine house have they seen; there is nōthing āmōng my trēas'ures that I have not showed them.

5 Then said Ī-sāi'āh to Hēz-ē-kī'āh, 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 laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Bāb'y-lōn: nōthing shall be left, 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 eū'nūchs¹ in the palace of the king of Bāb'y-lōn.

8 Then said Hēz-ē-kī'āh to Ī-sāi'āh, 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.

COMFORT ye, cōm'fort ye my people, saith your God.

2 Speak ye cōm'fortably to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the dēs'ert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be exālted, and every mōūn'tāin and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grāss, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field:

7 The grāss withereth, the flower fadeth: because the Spīr'it of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grāss.

8 The grāss withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

9 O Zī'ōn, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mōūn'tain; O Jē-rū'sa-lēm, that bringest good tidings, lift up

thy voice with strength: lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Jū'dāh, Behold your God!

10 Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

11 He shall feed his flock like a shep'hērd; he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bō'sóm, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a mēas'ure, and weighed the mōûn taîns in scales, and the hills in a balance?

13 Who hath directed the Spīr'it of the Lord, or, being his counsellor, hath taught him?

14 With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and showed to him the way of understanding?

15 Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.

16 And Lēb'a-nōn is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt-offering.

17 All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing and vanity.

18 To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

19 The workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains.

20 He that is so impoverished, that he hath no oblation, chōōseth a tree that will not rot: he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image, that shall not be moved.

21 Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in;

23 That bringeth the princes to nothing: he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.

24 Yēa, they shall not be planted; yēa, they shall not be sown; yēa, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.

25 To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them

all by names, by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

27 Why sayest thou, O Jā'cōb, and speakest, O Iṣ'ra-ēl, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

28 Hast thou not known, hast thou not heard, that the ēvēr'lās'ting God, the Lord, the Crē-ā'tōr of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint.

CHAP. XLI.

KEEP silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near, then let them speak; let us come near together to judgment.

2 Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow.

3 He pursued them, and passed 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? I 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 smootheneth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for the soldering: and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved.

8 But thou, Iṣ'ra-ēl, art my servant, Jā'cōb whom I have chosen, the seed of Ā'brahām my friend.

9 Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant, I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.

10 Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yēa, I will help thee; yēa, 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 seek them, and shalt not find them, *even* them that contended with thee: they that war against¹ 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 Jā'cōb, and ye men of Iṣ'ra-ēl; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy Rē-dēm'er, the Holy One of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

15 Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mōūn'tains, 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl.

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 Iṣ'ra-ēl will not forsake them.

18 I will open rivers in high places, and fōūn'tains 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 in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah-tree, and the myr'tle,² and the oil-tree; I will set in the dēs'ert the fir-tree,³ and the pine, 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl hath created it.

21 Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jā'cōb.

22 Let them bring them forth, and show us what shall happen: let them show the former things what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.

23 Show 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 of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chōdseth you.

25 I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name; and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay.

26 Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and before-time, that we may say, He is righteous? yea, there is none that showeth; yea, there is none that declareth; yea, there is none that heareth your words.

27 The first shall say to Zī'ōn, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jē-rū'salēm one that bringeth good tidings.

28 For I beheld, and there was no man;

¹ hwēr/wind.

² mār'tl.

³ fēr-tree.

even among them, and there was no counsel for, 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.

BEHOOLD 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 Gēn'tiles.

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 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 saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out: he that spread 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 righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gēn'tiles;

7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit 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 his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kē'dār doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mōūn'tains.

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 holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a trav'ailing woman; I will destrōy' and devour at once.

15 I will make waste mōūn'tains and hills, and dry up all their herbꝰ; 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 forsake them.

17 They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods.

18 Hear, ye deäf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.

19 Who is blind, but my sêrvant? or deäf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the LORD's sêrvant?

20 Seeing many things, but thou öbsêrvest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.

21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it hön'ourable.

22 But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison-houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

23 Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken, and hear for the time to come?

24 Who gave Já'cöb for a spoil, and Ís'ra-ël to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they öbê'dient¹ unto his law.

25 Thêrê'före 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.

BUT now, thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Já'cöb, and he that formed thee, O Ís'ra-ël, Fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

2 When thou pássest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou wálkest through the fire thou shalt not be burnt; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

3 For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Ís'ra-ël, thy Sáv'ioür:² I gave E'gy'pt for thy ransom, Ê-thi-ö'pi-ä and Se'bä for thee.

4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been hön'ourable, and I have loved thee: thêrê'före 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 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 éarth;

7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yêa, I have made him.

¹ ö-be'je-ënt.

8 Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deäf that have ears.

9 Let all the nations be gathered togêther, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and show 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 sêrvant 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 besides me there is no Sáv'ioür.

12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have showed, when there was no strange god among you: thêrê'före ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God.

13 Yêa, 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 Rê-dêem'ér, the Holy One of Ís'ra-ël; For your sake I have sent to Báb'y-lön, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Çhál-dê'ân's, whose cry is in the ships.

15 I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Çrê-ä'tör of Ís'ra-ël, 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 togêther, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tów.

18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

19 Behold, I will do a new thing: now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the dês'ért.

20 The beast of the fêld shall hön'our me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the dês'ért, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

21 This people I have formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise.

22 But thou hast not called upon me, O Já'cöb; but thou hast been weary of me O Ís'ra-ël.

23 Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt-offerings, neither hast thou hön'oured me with thy sâc'rifices: I have not caused thee to sêrve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense.

24 Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with mόνey, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sâc'rifices; but thou hast made me to sêrve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.

25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy

² Sâre'yür.

transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

26 Put me in remembrance : let us plead together : declare thou, that thou mayst be justified.

27 Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me.

28 Thèrefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Já'cöb to the curse, and İş'ra-ël to reproaches.

CHAP. XLIV.

YET now hear, O Já'cöb my sèrvant ; and İş'ra-ël, whom I have chosen :

2 Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, *which* will help thee ; Fear not, O Já'cöb my sèrvant ; and thou, Jésh'u-rün, whom I have chosen.

3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground ; I will pour my Spír'it upon thy seed, and my bléssing upon thine offspring :

4 And they shall spring up *as* among the gräss, as willows by the water-courses.

5 One shall say, I *am* the LORD's ; and another shall call *himself* by the name of Já'cöb ; and another shall subscribe *with* his hand unto the LORD, and surname *himself* by the name of İş'ra-ël.

6 Thus saith the LORD the King of İş'ra-ël, and his Rê-dëem'ér the LORD of hosts ; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last ; and besides me *there is* no God.

7 And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people ? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them show unto them.

8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid : have not I told thee from that time, and have declared *it* ? ye *are* even my witnesses. Is there a God besides me ? yea, *there is* no God ; I know not *any*.

9 They that make a graven image *are* all of them vanity ; and their delectable things shall not profit : and they *are* their own witnesses ; they see not, nor know ; that they may be ashamed.

10 Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image *that* is profitable for nothing ?

11 Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed ; and the workmen, they *are* of men : let them all be gathered together, let them stand up ; *yet* they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together.

12 The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms : yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth ; he drinketh no water, and is faint.

13 The carpenter stretcheth out *his* rule, he marketh it out with a line, he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the cöm'pass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man ; that it may remain in the house.

14 He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he

strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest : he plánteth an ash, and the rain dóth nourish *it*.

15 Then shall it be for a man to burn : for he will take thereof and wärm himself ; yea, he kindleth *it*, and baketh bread ; yea, he maketh a god, and wór'shippeth *it* : he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto.

16 He burneth part thereof in the fire : with part thereof he eateth flesh ; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied ; yea, he wärmeth *himself*, and saith, à-hà' ! I am wärm, I have seen the fire :

17 And the residue thereof he maketh a god, *even* his graven image : he falleth down unto it, and wór'shippeth *it*, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me ; for thou *art* my God.

18 They have not known nor understood : for he hath shut their eyes, that 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 burnt 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 stock 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 these, O Já'cöb and İş'ra-ël ; for thou *art* my sèrvant : I have formed thee ; thou *art* my sèrvant : O İş'ra-ël, 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, O ye heavens ; for the LORD hath done *it* : shout, ye lower parts of the earth : break forth into singing, ye môûn'tains, O forest, and every tree therein : for the LORD hath redeemed Já'cöb, and glorified himself in İş'ra-ël.

24 Thus saith the LORD, thy Rê-dëem'ér, 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 cõfirm'eth¹ the word of his sèrvant, and pèrf'orm'eth the counsel of his messengers ; that saith to Jê-rù'sa-lëm, Thou shalt be inhabited ; and to the cities of Jû'däh, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof :

27 That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers :

28 That saith of Cý'rüs, *He is* my shép'hèrd,² and shall pèrf'orm' all my pleàs'ure :

¹ kôn-fèrm'èth.

² shép'pürd.

even saying to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

CHAP. XLV.

THUS saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cŷ'rūs, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will lōōse the loins of kings, to open before him the two-leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut:

2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight; I will break in piēces the gates of brāss, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

3 And I will give thee the trēas'ures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayst know that I the LORD which call thee by thy name, am the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

4 For Jā'cōb my sērvant's sake, and Iṣ'ra-ēl mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

5 I am the LORD, and there is nōne else, there is no God besides me: I gir'ded thee, though thou hast not known me;

6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is nōne besides me: I am the LORD, and there is nōne else.

7 I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.

8 Drop down, ye heavens, from ābove, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the ēarth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together. I the LORD have created it.

9 Wo unto him that striveth with his Mā'ker! Let the pōt'shērd strice with the pōt'shērdṣ of the ēarth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What maketh thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?

10 Wo unto him that saith unto his father, What begettest thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?

11 Thus saith the LORD, the Hōly One of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and his Mā'ker, Ask me of things to come cōncēr'ning my sons; and cōncēr'ning the work of my hands cōm-mānd' ye me.

12 I have made the ēarth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I cōm-mān'ded.

13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will dirēct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.

14 Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Ē'gŷpt, and mēr'chāndiṣe of Ē-thi-ō'pi-ā, and of the Sa-bē'ānṣ, men of stāt'ure,¹ shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come āfter thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplica-

tion unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee, and there is nōne else; there is no God.

15 Verily, thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, the Sāv'ioūr.

16 They shall be āshāmed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion togēther that āre makers of idols.

17 But Iṣ'ra-ēl shall be saved in the LORD with an ēvērlāst'ing salvation: ye shall not be āshāmed nor confounded wōrld without end.

18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens, God himself that formed the ēarth and made it, he hath ēstāb'lished it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited; I am the LORD, and there is nōne else.

19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the ēarth: I said not unto the seed of Jā'cōb, Seek ye me in vain. I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that āre right.

20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near togēther, ye that āre ēscāped 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; yēa, let them take counsel togēther: who hath declared this from āncient time? who hath told it from that time? huze not I the LORD? and there is no God else besides me; a just God, and a Sāv'ioūr: there is nōne besides me.

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the ēarth; for I am God, and there is nōne else.

23 I have sworn by mysēlf, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bōw, every tōngue shall swear.

24 Surely, shall one say, In the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that āre incensed āgāinst' him shall be āshāmed.

25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Iṣ'ra-ēl be justified, and shall glory.

CHAP. XLVI.—

BEL bōweth down, Nē'bō stoopeth; their idols wēre upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages wēre heavy loaden: they āre a burden to the weary beast.

2 They stoop; they bōw down togēther; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves āre gone into captivity.

3 Hearken unto me, O house of Jā'cōb, and all the remnant of the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl, which āre borne by me from the belly, which āre 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

¹ stāt'tshūre.

weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith, and he maketh it a god: they fall down; yea, they wōr'ship.

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 show 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 counsel 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, I will also do it.

12 Harken unto me, ye stout-hearted, that are far from righteousness:

13 I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zi'ōn for Iſ'ra-él my glory.

CHAP. XLVII.

COME down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Bāb'y-lōn; sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chāl-dē'āns: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.

2 Take the millstones, 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 As for our Rē-dēm'er, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Iſ'ra-él.

5 Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chāl-dē'āns: for thou shalt no more be called The lady of kingdoms.

6 I was wroth with my people; I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst show them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.

7 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.

8 Thēre'fore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly; that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:

9 But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multi-

tude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

10 For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else besides me.

11 Thēre'fore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mis'chief 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.

12 Stand now with thy enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayst prevail.

13 Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the star-gazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee.

14 Behold they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.

15 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.

HEAR ye this, O house of Ja'cōb, which are called by the name of Iſ'ra-él, and are come forth out of the waters of Jū-dāh; which swear by the name of the God of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Iſ'ra-él, but not in truth nor in righteousness.

2 For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Iſ'ra-él; The LORD of hosts is his name.

3 I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I showed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass.

4 Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass,

5 I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I showed it thee: lest thou shouldst say, Mine idol hath done them; and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them.

6 Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare it? I have showed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them.

7 They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardst them not; lest thou shouldst say, Behold, I knew them.

8 Yea, thou heardst not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time that thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou

wouldst deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb.

9 For my name's sake will I dëfër' mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.

10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace¹ of affliction.

11 For mine own sake, *even* for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should *my name* be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.

12 Harken unto me, O Jä'çöb and İş'ra-ël, my called; I *am* he: I *am* the first, I also *am* the last.

13 Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: *when* I call unto them, they stand up together.

14 All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them hath declared these *things*? The LORD hath loved him; he will do his pleäs'ure on Báb'y-lön, and his arm shall be on the Çhâl-dë'ängs.

15 I, *even* I, have spoken: yëa, I have called him; I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

16 Come 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 Spir'it hath sent me.

17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Rë-dëem'ér, the Holy One of İş'ra-ël; 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 cömmänd'ments! then had thy 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 böwels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor deströy'ed from before me.

20 Go ye forth of Báb'y-lön, flee ye from the Çhâl-dë'ängs, 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 sërvant Jä'çöb.

21 And they thirsted not *when* he led them through the dëş'erts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them; he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

22 *There is* no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.

CHAP. XLIX.

LISTEN, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the böwels of my möther hath he made mention of my name.

2 And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;

3 And said unto me, Thou *art* my sërvant, O İş'ra-ël, in whom I will be glorified.

4 Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain; *yet* surely my judgment *is* with the LORD, and my work with my God.

5 And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb *to be* his sërvant, to bring Jä'çöb ägain' to him, Though İş'ra-ël be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldst be my sërvant, to raise up the tribes of Jä'çöb, and to restore the präşërv'ed of İş'ra-ël; I will also give thee for a light to the Gën'tiles, that thou mayst be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

7 Thus saith the LORD, the Rë-dëem'ér of İş'ra-ël, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a sërvant of rulers, Kings shall see and ärise, princes also shall wör'ship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of İş'ra-ël, and he shall choose thee.

8 Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will präşërv' thee, and give thee for a cövenant of the people, to estäb'lish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages:

9 That thou mayst say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that *äre* in darkness, Show yourselves: they shall feed in the ways, and their pästures shall be in all high places.

10 They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun snite them: for he that hath mërcy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

11 And I will make all my möün'täins a way, and my highways shall be exalted.

12 Behold, these shall come from far; and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sïn'im.

13 Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O möün'täins; for the LORD hath cöm'forted his people, and will have mërcy upon his afflicted.

14 But Zï'ön said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yëa, they may forget yet will I not forget thee.

16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of *my* hands; thy walls *äre* continually before me.

17 Thy children shall make haste; thy deströy'ers, and they that make thee waste shall go forth of thee.

18 Lift up thine eyes round äbout', and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to thee. *As* I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all as with an ornament, and bind them on thee as a bride doeth.

19 For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.

20 The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again' in thine ears, The place is too strait for me: give place for me that I may dwell.

21 Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost 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 had they been?

22 Thus saith the LORD GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gén'tiles, 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 to-wárd the éarth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be áshamed that wait for me.

24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

25 But thus saith 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 Sáv'ioür,¹ and thy Redém'er, the Migh'ty One of Já'cöb.

CHAP. L.

THUS saith the LORD, Where is the bill of your móther's dívorce'ment, whom I have put áway? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your móther put áway.

2 Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to áns-
wer? 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 fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst.

3 I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their cöv'eríng.

4 The Lord God hath given me the tóngue of the lærned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning; he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the lærned.

5 The Lord God hath opened mine ear,

1 Sáv'e'yür.

and I was not rebellious, néither turned áway back.

6 I gave my back to the smiters, 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; there'fore shall I not be confounded: there'fore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be áshamed.

8 He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand togeth-
er: who is mine ád'versary? let him come near to me.

9 Behold, the Lord God will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a gárment; the möth shall eat them up.

10 Who is ámong you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his sër-
vant, that walketh in darkness, 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 cöm'pass yourselves ábout' 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 sorrow.

CHAP. LI.

HEarken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit, whence ye are digged.

2 Look unto Á'bra-hám your father, and unto Sá'räh that bare you: for I called him álone, and bless'ed him, and increased him.

3 For the LORD shall cöm'fört Zí'ón: he will cöm'fört all her waste places, and he will make her wilderness like É'den,² and her dés'ért like the gárden 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 My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people: the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the éarth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish áway like smoke, and the éarth shall wax old like a gárment, 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 héart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, néither be ye áfráid of their revílings.

8 For the möth shall eat them up like a gárment, and the wórm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

9 Áwake, áwake, put on strength, O arm

2 É'd'n.

of the LORD; āwāke, as in the āncient days, in the generations of old. *Art* thou not it that hath cut Rā'hāb, and wōūn'ded the dragon?

10 *Art* thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pāss over?

11 Thēre'fōre the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zī'ōn; and ēvērlās'ting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee āwāy.

12 I, *even* I, *am* he that cōm'fōrteth you: who *art* thou, that thou shouldst be āfrāid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grāss;

13 And forgettest the LORD thy Mā'ker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the ēarth; and hast feared continually every day, because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he wēre ready to dēstrōy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?

14 The captive exile hasteneth that he may be lōosed, 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 have cōvered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plānt the heavens, and lay the foundations of the ēarth, and say unto Zī'ōn, Thou *art* my people.

17 āwāke, āwāke, stand up, O Jē-rū'sa-lēm, 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* nōne to guide her āmōng all the sons whom she hath brought forth; nēither is there any that taketh her by the hand, of all the sons that she hath brought up.

19 These two things āre come unto thee; who shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the scōrd: by whom shall I cōm'fōrt thee?

20 Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets as a wild bull in a net: they āre full of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of thy God.

21 Thēre'fōre, hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine:

22 Thus saith 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 my fury; thou shalt no more drink it āgain':

23 But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bōw 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.

AWAKE, āwāke; put on thy strength, O Zī'ōn; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jē-rū'sa-lēm, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come unto thee the uncir'cumcised and the unclean.

2 Shake thyself from the dust; ārise, and sit down, O Jē-rū'sa-lēm: lōose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive dāughter of Zī'ōn.

3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nōught; and ye shall be redeemed without mōney.

4 For thus saith the Lord God, My people went down āfōre'time into Ēg'yp't to sō'jōurn there; and the ās-sy'r'i-ān oppressed them without cause.

5 Now, thēre'fōre, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken āwāy for nōught? They that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD, and my name continually every day is blāsp'hēmed.

6 Thēre'fōre my people shall know my name: thēre'fōre they shall know in that day that I *am* he that dōth speak; behold, it is I.

7 How beautiful upon the mōūn'tāns āre the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zī'ōn, Thy God reigneth!

8 Thy wātchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice tōgēther shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring āgain' Zī'ōn.

9 Break forth into joy, sing tōgēther, ye waste places of Jē-rū'sa-lēm: for the LORD hath cōm'fōrted his people, he hath redeemed Jē-rū'sa-lēm:

10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the ēarth shall see the salvation of our God.

11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, tōuch 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 not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Īs'ra-ēl will be your rearward.

13 Behold, my sērvant shall deal prudently, he shall be exālted and extōlled, and be very high.

14 As many wēre astonied! at thee; (his visage was so mārred 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 that which had not been told them shall they see, and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

CHAP. LIII.

WHO hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plānt, and as a root out of a dry

ground; he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him.

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were *our faces* from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he *was* wōūn'ded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised² for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted; yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was* any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors: and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

CHAP. LIV.

SING, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord.

2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes:

3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gēn'tiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed

¹ brōd'zed.

ed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

5 For thy Maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall be called.

6 For the Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer.

9 For this is as the waters of Nō'ah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Nō'ah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wrath with thee, nor rebuke thee.

10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.²

12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

13 And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

14 In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

15 Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.

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 destroy¹.

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, saith the Lord.

CHAP. LV.

HO, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money, and without price.

2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently

² sāf'fīrz.

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 to 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 sower, and bread to the eater;

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 sent 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,¹ and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle-tree:² and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign, that shall not be cut off.

CHAP. LVI.

THUS saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness 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 eunuch 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 place and a

name better than of sons and of 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 a house of prayer for all people.

8 The Lord God, which gathereth the outcasts of Israel, saith, Yet will I gather others to him, besides those that are gathered unto him.

9 All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, *yea*, all ye beasts in the forest.

10 His watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

11 Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds³ that cannot understand; they all look to their own way, every one for his gain from his quarter.

12 Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to-morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

CHAP. LVII.

THE righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.

2 He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.

3 But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore.

4 Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood;

5 Inflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks?

6 Among the smooth stones of the stream is thy portion; they, they are thy lot; even to them hast thou poured a drink-offering, thou hast offered a meat-offering. Should I receive comfort in these?

7 Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice.

8 Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance; for thou hast discovered thyself to another than me, and art gone up: thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them; thou lovest their bed where thou sawest it.

¹ fir-tree² mērtle-tree.³ shep'pūrdz.

9 And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase thyself even unto hell.

10 Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; yet saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved.

11 And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not?

12 I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee.

13 When thou criest, let thy companions deliver thee: but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;

14 And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling-block out of the way of my people.

15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

16 For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made.

17 For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.

18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.

19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord; and I will heal him.

20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21 There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

CHAP. LVIII.

CRY aloud, spare not; lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

2 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.

3 Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours.

4 Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.

5 Is it 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 oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

7 Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest 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 rearward.

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 midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth 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 continually, 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 Delight, the Holy of the Lord, Honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

CHAP. LIX.

BEHOLD, 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 defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverse-ness.

4 None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

5 They hatch cockatrice's eggs, and weave

the spider's web : he that cateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed 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 shed innocent blood : their thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity ; wasting and destruction *are* in their paths.

8 The way of peace they know not ; and *there is* no judgment in their goings : they have made them crooked paths ; whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

9 Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake 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 judgment, 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 saw it, and it displeased him that *there was* no judgment.

16 And he saw that *there was* no man, and wondered that *there was* no intercessor ; therefore his arm brought salvation unto him ; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

17 For he put on righteousness as a breast-plate, and a 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 he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies ; to the islands he will repay recompense.

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 Rē-dēm'er shall come to Zi'ōn, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jā'cōb, saith 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, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever.

CHAP. LX.

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 Ġēn'tiles 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.

5 Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged, because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Ġēn'tiles shall come unto thee.

6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Mid'i-ān and Ē'plāh ; all they from Shē'bā shall come : they shall bring gold and incense ; and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord.

7 All the flocks of Kē'dār shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nē-bāi'ōth shall minister unto thee : they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

8 Who *are* these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows ?

9 Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tār'shīsh 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl, because he hath glorified thee.

10 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.

11 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 Ġēn'tiles, and that their kings may be brought.

12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish ; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

13 The glory of Lēb'a-nōn shall come unto thee, the fir-tree,² the pine-tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary ;³ and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee ; and all

1 Nē-bā'qōth

2 fēr-tree.

3 sāngh'tshū-ā-re.

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 Zi'ôn of the Holy One of Iſ'ra-ël.

15 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.

16 Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gën'tiles, and shalt suck the breasts of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD am thy Säv'ioür! and thy Rë-dëem'ér, the Migh'ty One of Jä'çöb.

17 For bräss I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood bräss, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness:

18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders: but thou shalt call thy walls Sälva'tion, and thy gates Präiße.

19 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 ëvërläs'ting light, and thy God thy glory;

20 Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine ëvërläs'ting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

21 Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my plänt'ing, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

22 A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.

CHAP. LXI.

THE Spír'it 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 cóm'fort all that mourn;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zi'ôn, 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 Plänt'ing of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the älien shall be your ploughmen, 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

1 Säv'e'yür.

Gën'tiles, 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: thëre'före in their land they shall possess' the double; ëvërläs'ting joy shall be unto them.

8 For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt-offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an ëvërläs'ting covenant with them.

9 And their seed shall be known among the Gën'tiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blëss'ed.

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God: for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

CHAP. LXII.

FOR Zi'ôn's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jë-rù'sa-lëm's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof, as a lamp that burneth.

2 And the Gën'tiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken: neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Héph'zi-bäh, and thy land Beu'läh: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

5 For as a young man marieth a vir'g'in,² so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

6 I have set wä'tchmen upon thy walls, O Jë-rù'sa-lëm, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence;

7 And give him no rest, till he estäb'lish, and till he make Jë-rù'sa-lëm a praise in the earth.

8 The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine for the which thou hast laboured:

9 But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that

2 vër'jün.

have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.

10 Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; east up, east up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

11 Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Z'ōn, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

12 And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

CHAP. LXIII.

WHIO is this that cometh from Ēdōm, with dyed garments from Bōz'rāh? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the wine-fat?

3 I have trodden the wine-press alone; and of the people there was none with me: 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 loving-kindnesses of the LORD, and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness towards the house of Īs'ra-ēl, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses.

8 For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Sāv'ioūr.

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 Spīr'it: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

11 Then he remembered the days of old, Mō'sēs and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shēp'hērd of his flock? where is he that put his holy Spīr'it within him?

12 That led them by the right hand of Mō'sēs with his glorious arm, dividing the

water before them, to make himself an ēvērlās'ting name?

13 That led them through the deep, as a horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble?

14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spīr'it of the LORD caused 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 thy holiness and of thy glory: where is thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies towards me? are they restrained?

16 Doubtless thou art our Fā'ther, though Ā'bra-hām be ignorant of us, and Īs'ra-ēl acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, art our Fā'ther, our Re-dēem'er; thy name is from ēvērlās'ting.

17 O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.

18 The people of thy holiness have possessed 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.

CHAP. LXIV.

OH that thou wouldst rend the heavens, that thou wouldst come down, that the mōûn'tains 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 mōûn'tains 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, besides thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

5 Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness; those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.

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 Fā'ther: we are the clay, and thou our Pōt'ter; and we all are the work of thy hand.

9 Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, nei'ther remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.

10 Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zi'

ōn is a wilderness, *Jē-rū'sa-lēm* a desolation.

11 Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burnt up with fire : and all our pleā'sant things āre laid waste.

12 Wilt thou refrain thyself for these things, O LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

CHAP. LXV.

I AM sought of them that āsked 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.

2 I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, āfter their own thoughts.

3 A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face ; that sācrifiçeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick ;

4 Which remain āmōng the graves, and lodge in the monuments ; which eat swine's flesh, and brōth of abominable things is in their vessels ;

5 Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me ; for I am holier than thou. These āre a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

6 Behold, it is written before me ; I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bō'sōm,

7 Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers togethēr, saith the LORD, which have burnt incense upon the mōūn'tāins, and blāsp'hēmed me upon the hills : thērē'fōre will I mēā'sure their former work into their bō'sōm.

8 Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Dēstrōy' it not ; for a blēs'sing is in it : so will I do for my sērvants' sake, that I may not dēstrōy' them all.

9 And I will bring forth a seed out of *Jā'çōb*, and out of *Jū'dāh* an inheritor of my mōūn'tāins : and mine elect shall inherit it, and my sērvants shall dwell there.

10 And *Shā'rōn* shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of *Ā'çhōr* a place for the hērds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me.

11 But ye āre they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mōūn'tāin, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink-offering unto that number.

12 Thērē'fōre will I number you to the swōrd, and ye shall all bōw down to the slāughter : because when I called, ye did not ānswer ; when I spake, ye did not hear ; but did evil before mine eyes, and did chōōse that wherein I delighted not.

13 Thērē'fōre thus saith the Lord God, Behold, my sērvants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry : behold, my sērvants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty : behold, my sērvants shall rejoice, but ye shall be āshamed :

14 Behold, my sērvants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.

15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen : for the Lord God shall slay thee, and call his sērvants by ānōther name :

16 That he who blesseth himself in the earth, shall bless himself in the God of truth ; and he that sweareth in the earth, shall swear by the God of truth ; because the former trōūbles āre forgotten, and because they āre 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 be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create : for, behold, I create *Jē-rū'sa-lēm* a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19 And I will rejoice in *Jē-rū'sa-lēm*, and joy in my people : and the voice of weeping shall be no more hēard 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 a hundred years old ; but the sinner, being a hundred years old, shall be accursed.

21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them ; and they shall plānt vineyards,¹ and eat the fruit of them.

22 They shall not build, and ānōther inhabit ; they shall not plānt, and ānōther eat : for as the days of a tree āre 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 trōūble : for they āre the seed of the blēs'sed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

24 And it shall come to pāss, that before they call, I will ānswer ; and while they āre yet speaking, I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed togethēr, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock : and dust shall be the sērpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor dēstrōy' in all my holy mōūn'tāin, saith the LORD.

CHAP. LXVI.

THUS saith the LORD, The heaven is 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, saith the LORD : but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

3 He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man ; he that sācrifiçeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck ; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood ; he that burneth incense, as if he blēs'sed an idol : yēa, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.

4 I also will chōōse their delusions, and

¹ *vīn'yērdz.*

will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose *that* in which I delighted not.

5 Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

6 A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompense to his enemies.

7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.

8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zi'ôn travailed, she brought forth her children.

9 Shall I bring to the birth,¹ and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut *the womb*? saith thy God.

10 Rejoice ye with Jê-rû'sa-lêm, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her:

11 That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.

12 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gën'tiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon *her* sides, and be dandled upon *her* knees.

13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jê-rû'sa-lêm.

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,² to render 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, behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed 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 Tar'shish, Pul, and Lüd, that draw the bow, to Tü'bäl and Jä'vân, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gën'tiles.

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 mountäin Jê-rû'sa-lêm, saith the LORD, as the children of İs'ra-ël 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 carcasses 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 Proph'et JEREMI'AH.

CHAPTER I.—

THE words of Jêr-ê-mî'âh the son of Hil-kî'âh, of the priests that were in An'a-thôth, in the land of Bën'ja-mîn:

2 To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Jô-si'âh the son of A'nôn king of Jü'dâh, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

3 It came also in the days of Jê-hôï'a-kim the son of Jô-si'âh king of Jü'dâh, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zêd-ê-kî'âh the son of Jô-si'âh king of Jü'dâh, unto the carrying away of Jê-rû'sa lêm 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

¹ bërth.

² hwêrl'wînd.

with thee to deliver thee, saith 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, Jer-é-mí-áh, 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 seething-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, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Je-rú-sa-lém, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Jū-dáh.

16 And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burnt 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 fenced city, and an iron pillar, and brazen walls, against the whole land; against the kings of Jū-dáh, 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, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

CHAP. II.

MOREOVER, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 Go, and cry in the ears of Je-rú-sa-lém, saying, Thus saith 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 sown.

3 Iſ-ra-él was holiness unto the LORD, and the first-fruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.

4 Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Já-cób, and all the families of the house of Iſ-ra-él:

5 Thus saith 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?

á'münd-tree.

6 Neither said they, Where is the LORD that brought us up out of the land of É-gýpt, that led us through the wilderness; through a land of deserts, and of pits; through a land of drought, and of 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 goodness thereof: but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.

8 The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Ba'al, and walked after things that do not profit.

9 Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the LORD, and with your children's children will I plead.

10 For pass over the isles of Chít'im, and see; and send unto Ké-dár, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing:

11 Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit.

12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate saith the LORD.

13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

14 Is Iſ-ra-él a servant? is he a home-born slave? why is he spoiled?

15 The young lions roared upon him and yelled, and they made his land waste: his cities are burnt without inhabitant.

16 Also the children of Nöph and Tá-háp'a-néš have broken the crown of thy head.

17 Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way?

18 And now, what hast thou to do in the way of É-gýpt, to drink the waters of Sí-hör? or what hast thou to do in the way of Ás-sýr'i-á, to drink the waters of the river?

19 Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know, therefore, and see, that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord God of hosts.

20 For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill, and under every green tree, thou wanderest, playing the harlot.

21 Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?

2 gërd.

CHAP. III.

22 For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord God.

23 How canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Bā'al-īm? See thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: thou art a swift dromedary traversing her ways,

24 A wild ass used to the wilderness, that snuffeth 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 unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.

26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl ashamed; they, 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 Jū'dāh.

29 Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl? a land of darkness? Wherefore say 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 trimmest thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways.

34 Also in thy skirts¹ is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these.

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 about¹ so much to change thy way? thou also shalt be ashamed of Eḡypt, as thou wast ashamed of Ās-sūr¹-ā.

37 Yēa, thou shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head: for the Lord hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.

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 that land be greatly polluted: but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again¹ to me, saith the Lord.

2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with: in the ways hast thou sat for them, as the ā-rā'bi-ān in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms, and with thy wickedness.

3 Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst 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 reserve¹ 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 Jō-si'āh the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Iṣ'ra-ēl 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 Jū'dāh saw it.

8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Iṣ'ra-ēl committed adultery, I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Jū'dāh feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.

10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Jū'dāh hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto me, The backsliding Iṣ'ra-ēl hath justified herself more than treacherous Jū'dāh.

12 Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Iṣ'ra-ēl, saith the Lord, and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you; for I am merciful, saith 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 hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the Lord.

14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith 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 Zi'ōn:

15 And I will give you pāstors accord-
ing to mine heart, which shall feed you
with knowledge and understanding.

16 And it shall come to pāss, when ye
be multiplied and increased in the land, in
those days, saith the LORD, they shall say
no more, The ark of the cōvenant of the
LORD; neither shall it come to mind, nei-
ther shall they remember it, neither shall
they visit it, neither shall *that* be done any
more.

17 At that time they shall call Jē-rū/sa-
lēm the throne of the LORD; and all the
nations shall be gāthered unto it, to the
name of the LORD, to Jē-rū/sa-lēm; nei-
ther shall they wālk any more āfter the imagi-
nation of their evil heart.

18 In those days the house of Jū'dāh
shall wālk with the house of Iš'ra-ël, and
they shall come togēther 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
āmong the children, and give thee a plēās-
ant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of
nations? And I said, Thou shalt call me,
My father; and shalt not turn āway from
me.

20 Surely as a wife treacherously de-
parteth from her hūs'bānd, so have ye dealt
treacherously with me, O house of Iš'ra-ël,
saith the LORD.

21 A voice was hēard upon the high
places, weeping and supplications of the
children of Iš'ra-ël: for they have pērvērt-
ed their way, and they have forgotton the
LORD their God.

22 Return, ye backsliding children, and
I will heal your backslidings. Behold, 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
mōûntāins: truly in the LORD our God is
the salvation of Iš'ra-ël.

24 For shame hath devoured the labour
of our fathers from our youth; their flocks
and their hērds, their sons and their daugh-
ters.

25 We lie down in our shame, and our
confusion cōvereth us: for we have sinned
āgainst' the LORD our God, we and our fa-
thers, from our youth even unto this day,
and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD
our God.

CHAP. IV.

IF thou wilt return, O Iš'ra-ël, saith the
LORD, return unto me; and if thou wilt
put āway 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 righteousness;
and the nations shall bless themselves in
him, and in him shall they glory.

3 For thus saith the LORD to the men of
Jū'dāh and Jē-rū/sa-lēm, Break up your
fallow ground, and sow not āmong thorns.

4 Cir'cūmciſe¹ yourselves to the LORD,
and take āway the foreskins of your heart,
ye men of Jū'dāh and inhabitants of Jē-
rū/sa-lēm; lēst my fury come forth like
fire, and burn that nōne can quench it, be-
cause of the evil of your doings.

5 Declare ye in Jū'dāh, and publish in
Jē-rū/sa-lēm; and say, Blow ye the trum-
pet in the land: cry, gāther togēther, and
say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go
into the defenced cities.

6 Set up the standard tō'wārd Zī'ōn: re-
tire, stay not; for I will bring evil from the
north, and a great destruction.

7 The lion is come up from his thicket,
and the destrōy'er of the Gēn'tiles 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 gird² you with sackcloth, la-
mēt and howl; for the fierce anger of the
LORD is not turned back from us.

9 And it shall come to pāss at that day,
saith the LORD, that the heart of the king
shall perish, and the heart of the princes;
and the priests shall be astonished, and the
prophets shall wōnder.

10 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! surely
thou hast greatly deceived this people and
Jē-rū/sa-lēm, saying, Ye shall have peace;
whereas the swōrd reacheth unto the soul.

11 At that time shall it be said to this
people and to Jē-rū/sa-lēm, A dry wind of
the high places in the wilderness tō'wārd
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 āgainst' them.

13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds,
and his chariots shall be as a whirl/wind:³
his horses āre swifter than eagles. Wo
unto us! for we āre spoiled.

14 O Jē-rū/sa-lēm, wāsh thine hēart from
wickedness, that thou mayst be saved: how
long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within
thee?

15 For a voice declareth from Dān, and
publisheth affliction from mount Ē/phra-īm.

16 Make ye mention to the nations: be-
hold, publish āgainst' Jē-rū/sa-lēm, that
wāchers come from a far country, and give
out their voice āgainst' the cities of Jū-
dāh.

17 As keepers of a fiēld āre they āgainst'
her round ābout'; because she hath been
rebellious āgainst' me, saith the LORD.

18 Thy way and thy doings have pro-
cured these things unto thee: this is thy
wickedness, because it is bitter, because it
reacheth unto thine hēart.

19 My bowels, my bowels! I am pained
at my very hēart; my hēart maketh a noise
in me. I cannot hold my peace, because
thou hast hēard, O my soul, the sound of
the trumpet, the ālarm of war.

20 Destruction upon destruction is cried:

¹ sēr'kūm-sze.

² gērd.

³ hwērl/wīnd.

for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my 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 sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise 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 had 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.

27 For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.

28 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.

29 The whole city shall flee for the noise 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.

30 And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.

31 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, Wo is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

CHAP. V.—

RUN ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusa-lem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.

2 And though they say, The LORD liveth, surely they swear falsely.

3 O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

4 Therefore I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of the LORD, nor the judgment of their God.

5 I will get me unto the great men, and

will speak unto them: for they have known the way of the LORD, and the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, and burst the bonds.

6 Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, and a wolf of the evenings shall spoil them, a leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces; because their transgressions are many, and their backslidings are increased.

7 How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.

8 They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife.

9 Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end: take away her battlements; for they are not the LORD's.

11 For the house of Israhel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the LORD.

12 They have belied the LORD, and said, It is not he, neither shall evil come upon us, neither shall we see sword nor famine;

13 And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

14 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.

15 Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israhel, saith the LORD: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say.

16 Their quiver is as an open sepulchre, they are all mighty men.

17 And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread, which thy sons and thy daughters 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.

18 Nevertheless in those days, saith the LORD, I will not make a full end with you.

19 And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, Wherefore doth the LORD our God all these things unto us? then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land; so shall ye serve strangers in a land that is not yours.

20 Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying,

¹ lep'purd.

21 Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears and hear not:

22 Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea, by a pèrpet'ual¹ decree, that it cannot pàss it; and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pàss over it?

23 But this people hath a revolt'ing and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone.

24 Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he rèsèrv'eth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

25 Your iniquities have turned àwày these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you.

26 For àmóng my people àre found wicked men: they lay wait as he that setteth snares: they set a trap, they cãtch men.

27 As a cage is full of birds, so àre their houses full of decèit: thèrè'fòre they àre become great, and waxen rich.

28 They àre waxen fat, they shine; yèa, they óvèrpàss' the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge.

29 Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be àvèngèd on such a nation as this?

30 A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land;

31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bare rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

CHAP. VI.

O YE children of Bèn'ja-mîn, gãther yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jè-rù'sa-lèm, and blow the trumpet in Tè-kò'ã, and set up a sign of fire in Bèth-hác'-ce-rèm; for evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction.

2 I have likened the daughter of Zì'ón to a comely and delicate woman.

3 The shèp'hérds with their flocks shall come unto her: they shall pitch their tents àgainst' her round àbout'; they shall feed every one in his place.

4 Prepare ye war àgainst' her; àrìçe, and let us go up at noon. Wo unto us! for the day goeth àwày, for the shadows of the evening àre stretched out.

5 Àrìçe, and let us go by night, and let us dèstròy' her palaces.

6 For thus hath the LORD of hosts said, Hew ye down trees, and cãst a mount àgainst' Jè-rù'sa-lèm: this is the city to be visited; she is wholly oppression in the midst of her.

7 As a fòun'tain cãsteth out her waters,

so she cãsteth out her wickedness: violence and spoil is heard in her; before me continually is grièf and wòunds.

8 Be thou instructed, O Jè-rù'sa-lèm, lèst my soul depart from thee; lèst I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited.

9 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Ís'ra-èl as a vine: turn back thine hand as a grape-gãtherer into the bãskets.

10 To whom shall I speak and give wãrn'ing, that they may hear? Behold, their ear is uncir'cumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.

11 Thèrè'fòre I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children àbròad, and upon the assembly of young men tógèthèr; for even the hùs'bãnd 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 tógèthèr: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD.

13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them, every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest, every one dealeth falsely.

14 They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

15 Wère they àshãmed when they had committed abomination? nay, they wère not at all àshãmed, nèither could they blush; thèrè'fòre they shall fall àmóng them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cãst down, saith the LORD.

16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and àsk for the old pãths, where is the good way, and wãlk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not wãlk therein.

17 Also I set wãtchmen over you, say- ing, Harken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

18 Thèrè'fòre hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what is àmóng them.

19 Hear, O èarth; 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 Shè'bã, and the sweet cane from a far country? your burnt-offerings àre not acceptable, nor your sãc'rificès sweet unto me.

21 Thèrè'fòre thus saith the LORD, Be hold, I will lay stumbling-blocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons tógèthèr 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

¹ pèr-pèt'tshù-ál.

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, set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zí'ón.

24 We have heard the fame thereof; our hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of us, and pain as of a woman in tráiv'aíl.

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 wállow thyself in ashes; make thee mourning as for an only son, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us.

27 I have set thee for a tower and a fortress among my people, that thou mayst know and try their way.

28 They are all griev'ous revólters, walking with slanders: they are bráss and iron; they are all corrupters.

29 The bellows are burnt, 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.

THE word that came to Jēr-ē-mī'āh 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 Jūdáh, that enter in at these gates to wor'ship the LORD:

3 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Ís'ra-él, Aménd' your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these.

5 For if ye thoroughly aménd' 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 trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Bál, 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 Shí'loh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Ís'ra-él.

13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not;

14 There'fore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shí'loh.

15 And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of E'phra-ím.

16 There'fore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.

17 Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Jūdáh, and in the streets of Jē-rú-sa-lēm?

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? saith the LORD: do they not provoke themselves, to the confusion of their own faces?

20 There'fore 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 Ís'ra-él; Put your burnt-offerings unto your sac'rifices, and eat flesh.

22 For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commànded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of E'gypt, concèrning burnt-offerings or sac'rifices:

23 But this thing commànded 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 have commànded you, that it may be well unto you.

24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not for'ward.

25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of E'gypt unto this day, I have even sent unto you all my sèrvants 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 There'fore 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 say 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 Jē-rū/sa-lēm, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on high places; for the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath.

30 For the children of Jū'dāh have done evil in my sight, saith the LORD: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it.

31 And they have built the high places of Tō'phēt, which is in the valley of the son of Hīn'nōm, 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, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tō'phēt, nor, The valley of the son of Hīn'nōm, but, The valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Tō'phēt till there be no place.

33 And the carcasses 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.

34 Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Jū'dāh, and from the streets of Jē-rū/sa-lēm, the voice of mirth,¹ and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride; for the land shall be desolate.

CHAP. VIII.

AT that time, saith the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Jū'dāh, 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 Jē-rū/sa-lēm, 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, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 Moreover, thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return?

5 Why then is this people of Jē-rū/sa-lēm slidden back by a pēpēt'ual² backsliding? they hold fast decēt, they refuse to return.

6 I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.

7 Yēa, the stork in the heaven knoweth

1 mērth.

her appointed times; and the turtle, and the crane, and the swallow, obšerve' 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, cēr'tainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain.

9 The wise men are āshāmed, they are dīzmāyed 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 least even unto the greatest, is given to covetousness; from the prophet even 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 āshāmed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all āshāmed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

13 I will surely consume them, saith 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 sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the fenced 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 snōrt'ing of his horses was heard from Dān; 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 sērpents, cōck'atrices, among you, which will not be charmed, and they shall bite you, saith the LORD.

18 When I would cōm'fōrt mysēlf āgainst' 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 Zi'ōn? is not her king in her? why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities?

20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

21 For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me.

22 Is there no balm in Gil'e-ād? is there no physician there? why then is not the

2 pēr-pēt'tshū-āl.

health of the daughter of my people recovered?

CHAP. IX.

OH that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fōū'n'tain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging-place of wayfaring men, that I might leave my people, and go from them! for they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.

3 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, saith the LORD.

4 Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with slanders.

5 And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.

6 Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD.

7 Thēre'fore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how shall I do for the daughter of my people?

8 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.

9 Shall I not visit them for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avēnged on such a nation as this?

10 For the mōū'n'tains 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 Jē-rū'sa-lēm heaps, and a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Jū'dāh desolate, without an inhabitant.

12 Who is the wise man, that may understand this; and who is he to whom the mouth of the LORD hath spoken, that he may declare it, for what the land perisheth and is burnt up like a wilderness, that none passeth through?

13 And the LORD saith, 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 Bā'āl-īm, which their fathers taught them:

15 Thēre'fore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Ys'ra-ēl; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with worm-wood, 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 hosts, 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 wailing 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 Zī'ōn, 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 you: 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 carcasses of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvest-man, and none shall gather them.

23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither 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 exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

25 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will punish all them which are circumcised with the uncircumcised;

26 E'gypt, and Jū'dāh, and E'dōm, and the children of Am'mōn, and Mō'āb, and all that are in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all these nations are uncircumcised¹ and all the house of Ys'ra-ēl are uncircumcised in the heart.

CHAP. X.

HEAR ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Ys'ra-ēl:

2 Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed 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 with 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 also 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 stock is a doctrine of vanities.

9 Silver spread into plates is brought from Tār'shish, and gold from Ū'phāz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder: blue and purple is their clothing; they are all the work of cunning men.

10 But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlāsting King; at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

11 Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, *even* they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

12 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

13 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 with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

14 Every man is brutish in his knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and *there is* no breath in them.

15 They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

16 The portion of Jā'cōb is not like them: for he is the former of all things; and Iṣ'ra-ēl is the rod of his inheritance: The LORD of hosts is his name.

17 Gather up thy wares out of the land, O inhabitant of the fortress:

18 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this once, and will distress them, that they may find it so.

19 Who is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this is a grief, and I must bear it.

20 My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they are not; *there is none* to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.

21 For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.

22 Behold, the noise of the bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Jūdāh desolate, and a den of dragons.

23 O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: *it is* not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

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 Jā'cōb, and devoured him, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate.

CHAP. XI.

THE word that came to Jēr-ē-mī'āh from the LORD, saying

2 Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Jūdāh, and to the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm;

3 And say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Cursed 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 Ē'gġypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey 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 Jūdāh, and in the streets of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them.

7 For I earnestly protested unto your fathers, in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Ē'gġypt, *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 Jūdāh, and among the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, when refused to hear my words: and they went after other gods to serve them: i.e. house of Iṣ'ra-ēl and the house of Jūdāh have broken my covenant, which I made with their fathers.

11 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring even 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 Jūdāh, and inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, 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 Jūdāh; and ac-

cording to the number of the streets of Jeru'sa-lem have ye set up altars to that shameful thing, *even* altars to burn incense unto Ba'al.

14 There'fore 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* she hath wrought lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? when thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest.

16 The LORD called thy name, A green olive-tree, fair, and of goodly fruit; with the noise 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 Is'ra-ël, and of the house of Ju'dah, which they have done against themselves, to provoke me to anger, in offering incense unto Ba'al.

18 And the LORD hath given me knowledge of it, and I know it: then thou showedst me their doings.

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 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 thy vengeance on them; for unto thee have I revealed my cause.

21 There'fore thus saith the LORD of the men of An'a-thoth, that seek thy life, *saying*, Prophesy not in the name of the LORD, that thou die not by our hand:

22 There'fore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will punish them; 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 An'a-thoth, *even* the year of their visitation.

CHAP. XII.

RIGHTEOUS *art* thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee; yet let me talk with thee of *thy* judgments: Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? *wherefore* are all they happy that deal very treacherously?

2 Thou hast planted them; yea, they have taken root: they grow; yea, they bring forth fruit: thou *art* near in their mouth, and far from their reins.

3 But thou, O LORD, knowest me; thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart to'ward thee; pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.

4 How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein? the

beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He shall not see our last end

5 If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and *if* in the land of peace, *wherein* thou trustedst, *they wearied thee*, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jor'dan?

6 For even thy brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee; yea, they have called a multitude after thee: believe them not, though they speak fair words unto thee.

7 I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage; I have given the dearly-beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.

8 Mine heritage is unto me as a lion in the forest; it crieth out against me: there'fore have I hated it.

9 Mine heritage *is* unto me as a speckled bird; the birds round about *are* against her; come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour.

10 Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

11 They have made it desolate, and being desolate it mourneth unto me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart.

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 sown 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 Is'ra-ël to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Ju'dah 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 Ba'al;) 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, saith the LORD.

CHAP. XIII.

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 gir'dle that thou hast got, which is upon thy loins, and arise, go to Eū-phrā'tēs,¹ and hide it there in a hole of the rock.

5 So I went, and hid it by Eū-phrā'tēs, as the LORD cōmmān'ded me.

6 And it came to pass after many days, that the LORD said unto me, Arise, go to Eū-phrā'tēs, and take the gir'dle from thence, which I cōmmān'ded thee to hide there.

7 Then I went to Eū-phrā'tēs, and digged, and took the gir'dle from the place where I had hid it; and, behold, the gir'dle 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 Jū'dāh, and the great pride of Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

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 wór'ship them, shall even be as this gir'dle, which is good for nothing.

11 For as the gir'dle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Iſ'ra-él, and the whole house of Jū'dāh, saith 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 Thér'e'fore thou shalt speak unto them this word, Thus saith the LORD God of Iſ'ra-él, Every bottle shall be filled with wine; and they shall say unto thee, Do we not cēr'tainly 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 Dā'vīd's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, with drunkenness.

14 And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, saith the LORD; I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mércy, but destróy' 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 cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark móun'tains, and while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross 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 principalities shall come down, even the crown of your glory.

19 The cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open them; Jū'dāh 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 be cāp'tains, and as chief over thee;) shall not sorrows take thee, as a woman in tráw'-ail?

22 And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts² discovered, and thy heels made bare.

23 Can the Ē-thi-ō'pi-ān change his skin, or the lēop'ard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

24 Thér'e'fore will I scatter them as the stubble that passeth away by the wind of the wilderness.

25 This is thy lot, the portion of thy méas'ures from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood.

26 Thér'e'fore 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 thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Wo unto thee, O Jē-rū'sa-lēm! wilt thou not be made clean? when shall it once be?

CHAP. XIV.

THE word of the LORD that came to Jēr-ē-mi'āh cōncēr'ning the dēarth.

2 Jū'dāh mourneth, and the gates thereof languish; they are black unto the ground; and the cry of Jē-rū'sa-lēm is gone up.

3 And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they wēre āshāmed and confounded, and covered their heads.

4 Because the ground is chapt, for there was no rain in the earth, the ploughmen wēre āshāmed, they covered their heads.

5 Yea, the hind also calved in the field, and forsook it, because there was no grāss.

6 And the wild asses did stand in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes did fail, because there was no grāss.

7 O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou it for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee.

8 O the Hope of Iſ'ra-él, the Sāv'ioūr³ thereof in time of tróuble, why shouldst thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a

¹ Yū-frā'tēz.

² skērts.

³ Sāv'e'yūr.

wayfaring man *that* turneth āside to tarry for a night?

9 Why shouldst thou be as a man astonished,¹ 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 saith the LORD unto this people, Thus have they loved to wānder, they have not refrained their feet; thēre'fōre the LORD dōth 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 fāst, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt-offering and an oblation, I will not accept them; but I will consume them by the swōrd, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.

13 Then said I, Āh, LORD God! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the swōrd, nēither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place.

14 Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name; I sent them not, nēither have I cōmmān'ded them, nēither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the decēit of their heart.

15 Thēre'fōre thus saith the LORD cōn-cēr'n'ng the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Swōrd and famine shall not be in this land; by swōrd and famine shall those prophets be consumed.

16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cāst out in the streets of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, because of the famine and the swōrd; and they shall have nōne to bury them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters; for I will pour their wickedness upon them.

17 Thēre'fōre thou shalt say this word unto them, Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the vir'gīn² daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very griēv'ōus blow.

18 If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the swōrd! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that āre sick with famine! yea, both the prophet and the priest go ābout' into a land that they know not.

19 Hast thou utterly rejected Jū'dāh? hath thy soul loathed Z'vōn? why hast thou smitten us, and *there is* no healing for us? we looked for peace, and *there is* no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trōuble!

20 We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned āgainst' thee.

21 Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake; do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy cōvenant with us.

¹ or astonished.

22 Āre there any āmong the vanities of the Gēn'tiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? Art not thou he, O LORD our God: thēre'fōre we will wait upon thee; for thou hast made all these things.

CHAP. XV.

THEN said the LORD unto me, Though Mō'sēs and Sām'u-ēl stood before me, yet my mind could not be tō'wārd this people; cāst them out of my sight, and let them go forth.

2 And it shall come to pāss, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? ther thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the LORD, Such as āre for death, to death; and such as āre for the swōrd, to the swōrd; and such as āre for the famine, to the famine; and such as āre for the captivity, to the captivity.

3 And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the LORD; the swōrd to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fōwls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destrōy.'

4 And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of Ma-nās'seh the son of Hēz-ē-kī'āh king of Jū'dāh, for *that* which he did in Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

5 For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jē-rū'sa-lēm? or who shall bemoan thee? or who shall go āside to āsk how thou doest?

6 Thou hast forsaken me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward; thēre'fōre will I stretch out my hand āgainst' thee, and destrōy thee; I am weary with repenting.

7 And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave them of children, I will destrōy' my people, *since* they return not from their ways.

8 Their widows āre increased to me ābōve the sand of the seas: I have brought upon them, āgainst' the mōther of the young men, a spoiler at noon-day; I have caused hīm to fall upon it suddenly, and terrors upon the city.

9 She that hath borne seven languisheth; she hath given up the ghōst; her sun is gone down while *it was* yet day; she hath been āshāmed and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the swōrd before their enemies, saith the LORD.

10 Wō is me, my mōther, that thou hast borne me a man of strife, and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have nēither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; yet every one of them dōth curse me.

11 The LORD said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant, verily I will cause the enemy to entreat thee well in the time of evil, and in the time of affliction.

12 Shall iron break the northern iron and the steel?

13 Thy substance and thy trēas'ures will

² vēr'jīn.

I give to the spoil without price, and *that* for all thy sins, even in all thy borders.

14 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.

15 O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy long-suffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke.

16 Thy words were found, and I did eat 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.

17 I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone, because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation:

18 Why is my pain perpetual,¹ and my wound incurable, *which* refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, and as waters that fail?

19 Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them.

20 And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brazen 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, saith the LORD.

21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

CHAP. XVI.

THE word of the LORD came also unto me, saying,

2 Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons nor 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 sword, and by famine; and their carcasses 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 my peace from this people, saith the LORD, even loving-kindness and mercies.

6 Both the great and the small shall die 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

¹ per-pet' tshū-āl

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 sit with them to eat and to drink.

9 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iſ'ra-ël; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth,² and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.

10 And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt show this people 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, saith 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 day and night, where I will not show you favour.

14 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth that brought up the children of Iſ'ra-ël out of the land of E'gypt;

15 But, The LORD liveth that brought up the children of Iſ'ra-ël from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after I will 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 double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses 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, vanities, 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

² mē'rh.

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. XVII.

THE sin of Jū'dāh 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 mōūn'tain in the field, I will give thy substance and all thy treasures to the spoil, and thy high places for sin, 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 ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, which shall burn for ever.

5 Thus saith the LORD, Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD :

6 For he shall be like the heath in the dēš'ērt, and shall not see when good cometh ; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

7 Blēs'sed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is

8 For he shall be as a tree plānted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green ; and shall not be careful in the year of drōūght, neither shall cease from yield'ing fruit.

9 The heart is deceitful ābōve all things, and desperately wicked : who can know it ?

10 I the LORD sēarch the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

11 As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not ; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.

12 A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

13 O LORD, the Hope of Iſ'ra-ēl, all that forsake thee shall be āshāmed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the ēarth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fōūn'tain of living waters.

14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed ; save me, and I shall be saved : for thou art my praise.

15 Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the LORD ? let it come now.

16 As for me, I have not hastened from being a pāstor to follow thee ; nēither have I desired the woful day, thou knowest : that which came out of my lips was right before thee.

17 Be not a terror unto me : thou art my hope in the day of evil.

18 Let them be confounded that pērsēcute me, but let not me be confounded ; let them be dīshāyēd, but let not me be dīshāyēd : bring upon them the day of evil, and destrōy' 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 Jū'dāh come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jē-rū'sa-lēm ;

20 And say unto them, Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye kings of Jū'dāh, and all Jū'dāh, and all the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, 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 Jē-rū'sa-lēm ;

22 Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath-day, nēither do ye any work ; but hallow ye the sabbath-day, as I cōmmand'ed your fathers.

23 But they obeyed not, nēither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.

24 And it shall come to pāss, 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 sitting upon the throne of Dā'vīd, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Jū'dāh, and the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm ; and this city shall remain for ever.

26 And they shall come from the cities of Jū'dāh, and from the places ābout' Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and from the land of Bēn-ja-mīn, and from the plain, and from the mōūn'tains, and from the south, bringing burnt-offerings, and sār'ificēs, and meat-offerings, and incense, and bringing sār'ificēs 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 Jē-rū'sa-lēm on the sabbath-day ; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and it shall not be quenched.

CHAP. XVIII.

THE word which came to Jēr-ē-mī'āh from the LORD, saying,

2 Ārīše, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.

3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.

4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter ; so he made it āgain' ānōther vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

6 O house of Iſ'ra-ēl, 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl.

7 At what instant I shall speak cōncēr'ning a nation, and cōncēr'ning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to dēstrōy' it :

8 If that nation, āgainst' whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

9 And at what instant I shall speak cōncēr'ning a nation, and cōncēr'ning a kingdom, to build, and to plānt it :

10 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.

11 Now, thēre'fore, go to, speak to the men of Jū'dāh, and to the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I frame evil āgainst' you, and devise a device āgainst' you : return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

12 And they said, There is no hope ; but we will wālk āfter our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.

13 Thēre'fore thus saith the LORD, Ask ye now āmong the heathen, who hath hēard such things ? the virgīn¹ of Iṣ'ra-ēl hath done a very horrible thing.

14 Will a man leave the snow of Lēb'anōn which cometh from the rock of the field ? or shall the cold flowing waters that come from ānōther place be forsaken ?

15 Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burnt incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the āncient pāths, to wālk in pāths in a way not cāst up ;

16 To make their land desolate, and a pērpēt'ual² hissing : every one that pāsseth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head.

17 I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy : I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

18 Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices āgainst' Jēr-ē-mī'āh ; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, 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.

19 Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me.

20 Shall evil be recompensed for good ? for they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them, and to turn āway thy wāth from them.

21 Thēre'fore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their blood by the force of the swōrd ; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows ;

1 pēr'jū.

and let their men be put to death ; let their young men be slain by the swōrd in battle.

22 Let a cry be hēard 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.

23 Yet, LORD, thou knowest all their counsel āgainst' me to slay me : forgive not their iniquity, nēither blot out their sin from thy sight ; but let them be overthrow'n before thee : deal thus with them in the time of thine anger.

CHAP. XIX.

THUS saith the LORD, Go, and get a potter's earthen bottle, and take of the āncients of the people, and of the āncients of the priests,

2 And go forth unto the valley of the son of Hīn'nōm, which is by the entry of the east gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee ;

3 And say, Hear ye the word of the LORD, O kings of Jū'dāh, and inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm ; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle.

4 Because they have forsaken me, and have estrānged this place, and have burnt incense in it unto other gods, whom nēither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Jū'dāh, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents ;

5 They have built also the high places of Bā'āl, to burn their sons with fire for burnt-offerings unto Bā'āl, which I cōmān'ded not, nor spake it, nēither came it into my mind :

6 Thēre'fore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called Tō'phēt, nor, The valley of the son of Hīn'nōm, but, The valley of slāughter.

7 And I will make void the counsel of Jū'dāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm in this place ; and I will cause them to fall by the swōrd before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their lives ; and their carcasses will I give to be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

8 And I will make this city desolate, and a hissing : every one that pāsseth thereby shall be astonished and hiss, because of all the plagues thereof.

9 And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons, and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend, in the siēge and straitness wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall straiten them.

10 Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee,

11 And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Even so will I break this people, and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole āgain' ; and they shall bury them in Tō'phēt till there be no place else to bury.

2 pēr-pēt'tshū-āl.

12 Thus will I do unto this place, saith the LORD, and to the inhabitants thereof, and *even* make this city as Tō'phēt :

13 And the houses of Jēr-rū'sa-lēm, and the houses of the kings of Jū'dāh, shall be defiled, as the place of Tō'phēt, because of all the houses upon whose roofs they have burnt incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink-offerings unto other gods.

14 Then came Jēr-ē-mī'āh from Tō'phēt, whither the LORD had sent him to prophesy ; and he stood in the court of the LORD's house, and said to all the people,

15 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Behold, I will bring upon this city, and upon all her towns, all the evil that I have pronounced āgainst' it ; because they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear my words.

CHAP. XX.—

NOW Pāsh'ūr, the son of Im'mér the priest, who *was* also the chief governor in the house of the LORD, heard that Jēr-ē-mī'āh prophesied these things.

2 Then Pāsh'ūr smote Jēr-ē-mī'āh the prophet, and put him in the stocks that *were* in the high gate of Bēn'ja-mīn, which *was* by the house of the LORD.

3 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pāsh'ūr brought forth Jēr-ē-mī'āh out of the stocks. Then said Jēr-ē-mī'āh unto him, The LORD hath not called thy name Pāsh'ūr, but Mā'gōr-Mis'sa-bib.

4 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 Jū'dāh into the hand of the king of Bāb'y-lōn, and he shall carry them captive into Bāb'y-lōn, and shall slay them with the sword.

5 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 Jū'dāh will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Bāb'y-lōn.

6 And thou, Pāsh'ūr, and all that dwell in thine house, shall go into captivity : and thou shalt come to Bāb'y-lōn, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied lies.

7 O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived ; thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed : I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.

8 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.

9 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.

10 For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, *say they*, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my hāl'ting, *saying*, Péradvēnture he will be enticed, and we shall prevail āgainst' him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

11 But the LORD *is* with me as a mighty terrible one ; thērē'fore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail ; they shall be greatly āshāmed ; for they shall not prosper : their evērlāst'ing confusion shall never be forgotten.

12 But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, and seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them : for unto thee have I opened my cause.

13 Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD ; for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evil-doers.

14 Cursed *be* the day wherein I was born : let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blēss'ed.

15 Cursed *be* the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee ; making him very glad.

16 And let that man be as the cities which the LORD overthrew, and repented not ; and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noon-tide ;

17 Because he slew me not from the womb ; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb *to be* always great *with me*

18 Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labour and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame ?

CHAP. XXI.

THE word which came unto Jēr-ē-mī'āh from the LORD, when king Zēd-ē-kī'āh sent unto him Pāsh'ūr the son of Mēl-chī'āh, and Zēph-a-nī'āh the son of Mā-ā-sēi'āh¹ the priest, saying,

2 Inquire, I pray thee, of the LORD for us ; for Nēb-ū-ḥād-rēz'zār king of Bāb'y-lōn maketh war āgainst' us ; if so be that the LORD will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us.

3 Then said Jēr-ē-mī'āh unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zēd-ē-kī'āh,

4 Thus saith the Lord God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that *are* in your hands, wherewith ye fight āgainst' the king of Bāb'y-lōn, and āgainst' the Chāl-dē'āns, which besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city.

5 And I myself will fight āgainst' you with an outstretched hand, and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrāth.

6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast : they shall die of a great pestilence.

7 And áf'térwárd, saith the LORD, I will deliver Zéd-é-ki'áh king of Jū'dáh, and his sérvants, and the people, and such as *are* left in this city from the pestilence, from the swórd, and from the famine, into the hand of Néh-ú-çhäd-réz/zár king of Báb'y-lón, 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 swórd; he shall not spare them, néither have pity, nor have méréy.

8 And unto this 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 ábideth in this city shall die by the swórd, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth out, and falleth to the Chál-dé'ánç that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey.

10 For I have set my face ágainst' this city, for evil, and not for good, saith the LORD; it shall be given into the hand of the king of Báb'y-lón, and he shall burn it with fire.

11 And touçh'ing the house of the king of Jū'dáh, say, Hear ye the word of the LORD;

12 O house of Dá'vid, thus saith the LORD, Execute judgment in the morning, and deliver *him that is* spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

13 Behold, I *am* ágainst' thee, O inhabitant of the valley, and rock of the plain, saith the LORD; which say, Who shall come down ágainst' us? or who shall enter into our habitation?

14 But I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round ábout' it.

CHAP. XXII.

THUS saith the LORD, Go down to the house of the king of Jū'dáh, and speak there this word,

2 And say, Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Jū'dáh, that sittest upon the throne of Dá'vid, thou, and thy sérvants, 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 the widow, néither shed innocent blood in this place.

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 Dá'vid, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his sérvants, and his people.

5 But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by myself, saith the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation.

6 For thus saith the LORD unto the king's house of Jū'dáh, Thou *art* Gil'e-ád unto

me, and the head of Léb'a-nón: yet surely I will make thee a wilderness, and cities which *are* not inhabited.

7 And I will prepare destróy'ers ágainst' thee, every one with his wéapons; and they shall cut down thy choice cedars, and cást *them* into the fire.

8 And many nations shall páss 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 ánsWER, Because they have forsaken the cóvenant of the LORD their God, and wór'shipped other gods, and sérved them.

10 Weep ye not for the dead, néither bemoan him; but weep sore for him that goeth áway: for he shall return no more, nor see his native country.

11 For thus saith the LORD touçh'ing Shál'lúm the son of Jō-sí'áh king of Jū'dáh, which reigned instead of Jō-sí'áh 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 Wo unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbour's sérvíce without wages, and giveth him not for his work;

14 That saith, I will build me a wide house, and large chambers, and cutteth him out windows; and *it is* ceiled with cedar, and painted with vérmil'ion!

15 Shalt thou reign because thou closest *thyself* in 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? saith the LORD.

17 But thine eyes and thine heart *are* not but for thy cóvetousness, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do *it*.

18 Thère'fore thus saith the LORD cón-cér'ning Jē-hó'i'a-kím the son of Jō-sí'áh king of Jū'dáh, They shall not lamént for him, *saying*, Ah my bróther! or, Ah sister! they shall not lamént for him, *saying*, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory!

19 He shall be buried with the burial of an áss, drawn and cást forth beyónd the gates of Jē-rú'sa-lém.

20 Go up to Léb'a-nón, and cry; and lift up thy voice in Báb'shán, and cry from the passages: for all thy lovers *are* destróy'ed.

21 I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear: this *hath been* thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice.

22 The wind shall eat up all thy pástors and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be áshámed and confounded for all thy wickedness.

23 O inhabitant of Lēb'a-nōn, that makest thy nest in the cedars, how gracious shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in trāv'āil!

24 As I live, saith the LORD, though Cō-nī'ah the son of Jē-hōi'a-kim king of Jū'dāh wēre the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence;

25 And I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand of them whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Nēb-u-ḥād-rēz/zār king of Bāb'y-lōn, and into the hand of the Ḥāl-dē'ānš.

26 And I will cāst thee out, and thy mōther that bare thee, into ānōther country, where ye wēre 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 Cō-nī'ah a despīged broken idol? is he a vessel wherein is no pleās'ure? wherefore āre they cāst out, he and his seed, and āre cāst into a land which they know not?

29 O ēarth, ēarth, ēarth, hear the word of the LORD:

30 Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of Da'vīd, and ruling any more in Jū'dāh.

CHAP. XXIII.

WO be unto the pāstors that destrōy' and scatter the sheep of my pāsture! saith the LORD.

2 Thēre'fore thus saith the Lord God of Iṣ'ra-ēl āgainst' the pāstors that feed my people, Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them āway, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.

3 And I will gāther the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them āgain' to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

4 And I will set up shēp'hērdš¹ over them, which shall feed them; and they shall fear-
no more, nor be diṣ'māyed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.

5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto Da'vīd a righteous Brāneh, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the ēarth.

6 In his days Jū'dāh shall be saved, and Iṣ'ra-ēl shall dwell safely; and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGH'TEOUSNESS.²

7 Thēre'face, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl out of the land of E'gypt;

8 But, The LORD liveth, which brought up, and which led, the seed of the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl out of the north country, and

from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

9 Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake: I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of his holiness.

10 For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth, the pleās'ant places of the wilderness āre dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right.

11 For both prophet and priest āre profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD.

12 Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness; they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

13 And I have seen folly in the prophets of Sa-mā'ri-ā; they prophesied in Ba'āl, and caused my people Iṣ'ra-ēl to err.

14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jē-rā'sa-lēm a horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evil-doers, that nōne dōth return from his wickedness: they āre all of them unto me as Sōd'om, and the inhabitants thereof as Gō-mōr'rāh.

15 Thēre'fore thus saith the LORD of hosts cōncēr'ning the prophets, Behold, I will feed them with wōrnwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jē-rā'sa-lēm is profaneness gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Harken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you; they make you vain: they speak a viṣ'ion of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.

17 They say still unto them that despīse' me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh āfter the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.

18 For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath percēived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it?

19 Behold, a whirl'wīnd of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a griēv'ōus whirl'wīnd: it shall fall griēv'ōusly upon the head of the wicked.

20 The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have pērfōrm'ed, the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it pērfectly.

21 I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

22 But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

¹ shēp'pūrds.

² rī'tshe-ūs-nēs.

23 Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?

24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

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 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 Bā'al.

28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.

29 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my word, every one from his neighbour.

31 Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith.

32 Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith 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 commended them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

33 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 forsake you, saith the LORD.

34 And as 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.

35 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?

36 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.

37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the LORD spoken?

38 But since ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD, Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD;

39 Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and

the city that I gave you and your fathers, and cast you out of my presence:

40 And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

CHAP. XXIV.

THE LORD showed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs were set before the temple of the LORD, after that Neb-ū-ḥād-rēz'zār king of Bāb'y-lōn had carried away captive Jēc-ō-ni'ah the son of Jē-hōi'a-kīm king of Jū'dāh, and the princes of Jū'dāh, with the carpenters and smiths, from Je-rū'sa-lēm, and had brought them to Bāb'y-lōn.

2 One basket had very good figs, even like the figs that are first ripe; and the other basket had very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad.

3 Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou, Jēr-ē-mi'ah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

4 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

5 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Jū'dāh; whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Ḥāl-dē'āns for their good.

6 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up.

7 And I will give them a 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.

8 And as the evil figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil; surely thus saith the LORD, So will I give Zēd-ē-kī'ah the king of Jū'dāh, and his princes, and the residue of Je-rū'sa-lēm, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Eḡypt;

9 And I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for their hurt, to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them.

10 And I will send 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.

THE word that came to Jēr-ē-mi'ah cōn cēr'nīng all the people of Jū'dāh, in the fourth year of Jē-hōi'a-kīm the son of Jō-si'ah king of Jū'dāh, that was the first year of Neb-ū-ḥād-rēz'zār king of Bāb'y-lōn;

2 The which Jēr-ē-mi'ah the prophet spake unto all the people of Jū'dāh, and to all the inhabitants of Je-rū'sa-lēm, saying,

3 From the thirteenth year of Jō-si'ah

the son of Ā'mōn king of Jū'dāh, even unto this day, (that is the three 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, saith 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 heard my words,

9 Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nēb-ū-chād-rēz/zār the king of Bāb'y-lōn my servant, and will bring them against' this land, and against' the inhabitants thereof, and against' all these nations round about', and will utterly destroy' them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and pērpēt'ual desolations.

10 Moreover, I will take from them the voice of mirth,² 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 Bāb'y-lōn seventy years.

12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Bāb'y-lōn, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chāl-dē'ānš, and will make it pērpēt'ual 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 Jēr-ē-mī'āh 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl unto me, Take the wine-cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations to whom I send thee, to drink it.

16 And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I 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, Jē-rā'sa-lēm, and the cities of Jū'dāh, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse; (as it is this day;)

19 Phā'raōh king of Ē'gypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people;

20 And all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Ūz, and all the kings of the land of the Phi-lis'tines, and Āsh'ke-lōn, and Āz'zāh, and Ēk'rōn, and the remnant of Āsh'dōd,

21 Ē'dōm, and Mō'āb, and the children of Ām'nōn,

22 And all the kings of Tŷ'rūs, and all the kings of Zī'dōn, and the kings of the isles which are beyond the sea,

23 Dē'dān, and Tē'mā, and Būz, and all that are in the utmost corners,

24 And all the kings of Ā-rā'bi-ā, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the dēs'ert,

25 And all the kings of Zīm'rī, and all the kings of Ē'lām, and all the kings of the Mēdes,

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: and the king of Shē'shāch shall drink after them.

27 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Drink ye, and be drunken, and spue, 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 say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Ye shall certainly drink.

29 For, lo, I begin to bring evil on 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, saith 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 his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against' all the inhabitants of the earth.

31 A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations; he will plead with all flesh: he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.

32 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind³ shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

33 And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall

not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

34 Howl, ye shēp'hērdſ, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a plēaſ'ant vessel.

35 And the shēp'hērdſ shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape'.

36 A voice of the cry of the shēp'hērdſ, and a howling of the principal of the flock, shall be heard: for the LORD hath spoiled their pāsture.

37 And the peaceable habitations are cut down, because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

38 He hath forsaken his cōvert, as the lion: for their land is desolate, because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger.

CHAP. XXVI.

IN the beginning of the reign of Jē-hōi'a-kīm, the son of Jō-si'āh king of Jū'dāh, came this word from the LORD, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD, Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak unto all the cities of Jū'dāh, which come to wōr'ship in the LORD's house, all the words that I cōmmān'd' thee to speak unto them: diminish not a word:

3 If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings.

4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith 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 sēr-vants 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 Shī'lōh, 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 Jĕr-ē-mī'āh speaking these words in the house of the LORD.

8 Now it came to pāss, when Jĕr-ē-mī'āh had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had cōmmān'ded 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 Shī'lōh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people wēre gathered togēther āgainst' Jĕr-ē-mī'āh in the house of the LORD.

10 When the princes of Jū'dāh 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 āgainst' this city, as ye have heard with your ears.

12 Then spake Jĕr-ē-mī'āh unto all the princes, and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy āgainst' this house, and āgainst' this city, all the words that ye have heard.

13 Thēre'fore now āmēnd' 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 āgainst' 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 cēr'tain, 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.

17 Then rose up cēr'tain of the elders of the land, and spake to all the assembly of the people, saying,

18 Mī'ēah the Mō'rās-thite prophesied in the days of Hēz-ē-kī'āh king of Jū'dāh, and spake to all the people of Jū'dāh, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Zi'ōn shall be ploughed like a field, and Je-rū'salēm shall become heaps, and the mōūn'tain of the house as the high places of a forest.

19 Did Hēz-ē-kī'āh king of Jū'dāh and all Jū'dāh put him at all to death? did he not fear the LORD, and besought the LORD, and the LORD repented him of the evil which he had pronounced āgainst' them? Thus might we procure great evil āgainst' our souls.

20 And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of the LORD, Ū-rī'jāh the son of Shēm-ā-i'āh of Kir'jāth-Je'a-rīm,² who prophesied āgainst' this city, and āgainst' this land, according to all the words of Jĕr-ē-mī'āh:

21 And when Jē-hōi'a-kīm the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death; but when Ū-rī'jāh heard it, he was āfraid, and fled, and went into Ē'g'gypt;

22 And Jē-hōi'a-kīm the king sent men into Ē'g'gypt; namely, Ē'l'na-thān the son of Ach'bōr, and cēr'tain men with him into Ē'g'gypt:

23 And they fetched forth Ū-rī'jāh out of Ē'g'gypt; and brought him unto Jē-hōi'a-kīm the king, who slew him with the swōrd, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people.

24 Nevertheless, the hand of Ā-hī'kān

¹ Kēr'jāth-Je'a-rīm.

the son of Shá'phán was with Jër-é-mi'áh, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

CHAP. XXVII.

IN the beginning of the reign of Jê-hô'i'a-kim the son of Jô-si'áh king of Jû'dáh, came this word unto Jër-é-mi'áh 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 Ê'dóm, and to the king of Mô'áb, and to the king of the Am'môn-ites, and to the king of Tý'rûs, and to the king of Zî'dôn, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jê-rû'sa-lêm unto Zêd-ê-ki'áh king of Jû'dáh;

4 And cômmand' them to say unto their mäs'ters, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iŝ'ra-ël, Thus shall ye say unto your mäs'ters;

5 I have made the earth, the man and the beast that *are* upon the ground, by my great power, and by my out-stretched 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 Nêb-u-çhäd-nêz/zär the king of Báb'y-lôn, my sêrvant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to sêrve him.

7 And all nations shall sêrve 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 sêrve themselves of him.

8 And it shall come to pass, *that* the nation and kingdom which will not sêrve the same Nêb-u-çhäd-nêz/zär the king of Báb'y-lôn, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Báb'y-lôn, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.

9 Thêrê'fôre hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your ençhânters, nor to your sörcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not sêrve the king of Báb'y-lôn:

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 Báb'y-lôn, and sêrve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, saith the LORD; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.

12 ¶ I spake also to Zêd-ê-ki'áh king of Jû'dáh according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Báb'y-lôn, and sêrve him and his people, and live.

13 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 sêrve the king of Báb'y-lôn?

14 Thêrê'fôre hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not sêrve the king of Báb'y-lôn for they prophesy a lie unto you.

15 For I have not sent them, saith the LORD, yet they prophesy a lie in my name, that I might drive you out, and that 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 saith 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 Báb'y-lôn: for they prophesy a lie unto you.

17 Hearken not unto them; sêrve the king of Báb'y-lôn, 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 Jû'dáh, and at Jê-rû'sa-lêm, go not to Báb'y-lôn.

19 For thus saith the LORD of hosts cöncêr'ning the pillars, and cöncêr'ning the sea, and cöncêr'ning the bases, and cöncêr'ning the residue of the vessels that remain in this city,

20 Which Nêb-u-çhäd-nêz/zär king of Báb'y-lôn took not, when he carried away captive Jêç-ô-ni'áh, the son of Jê-hô'i'a-kim king of Jû'dáh, from Jê-rû'sa-lêm to Báb'y-lôn, and all the nobles of Jû'dáh and Jê-rû'sa-lêm;

21 Yea, thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iŝ'ra-ël, cöncêr'ning the vessels that remain *in* the house of the LORD, and *in* the house of the king of Jû'dáh and of Jê-rû'sa-lêm;

22 They shall be carried to Báb'y-lôn, and there shall they be until the day that I visit them, saith the LORD: then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

CHAP. XXVIII.

AND it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zêd-ê-ki'áh king of Jû'dáh, in the fourth year, and in the fifth month, *that* Hän-a-ni'áh the son of Ä'zür the prophet, which *was* of Gil'b'ôn, spake unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests, and of all the people, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Iŝ'ra-ël, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Báb'y-lôn.

3 Within two full years will I bring again' into this place all the vessels of the LORD's house that Nêb-u-çhäd-nêz/zär king of Báb'y-lôn took away from this place, and carried them to Báb'y-lôn:

4 And I will bring again' to this place Jêç-ô-ni'áh the son of Jê-hô'i'a-kim king of Jû'dáh, with all the captives of Jû'dáh, that

went into Bāb'y-lōn, saith the LORD: for I will break the yoke of the king of Bāb'y-lōn.

5 Then the prophet Jēr-ē-mī'āh said unto the prophet Hān-a-nī'āh, 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 Jēr-ē-mī'āh said, *Ā'mēn'*: the LORD do so; the LORD pēr-fōrm' thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring āgain' the vessels of the LORD's house, and all that is carried āway captive, from Bāb'y-lōn 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 āgainst' many countries, and āgainst' 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 pāss, *then* shall the prophet be known that the LORD hath truly sent him.

10 Then Hān-a-nī'āh the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet Jēr-ē-mī'āh's neck, and brake it.

11 And Hān-a-nī'āh spake in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Even so will I break the yoke of Nēb-ū-ḩād-nēz'zār king of Bāb'y-lōn from the neck of all nations, within the space of two full years. And the prophet Jēr-ē-mī'āh went his way.

12 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came unto Jēr-ē-mī'āh the prophet, (āfter that Hān-a-nī'āh the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jēr-ē-mī'āh,) saying,

13 Go and tell Hān-a-nī'āh, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Thou hast broken the yokes of wood; but thou shalt make for them yokes of iron.

14 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may sērve Nēb-ū-ḩād-nēz'zār king of Bāb'y-lōn; and they shall sērve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

15 Then said the prophet Jēr-ē-mī'āh unto Hān-a-nī'āh the prophet, Hear now, Hān-a-nī'āh, The LORD hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie.

16 Thēre'fōre thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will cāst thee from off the face of the ēarth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught rebellion āgainst' the LORD.

17 So Hān-a-nī'āh the prophet died the same year, in the seventh month.

CHAP. XXIX.

NOW these are the words of the letter that Jēr-ē-mī'āh the prophet sent from Jē-rū'sa-lēm unto the residie of the elders which wēre carried āway captives, and to

the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nēb-ū-ḩād-nēz'zār had carried āway captive from Jē-rū'sa-lēm to Bāb'y-lōn,

2 (Āfter that Jēḩ-ō-nī'āh the king, and the queen, and the eū'nūḩs, the princes of Jū'dāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and the carpenters, and the smiths, wēre departed from Jē-rū'sa-lēm,)

3 By the hand of Ēl'a-sāh the son of Shā phān, and Gēm-a-rī āhl the son of Hil-kī āh, (whom Zēd-ē-kī'āh king of Jū'dāh sent unto Bāb'y-lōn to Nēb-ū-ḩād-nēz'zār king of Bāb'y-lōn,) saying,

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, unto all that are carried āway captives, whom I have caused to be carried āway from Jē-rū'sa-lēm unto Bāb'y-lōn,

5 Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plānt gardens, and eat the fruit of them;

6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters: and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to hūz'bānds, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminish-ed.

7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried āway captives, 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl, Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, nēther 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 āfter seventy years be accomplished at Bāb'y-lōn I will visit you, and pērform' my good word tō'wārd's you, in causing you to return to this place.

11 For I know the thoughts that I think tō'wārd's you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected 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 sēarch for me with all your heart.

14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD; and I will turn āway your captivity, and I will gāther you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you āgain' into the place whence I caused you to be carried āway captive.

15 Bēcause ye have said, The LORD hath raised us up prophets in Bāb'y-lōn;

16 Know that thus saith the LORD of the king that sitteth upon the throne of Dā'vīd, and of all the people that dwelleth in this city, and of your brēthren that are not gone forth with you into captivity;

17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, 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 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, there'fore, the word of the LORD, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jē-rū'sa-lēm to Bāb'y-lōn :

21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, of Ā'hāb the son of Kōl-ā-rāh, and of Zēd-ē-kī'āh the son of Mā-ā-sēi'āh,¹ which prophesy a lie unto you in my name, Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nēb-ū-ḥād-rēz'zār king of Bāb'y-lōn, and he shall slay them before your eyes ;

22 And of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Jū'dāh which are in Bāb'y-lōn, saying, The LORD make thee like Zēd-ē-kī'āh, and like Ā'hāb, whom the king of Bāb'y-lōn roasted in the fire ;

23 Because they have committed villany in Iṣ'ra-ēl, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not comman'ded them ; even I know, and am a witness, saith the LORD.

24 Thus shalt thou also speak to Shēm-ā-i'āh the Nē-hēl'a-mite, saying,

25 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thy name unto all the people that are at Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and to Zēph-a-nī'āh the son of Mā-ā-sēi'āh, the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

26 The LORD hath made thee priest in the stead of Jē-hōi a-dā the priest, that ye should be officers in the house of the LORD, for every man that is mad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou shouldst put him in prison, and in the stocks :

27 Now, there'fore, why hast thou not reprov'd Jēr-ē-mī'āh of Ān'a-thōth, which maketh himself a prophet to you ?

28 For there'fore he sent unto us in Bāb'y-lōn, saying, This captivity is long : build ye houses, and dwell in them ; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

29 And Zēph-a-nī'āh the priest read this letter in the ears of Jēr-ē-mī'āh the prophet.

30 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jēr-ē-mī'āh, saying,

31 Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith the LORD concern'ing Shēm-ā-i'āh the Nē-hēl'a-mite ; Because that

Shēm-ā-i'āh hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he caused you to trust in a lie ;

32 There'fore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will punish Shēm-ā-i'āh the Nē-hēl'a-mite, and his seed : he shall not have a man to dwell among this people ; neither shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, saith the LORD ; because he hath taught rebellion against the LORD.

CHAP. XXX.

THE word that came to Jēr-ē-mī'āh from the LORD, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the Lord God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, 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 Iṣ'ra-ēl and Jū'dāh, 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 concern'ing Iṣ'ra-ēl, and concern'ing Jū'dāh.

5 For thus saith the LORD, We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.

6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth trava'il with child ? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in trava'il, and all faces are turned into paleness ?

7 Ā-lās ! for that day is great, so that none is like it : it is even the time of Jā'cōb'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 Dā'vid their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

10 There'fore fear thou not, O my servant Jā'cōb, saith the LORD ; neither be dismayed, O Iṣ'ra-ēl : for, lo, I will save thee from ā'far, and thy seed from the land of their captivity ; and Jā'cōb 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 : 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 mēas'ure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

12 For thus saith the LORD, Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous.

13 There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayst be bound up : thou hast no healing medicines.

14 All thy lovers have forgotten thee ; they seek thee not : for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chās'tisement of a cruel one, for the multi-

¹ Mā-ā-sēi'āh.

tude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased.

15 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.

16 Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.

17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zi'ōn, whom no man seeketh after.

18 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Ja'cōb's tents, and have mercy on his dwelling-places; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.

19 And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving, and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

20 Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.

21 And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD.

22 And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

23 Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind; it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked.

24 The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it.

CHAP. XXXI.

At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Iſ'ra-ël, and they shall be my people.

2 Thus saith the LORD, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Iſ'ra-ël, when I went to cause him to rest.

3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee.

4 Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Iſ'ra-ël: 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 Sa-mā'ri-ā: the planters

1 vēr'jūn.

shall plant, and shall eat them as common things.

6 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount E'phra-īm shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zi'ōn unto the LORD our God.

7 For thus saith the LORD, Sing with gladness for Ja'cōb, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Iſ'ra-ël.

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: 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 Iſ'ra-ël, and E'phra-īm is my first-born.

10 Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattereth Iſ'ra-ël will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

11 For the LORD hath redeemed Ja'cōb, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he.

12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zi'ōn, 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 souls shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow 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, saith the LORD.

15 Thus saith the LORD, A voice was heard in Rā'māh, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rā'chēl weeping for her children, refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.

16 Thus saith the LORD, Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.

17 And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD, that thy children shall come again to their own border.

18 I have surely heard E'phra-īm bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the LORD my God.

19 Surely after that I was turned, I re-

2 shēp'pürd.

pented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.

20 Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child? For since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still; therefore my bowels are troubled for him: I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the Lord.

21 Set thee up way-marks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, even the way which thou wentest: turn again; O virgin of Is'ra-ēl, turn again to these thy cities.

22 How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the Lord hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man.

23 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Is'ra-ēl. As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Jū'dāh, and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; The Lord bless thee, O habitation of justice, and mōūntain of holiness.

24 And there shall dwell in Jū'dāh itself, and in all the cities thereof together, hūš-bāndmēn, and they that go forth with flocks.

25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.

26 Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me.

27 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will sow the house of Is'ra-ēl, and the house of Jū'dāh, with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast.

28 And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destrōy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the Lord.

29 In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour 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 sour 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 Is'ra-ēl, and with the house of Jū'dāh;

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 Ēg'gypt; (which my covenant they brake, although I was a hūšbānd unto them, saith the Lord.)

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Is'ra-ēl; 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 more every man his neighbour, and every 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 the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts is his name:

36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Is'ra-ēl also shall cease 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 Is'ra-ēl, 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 Ha-nām'e-ēl unto the gate of the corner.

39 And the measuring-line shall yet go forth over against it upon the hill Gā'rēb, and shall compass about to Gō'āth.

40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields, unto the brook of Kid'rōn, 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.

THIS word that came to Jēr-ē-mī'āh from the Lord in the tenth year of Zēd-ē-kī'āh king of Jū'dāh, which was the eighth year of Neb-ū-ḡād-rēz'zār.

2 For then the king of Bāb'y-lōn's army besieged Je-rū'sa-lēm: and Jēr-ē-mī'āh the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which was in the king of Jū'dāh's house.

3 For Zēd-ē-kī'āh king of Jū'dāh had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Bāb'y-lōn, and he shall take it.

4 And Zēd-ē-kī'āh king of Jū'dāh shall not escape out of the hand of the Chāl-dē'ānš, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Bāb'y-lōn: and shall speak with him mouth to month, and his eyes shall behold his eyes;

5 And he shall lead Zēd-ē-kī'āh to Bāb'y-lōn, and there shall he be until I visit him, saith the Lord: though ye fight with the Chāl-dē'ānš, ye shall not prosper.

6 And Jēr-ē-mī'āh said, The word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

7 Behold, Ha-nām'e-ēl, the son of Shāl'lūm, thine uncle, shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that is in Ān'a-thōth; for the right of redemption is thine to buy it.

8 So Ha-nām'e-ēl, 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, I pray thee, that is in Ān'a-

thóth, which is in the country of Bën'já-mín : 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 Ha-nám'e-él, my uncle's son, that *was* in Án'a-thóth, and weighed him the móney, *even* seventeen shekels of silver.

10 And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed it, and took witnesses, and weighed *him* the móney in the balances.

11 So I took the evidence of the pür'chäse, both that which was sealed *according* to the law and custom, and that which was open.

12 And I gave the evidence of the pür'chäse unto Bär'üch the son of Nē-rí'áh, the son of Má-ä-sēi'áh, in the sight of Ha-nám'e-él mine uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the pür'chäse, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison.

13 And I charged Bär'üch before them, saying,

14 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Íš'ra-él, Take these evidences, this evidence of the pür'chäse, (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 Íš'ra-él, Houses, and fields, and vineyards,¹ shall be possëss'ed ägain' in this land.

16 Now when I had delivered the evidence of the pür'chäse unto Bär'üch the son of Nē-rí'áh, I prayed unto the LORD, saying,

17 Äh, 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 showest loving-kindness unto thousands, and recompenses the iniquity of the fathers into the bö'sóm of their children äfter them : The Great, the Migh'ty God, the LORD of hosts, is his name.

19 Great in counsel, and mighty in work : (for thine eyes äre open upon all the ways of the sons of men ; to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings :)

20 Which hast set signs and wónders in the land of É'gýpt, *even* unto this day, and in Íš'ra-él, and ämongst other men ; and hast made thee a name, as at this day ;

21 And hast brought forth thy people Íš'ra-él out of the land of É'gýpt, with signs, and with wónders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched-out arm, and with great terror ;

22 And hast 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 possëss'ed it ;

but they obeyed not thy voice, neither walked in thy law : they have done nothing of all that thou cömmandedst them to do ; thäre'fore thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them.

24 Behold the mounts, they äre come unto the city to take it ; and the city is given into the hand of the Chäl-dé'änš that fight ägainst' 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 móney, and take witnesses ; for the city is given into the hand of the Chäl-dé'änš.

26 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jér-é-mí'áh, saying,

27 Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh : is there any thing too hard for me ?

28 Thäre'fore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chäl-dé'änš, and into the hand of Nēb-ü-chäd-réz/zär king of Báb'y-lön, and he shall take it.

29 And the Chäl-dé'änš, that fight ägainst' this city, shall come and set fire on this city and burn it, with the houses upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Bäl, and poured out drink-offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger.

30 For the children of Íš'ra-él, and the children of Jü'däh have only done evil before me from their youth : for the children of Íš'ra-él have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, saith 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 Íš'ra-él, and of the children of Jü'däh, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Jü'däh, and the inhabitants of Jē-rü'sa-lēm.

33 And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face : though I taught them, rising up 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 Bäl, which äre in the valley of the son of Hín'nóm, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Móléché, which I cömmanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Jü'däh to sin.

36 And now thäre'fore thus saith the LORD, the God of Íš'ra-él, cöncér'níng thís

¹ vîn'yërdz.

city, whereof ye say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Bāb'y-lōn 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 Gōd :

39 And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them :

40 And I will make an *évêrlās'ting* cōvénant with them, that I will not turn āway from them to do them good ; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

41 Yēa, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plānt them in this land assuredly 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 Chāl-dē'āns.

44 Men shall buy fields for mōney, and subscribe evidences, and seal *them*, and take witnesses in the land of Bēn'jā-min, and in the places ābout' Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and in the cities of Jū'dāh, and in the cities of the mōūn tāins, 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.

MOREOVER, the word of the LORD came unto Jēr-ē-mi'āh 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 estāb'lish it ; the LORD *is* his name ;

3 Call unto me, and I will ānswer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

4 For thus saith the LORD, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, cōncērn'ing the houses of this city, and cōncērn'ing the houses of the kings of Jū'dāh, which āre thrown down by the mōunts, and by the sword ;

5 They come to fight with the Chāl-dē'āns, 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.

7 And I will cause the captivity of Jū'

dāh, and the captivity of Iṣ'ra-ēl, to return, and will build them as at the first.

8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned āgainst' me ; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed āgainst' me.*

9 And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an hōn'ōur 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, Āgain' there shall be hēard in this place (which ye say *shall be* desolate without man and without beast, *even* in the cities of Jū'dāh, and in the streets of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, that āre 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 mērcy *endureth for ever* : and of them that shall bring the sār'ificē of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

12 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Āgain' in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, shall be a habitation of shēp'hērdṣ causing *their* flocks to lie down.

13 In the cities of the mōūn'tāins, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Bēn'jā-min, and in the places ābout' Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and in the cities of Jū'dāh, shall the flocks pās āgain' under the hands of him that telleth *them*, saith the LORD.

14 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will pērf'orm' that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and to the house of Jū'dāh.

15 In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto Dā'vīd ; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

16 In those days shall Jū'dāh be saved, and Jē-rū'sa-lēm shall dwell safely ; and *this is the name* wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.

17 For thus saith the LORD, Dā'vīd shall never wānt a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl ;

18 Nēither shall the priests the Lē'vites wānt a man before me, to offer burnt-offerings, and to kindle meat-offerings, and to do sār'ificē continually.

19 And the word of the LORD came unto Jēr-ē-mi'āh, saying,

20 Thus saith the LORD, If ye can break my cōvénant of the day, and my cōvénant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season ;

21 *Then* may also my cōvénant be broken

with Dâ'vid my sêrvant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Lê'vites the priêsts, my ministers.

22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea mēaş'ured; so will I multiply the seed of Dâ'vid my sêrvant, and the Lê'vites that minister unto me.

23 Moreover, the word of the LORD came to Jêr-ê-mi'âh, saying,

24 Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the LORD hath chosen, he hath even cāst them off? Thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them.

25 Thus saith the LORD, If my cōvenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

26 Then will I cāst āwāy the seed of Jā'çōb, and Dâ'vid my sêrvant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Ā'bra-hām, Ī'şāaç, and Jā'çōb: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mērcy on them.

CHAP. XXXIV.

THE word which came unto Jêr-ê-mi'âh from the LORD, (when Nêb-û-çhād-nêz'zār king of Bāb'y-lōn, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth of his dominion, and all the people, fought āgainst' Jê-rû'sa-lēm, and āgainst' all the cities thereof,) saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Īş'ra-ël, Go, and speak to Zêd-ê-ki'âh king of Jû'dāh, and tell him; Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Bāb'y-lōn, and he shall burn it with fire.

3 And thou shalt not êscape' out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Bāb'y-lōn, and he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Bāb'y-lōn.

4 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zêd-ê-ki'âh king of Jû'dāh; Thus saith the LORD of thee, Thou shalt not die by the swōrd;

5 But thou shalt die in peace: and with the burnings of thy fathers, the former kings which wêre before thee, so shall they burn odours for thee; and they will lamēt thee, saying, Ah, lord! for I have pronounced the word, saith the LORD.

6 Then Jêr-ê-mi'âh the prophet spake all these words unto Zêd-ê-ki'âh king of Jû'dāh in Jê-rû'sa-lēm,

7 When the king of Bāb'y-lōn's army fought āgainst' Jê-rû'sa-lēm, and āgainst' all the cities of Jû'dāh that wêre left, āgainst' Lā'çhish, and āgainst' Ā-zê'kāh: for these defēned cities remained of the cities of Jû'dāh.

8 This is the word that came unto Jêr-

ê-mi'âh from the LORD, āfter that the king Zêd-ê-ki'âh had made a cōvenant with all the people which wêre at Jê-rû'sa-lēm, to proclaim liberty unto them;

9 That every man should let his man-sêrvant, and every man his maid-sêrvant, being a Hê'brew or a Hê'brew-ess, go free; that nōne should sêrve himself of them, to wit, of a Jew his brōther.

10 Now, when all the princes, and all the people which had entered into the cōvenant, heard that every one should let his man-sêrvant, and every one his maid-sêrvant, go free, that nōne should sêrve themselves of them any more; then they obeyed, and let them go.

11 But āfterwārd's they turned, and caused the sêrvants, and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for sêrvants and for handmaids.

12 Thêrê'fōre the word of the LORD came to Jêr-ê-mi'âh from the LORD, saying,

13 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Īş'ra-ël, I made a cōvenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Ê'gyp't, out of the house of bondmen, saying,

14 At the end of seven years, let ye go every man his brōther a Hê'brew, which hath been sold unto thee; and, when he hath sêrved 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 wêre now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour: and ye had made a cōvenant before me in the house which is called by my name:

16 But ye turned, and polluted my name, and caused every man his sêrvant, and every man his handmaid, whom ye had set at liberty at their plēaş'ure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for sêrvants and for handmaids.

17 Thêrê'fōre thus saith the LORD, Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty every one to his brōther, and every man to his neighbour: behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the LORD, to the swōrd, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 And I will give the men that have transgressed my cōvenant, which have not pêrfōrm'ed the words of the cōvenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in twain, and pāssed between the parts thereof,

19 The princes of Jû'dāh, and the princes of Jê-rû'sa-lēm, the eū'nūchs, and the priêsts, and all the people of the land, which pāssed 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 Zed-e-ki'ah king of Jū'dāh, 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 Bāb y-lōn's army, which are gone up from you.

22 Behold, I will cōmmand', saith the LORD, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against' it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Jū'dāh a desolation without an inhabitant.

CHAP. XXXV.

THE word which came unto Jēr-ē-mī'ah from the LORD, in the days of Jē-hōi'-a-kīm the son of Jō-si'ah king of Jū'dāh, saying,

2 Go unto the house of the Rē'chāb-ites, 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 Jā-āz-ā-nī'ah the son of Jēr-ē-mī'ah, the son of Hāb-ā-zi-mī'ah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rē'chāb-ites;

4 And I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hā'nān, the son of Īg-da-lī'ah, a man of God, which *was* by the chamber of the princes, which *was* above the chamber of Mā-ā-sēi'-ah,² the son of Shāl'lūm, the keeper of the door:

5 And I set before the sons of the house of the Rē'chāb-ites pots full of wine, and cups; and I said unto them, Drink ye wine.

6 But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jōn'a-dāb the son of Rē'chāb, our father, cōmmand'ed us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, *neither* ye nor your sons for ever:

7 Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plānt vine-yard,³ nor have *any*: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye *be* strangers.

8 Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jōn'a-dāb the son of Rē'chāb, our father, in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters;

9 Nor to build houses for us to dwell in; neither have we vine-yard, nor field, nor seed:

10 But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jōn'a-dāb our father cōmmand'ed us.

11 But it came to pass, when Nēb-ū-čhād-rēz'zār king of Bāb'y-lōn came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jēr-rū'sa-lēm for fear of the army of the Chāl-de'āns, and for fear of the army of the Sūr i-āns: so we dwell at Jēr-rū'sa-lēm.

12 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jēr-ē-mī'ah, saying,

13 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Īs'ra-ēl, Go and tell the men of Jū'dāh, and the inhabitants of Jēr-rū'sa-lēm.

Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words? saith the LORD.

14 The words of Jōn'a-dāb, the son of Rē'chāb, that he cōmmand'ed his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's cōmmand'ment: notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye hearkened not unto me.

15 I have sent also unto you all my sēr-vants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amēnd' your doings, and go not after other gods to sērve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me.

16 Because the sons of Jōn'a-dāb the son of Rē'chāb have perform'ed the cōmmand'ment of their father, which he cōmmand'ed them; but this people hath not hearkened unto me:

17 Therē'fore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, the God of Īs'ra-ēl, Behold, I will bring upon Jū'dāh, and upon all the inhabitants of Jēr-rū'sa-lēm, 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 Jēr-ē-mī'ah said unto the house of the Rē'chāb-ites, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Īs'ra-ēl, Because ye have obeyed the cōmmand'ment of Jōn'a-dāb your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath cōmmand'ed you;

19 Therē'fore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Īs'ra-ēl, Jōn'a-dāb the son of Rē'chāb shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.

CHAP. XXXVI.

AND it came to pass, in the fourth year of Jē-hōi'a-kīm the son of Jō-si'ah king of Jū'dāh, that this word came unto Jēr-ē-mī'ah 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' Īs'ra-ēl, and against' Jū'dāh, and against' all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Jō-si'ah, even unto this day.

3 It may be that the house of Jū'dāh 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 Jēr-ē-mī'ah called Bā'rūch the son of Ne-rī'ah: and Bā'rūch wrote from the mouth of Jēr-ē-mī'ah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.

5 And Jēr-ē-mī'ah cōmmand'ed Bā'rūch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the LORD:

6 Therē'fore go thou, and read in the roll,

¹ ō-bē'je-ēnsē.

² Mā-ā-sēi'yāh.

³ vīn'yērd.

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 fast'-ing-day; and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Jū'dāh 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 Bā'rūch the son of Nē-rī'āh did according to all that Jēr-ē-mī'āh the prophet cōmmanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

9 And it came to pass, in the fifth year of Jē-hōi'a-kīm the son of Jō-si'āh king of Jū'dāh, in the ninth month, that they proclaimed a fast before the LORD to all the people in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and to all the people that came from the cities of Jū'dāh unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

10 Then read Bā'rūch in the book the words of Jēr-ē-mī'āh in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gēm-ā-rī'āh¹ the son of Shā'phān the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of the LORD's house, in the ears of all the people.

11 When Mi-čhāi'āh² the son of Gēm-ā-rī'āh, the son of Shā'phān, had heard out of the book all the words of the LORD,

12 Then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber, and, lo, all the princes sat there, even Ē-līsh'a-mā the scribe, and Dēl-ā-rī'āh the son of Shēm-ā-rī'āh, and Ēl'ua-thān the son of Ačh'bōr, and Gēm-ā-rī'āh the son of Shā'phān, and Zēd-ē-kī-āh the son of Hān-ā-nī'āh, and all the princes.

13 Then Mi-čhāi'āh declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Bā'rūch read the book in the ears of the people.

14 There'fore all the princes sent Jē-hū'dī the son of Nēth-a-nī'āh, the son of Shēl-ē-mī'āh, the son of Čū'shī, unto Bā'rūch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Bā'rūch the son of Nē-rī'āh took the roll in his hand, and came unto them.

15 And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Bā'rūch read it in their ears.

16 Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they were afraid both one and other, and said unto Bā'rūch, We will surely tell the king of all these words.

17 And they asked Bā'rūch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth?

18 Then Bā'rūch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book.

19 Then said the princes unto Bā'rūch, Go hide thee, thou and Jēr-ē-mī'āh, and let no man know where ye be.

20 And they went in to the king into the

court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Ē-līsh'a-mā the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king.

21 So the king sent Je-hū'dī to fetch the roll; and he took it out of Ē-līsh'a-mā the scribe's chamber: and Jē-hū'dī read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king.

22 Now the king sat in the winter-house, in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him.

23 And it came to pass, that when Jē-hū'dī had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the pen-knife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth.

24 Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words.

25 Nevertheless, Ēl'ua-thān, and Dēl-ā-rī'āh, and Gēm-ā-rī'āh, had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll; but he would not hear them.

26 But the king cōmmanded Jēr-ē-mī'āh the son of Hām'ne-lēch, and Sē-rā-i'āh the son of Āz'ri-ēl, and Shēl-ē-mī'āh the son of Āb'de-ēl, to take Bā'rūch the scribe, and Jēr-ē-mī'āh the prophet: but the LORD hid them.

27 Then the word of the LORD came to Jēr-ē-mī'āh, (after that the king had burnt the roll, and the words which Bā'rūch wrote at the mouth of Jēr-ē-mī'āh,) saying,

28 Take thee again' another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jē-hōi'a-kīm the king of Jū'dāh hath burnt.

29 And thou shalt say to Jē-hōi'a-kīm king of Jū'dāh, Thus saith the LORD, Thou hast burnt this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Bāb'y-lōn shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast?

30 There'fore thus saith the LORD of Jē-hōi'a-kīm king of Jū'dāh, He shall have none to sit upon the throne of Dā'vid; 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 will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and upon the men of Jū'dāh, all the evil that I have pronounced against them: but they hearkened not.

32 Then took Jēr-ē-mī'āh another roll, and gave it to Bā'rūch the scribe, the son of Nē-rī'āh; who wrote therein, from the mouth of Jēr-ē-mī'āh, all the words of the book which Jē-hōi'a-kīm king of Jū'dāh had burnt in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.

CHAP. XXXVII.

AND king Zēd-ē-kī'āh, the son of Jō-si'āh, reigned instead of Čō-nī'āh the son of Jē-hōi'a-kīm, whom Nēb-ū-čhād-réz'zār king

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² Mi-kā'yāh.

of Bāb'y-lōn made king in the land of Jū'dāh.

2 But nēither he, nor his sērvants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of the LORD, which he spake by the prophet Jēr-ē-mī'ah.

3 And Zēd-ē-kī'ah the king sent Jē'hucāl the son of Shēl-ē-mī'ah, and Zēph-a-nī'ah the son of Mā-ā-seī'ah the priest, to the prophet Jēr-ē-mī'ah, saying, Pray now unto the LORD our God for us.

4 Now Jēr-ē-mī'ah came in and went out among the people; for they had not put him into prison.

5 Then Phā'raoh's army was come forth out of Eġypt: and when the Chāl-dē'ānš that besieged Jē-rū'sa-lēm heard tidings of them, they departed from Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

6 Then came the word of the LORD unto the prophet Jēr-ē-mī'ah, saying,

7 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Thus shall ye say to the king of Jū'dāh, that sent you unto me to inquire of me; Behold, Phā'raoh's army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Eġypt into their own land.

8 And the Chāl-dē'ānš shall come again', and fight against' this city, and take it, and burn it with fire.

9 Thus saith the LORD, Decēve not yourselves, saying, The Chāl-dē'ānš shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart.

10 For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chāl-dē'ānš that fight against' you, and there remained *but* wounded men among them, yet should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

11 And it came to pās, that when the army of the Chāl-dē'ānš was broken up from Jē-rū'sa-lēm for fear of Phā'raoh's army,

12 Then Jēr-ē-mī'ah went forth out of Jē-rū'sa-lēm to go into the land of Bēn'ja-mīn, to separate himself thence in the midst of the people.

13 And when he was in the gate of Bēn'ja-mīn, a cāp'tain of the ward *was* there, whose name *was* Ī-rī'jah, the son of Shēl-ē-mī'ah, the son of Hān-a-nī'ah; and he took Jēr-ē-mī'ah the prophet, saying, Thou fall-est āwāy to the Chāl-dē'ānš.

14 Then said Jēr-ē-mī'ah, *It is false; I fall not āwāy to the Chāl-dē'ānš. But he hearkened not to him: so Ī-rī'jah took Jēr-ē-mī'ah, and brought him to the princes.*

15 Wherefore the princes wēre wroth with Jēr-ē-mī'ah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jōn'a-thān the scribe; for they had made that the prison.

16 When Jēr-ē-mī'ah was entered into the dungeon, and into the cabins, and Jēr-ē-mī'ah had remained there many days;

17 Then Zēd-ē-kī'ah 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 Jēr-ē-mī'ah said, *There is: for, said he, thou shalt be deliver-*

ed into the hand of the king of Bāb'y-lōn.

18 Moreover, Jēr-ē-mī'ah said unto king Zēd-ē-kī'ah, What have I offended against' thee, or against' thy sērvants, 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 Bāb'y-lōn shall not come against' you, nor against' this land?

20 Thēre'fore hear now, I pray thee, O my lord the king: let my supplication, I pray thee, be accepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jōn'a-thān the scribe, lest I die there.

21 Then Zēd-ē-kī'ah the king cōmmānd-
ed that they should commit Jēr-ē-mī'ah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city wēre spent. Thus Jēr-ē-mī'ah remained in the court of the prison.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

THIEN Shēph-a-tī'ah the son of Māt'tān, and Gēd-a-h'ah the son of Pāsh'ūr, and Jū'cāl the son of Shēl-ē-mī'ah, and Pāsh'ūr the son of Māl-ḥī'ah, heard the words that Jēr-ē-mī'ah had spoken unto all the people, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD, He that remain-
eth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth forth to the Chāl-dē'ānš shall live; for he shall have his life for a prey, and shall live.

3 Thus saith the LORD, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Bāb'y-lōn's army, which shall take it.

4 Thēre'fore the princes said 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 seek-eth not the welfare of this people, but the hurt.

5 Then Zēd-ē-kī'ah the king said, Be-
hold, he *is* in your hand: for the king *is* not *he* that can do *any* thing against' you.

6 Then took they Jēr-ē-mī'ah, and cāst him into the dungeon of Māl-ḥī'ah the son of Hām'me-lēḥ, that *was* in the court of the prison: and they let down Jēr-ē-mī'ah with cords. And in the dungeon *there was* no water, but mire: so Jēr-ē-mī'ah sunk in the mire.

7 Now when Ē-bēd'me-lēḥ the Ē-thi-
ō'pi-ān, one of the eū'nūchs which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jēr-ē-mī'ah in the dungeon, (the king then sitting in the gate of Bēn'ja-mīn.)

8 Ē-bēd'me-lēḥ went forth out of the king's house, and spake to the king, saying,

9 My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jēr-ē-mī'ah the prophet, whom they have cāst 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.

10 Then the king cōmmān'ded Ē-bēd'/me-lēch the Ē-thi-ō'pī-ān, saying, Take from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jēr-ē-mī'āh the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die.

11 So Ē-bēd'/me-lēch took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the trēas'ury, and took thence old cāst clouts and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jēr-ē-mī'āh.

12 And Ē-bēd'/me-lēch the Ē-thi-ō'pī-ān said unto Jēr-ē-mī'āh, Put now *these* old cāst clouts and rotten rags under thine arm-holes, under the cords. And Jēr-ē-mī'āh did so.

13 So they drew up Jēr-ē-mī'āh with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jēr-ē-mī'āh remained in the court of the prison.

14 Then Zēd-ē-kī'āh the king sent, and took Jēr-ē-mī'āh the prophet unto him into the third entry that *is* in the house of the LORD: and the king said unto Jēr-ē-mī'āh, I will ask thee a thing; hide nōthing from me.

15 Then Jēr-ē-mī'āh said unto Zēd-ē-kī'āh, 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?

16 So Zēd-ē-kī'āh the king sware secretly unto Jēr-ē-mī'āh, saying, *As* the LORD liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy life.

17 Then said Jēr-ē-mī'āh unto Zēd-ē-kī'āh, Thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, If thou wilt assuredly go forth unto the king of Bāb'y-lōn's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burnt with fire; and thou shalt live, and thine house:

18 But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Bāb'y-lōn's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chāl-dē'ānṣ, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not ēscape' out of their hand.

19 And Zēd-ē-kī'āh the king said unto Jēr-ē-mī'āh, I am āfrāid of the Jews that āre fallen to the Chāl-dē'ānṣ, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me.

20 But Jēr-ē-mī'āh 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.

21 But if thou refuse to go forth, this *is* the word that the LORD hath showed me:

22 And, behold, all the women that āre left in the king of Jā'dāh's house shall be brought forth to the king of Bāb'y-lōn's princes: and those *women* shall say, Thy friends have set thee on, and have prevailed āgainst' thee: thy feet āre sunk in the mire, and they āre turned āway back.

23 So they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chāl-dē'ānṣ; and thou shalt not ēscape' out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of

Bāb'y-lōn: and thou shalt cause this city to be burnt with fire.

24 Then said Zēd-ē-kī'āh unto Jēr-ē-mī'āh, Let no man know of these words, and thou shalt not die.

25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come 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 Jōn'athān's house, to die there.

27 Then came all the princes unto Jēr-ē-mī'āh, and āsked him: and he told them according to all these words that the king had cōmmān'ded. So they left off speaking with him: for the matter was not pērcēived.

28 So Jēr-ē-mī'āh ābode in the court of the prison until the day that Jē-rū'sa-lēm was taken: and he was *there* when Jē-rū'sa-lēm was taken.

CHAP. XXXIX.

IN the ninth year of Zēd-ē-kī'āh king of Jū'dāh, in the tenth month, came Nēb-ū-ḥād-rēz/zār king of Bāb'y-lōn and all his army āgainst' Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and they besiēged it.

2 And in the eleventh year of Zēd-ē-kī'āh, in the fourth month, the ninth *day* of the month, the city was broken up.

3 And all the princes of the king of Bāb'y-lōn came in, and sat in the middle gate, *even* Nēr'gāl-Sha-rē'zēr, Sām'gār-Nē'bō, Sār-sē'ḥīm, Rāb'sa-rīs, Nēr'gāl-Sha-rē'zēr, Rāb'māg, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Bāb'y-lōn.

4 And it came to pass, *that* when Zēd-ē-kī'āh the king of Jū'dāh 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 gārden, by the gate betwixt the two walls; and he went out the way of the plain.

5 But the Chāl-dē'ānṣ' army pursued āfter them, and overtook Zēd-ē-kī'āh in the plains of Jēr'ū-ḥō: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz/zār king of Bāb'y-lōn to Rīb'lāh, in the land of Hā'māth, where he gave judgment upon him.

6 Then the king of Bāb'y-lōn slew the sons of Zēd-ē-kī'āh in Rīb'lāh before his eyes: also the king of Bāb'y-lōn slew all the nobles of Jū'dāh.

7 Moreover, he put out Zēd-ē-kī'āh's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Bāb'y-lōn.

8 And the Chāl-dē'ānṣ burnt the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

9 Then Nēb-ū-zār'a-dān, the cāp'tāin of the gārd, carried āway captive into Bāb'y-lōn the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell āway,

that fell to him, with the rest of the people that remained.

10 But Nēb-ū-zār'a-dān, the cāp'tain of the guard,¹ left of the poor of the people, which had nōthing, in the land of Jū'dāh, and gave them vine yards² and fields at the same time.

11 ¶ Now Nēb-ū-ḥād-rēz/zār king of Bāb'y-lōn gave charge cōncērn'ing Jēr-ē-mī'āh to Nēb-ū-zār'a-dān the cāp'tain 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 Nēb-ū-zār'a-dān, the cāp'tain of the guard, sent, and Nēb-ū-shās'hān, Rāb/sa-ris, and Ner'gāl-Sha-rē/zēr, Rāb/māg, and all the king of Bāb'y-lōn's princes,

14 Even they sent, and took Jēr-ē-mī'āh out of the court of the prison, and committed him unto Gēd-a-lī'āh the son of Ā-hī-kām the son of Shā'phān, that he should carry him home: so he dwelt among the people.

15 ¶ Now the word of the LORD came unto Jēr-ē-mī'āh, while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

16 Go and speak to Ē-bēd'me-lēch the Ē-thi-ōp'i-ān, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, 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 hast put thy trust in me, saith the LORD.

CHAP. XL.

THE word which came to Jēr-ē-mī'āh from the LORD, after that Nēb-ū-zār'a-dān the cāp'tain of the guard had let him go from Rā'māh, when he had taken him, being bound in chains among all that were carried away captive of Jē-rū'sa-lēm and Jū'dāh, which were carried away captive unto Bāb'y-lōn.

2 And the cāp'tain of the guard took Jēr-ē-mī'āh, and said unto him, The LORD thy God 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 lōse thee this day from the chains which were upon thine hand. If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Bāb'y-lōn, come, and I will look well unto thee; but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Bāb'y-lōn, forbear: behold, all the land is before thee:

¹ gyàrd.

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 Gēd-a-lī'āh the son of Ā-hī-kām, the son of Shā'phān, whom the king of Bāb'y-lōn hath made gōvērnor over the cities of Jū'dāh, and dwell with him among the people; or go wheresoever it seemeth convenient unto thee to go. So the cāp'tain of the guard gave him victuals and a reward, and let him go.

6 Then went Jēr-ē-mī'āh unto Gēd-a-lī'āh the son of Ā-hī-kām, to Miz'pāh, and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.

7 ¶ Now when all the cāp'tains of the forces which were in the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of Bāb'y-lōn had made Gēd-a-lī'āh the son of Ā-hī-kām gōvērnor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, and of the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Bāb'y-lōn;

8 Then they came to Gēd-a-lī'āh to Miz'pāh, even Iṣ'h'ma-ēl the son of Nēth-a-nī'āh, and Jō-hā'nān and Jōn'a-thān the sons of Ka-rē'āh, and Sē-rā-rī'āh the son of Tān/hu-mēth, and the sons of Ē'phāi the Nē-tōph'a-thite, and Jēz-a-nī'āh the son of a Mā-āch'a-thite, they and their men.

9 And Gēd-a-lī'āh the son of Ā-hī-kām, the son of Shā'phān, swore unto them, and to their men, saying, Fear not to serve the Chāl-dē'ān's: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Bāb'y-lōn, and it shall be well with you.

10 As for me, behold, I will dwell at Miz'pāh, to serve the Chāl-dē'ān's 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 Mō'āb, and among the Ām'mōn-ites, and in Ē'dōm, and that were in all the countries, heard that the king of Bāb'y-lōn had left a remnant of Jū'dāh, and that he had set over them Gēd-a-lī'āh the son of Ā-hī-kām, the son of Shā'phān:

12 Even all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Jū'dāh, to Gēd-a-lī'āh, unto Miz'pāh, and gathered wine and summer-fruits very much.

13 Moreover, Jō-hā'nān the son of Ka-rē'āh, and all the cāp'tains of the forces that were in the fields, came to Gēd-a-lī'āh to Miz'pāh,

14 And said unto him, Dost thou certainly know that Bā'al-is the king of the Ām'mōn-ites hath sent Iṣ'h'ma-ēl the son of Nēth-a-nī'āh to slay thee? But Gēd-a-lī'āh the son of Ā-hī-kām believed them not.

15 Then Jō-hā'nān the son of Ka-rē'āh spake to Gēd-a-lī'āh in Miz'pāh secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Iṣ'h'ma-ēl the son of Nēth-a-nī'āh, and

² vīn'yērdz.

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 Jû'dáh perish ?

16 But Géd-a-lí'áh the son of Ā-hí'kām said unto Jô-há'nán the son of Ka-ré'áfí, Thou shalt not do this thing ; for thou speakest falsely of Ish'ma-él.

CHAP. XLI.

NOW it came to päss in the seventh month, that Ish'ma-él the son of Nêth-a-ní'áh, the son of E-lísh-a-má, of the seed royal, and the princes of the king, even ten men, with him, came unto Géd-a-lí'áh the son of Ā-hí'kām, to Miz'páh ; and there they did eat bread together in Miz'páh.

2 Then ārōš Ish'ma-él the son of Nêth-a-ní'áh, and the ten men that wêre with him, and smote Géd-a-lí'áh the son of Ā-hí'kām, the son of Shá'phán, with the swôrd, and slew him, whom the king of Báb'y-lôn had made gôvêrnor over the land.

3 Ish'ma-él also slew all the Jews that wêre with him, even with Géd-a-lí'áh at Miz'páh, and the Châl-dê'ânš that wêre found there, and the men of war.

4 And it came to päss, the second day after he had slain Géd-a-lí'áh, and no man knew it,

5 That there came cêr'tain from Shê'çhêm, from Shi'lôh, and from Sa-má'ri-á, even fourscore men, having their bêards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring them to the house of the LORD.

6 And Ish'ma-él the son of Nêth-a-ní'áh went forth from Miz'páh to meet them, weeping all álōng' as he went : and it came to päss, as he met them, he said unto them, Come to Géd-a-lí'áh the son of Ā-hí'kām.

7 And it was so, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ish'ma-él the son of Nêth-a-ní'áh slew them, and cást them into the midst of the pit, he, and the men that wêre with him.

8 But ten men wêre found among them that said unto Ish'ma-él, Slay us not ; for we have trêasúres in the field, of wheat, and of bårley, and of oil, and of hóney. So he forbore, and slew them not among their brêthren.

9 Now the pit wherein Ish'ma-él had cást all the dead bodies of the men, whom he had slain because of Géd-a-lí'áh, was it which A'sû the king had made for fear of Bâ'a-shá king of Íš'ra-él ; and Ish'ma-él the son of Nêth-a-ní'áh filled it with them that wêre slain.

10 Then Ish'ma-él carried away captive all the residue of the people that wêre in Miz'páh, even the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Miz'páh, whom Nêb-û-zár'a-dán the cåp'tain of the guard had committed to Géd-a-lí'áh the son of Ā-hí'kām : and Ish'ma-él the son of Nêth-a-ní'áh carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ām'môn-ites.

11 But when Jô-há'nán the son of Ka-ré'áh, and all the cåp'tains of the forces that wêre with him, heard of all the evil that Ish'ma-él the son of Nêth-a-ní'áh had done,

12 Then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ish'ma-él the son of Nêth-a-ní'áh, and found him by the great waters that are in Gib'e-ôn.

13 Now it came to päss, that when all the people which wêre with Ish'ma-él saw Jô-há'nán the son of Ka-ré'áh, and all the cåp'tains of the forces that wêre with him, then they wêre glad.

14 So all the people that Ish'ma-él had carried away captive from Miz'páh cást about', and returned, and went unto Jô-há'nán the son of Ka-ré'áh.

15 But Ish'ma-él the son of Nêth-a-ní'áh escaped from Jô-há'nán with eight men, and went to the Ām'môn-ites.

16 Then took Jô-há'nán the son of Ka-ré'áh, and all the cåp'tains of the forces that wêre with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ish'ma-él the son of Nêth-a-ní'áh, from Miz'páh, (after that he had slain Géd-a-lí'áh the son of Ā-hí'kām,) even mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eû'núchs, whom he had brought again' from Gib'e-ôn :

17 And they departed, and dwelt in the habitation of Chím'hám, which is by Bêth'le-hêm, to go to enter into É'gypt,

18 Because of the Châl-dê'ânš : for they wêre afraid of them, because Ish'ma-él the son of Nêth-a-ní'áh had slain Géd-a-lí'áh the son of Ā-hí'kām, whom the king of Báb'y-lôn made gôvêrnor in the land.

CHAP. XLII.

THEN all the cåp'tains of the forces, and Jô-há'nán the son of Ka-ré'áh, and Jéz-a-ní'áh the son of Hôsh-á-i'áh, and all the people, from the least even to the greatest, came near,

2 And said unto Jêr-ê-mí'áh the prophet, 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 show us the way wherein we may wålk, and the thing that we may do.

4 Then Jêr-ê-mí'áh 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 päss, that whåt soever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare it unto you ; I will keep nóthing back from you.

5 Then they said to Jêr-ê-mí'áh, The LORD be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the wåch 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

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be well with us, when we obey the voice of the LORD our God.

7 ¶ And it came to päss, äfter ten days, that the word of the LORD came unto Jër-ë-mi'äh.

8 Then called he Jö-hä'nän the son of Ka-rë'äh, and all the cäp'tains of the forces which wëre with him, and all the people, from the leäst even to the greatest,

9 And said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Iṣ'ra-ël, unto whom ye sent me to present your supplication before him;

10 If ye will still äbide in this land, then will I build you, and not püll *you* down; and I will plänt you, and not pluck *you* up: for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you.

11 Be not äfräid of the king of Bäb'y-lön, of whom ye äre äfräid; be not äfräid of äim, saith the LORD: for I *am* with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.

12 And I will show mër'cies unto you, that he may have mërey upon you, and cause you to return to your own land.

13 But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land, nëither obey the voice of the LORD your God,

14 Saying, No; but we will go into the land of Ē'g'gypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell:

15 And now, thëre'fore, hear the word of the LORD, ye remnant of Jü'däh; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iṣ'ra-ël, If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Ē'g'gypt, and go to sō'joürn there;

16 Then it shall come to päss, *that* the swörd, which ye feared, shall overtake you there in the land of Ē'g'gypt, and the famine, whereof ye wëre äfräid, shall follow close äfter you there in Ē'g'gypt; and there ye shall die.

17 So shall it bë with all the men that set their faces to go into Ē'g'gypt, to sō'joürn there; they shall die by the swörd, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and nöne of them shall remäin or escäpe' from the evil that I will bring upon them.

18 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iṣ'ra-ël, As mine anger and my fury hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jë-rü'sa-lëm; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Ē'g'gypt: and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more.

19 The LORD hath said cöncë'r'n'ing you, O ye remnant of Jü'däh, Go ye not into Ē'g'gypt: know cër'täinly that I have admonished you this day.

20 For ye dissembled in your hearts, when ye sent me unto the LORD your God, saying, Pray for us unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do *it*.

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, thëre'fore, know cër'täinly that ye shall die by the swörd, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go, and to sō'joürn.

CHAP. XLIII.

AND it came to päss, *that* when Jër-ë-mi'äh 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 spakë Äz-a-ri'äh the son of Hösh-a-r'äh, and Jö-hä'nän the son of Ka-rë'äh, and all the proud men, saying unto Jër-ë-mi'äh, Thou speakest falsely: the LORD our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Ē'g'gypt to sō'joürn there:

3 Büt Bärüch the son of Në-ri'äh setteth thee on ägainst' us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Çhä'l-dë'äns, that they might put us to death, and carry us äwäy captives into Bäb'y-lön.

4 So Jö-hä'nän the son of Ka-rë'äh, and all the cäp'tains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the LORD, to dwell in the land of Jü'däh;

5 But Jö-hä'nän the son of Ka-rë'äh, and all the cäp'tains of the forces, took all the remnant of Jü'däh, that wëre returned from all nations whither they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Jü'däh;

6 *Eren* men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every përsön that Nëb-ü-zär'a-dän the cäp'tain of the gärd had left with Gëd-a-l'i'äh the son of Ä-hi'käm, the son of Shä'phän, and Jër-ë-mi'äh the prophet, and Bärüch the son of Në-ri'äh.

7 So they came into the land of Ē'g'gypt: for they obeyed not the voice of the LORD. Thus came they *even* to Täh'pän-hëš.

8 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jër-ë-mi'äh in Täh'pän-hëš, saying,

9 Take great stones in thine hand, and hide them in the clay in the brick-kiln, which *is* at the entry of Phä'raöth's house in Täh'pän-hëš, in the sight of the men of Jü'däh;

10 And say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iṣ'ra-ël, Behold, I will send and take Nëb-ü-chäd-rëz/zär the king of Bäb'y-lön my sër'vant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.

11 Änd when he cometh, he shall smite the land of Ē'g'gypt, and deliver such *as äre* for death, to death; and such *as äre* for captivity, to captivity; and such *as äre* for the swörd, to the swörd.

12 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Ē'g'gypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them äwäy captives; and he shall array himself with the land of Ē'g'gypt, as a shëp'hërd putteth on his gä'r'mënt; and he shall go forth from thence in peace.

13 He shall break also the images of Bēth/she-mēsh, that is in the land of E'gypt; and the houses of the gods of the E'gypt ti-ānš shall he burn with fire.

CHAP. XLIV.

THE word that came to Jēr-ē-mī'āh cōn-cēr'ning all the Jews which dwell in the land of E'gypt, which dwell at Mīg'dōl, and at Tāh/pān-hēs, and at Nōph, and in the country of Pāth'rōs, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Je-rū'sa-lēm, and upon all the cities of Jū'dāh; and, behold, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwelleth therein;

3 Because of their wickedness which they have committed, to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, and to serve other gods, whom they knew not, nēither they, ye, nor your fathers.

4 Howbeit I sent unto you all my sēr-vants the prophets, rising early and sending them, 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 my fury and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Jū'dāh and in the streets of Jē-rū'sa-lēm; and they are wasted and desolate, as at this day.

7 Thēre'fore now thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Where'fore commit ye this great evil āgainst' your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, out of Jū'dāh, to leave you nōne to remain;

8 In that ye provoke me unto wraṭh with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of E'gypt, whither ye be gone to dwell, that ye might cut yourselves off, and that ye might be a curse and a reproach āmōng all the nations of the ēarth?

9 Have ye forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Jū'dāh, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Jū'dāh, and in the streets of Jē-rū'sa-lēm?

10 They are not hūmbled even unto this day, nēither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you, and before your fathers.

11 ¶ Thēre'fore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Behold, I will set my face āgainst' you for evil, and to cut off all Jū'dāh.

12 And I will take the remnant of Jū'dāh, that have set their faces to go into the land of E'gypt to sō'journ there, and they shall all be consumed, and fall in the land of E'gypt; they shall even be consumed by the swōrd and by the famine: they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the

swōrd and by the famine; and 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 E'gypt, as I have punished Jē-rū'sa-lēm, by the swōrd, by the famine, and by the pestilence:

14 So that nōne of the remnant of Jū'dāh, which are gone into the land of E'gypt to sō'journ there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Jū'dāh, to the which they have a desire to return to dwell there; for nōne shall return but such as shall escape'.

15 ¶ Then all the men which knew that their wives had burnt incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwell in the land of E'gypt, in Pāth'rōs, answered Jēr-ē-mī'āh, saying,

16 As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee.

17 But we will cēr'tainly do whātsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the 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 Jū'dāh, and in the streets of Jē-rū'sa-lēm: for then had we plenty of victuals, and wēre well, and saw no evil.

18 But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the swōrd and by the famine.

19 And when we burnt incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink-offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to wōrship her, and pour out drink-offerings unto her without our men?

20 ¶ Then Jēr-ē-mī'āh said unto all the people, to the men, and to the women, and to all the people which had given him that ānswer, saying,

21 The incense that ye burned in the cities of Jū'dāh, and in the streets of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, 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?

22 So that the Lord could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which ye have committed; thēre'fore is your land a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without an inhabitant, as at this day.

23 Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned āgainst' the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his tēs'timōnies; thēre'fore this evil is happened unto you, as at this day.

24 Moreover, Jēr-ē-mī'āh said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the LORD, all Jū'dāh that are in the land of E'gypt;

25 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iſ'ra-ēl, saying, Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely pērform' our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely pērform' your vows.

26 Therē'forc hear ye the word of the LORD, all Jū'dāh that dwell in the land of Ē'ġypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith the LORD, that my name shall no more be named in the month of any man of Jū'dāh, in all the land of Ē'ġypt, saying, The Lord God liveth.

27 Behold, I will wātch over them for evil, and not for good; and all the men of Jū'dāh that are in the land of Ē'ġypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them.

28 Yet a small number that escape' the sword shall return out of the land of Ē'ġypt into the land of Jū'dāh; and all the remnant of Jū'dāh, that are gone into the land of Ē'ġypt to sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, mine, or theirs.

29 And this shall be a sign unto you, saith the LORD, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely stand against' you for evil:

30 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give Phā'raōh-Hōph'rā king of Ē'ġypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life, as I gave Zēd-ekī'āh king of Jū'dāh into the hand of Nēb-ū-ḫād-rēz/zār king of Bāb'y-lōn his enemy, and that sought his life.

CHAP. XLV.

THE word that Jēr-ē-mī'āh the prophet spake unto Bā'rūch the son of Nē-rī'āh, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jēr-ē-mī'āh, in the fourth year of Jē-hōi'a-kīm the son of Jō-sī'āh king of Jū'dāh, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Iſ'ra-ēl, unto thee, O Bā'rūch;

3 Thou didst say, Wo is me now! for the LORD hath added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.

4 Thus shalt thou say unto him, The LORD saith thus; Behold, that which I have sūilt will I break down, and that which I have plānted I will pluck up, even this whole land.

5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD; but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

CHAP. XLVI.

THE word of the LORD which came to Jēr-ē-mī'āh the prophet against' the Gēn'tiles;

2 Against' Ē'ġypt, against' the army of Phā'raōh-Nē'ḫō king of Ē'ġypt, which was of the river Eū-phrā'tēs in Cār'che-mish, which Nēb-ū-ḫād-rēz/zār king of Bāb'y-

lōn smote in the fourth year of Jē-hōi'a-kīm the son of Jō-sī'āh king of Jū'dāh.

3 Order ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle.

4 Harness the horses; and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; refurbish the spears, and put on the brig'andines.

5 Wherefore have I seen them dīsmāyed and turned āwāy back? and their mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled āpāce, and look not back: for fear was round about', saith the LORD.

6 Let not the swift flee āwāy, nor the mighty man escape'; they shall stumble, and fall tō'wārd the north by the river Eū-phrā'tēs.

7 Who is this that cometh up as a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers?

8 Ē'ġypt riseth up like a flood, and his waters are moved like the rivers; and he saith, I will go up, and will cōver the earth; I will destrōy' the city, and the inhabitants thereof.

9 Come up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men come forth; the Ē-thi-ō'pi-āns and the Līb'y-āns, that handle the shield; and the Lūd'i-āns, that handle and bend the bow.

10 For this is the day of the Lord God of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may āvēnge' him of his ād'vērſaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood; for the Lord God of hosts hath a sār'rifīce in the north country by the river Eū-phrā'tēs.

11 Go up into Gil'e-ād and take bālm, O vir'gīn, the daughter of Ē'ġypt: in vain shalt thou use many medicines; for thou shalt not be cured.

12 The nations have heard of thy shame, 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 LORD spake to Jēr-ē-mī'āh the prophet, how Nēb-ū-ḫād-rēz/zār king of Bāb'y-lōn should come and smite the land of Ē'ġypt.

14 Declare ye in Ē'ġypt, and publish in Mīg'dōl, and publish in Nōph, and in Tāh-pān-heš: say ye, Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword shall devour round about' thee.

15 Why are thy valiant men swept āwāy? they stood not, because the LORD did drive them.

16 He made many to fall, yēa, one fell upon ānōther; and they said, Arīse, and let us go āgain' to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword.

17 They did cry there, Phā'raōh king of Ē'ġypt is but a noise; he hath pāsſed the time appointed.

18 As I live, saith the King, whose name is The LORD of hosts, Surely as Tā'bōr is āmōng the mōūntains, and as Cār'mēl by the sea, so shall he come.

19 O thou daughter dwelling in E'gypt, furnish thyself to go into captivity: for Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant.

20 E'gypt 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, saith the LORD, though it cannot be searched; because they are more than the grasshoppers, and are innumerable.

24 The daughter of E'gypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north.

25 The LORD of hosts, the God of Is'ra-ël, saith, Behold, I will punish the multitude of No, and Pha'raoh, and E'gypt, with their gods, and their kings; even Pha'raoh, and all them that trust in him:

26 And I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their lives, and into the hand of Neb-ũ-çhad-rêz'zâr king of Bâb'y-lon, and into the hand of his servants: and afterwards it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, saith the LORD.

27 But fear not thou, O my servant Jâ'cob, and be not dismayed, O Is'ra-ël: for, behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jâ'çob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid.

28 Fear thou not, O Jâ'çob my servant, saith the LORD; for I am with thee: for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee; but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in meas'ure: yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished.

CHAP. XLVII.

THE word of the LORD that came to Jer-ê-mi'ah the prophet against the Phi-lis'tines, before that Pha'raoh smote Gâ'zâ.

2 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein: then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.

3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong horses, at the rushing of his chariots, and at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to their children for febleness of hands;

4 Because of the day that cometh to

spoil all the Phi-lis'tines, and to cut off from Ty'rûs and Zi'dôn every helper that remaineth; for the LORD will spoil the Phi-lis'tines, the remnant of the country of Caph'tor.

5 Baldness is come upon Gâ'zâ; Ash'ke-lôn is cut off with the remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou cut thyself?

6 O thou sword of the LORD, how long will it be ere thou be quiet? Put up thyself into thy scabbard, rest, and be still.

7 How can it be quiet, seeing the LORD hath given it a charge against Ash'ke-lôn, and against the sea-shore? there hath he appointed it.

CHAP. XLVIII.

AGAINST Mo'ab thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'ra-ël, Wo unto Nê'bô! for it is spoiled; Kir'i-ath-A'im¹ is confounded and taken; Mi's'gâb is confounded and dismayed.

2 There shall be no more praise of Mo'ab: in Hêsh'bôn they have devised evil against it; come, and let us cut it off from being a nation: also thou shalt be cut down, O Madmen; the sword shall pursue thee.

3 A voice of crying shall be from Hôr-o-nâ'im, spoiling and great destruction.

4 Mo'ab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard.

5 For in the going up of Lû'hith continual weeping shall go up; for in the going down of Hôr-o-nâ'im the enemies have heard a cry of destruction.

6 Flee, save your lives, and be like the heath in the wilderness.

7 For because thou hast trusted in thy works, and in thy treasures, thou shalt also be taken; and Chê'môsh shall go forth into captivity, with his priests and his princes together.

8 And the spoiler shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape; the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the LORD hath spoken.

9 Give wings unto Mo'ab, that it may flee and get away: for the cities thereof shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein.

10 Cursed be he that doeth the work of the LORD deceitfully, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.

11 Mo'ab hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste 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 Mo'ab shall be ashamed of Chê'môsh, as the house of Is'ra-ël was ashamed of Bêth'el their confidence.

¹ Kêr'e ãth-A'im.

14 How say ye, We are mighty and strong men for the war?

15 Mō'āb is spoiled, and gone up out of her cities, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, saith the King, whose name is The Lord of hosts.

16 The calamity of Mō'āb is near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast.

17 All ye that are about him, bemoan 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 Dī'bōn, come down from thy glory, and sit in thirst; for the spoiler of Mō'āb shall come upon thee, and he shall destrōy thy strong holds.

19 O inhabitant of Ār'o-er, stand by the way, and espy; ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth, and say, What is done?

20 Mō'āb is confounded; for it is broken down: howl and cry; tell ye it in Ār'nōn, that Mō'āb is spoiled,

21 And judgment is come upon the plain country; upon Hō'lōn, and upon Ja-hā'zāh, and upon Mēph'a-āth,

22 And upon Dī'bōn, and upon Nē'bō, and upon Bēth-dīb-la-thā'im,

23 And upon Kir'i-āth-Ā'im, and upon Bēth-gā'mūl, and upon Bēth-mē'ōn,

24 And upon Kē'ri-ōth, and upon Bōz-rāh, and upon all the cities of the land of Mō'āb, far or near.

25 The horn of Mō'āb is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith the Lord.

26 Make ye him drunken; for he magnified himself against the Lord: Mō'āb also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.

27 For was not Iš'ra-ēl a derision unto thee? was he found among thieves? for since thou spakest of him, thou skippest for joy.

28 O ye that dwell in Mō'āb, 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 Mō'āb, (he is exceeding proud,) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.

30 I know his wrath, saith the Lord: but it shall not be so; his lies shall not so effect it.

31 Therefore will I howl for Mō'āb, and I will cry out for all Mō'āb; mine heart shall mourn for the men of Kir'he-rēs.¹

32 O vine of Sīb'māh, I will weep for thee with the weeping of Jā'zēr; thy plants are gone over the sea, they reach even to the sea of Jā'zēr: the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer-fruits, and upon thy vīn'tage.²

33 And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Mō'āb; and I have caused wine to fail from the wine-presses: none shall tread with shouting; their shouting shall be no shouting.

34 From the cry of Hēsh'bōn even unto Ē-le-ā'leh, and even unto Jā'hāz, have they uttered their voice, from Zō'ār even unto Hōr-o-nā'im, as a heifer of three years old for the waters also of Nīm'rīm shall be desolate.

35 Moreover, I will cause to cease in Mō'āb, saith the Lord, him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth incense to his gods.

36 Therefore mine heart shall sound for Mō'āb like pipes, and mine heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kir'he-rēs: because the riches that he hath gotten are perished.

37 For every head shall be bald, and every beard eclip: upon all the hands shall be cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth.

38 There shall be lamentation generally upon all the house-tops of Mō'āb, and in the streets thereof: for I have broken Mō'āb like a vessel wherein is no pleasure, saith the Lord.

39 They shall howl, saying, How is it broken down! how hath Mō'āb turned the back with shame! so shall Mō'āb be a derision and a dīsmā'ing to all them about him.

40 For thus saith the Lord, Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Mō'āb.

41 Kē'ri-ōth is taken, and the strong holds are surprised, and the mighty men's hearts in Mō'āb at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

42 And Mō'āb shall be destrōy'ed 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 Mō'āb, saith 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 Mō'āb, the year of their visitation, saith the Lord.

45 They that fled stood under the shadow of Hēsh'bōn, because of the force: but a fire shall come forth out of Hēsh'bōn, and a flame from the midst of Sī'hōn, and shall devour the corner of Mō'āb, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones.

46 Wo be unto thee, O Mō'āb! the people of Chē'mōsh perisheth: for thy sons are taken captives, and thy daughters captives.

47 Yet will I bring again the captivity of Mō'āb in the latter days, saith the Lord. Thus far is the judgment of Mō'āb.

CHAP. XLIX.

CONCERNING the Am'mōn-ites, thus saith the Lord, Hath Iš'ra-ēl no sons? hath he no heir?³ why then doth their king inherit Gād, and his people dwell in his cities?

2 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rāb'bāh of the Am'mōn-ites; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her

¹ Kē'he-rēs.

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daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Iṣ'ra-ēl be heir unto them that wēre his heirs, saith the LORD.

3 Howl, O Hēsh'bōn; for Ā'ī is spoiled: cry, ye daughters of Rāb'bāh, gird ye with sackcloth; lamēt, and run to and fro by the hedges: for their king shall go into captivity, and his priests and his princes together.

4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the vallies, thy flowing valley, O backsliding daughter, that trusted in her trēas'ures, saying, Who shall come unto me?

5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord God of hosts, from all those that be ābout' thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall gather up him that wāndereth.

6 And āf'tērward I will bring āgain' the captivity of the children of Ām'mōn, saith the LORD.

7 ¶ Cōncēr'ning Ē'dōm, thus saith the LORD of hosts, Is wisdom no more in Tē'mān? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished?

8 Flee ye, turn back, dwell deep, O inhabitants of Dē'dān; for I will bring the calamity of Ē'sāu upon him, the time that I will visit him.

9 If grape-gatherers come to thee, would they not leave some gleanings-grapes? if thieves by night, they will destrōy' till they have enough.

10 But I have made Ē'sāu bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his brēthren, and his neighbours, and he is not.

11 Leave thy fatherless children, I will prēsērve' them ālive; and let thy widows trust in me.

12 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, they whose judgment was not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken; and art thou he that shall āltogēther go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink of it.

13 For I have sworn by mysēlf, saith the LORD, that Bōz'rāh shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be pērpēt'ual wastes.

14 I have heard a rounour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent unto the heathen, saying, Gather ye togēther, and come āgainst' her, and rise up to the battle.

15 For, lo, I will make thee small āmōng the heathen, and dēspīsēd āmōng men.

16 Thy terribleness hath dēcēivēd thee, and the pride of thine hēart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldst make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD.

17 Also Ē'dōm shall be a desolation; every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof.

18 As in the overthrow of Sōd'om and Gō-mōr'rāh, and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall ābide there, nēither shall a son of man dwell in it.

19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jōr'dān āgainst' the habitation of the strong: but I will suddenly make him run āwāy from her; and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who is that shēp'hērd that will stand before me?

20 Thērēfore hear the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken āgainst' Ē'dōm; and his purposes, that he hath purposed āgainst' the inhabitants of Tē'mān: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out; surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them.

21 The ēarth 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 Bōz'rāh: and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Ē'dōm be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

23 ¶ Cōncēr'ning Da-mās'cūs. Hā'māth is confounded, and Ār'pād; for they have heard evil tidings; they are faint-hearted: there is sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet.

24 Da-mās'cūs is waxed feeble, and turneth herself to flee, and fear hath sēized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in trāv'āil.

25 How is the city of praise not left, the city of my joy!

26 Thērēfore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD of hosts.

27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Da-mās'cūs, and it shall consume the palaces of Bēn'ha-dād.

28 ¶ Cōncēr'ning Kē'dār, and cōncēr'ning the kingdoms of Hā'zōr, which Nēb-ū-ḥād-rēz'zār king of Bāb'y-lōn shall smite, thus saith the LORD; Ārīše ye, go up to Kē'dār, and spoil the men of the east.

29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take āwāy: they shall take to themselves their cūr'tāins, and all their vessels, and their camels: and they shall cry unto them, Fear is on every side.

30 ¶ Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hā'zōr, saith the LORD; for Nēb-ū-ḥād-rēz'zār king of Bāb'y-lōn hath taken counsel āgainst' you, and hath conceived a purpose āgainst' you.

31 Ārīše, get you up unto the wealthy nation, that dwelleth without care, saith the LORD, which have nēither gates nor bars, which dwell ālōne.

32 And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil; and I will scatter into all winds .hem that āre in the utmost corners; and I will bring their

calamity from all sides thereof, saith the LORD.

33 And Ha'zōr 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.

34 The word of the LORD that came to Jēr-e-mi'ah the prophet against' Ē'lām, in the beginning of the reign of Zēd-ē-ki'āh king of Ju dah, saying,

35 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will break the bow of Ē'lām, the chief of their might.

36 And upon Ē'lām will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them to'wards all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the oūt'casts of Ē'lām shall not come.

37 For I will cause Ē'lām to be dīsmāyed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life; and I will bring evil upon them, even my fierce anger, saith the LORD; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them:

38 And I will set my throne in Ē'lām, and will destrōy' from thence the king and the princes, saith the LORD.

39 But it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring again' the captivity of Ē'lām, saith the LORD.

CHAP. L.

THE word that the LORD spake against' Bāb'y-lōn, and against' the land of the Chāl-de'ānṣ, by Jēr-e-mi'ah the prophet.

2 Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, Bāb'y-lōn is taken, Bel is confounded, Mē-ro'dāch is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

3 For out of the north there cometh up a nation against' her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.

4 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl shall come, they and the children of Jū'dāh together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God.

5 They shall ask the way to Zi'ōn, with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a pēr-pēt'nal cōvenant that shall not be forgotten.

6 My people hath been lost sheep; their shep'hērdṣ have caused them to go āstrāy, they have turned them āwāy on the mōūn'tains: they have gone from mōūn'tain to hill, they have forgotten their resting-place.

7 All that found them have devoured them; and their ād'versāries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against' the LORD, the habitation of justice; even the LORD, the hope of their fathers.

8 Remove out of the midst of Bāb'y-lōn, and go forth out of the land of the Chāl-de'ānṣ, and be as the he-goats before the flocks.

9 For, lo, I will raise, and cause to come up against' Bāb'y-lōn, an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against' her from thence she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of a mighty expert man, none shall return in vain.

10 And Chāl-de'ā shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD.

11 Because ye wēre glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destrōy'ers of mine heritage; because ye are grown fat as the heifer at grāss, and bellow as bulls;

12 Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be āshamed; behold, the hindermost of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a dēs'ert.

13 Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Bāb'y-lōn shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

14 Put yourselves in array against' Bāb'y-lōn round about': all ye that bend the bow shoot at her, spare no arrows; for she hath sinned against' the LORD.

15 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.

16 Cut off the sower from Bāb'y-lōn, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

17 Iṣ'ra-ēl is a scattered sheep, the lions have driven him āwāy: first the king of Ās-sūr i-ā hath devoured him, and last this Neb-ū-chād-rēz'zār king of Bāb'y-lōn hath broken his bones.

18 There'fore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Behold, I will punish the king of Bāb'y-lōn and his land, as I have punished the king of Ās-sūr i-ā.

19 And I will bring' Iṣ'ra-ēl again' to his habitation, and he shall feed on Chār'mēl and Bā'shān, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ē'phra-im and Gil'e-ād.

20 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Iṣ'ra-ēl shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Jū'dāh, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I rēs'erve'.

21 Go up against' the land of Mē-r-a-thā'im, even against' it, and against' the inhabitants of Pe'kōd: waste and utterly destrōy' after them, saith the LORD, and do according to all that I have cōmmān'ded thee.

22 A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction.

23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Bāb'y-lōn become a desolation among the nations!

24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Bāb'y-lōn, and thou wast

not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against' the LORD.

25 The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this is the work of the Lord God of hosts in the land of the *Chāl-dē'ānš*.

26 Come against' her from the utmost border, open her store-houses; cast her up as heaps, and destroy' her utterly: let nothing of her be left.

27 Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: wo unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.

28 The voice of them that flee and escape' out of the land of Bāb'y-lōn, to declare in *Zi'ōn* the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple.

29 Call together the archers against' Bāb'y-lōn: all ye that bend the bow, camp against' it round about': let none thereof escape': recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done do unto her: for she hath been proud against' the LORD, against' the Holy One of *Iš'ra-ël*.

30 There'fore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD.

31 Behold, I am against' thee, O thou most proud, saith the Lord God of hosts: for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee.

32 And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about' him.

33 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, The children of *Iš'ra-ël* and the children of *Jū-dāh* were oppressed together; and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go.

34 Their Re-deem'er is strong; The LORD of hosts is his name; he shall thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Bāb'y-lōn.

35 A sword is upon the *Chāl-dē'ānš*, saith the LORD, and upon the inhabitants of Bāb'y-lōn, and upon her princes, and upon her wise men.

36 A sword is upon the liars; and they shall dote: a sword is upon her mighty men; and they shall be dismayed.

37 A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that are in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: a sword is upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed.

38 A drought is upon her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols.

39 There'fore the wild beasts of the desert, with the wild beasts of the islands, shall dwell there, and the owls shall dwell

therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.

40 As God overthrew *Sōd'om* and *Gō-mōr'rāh*, and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD; so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.

41 Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

42 They shall hold the bow and the lance; they are cruel, and will not show mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, every one put in array, like a man to the battle, against' thee, O daughter of Bāb'y-lōn.

43 The king of Bāb'y-lōn hath heard the report of them, and his hands waxed feeble; anguish took hold of him, and pangs as of a woman in travail.

44 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of *Jōr'dān* unto the habitation of the strong; but I will make them suddenly run away from her: and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who is that shepherd that will stand before me?

45 There'fore hear ye the counsel of the LORD that he hath taken against' Bāb'y-lōn, and his purposes that he hath purposed against' the land of the *Chāl-dē'ānš*; Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out; surely he shall make their habitation desolate with them.

46 At the noise of the taking of Bāb'y-lōn the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

CHAP. LI.

THUS saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up against' Bāb'y-lōn, and against' them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against' me, a destroying wind;

2 And will send unto Bāb'y-lōn fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against' her round about'.

3 Against' him that bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against' him that lifteth himself up in his brig'andine: and spare ye not her young men; destroy' ye utterly all her host.

4 Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the *Chāl-dē'ānš*, and they that are thrust through in her streets.

5 For *Iš'ra-ël* hath not been forsaken, nor *Jū-dāh* of his God, of the LORD of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against' the Holy One of *Iš'ra-ël*.

6 Flee out of the midst of Bāb'y-lōn, 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 recompense.

7 Bāb'y-lōn hath been a golden cup in the LORD's hand, that made all the earth drunk-

en: the nations have drunken of her wine; there'fore the nations are mad.

8 Bāb'y-lōn is suddenly fallen and dē-strōy'ed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

9 **Y**e would have healed Bāb'y-lōn, but she is not healed: forsake 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.

10 The Lord hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zi'ōn the work of the Lord our God.

11 Make bright the arrows, gather the shields: the Lord hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Mēdes: for his device is against' Bāb'y-lōn, to destrōy' it; because it is the vengeance of the Lord, the vengeance of his temple.

12 Set up the standard upon the walls of Bāb'y-lōn, make the wāch strong; set up the wāchmen, prepare the ambushes: for the Lord hath both devised and done that which he spake against' the inhabitants of Bāb'y-lōn.

13 O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in trēasures, thine end is come, and the mēasure of thy covetousness.

14 The Lord of hosts hath sworn by himself, saying, Surely I will fill thee with men as with caterpillars; and they shall lift up a shout against' thee.

15 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath estāblished the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.

16 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 with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his trēasures.

17 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.

18 They are vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

19 The pōrion of Jā'cōb is not like them; for he is the former of all things; and *Y'sra-ēl* is the rod of his inheritance; The Lord of hosts is his name.

20 Thou art my battle-axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations; and with thee will I destrōy' kingdoms;

21 And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider;

22 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;

23 I will also break in pieces with thee the shēp'hērd and his flock; and with thee

will I break in pieces the hūš'bāndmān and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces cāp'tāins and rulers.

24 And I will render unto Bāb'y-lōn, and to all the inhabitants of Chāl-dē'ā, all their evil that they have done in Zi'ōn in your sight, saith the Lord.

25 Behold, I am against' thee, O destrōy'ing mōūntāin, saith the Lord, which destrōy'est all the earth; and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mōūntāin.

26 And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith the Lord.

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 Ār'a-rāt, Mīn'mī, and Āsh'che-nāz; appoint a cāp'tāin against' her; cause her horses to come up as the rough caterpillars.

28 Prepare against' her the nations, with the kings of the Mēdes, the cāp'tāins thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the laud of his dominion.

29 And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the Lord shall be perform'ed against' Bāb'y-lōn, to make the land of Bāb'y-lōn a desolation without an inhabitant.

30 The mighty men of Bāb'y-lōn have forborne to fight, they have remained in their holds: their might hath failed; they became as women: they have burnt her dwelling-places; her bars are broken.

31 One post shall run to meet another and one messenger to meet another, to show the king of Bāb'y-lōn 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 saith the Lord of hosts, the God of *Y'sra-ēl*, The daughter of Bāb'y-lōn is like a threshing-floor, it is time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

34 Nēb-ū-chād-rēz-zār the king of Bāb'y-lōn hath devoured me, he hath crushed 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 Bāb'y-lōn, shall the inhabitant of Zi'ōn say; and, My blood upon the inhabitants of Chāl-dē'ā, shall Jē-rū'sa-lēm say.

36 There'fore thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry,

37 And Bāb'y-lōn shall become heaps, a dwelling-place for dragons, an astonishment, and a hissing without an inhabitant.

38 They shall roar together like lions : they shall yell 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 pērpēt'ual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD.

40 I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he-goats.

41 How is Shē'shāch taken ! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised ! how is Bāb'y-lōn become an astonishment among the nations !

42 The sea is come up upon Bāb'y-lōn : she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.

43 Her cities are a desolation, 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 Bēl in Bāb'y-lōn ; 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 Bāb'y-lōn 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 LORD.

46 And lest your heart faint, and ye fear 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 Bāb'y-lōn : 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, and all that is therein, shall sing for Bāb'y-lōn : for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith the LORD.

49 As Bāb'y-lōn hath caused the slain of Īs'ra-ēl to fall, so at Bāb'y-lōn shall fall the slain of all the earth.

50 Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still : remember the LORD afar off, and let Jē-rū'sa-lēm come into your mind.

51 We are confounded, because we have heard reproach : shame hath covered our faces ; for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the LORD's house.

52 Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will do judgment upon her graven images ; and through all her land the wounded shall groan.

53 Though Bāb'y-lōn should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD.

54 A sound of a cry cometh from Bāb'y-lōn, and great destruction from the land of the Chāl-dē'ānš :

55 Because the LORD hath spoiled Bāb'y-lōn, and destrōy'ed out of her the great voice ; when her waves do roar like great

waters, a noise of their voice is uttered.

56 Because the spoiler is come upon her, even upon Bāb'y-lōn, and her mighty men are taken ; every one of their bows is broken : for the Lord God of recompenses shall surely requite.

57 And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise men, her capt'ains, and her rulers, and her mighty men : and they shall sleep a pērpēt'ual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name is The Lord of hosts.

58 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, The broad walls of Bāb'y-lōn shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burnt with fire ; and the people shall labour in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary.

59 ¶ The word which Jēr-ē-mī'āh the prophet cōmūn'ed Sē-rā-ī'āh the son of Nē-rī'āh, the son of Mā-ā-sēi'āh, when he went with Zēd-ē-kī'āh the king of Jū'dāh into Bāb'y-lōn, in the fourth year of his reign. And this Sē-rā-ī'āh was a quiet prince.

60 So Jēr-ē-mī'āh wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Bāb'y-lōn, even all these words that are written against Bāb'y-lōn.

61 And Jēr-ē-mī'āh said to Sē-rā-ī'āh, When thou comest to Bāb'y-lōn, and shalt see, and shalt read all these words,

62 Then shalt thou say, O LORD, thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever.

63 And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Eū-phrā'tēs :

64 And thou shalt say, Thus shall Bāb'y-lōn sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her, and they shall be weary. Thus far are the words of Jēr-ē-mī'āh.

CHAP. LII.

ZEDEKI'AH was one and twenty years old when he began to reign ; and he reigned eleven years in Jē-rū'sa-lēm : and his mother's name was Ha-mū'tāl, the daughter of Jēr-ē-mī'āh of Līb'nāh.

2 And he did that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that Jē-hōi'a-kīm had done.

3 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jē-rū'sa-lēm and Jū'dāh, till he had cast them out from his presence, that Zēd-ē-kī'āh rebelled against the king of Bāb'y-lōn.

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 Nēb-ū-ḡhād-rēz/zār king of Bāb'y-lōn came, he and all his army, against Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and pitched against it, and built forts against it, round about.

5 So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zēd-ē-kī'āh.

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 between the two walls, which *was* by the king's garden; (now the Châl-dé'ânş *were* by the city round about;) and they went by the way of the plain.

8 But the army of the Châl-dé'ânş pursued after the king, and overtook Zéd-é-kí'áh in the plains of Jéri-çhó; and all his army was scattered from him.

9 Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Báb'y-lón to Rib'láh, in the land of Há'máth; where he gave judgment upon him.

10 And the king of Báb'y-lón slew the sons of Zéd-é-kí'áh before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Júdáh in Rib'láh.

11 Then he put out the eyes of Zéd-é-kí'áh; and the king of Báb'y-lón bound him in chains, and carried him to Báb'y-lón, and put him in 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 Néb-ú-çhád-réz'zár king of Báb'y-lón,) came Néb-ú-zár'a-dán cap'tain of the guard,¹ which served the king of Báb'y-lón, into Jé-rú'sa-lém,

13 And burned the house of the Lord and the king's house; and all the houses of Jé-rú'sa-lém, and all the houses of the great men, burned he with fire.

14 And all the army of the Châl-dé'ânş, that *were* with the cap'tain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jé-rú'sa-lém round about.

15 Then Néb-ú-zár'a-dán the cap'tain of the guard carried away captive *cer'tain* of the poor of the people, and the residue of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Báb'y-lón, and the rest of the multitude.

16 But Néb-ú-zár'a-dán the cap'tain of the guard left *cer'tain* of the poor of the land, for vine-dressers and for húş'bádmén.

17 Also the pillars of bráss that *were* in the house of the Lord, and the bases, and the brazen sea that *was* in the house of the Lord, the Châl-dé'ânş brake, and carried all the bráss of them to Báb'y-lón.

18 The cãldróns also, and the shóvèls, and the snuffèrs, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of bráss, where-with they ministered, took they áway.

19 And the basins, and the fire-pans, and the bowls, and the cãldróns, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the cups; that which *was* of gold in gold, and that which *was* of silver in silver, took the cap'tain of the guard áway.

20 The two pillars, one sea, and twelve brázen búlls that *were* under the bases, which king Sól'o-món had made in the house

of the Lord: the bráss of all these vessels was without weight.

21 And *cóncèr'ning* the pillars, the height of one pillar *was* eighteen cubits, and a fillet of twelve cubits did *cóm'pass* it; and the thickness thereof *was* four fingers: it *was* hollow.

22 And a chapter of bráss *was* upon it; and the height of one chapter *was* five cubits, with net-work and pómegrã'átes upon the chapters round about, all of bráss: the second pillar also and the pómegrã'átes *were* like unto these.

23 And there *were* ninety and six pómegrã'átes on a side; and all the pómegrã'átes upon the net-work *were* a hundred round about.

24 And the cap'tain of the guard took Sè-rá-i'áh the chief priest, and Zéph-a-ní'áh the second priest, and the three keepers of the door:

25 He took also out of the city an eunúçh which had the charge of the men of war; and seven men of them that *were* near the king's pèrson, which *were* found in the city; and the principal scribe of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and three *were* men of the people of the land, that *were* found in the midst of the city.

26 So Néb-ú-zár'a-dán the cap'tain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Báb'y-lón to Rib'láh.

27 And the king of Báb'y-lón smote them, and put them to death in Rib'láh, in the land of Há'máth. Thus Júdáh was carried áway captive out of his own land.

28 This *is* the people whom Néb-ú-çhád-réz'zár carried áway captive: In the seventh year, three thousand Jews and three and twenty:

29 In the eighteenth year of Néb-ú-çhád-réz'zár he carried áway captive from Jé-rú'sa-lém eight hundred thirty and two pèrsons:

30 In the three and twentieth year of Néb-ú-çhád-réz'zár, Néb-ú-zár'a-dán the cap'tain of the guard carried áway captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five pèrsons: all the pèrsons *were* four thousand and six hundred.

31 ¶ And it came to pass, in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jé-hó'i-a-çhín king of Júdáh, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that É'víl-Mèr-ó'daçh king of Báb'y-lón, in the first year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jé-hó'i-a-çhín king of Júdáh, and brought him forth out of prison,

32 And spake kindly unto him, and set his throne ábové the throne of the kings that *were* with him in Báb'y-lón,

33 And changed his prison-gárments; 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 Báb'y-lón, every day a pórçion, until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

¶ The LAMENTATIONS of JEREMIAH.

CHAPTER I.

HOW dóth the city sit solitary *that was* full of people! *how* is she become as a widow! she *that was* great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, *how* is she become tributary!

2 She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears *are* on her cheeks; among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they *are* become her enemies.

3 Jū'dāh is gone into captivity, and because of affliction, and because of great servitude; she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits.

4 The ways of Zī'ōn do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates *are* desolate; her priests sigh, her virgins¹ *are* afflicted, and she *is* in bitterness.

5 Her *ād'versaries* *are* the chief, her enemies prosper; for the LORD hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: her children *are* gone into captivity before the enemy.

6 And from the daughter of Zī'ōn all her beauty is departed: her princes *are* become like harts that find no pasture;² and they *are* gone without strength before the pursuer.

7 Jē-rū'sa-lēm remembered in the days of her affliction, and of her miseries, all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her: the *ād'versaries* saw her, and did mock at her sabbaths.

8 Jē-rū'sa-lēm hath grievously sinned; therefore she is removed: all that honour'd her despise³ her, because they have seen her nakedness; yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward.

9 Her filthiness *is* in her skirts;³ she remembereth not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter. O LORD, behold my affliction, for the enemy hath magnified himself.

10 The *ād'versary* hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things: for she hath seen that the heathen entered into her sanctuary, whom thou didst command⁴ that they should not enter into thy congregation.

11 All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for meat to relieve the soul: see, O LORD, and consider; for I *am* become vile.

12 *Is it* nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the LORD hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.

13 From above hath he sent fire into my

bones, and it prevaileth against⁵ them: he hath spread a net for my feet; he hath turned me back; he hath made me desolate and faint all the day.

14 The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand; they *are* wreathed, and come up upon my neck; he hath made my strength to fall; the LORD hath delivered me into their hands, from whom I *am* not able to rise up.

15 The LORD hath trodden under foot all my mighty men in the midst of me; he hath called an assembly against⁶ me to crush my young men: the LORD hath trodden the virgin, the daughter of Jū'dāh, as in a wine-press.

16 For these things I weep: mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me; my children *are* desolate, because the enemy prevailed.

17 Zī'ōn spreadeth forth her hands, and there *is* none to comfort her: the LORD hath comman'ded concerning Jā'cōb, that his *ād'versaries* should be round about⁷ him: Jē-rū'sa-lēm *is* as a menstruous woman among them.

18 The LORD *is* righteous; for I have rebelled against⁸ his commandment: hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow; my virgins⁸ and my young men *are* gone into captivity.

19 I called for my lovers, but they deceived me; my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city, while they sought their meat to relieve their souls.

20 Behold, O LORD, for I *am* in distress; my bowels *are* troubled: mine heart *is* turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: abroad the sword bereaveth, at home there *is* as death.

21 They have heard that I sigh; there *is* none to comfort me: all mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they *are* glad that thou hast done it: thou wilt bring the day that thou hast called, and they shall be like unto me.

22 Let all their wickedness come before thee; and do unto them as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions: for my sighs *are* many, and my heart *is* faint.

CHAP. II.

HOW hath the LORD covered the daughter of Zī'ōn with a cloud in his anger, and cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Īs'ra-ēl, and remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger!

2 The LORD hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jā'cōb, and hath not pitied: he hath thrown down in his wrath the strong holds of the daughter of Jū'dāh; he hath brought them down to the ground:

¹ vēr'janz.

² pās'tshüre.

³ skërts.

he hath polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof.

3 He hath cut off in his fierce anger all the horn of Iş'ra-êl: he hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy, and he burned against' Ja'çob like a flaming fire, which devoureth round about'.

4 He hath bent his bow like an enemy: he stood with his right hand as an adversary, and slew all that were pleásant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zi'ôn: he poured out his fury like fire.

5 The LORD was as an enemy; he hath swallowed up Iş'ra-êl, he hath swallowed up all her palaces; he hath destrôyed his strong holds, and hath increased in the daughter of Jû'dâh mourning and lamentation.

6 And he hath violently taken away his tabernacle, as if it were of a garden; he hath destrôyed his places of the assembly: the LORD hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zi'ôn, and hath despised, in the indignation of his anger, the king and the priest.

7 The LORD hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have made a noise in the house of the LORD, as in the day of a solemn feast.

8 The LORD hath purposed to destrôy' the wall of the daughter of Zi'ôn; he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destrôying: therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together.

9 Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destrôyed and broken her bars; her king and her princes are among the Gen'tiles: the law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from the LORD.

10 The elders of the daughter of Zi'ôn sit upon the ground, and keep silence: they have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth: the virgins of Jê-rû'sa-lêm hang down their heads to the ground.

11 Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people; because the children and the sucklings swoon in the streets of the city.

12 They say to their mothers, Where is corn and wine? when they swooned as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul was poured out into their mothers' bosoms.

13 What thing shall I take to witness for thee? what thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jê-rû'sa-lêm? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zi'ôn? for thy breach is great like the sea; who can heal thee?

14 Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee; and they have not

discóvered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens, and causes of banishment.

15 All that pass by clap their hands at thee; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jê-rû'sa-lêm, saying, Is this the city that men call The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?

16 All thine enemies have opened their mouth against' thee: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, We have swallowed her up: certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it.

17 The LORD hath done that which he had devised; he hath fulfilled his word that he had commúnded in the days of old: he hath thrown down, and hath not pitied: and he hath caused thine enemy to rejoice over thee; he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries.

18 Their heart cried unto the LORD, O wall of the daughter of Zi'ôn, let tears run down like a river day and night; give thyself no rest; let not the apple of thine eye cease.

19 Arise, cry out in the night; in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the LORD: lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street.

20 Behold, O LORD, and consider to whom thou hast done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, and children of a span long? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary² of the LORD?

21 The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets: my virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword; thou hast slain them in the day of thine anger; thou hast killed, and not pitied.

22 Thou hast called, as in a solemn day, my terrors round about'; so that in the day of the LORD's anger none escaped nor remained: those that I have swaddled and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.

CHAP. III.

I AM the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.

2 He hath led me, and brought me into darkness, but not into light.

3 Surely against³ me is he turned; he turneth his hand against' me all the day.

4 My flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath broken my bones.

5 He hath builded against' me, and compassed me with gall and travail.

6 He hath set me in dark places, as they that be dead of old.

7 He hath hedged me about', that I cannot get out: he hath made my chain heavy.

8 Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer.

9 He hath enclosed my ways with hewn stone; he hath made my paths crooked.

1 gèr'ded.

2 sãngk'tshû-ã-re.

3 ã-gènst'.

10 He was unto me as a bear lying in wait, and as a lion in secret places.

11 He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces: he hath made me desolate.

12 He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.

13 He hath caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins.

14 I was a derision to all my people, and their song all the day.

15 He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath made me drunken with wormwood.

16 He hath also broken my teeth with gravel-stones, he hath covered me with ashes.

17 And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgot prosperity.

18 And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD:

19 Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.

20 My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.

21 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

22 It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

24 The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

25 The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

28 He sitteth alone, and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him.

29 He putteth his mouth in the dust, if so be there may be hope.

30 He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach.

31 For the LORD will not cast off for ever:

32 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

33 For he doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

34 To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth,

35 To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High,

36 To subvert a man in his cause, the LORD approveth not.

37 Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the LORD commandeth it not?

38 Out of the mouth of the Most High proceedeth not evil and good?

39 Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?

40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again¹ to the LORD.

41 Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.

42 We have transgressed, and have rebelled: thou hast not pardoned.

43 Thou hast covered with anger, and persecuted us: thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied.

44 Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass through.

45 Thou hast made us as the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the people.

46 All our enemies have opened their mouths against² us.

47 Fear and a snare is come upon us, desolation and destruction.

48 Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people.

49 Mine eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission,

50 Till the LORD look down, and behold from heaven.

51 Mine eye affecteth mine heart, because of all the daughters of my city.

52 Mine enemies chased me sore, like a bird, without cause.

53 They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone upon me.

54 Waters flowed over mine head; then I said, I am cut off.

55 I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the low dungeon.

56 Thou hast heard my voice; hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.

57 Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not.

58 O LORD, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life.

59 O LORD, thou hast seen my wrong; judge thou my cause.

60 Thou hast seen all their vengeance, and all their imaginations against me.

61 Thou hast heard their reproach, O LORD, and all their imaginations against me;

62 The lips of those that rose up against me, and their device against me all the day.

63 Behold their sitting down, and their rising up; I am their musick.

64 Render unto them a recompense, O LORD, according to the work of their hands.

65 Give them sorrow of heart, thy curse unto them.

66 Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the LORD.

CHAP. IV.

HOW is the gold become dim! how is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street.

2 The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!

3 Even the sea-monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people *is become* cruel, like the *ôs trîches¹* in the wilderness.

4 The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst; the young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them.

5 They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets; they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.

6 For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Söd'om, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her.

7 Her Náz/a-rites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was of sâp/plîre:

8 Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick.

9 They that be slain with the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger: for these pine away, stricken through for want of the fruits of the field.

10 The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children, they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people.

11 The LORD hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zi'ôn, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.

12 The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jê-rû-sa-lém.

13 For the sins of her prophets, and the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her,

14 They have wandered as blind men in the streets, they have polluted themselves with blood, so that men could not touch their garments.

15 They cried unto them, Depart ye; it is unclean; depart, depart, touch not: when they fled away and wandered, they said among the heathen, They shall no more sojourn there.

16 The anger of the LORD hath divided them; he will no more regard them: they respected not the persons of the priests, they favoured not the elders.

17 As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save us.

18 They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets: our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come.

19 Our persecutors are swifter than the

eagles of the heaven: they pursued us upon the môûn'tains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.

20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, was taken in their pits, of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen.

21 ¶ Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of E'dôm, that dwelleth in the land of Uz: the cup also shall pass through unto thee; thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked.

22 The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zi'ôn; he will no more carry thee away into captivity: he will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of E'dôm; he will discover thy sins.

CHAP. V.

REMEMBER, O LORD, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach.

2 Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.

3 We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers are as widows.

4 We have drunken our water for money; our wood is sold unto us.

5 Our necks are under persécution: we labour, and have no rest.

6 We have given the hand to the E'gypti-ti-ans, and to the As-sÿr'i-ans, to be satisfied with bread.

7 Our fathers have sinned, and are not: and we have borne their iniquities.

8 Servants have ruled over us: there is none that doth deliver us out of their hand.

9 We gat our bread with the peril of our lives, because of the sword of the wilderness.

10 Our skin was black like an oven, because of the terrible famine.

11 They ravished the women in Zi'ôn, and the maids in the cities of Jû'dâh.

12 Princes are hanged up by their hand the faces of elders were not honoured.

13 They took the young men to grind, and the children fell under the wood.

14 The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their musick.

15 The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning.

16 The crown is fallen from our head: wo unto us that we have sinned!

17 For this our heart is faint; for these things our eyes are dim,

18 Because of the môûn'tain of Zi'ôn which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.

19 Thou, O LORD, remainest for ever; thy throne from generation to generation.

20 Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, and forsake us so long time?

21 Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.

22 But thou hast utterly rejected us; thou art very wrath against us.

¹ commonly *ôs'trid-jîz*

1 The BOOK of the Proph'et EZE'KIEL.

CHAPTER I.

NOW it came to päss in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I *was* among the captives by the river of Chë'bär, that the heavens wëre opened, and I saw vißions of God.

2 In the fifth day of the month, (which *was* the fifth year of king Jë-hôv'a-chîn's captivity,)

3 The word of the LORD came expressly unto E-zë'ki-ël the priest, the son of Bû'zî, in the land of the Chäl-dë'ânš, by the river Chë'bär; and the hand of the LORD *was* there upon him.

4 And I looked, and, behold, a whirl-wind¹ came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness *was* about' it, and out of the midst thereof, as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire:

5 Also out of the midst thereof *came* the likeness of four living creatures. And this *was* their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.

6 And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings.

7 And their feet *wëre* straight feet; and the sole of their feet *was* like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.

8 And *they had* the hands of a man under their wings, on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.

9 Their wings *wëre* joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight för'wärd.

10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion on the right side; and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

11 Thus *wëre* their faces: and their wings *wëre* stretched üp'wärd; two wings of every one *wëre* joined one to another, and two cövered their bodies.

12 And they went every one straight för'wärd: whither the spirit *was* to go, they went; and they turned not when they went.

13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance *was* like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire *was* bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

14 And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

15 Now, as I beheld the living creatures, behold, one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.

16 The appearance of the wheels and their work *was* like unto the colour of a

bër'ÿl; and they four had one likeness and their appearance and their work *was* as it wëre a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

17 When they went, they went upon their four sides; and they returned not when they went.

18 As for their rings, they wëre so high, that they wëre dreadful; and their rings *wëre* full of eyes round about' them four.

19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them; and when the living creatures wëre lifted up from the earth, the wheels wëre lifted up.

20 Whithersoever the spirit *was* to go, they went, thither *was* their spirit to go; and the wheels wëre lifted up over against' them: for the spirit of the living creature² *was* in the wheels.

21 When those went, *these* went; and when those stood, *these* stood; and when those wëre lifted up from the earth, the wheels wëre lifted up over against' them: for the spirit of the living creature *was* in the wheels.

22 And the likeness of the firmament³ upon the heads of the living creature *was* as the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.

23 And under the firmament *wëre* their wings straight, the one tö'wärd the other: every one had two, which cövered on this side, and every one had two, which cövered on that side, their bodies.

24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Älmigh'ty, the voice of speech, as the noise of a host: when they stood, they let down their wings.

25 And there *was* a voice from the firmament that *was* over their heads, when they stood, and had let down their wings.

26 And above the firmament that *was* over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a säp'phire-stöne:⁴ and upon the likeness of the throne *was* the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

27 And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about' within it; from the appearance of his loins even üp'wärd, and from the appearance of his loins even döwn'wärd, I saw as it wëre the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about'.

28 As the appearance of the böw that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so *was* the appearance of the brightness round about'. This *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

¹ hwërl'wînd.

² krë'tshüre.

³ fër'ma-mënt.

⁴ säf'fir-stöne.

CHAP. II.

AND he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.

2 And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, *even* unto this very day.

4 For *they are* impudent children, and stiff-hearted: I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God.

5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear; (for they *are* a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

6 And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

7 And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear; for they *are* most rebellious.

8 But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.

9 And when I looked, behold, a hand *was* sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book *was* therein;

10 And he spread it before me: and it *was* written within and without; and *there was* written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

CHAP. III.

MOREOVER, he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest: eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

4 And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and speak with my words unto them.

5 For thou *art* not sent to a people of a strange speech, and of a hard language, but to the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl:

6 Not to many people of a strange speech, and of a hard language, whose words thou canst not understand: surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee.

7 But the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl *are* impudent and hard-hearted.

8 Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy fore'head strong against their fore'heads.

9 As an adamant, harder than flint, have I made thy fore'head: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

10 Moreover, he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears.

11 And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord God, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

12 Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying, *Blē'ssed be* the glory of the Lord from his place.

13 I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing.

14 So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the Lord *was* strong upon me.

15 ¶ Then I came to them of the captivity at Tēl'a-bib, that dwelt by the river of Čhē'bār, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.

16 And it came to pass, at the end of seven days, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity: but his blood will I require at thine hand.

19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity: but thou hast delivered thy soul.

20 Again, when a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

21 Nevertheless, if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned: also thou hast delivered thy soul.

22 ¶ And the hand of the Lord *was* there upon me; and he said unto me, *Arise, go* forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee

23 Then I ārōše, and went forth into the plain ; and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chê'bâr : and I fell on my face.

24 Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thine house.

25 But thou, O son of man, behold, they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them :

26 And I will make thy tōngue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprovèr ; for they *are* a rebellious house.

27 But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD, He that heareth, let him hear ; and he that forbear-eth, let him forbear : for they *are* a rebellious house.

CHAP. IV.—

THOU also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and portray upon it the city, *even* Jê-rû'sa-lēm :

2 And lay siēge against' it, and build a fort against' it, and cāst a mount against' it ; set the camp also against' it, and set battering-rams against' it round about'.

3 Moreover, take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city ; and set thy face against' it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siēge against' it. This shall be a sign to the house of Īš'ra-ēl.

4 Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Īš'ra-ēl upon it : according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity.

5 For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days : so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Īš'ra-ēl.

6 And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again' on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Jū'dāh forty days : I have appointed thee each day for a year.

7 Thêrê'fōre thou shalt set thy face tō'ward the siēge of Jê-rû'sa-lēm, and thine arm shall bē uncōvèred, and thou shalt prophesy against' it.

8 And, behold, I will lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast ended the days of thy siēge.

9 Takē thou also unto thee wheat, and bārley, and beans, and lēn'tiles, and millet, and fitches, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof, according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side ; three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof.

10 And thy meat which thou shalt eat

shall be by weight, twenty shekels a-day : from time to time shalt thou eat it.

11 Thou shalt drink also water by mēas'ure, the sixth part of a hin : from time to time shalt thou drink.

12 And thou shalt eat it as bārley-cakes, and thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their sight.

13 And the LORD said, Even thus shall the children of Īš'ra-ēl eat their defiled bread among the Ğên'tiles, whither I will drive them.

14 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD ! behold, my soul hath not been polluted ; for from my youth up, even till now, have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in piēces ; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.

15 Then he said unto me, Lo, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread therewith.

16 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the stāff of bread in Jê-rû'sa-lēm ; and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care ; and they shall drink water by mēas'ure, and with astonishment :

17 That they may wānt bread and water, and be astonied¹ one with another, and consume away for their iniquity.

CHAP. V.

AND thou, son of man, take thee a sharp knife, take thee a barber's razor, and cause it to pass upon thine head, and upon thy beard ; then take thee balances to weigh, and divide the hair.

2 Thou shalt burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city, when the days of the siēge *are* fulfilled ; and thou shalt take a third part, and smite about' it with a knife ; and a third part thou shalt scatter in the wind ; and I will draw out a sōrd after them.

3 Thou shalt also take thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy skirts.²

4 Then take of them again', and cāst them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire ; for thereof shall a fire come forth into all the house of Īš'ra-ēl.

5 Thus saith the Lord GOD, This is Jê-rû'sa-lēm : I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that *are* round about' her.

6 And she hath chānged my judgments into wickedness more than the nations, and my statutes more than the countries that *are* round about' her ; for they have refused my judgments and my statutes, they have not walked in them.

7 Thêrê'fōre thus saith the Lord GOD, Because ye multiplied more than the nations that *are* round about' you, and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgments, neither have done according to the judgments of the nations that *are* round about' you ;

8 Thêrê'fōre thus saith the Lord GOD,

¹ or astonished.

² skërts.

Behold I, even I, *am* against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee, in the sight of the nations.

9 And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like; because of all thine abominations.

10 There'fore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter into all the winds.

11 Wherefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord God, Surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, there'fore will I also diminish thee; neither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity.

12 A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee; and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and I will scatter a third part into all the winds; and I will draw out a sword after them.

13 Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, and I will cause my fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I the Lord have spoken it in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury in them.

14 Moreover, I will make thee waste, and a reproach among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by.

15 So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment, unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgments in thee, in anger and in fury, and in furious rebukes. I the Lord have spoken it.

16 When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, which shall be for their destruction, and which I will send to destroy' you: and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread.

17 So will I send upon you famine, and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee. I the Lord have spoken it.

CHAP. VI.

AND the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face toward the mountain'tains of İş'ra-ël, and prophesy against them,

3 And say, Ye mountain'tains of İş'ra-ël, hear the word of the Lord God; Thus saith the Lord God to the mountain'tains and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, Behold I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy' your high places;

4 And your altars shall be desolate, and your images shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain men before your idols.

5 And I will lay the dead carcasses of the children of İş'ra-ël before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars.

6 In all your dwelling-places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.

7 And the slain shall fall in the midst of you; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord.

8 Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have some that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries.

9 And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations, whither they shall be carried captives, because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.

10 And they shall know that I *am* the Lord, and that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.

11 Thus saith the Lord God, Smite with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, *Ā-lās!* for all the evil abominations of the house of İş'ra-ël! for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.

12 He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my fury upon them.

13 Then shall ye know that I *am* the Lord, when their slain men shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountain'tains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they did offer sweet savour to all their idols.

14 So will I stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, more desolate than the wilderness toward Dib'lāth, in all their habitations; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord.

CHAP. VII.

MOREOVER, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God unto the land of İş'ra-ël, An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land.

3 Now is the end come upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations.

4 And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations

shall be in the midst of thee ; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord.

5 Thus saith the Lord God, An evil, an only evil, behold, is come.

6 An end is come, the end is come. it watcheth for thee ; behold, it is come.

7 The morning is come upon thee, O thou that dwellest in the land : the time is come, the day of trouble is near, and not the sounding again' of the mōūn'tains.

8 Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee ; and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations.

9 And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity : I will recompense thee according to thy ways, and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee : and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord that smiteth.

10 Behold the day, behold, it is come ; the morning is gone forth ; the rod hath blossomed ; pride hath budded.

11 Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness : none of them shall remain, nor of their multitude, nor of any of theirs ; neither shall there be wailing for them.

12 The time is come, the day draweth near : let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn ; for wrath is upon all the multitude thereof.

13 For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they were yet alive : for the vision is touch'ing the whole multitude thereof, which shall not return ; neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life.

14 They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready ; but none goeth to the battle : for my wrath is upon all the multitude thereof.

15 The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within : he that is in the field shall die with the sword ; and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.

16 But they that escape' of them shall escape', and shall be on the mōūn'tains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one for his iniquity.

17 All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water.

18 They shall also gird¹ themselves with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them ; and shame shall be upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads.

19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed : their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord : they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels ; because it is the stumbling-block of their iniquity.

20 As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in mā'jesty ;² but they made the images of their abominations, and of their de-

¹ gērd.

testable things therein : thērc'fōre have I set it far from them.

21 And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil ; and they shall pollute it.

22 My face will I turn also from them, and they shall pollute my secret place : for the robbers shall enter into it, and defile it.

23 Make a chain ; for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.

24 Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess' their houses : I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease, and their holy places shall be defiled.

25 Destruction cometh ; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none.

26 Mis'chief shall come upon mis'chief, and rumour shall be upon rumour ; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet : but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients.

27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled : I will do unto them after their way, and according to their dēs'ērts will I judge them ; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord.

CHAP. VIII.

AND it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Jū'dāh sat before me, that the hand of the Lord God fell there upon me.

2 Then I beheld, and, lo, a likeness as the appearance of fire : from the appearance of his loins, even dōw'n'wārd, fire ; and from his loins, even ūp'wārd, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber.

3 And he put forth the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of mine head, and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, to the door of the inner gate that looketh tō'wārd the north, where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy.

4 And, behold, the glory of the God of Īs'ra-ēl was there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.

5 Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way tō'wārd the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way tō'wārd the north, and behold, north'wārd at the gate of the altar, this image of jealousy in the entry.

6 He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do ? even the great abominations that the house of Īs'ra-ēl committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary ? But turn thee yet again', and thou shalt see greater abominations.

7 And he brought me to the door of the

² mad'jēs-te.

court; and when I looked, behold, a hole in the wall.

8 Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold, a door.

9 And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.

10 So I went in and saw; and, behold, every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of *Īṣ'ra-ēl*, portrayed upon the wall round about.

11 And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of *Īṣ'ra-ēl*, and in the midst of them stood *Jā-āz-a-nī'āh* the son of *Shā'phān*, with every man his censor in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.

12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of *Īṣ'ra-ēl* do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The Lord seeth us not; the Lord hath forsaken the earth.

13 He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.

14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the Lord's house which was towards the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for *Tām'mūz*.

15 Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these.

16 And he brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house; and, behold, at the door of the temple of the Lord, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs towards the temple of the Lord, and their faces towards the east; and they worshipped the sun towards the east.

17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O Son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of *Jū'dāh* that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger; and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.

18 Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.

CHAP. IX.

HE cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.

2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth towards the north, and every man a slaughter-weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's ink-

horn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brazen altar.

3 And the glory of the God of *Īṣ'ra-ēl* was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house: and he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's ink-horn by his side;

4 And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of *Jē-rū'sa-lēm*, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh, and that cry, for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite; let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:

6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women; but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

7 And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain; go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city.

8 And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord God: wilt thou destroy all the residue of *Īṣ'ra-ēl* in thy pouring out of thy fury upon *Jē-rū'sa-lēm*?

9 Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of *Īṣ'ra-ēl* and *Jū'dāh* is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness; for they say, The Lord hath forsaken the earth, and the Lord seeth not.

10 And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; but I will recompense their way upon their head.

11 And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the ink-horn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.

CHAP. X.

WHEN I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubims there appeared over them as it were a sapphire-stone,¹ as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

2 And he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub, and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the cherubims, and scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight.

3 Now the cherubims stood on the right side of the house when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.

4 Then the glory of the Lord went up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the Lord's glory.

5 And the sound of the cherubims' wings

¹ sūfir-stōne.

was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of the Āl-migh'ty God when he speaketh.

6 And it came to pāss, that when he had cōmman'ded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubims; then he went in, and stood beside the wheels.

7 And one cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubims unto the fire that was between the cherubims, and took thereof, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed with linen; who took it, and went out.

8 And there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's hand under their wings.

9 And when I looked, behold, the four wheels by the cherubims, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels was as the colour of a bē'r'ŷl-stone.

10 And as for their appearances, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel.

11 When they went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went.

12 And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes round about, even the wheels, that they four had.

13 As for the wheels, it was cried unto them in my hearing, O wheel!

14 And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

15 And the cherubims were lifted up. This is the living creature that I saw by the river of Chē'bār.

16 And when the cherubims went, the wheels went by them; and when the cherubims lifted up their wings, to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them.

17 When they stood, these stood; and when they were lifted up, these lifted up themselves also: for the spirit of the living creature was in them.

18 Then the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubims.

19 And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also were beside them; and every one stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD's house; and the glory of the God of Īs'ra-ēl was over them above.

20 This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Īs'ra-ēl, by the river of Chē'bār; and I knew that they were the cherubims.

21 Every one had four faces āpièce, and

1 e'tshūre

every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.

22 And the likeness of their faces was the same faces which I saw by the river of Chē'bār, their appearances and themselves: they went every one straight for ward.

CHAP. XI.

MOREOVER, the spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of the LORD's house, which looketh eastward: and, behold, at the door of the gate five and twenty men; among whom I saw Ja-āz-a-n'āh the son of Ā'zūr, and Pēl-a-tī'āh the son of Bēn-āi'āh,² princes of the people.

2 Then said he unto me, Son of man, these are the men that devise mis'chief, and give wicked counsel, in this city;

3 Which say, It is not near: let us build houses: this city is the caldron, and we be the flesh.

4 Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man.

5 And the Spir'it of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD, Thus have ye said, O house of Īs'ra-ēl: for I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them.

6 Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye have filled the streets thereof with the slain.

7 Therefore thus saith the LORD GOD, Your slain, whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they are the flesh, and this city is the caldron; but I will bring you forth out of the midst of it.

8 Ye have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you, saith the LORD GOD.

9 And I will bring you out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you.

10 Ye shall fall by the sword: I will judge you in the border of Īs'ra-ēl; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

11 This city shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof: but I will judge you in the border of Īs'ra-ēl:

12 And ye shall know that I am the LORD: for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but have done after the manners of the heathen that are round about you.

13 And it came to pāss, when I prophesied, that Pēl-a-tī'āh, the son of Bēn-āi'āh, died: then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Īs'ra-ēl?

14 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

15 Son of man, thy brethren, even thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Īs'ra-ēl wholly, are they unto whom the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm have said, Get ye far from the LORD; unto us is this land given in pōššes'sion.

2 Bēn-ā'yāh.

A remnant shall be saved.

EZIEL. *The type of E-zé'hi-él's removing.*

16 There'fore say, Thus saith the Lord God, Although I have east them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come.

17 There fore say, Thus saith the Lord God, I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Iṣ'ra-él.

18 And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof, and all the abominations thereof, from thence.

19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you: and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh;

20 That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

21 But *as for them* whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own head, saith the Lord God.

22 Then did the cherubims lift up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Iṣ'ra-él was over them above.

23 And the glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.

24 Afterwards the spirit took me up, and brought me in vision by the Spirit of God into Châl-de'â, to them of the captivity: so the vision that I had seen went up from me.

25 Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the Lord had showed me

CHAP. XII.

THE word of the Lord also came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they *are* a rebellious house.

3 There'fore, thou son of man, prepare thee stuff for removing, and remove by day in their sight; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight: it may be they will consider, though they *be* a rebellious house.

4 Then shalt thou bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for removing: and thou shalt go forth at even in their sight, as they that go forth into captivity.

5 Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby:

6 In their sight shalt thou bear it upon thy shoulders, and carry it forth in the twilight: thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the ground; for I have set thee for a sign unto the house of Iṣ'ra-él.

7 And I did so as I was comman'ded: I

brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for captivity, and in the even I digged through the wall with mine hand; I brought it forth in the twilight, and I bare it upon my shoulder in their sight.

8 And in the morning came the word of the Lord unto me, saying,

9 Son of man, hath not the house of Iṣ'ra-él, the rebellious house, said unto thee, What doest thou?

10 Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord God, This burden *concerneth* the prince in Je-rù'sa-lém, and all the house of Iṣ'ra-él that *are* among them.

11 Say, I *am* your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them; they shall remove, and go into captivity.

12 And the prince that *is* among them shall bear upon his shoulder in the twilight, and shall go forth; they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby: he shall cover his face, that he see not the ground with his eyes.

13 My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and I will bring him to Bâb y-lon, to the land of the Châl-de'ânus; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there.

14 And I will scatter to'ward every wind all that *are* about him to help him, and all his hands; and I will draw out the sword after them.

15 And they shall know that I *am* the Lord, when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries.

16 But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence, that they may declare all their abominations among the heathen whither they come; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord.

17 Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

18 Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with carefulness;

19 And say unto the people of the land, Thus saith the Lord God of the inhabitants of Je-rù'sa-lém, and of the land of Iṣ'ra-él, They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may be desolate from all that is therein, because of the violence of all them that dwell therein.

20 And the cities that *are* inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord.

21 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

22 Son of man, what *is* that prov'erb that ye have in the land of Iṣ'ra-él, saying, The days *are* prolonged, and every vision faileth?

23 Tell them there'fore, Thus saith the Lord God, I will make this prov'erb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a prov'erb in Iṣ'ra-él; but say unto them, The days *are* at hand, and the effect of every vision.

24 For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house of Īš'ra-ēl.

25 For I *am* the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the LORD God.

26 ¶ Again, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

27 Son of man, behold, *they* of the house of Īš'ra-ēl say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off.

28 Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the LORD God, There shall none of my words be prolonged any more; but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the LORD God.

CHAP. XIII.

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Īš'ra-ēl, that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD;

3 Thus saith the LORD God, Wo unto the foolish prophets that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!

4 O Īš'ra-ēl, thy prophets are like the foxes in the dēš'ērts.

5 Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Īš'ra-ēl, to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD.

6 They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith; and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word.

7 Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD saith it; albeit I have not spoken?

8 Therefore thus saith the LORD God, Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I *am* against you, saith the LORD God.

9 And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Īš'ra-ēl, neither shall they enter into the land of Īš'ra-ēl; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD God.

10 Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace, and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar.

11 Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it.

12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it

not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it?

13 Therefore thus saith the LORD God, I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones, in my fury, to consume it.

14 So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

15 Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered mortar; and will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it;

16 To wit, the prophets of Īš'ra-ēl, which prophesy concerning Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the LORD God.

17 ¶ Likewise, thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them,

18 And say, Thus saith the LORD God, Wo to the women that sew pillows to all arm-holes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature, to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive that come unto you?

19 And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley, and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies?

20 Wherefore thus saith the LORD God, Behold, I *am* against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls to make them fly; and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt to make them fly.

21 Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

22 Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life;

23 Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAP. XIV.

WHEN came certain of the elders of Īš'ra-ēl unto me, and sat before me.

2 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumbling-block of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them?

4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Every man of the house of Iſ'ra-ël that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet, I the Lord will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols;

5 That I may take the house of Iſ'ra-ël in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

6 Therefore say unto the house of Iſ'ra-ël, thus saith the Lord God, Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

7 For every one of the house of Iſ'ra-ël, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Iſ'ra-ël, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to inquire of him concerning me; I the Lord will answer him by myself:

8 And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

9 And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the Lord have deceived that prophet; and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Iſ'ra-ël.

10 And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh unto him;

11 That the house of Iſ'ra-ël may go no more astray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord God.

12 ¶ The word of the Lord came again to me, saying,

13 Son of man, when the land sinneth against me, by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it.

14 Though these three men, Nō'āh, Dān'i-ël,¹ and Jōb, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord God.

15 If I cause noisome beasts to pass through the land, and they spoil it, so that it be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts:

16 Though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate.

17 Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it:

18 Though these three men were in it,

¹ Dān'y-ël or Dān'c-ël.

as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves.

19 Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast:

20 Though Nō'āh, Dān'i-ël, and Jōb, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

21 For thus saith the Lord God, How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jē-rū'sa-lēm, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?

22 Yet, behold, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth, both sons and daughters; behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings: and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jē-rū'sa-lēm, even concerning all that I have brought upon it.

23 And they shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XV.

AND the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, what is the vine-tree more than any tree, or than a branch which is among the trees of the forest?

3 Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work? or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon?

4 Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burnt. Is it meet for any work?

5 Behold, when it was whole it was meet for no work: how much less shall it be meet yet for any work when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned?

6 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, As the vine-tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

7 And I will set my face against them; they shall go out from one fire, and another fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I set my face against them.

8 And I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XVI.—

GAIN the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, cause Jē-rū'sa-lēm to know her abominations,

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord God unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm, Thy birth² and thy nativity is of the land of Cā'na-ān; thy father was an Am'o-rite, and thy mother a Hit'tite.

² birth.

4 And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born, thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple thee: thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.

5 None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the loathing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born.

6 And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee, *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee, *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live.

7 I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments: thy breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou wast naked and bare.

8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt¹ over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord God, and thou becamest mine.

9 Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil.

10 I clothed thee also with brodered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded² thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk.

11 I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thine hands, and a chain on thy neck.

12 And I put a jewel on thy forehead, and ear-rings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head.

13 Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and brodered work: thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil; and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom.

14 And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord God.

15 But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pourest out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was.

16 And of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high places with divers colours, and playedst the harlot thereupon: the like things shall not come, neither shall it be so.

17 Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them;

18 And tookest thy brodered garments,

and coveredst them: and thou hast set mine oil and mine incense before them.

19 My meat also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, wherewith I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them for a sweet savour: and thus it was, saith the Lord God.

20 Moreover, thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Is this of thy whoredoms a small matter,

21 That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them?

22 And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast polluted in thy blood.

23 And it came to pass, after all thy wickedness, (wo, wo unto thee! saith the Lord God.)

24 That thou hast also built unto thee an eminent place, and hast made thee a high place in every street.

25 Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms.

26 Thou hast also committed fornication with the E-gyp'ti-ans thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger.

27 Behold, therefore, I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine ordinary food, and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Philistines, which are ashamed of thy lewd way.

28 Thou hast played the whore also with the As-syr'i-ans, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldst not be satisfied.

29 Thou hast, moreover, multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chal-deans, and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.

30 How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord God, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman;

31 In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as a harlot, in that thou scornest hire;

32 But as a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband!

33 They give gifts to all whores; but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom.

34 And the contrary is in thee from other women³ in thy whoredoms, whereas none

1 skért.

2 gér'ded.

3 wim'min.

followeth thee to commit whoredoms: and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee: thērc'fore thou art contrary.

35 Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the Lord.

36 Thus saith the Lord God, Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them:

37 Behold, thērc'fore, I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken plēas'ure, and all *them* that thou hast loved, with all *them* that thou hast hated; I will even gather them round about' against' thee, and will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness.

38 And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock, and shed blood, are judged: and I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy.

39 And I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thine eminent place and shall break down thy high places: they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare.

40 They shall also bring up a company against' thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords.

41 And they shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women: and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more.

42 So will I make my fury tōwards thee to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.

43 Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, but hast fretted me in all these things; behold, thērc'fore, I also will recompense thy way upon thine head, saith the Lord God; and thou shalt not commit this lewdness above all thine abominations.

44 Behold, every one that useth prōv'ērb shall use *this* prōv'ērb against' thee, saying, As *is* the mother, so *is* her daughter.

45 Thou art thy mother's daughter, that loatheth her hūz'bānd and her children; and thou art the sister of thy sisters, which loathed their hūz'bānds and their children: your mōt'er was a Hit'tite, and your father an Ām'ō rite.

46 And thine elder sister is Sa-mā'ri-ā, she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, is Sōd'om and her daughters.

47 Yet hast thou not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations; but, as if that were a very little thing, thou

wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways.

48 As I live, saith the Lord God, Sōd'om thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters.

49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sōd'om, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness, was in her, and in her daughters, nēither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

50 And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: thērc'fore I took them away as I saw good.

51 Nēither hath Sa-mā'ri-ā committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou hast done.

52 Thou also, which hast judged thy sisters, bear thine own shame, for thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they: they are more righteous than thou; yea, be thou confounded also, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters.

53 When I shall bring again¹ their captivity, the captivity of Sōd'om and her daughters, and the captivity of Sa-mā'ri-ā and her daughters, then *will I bring again* the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them;

54 That thou mayst bear thine own shame, and mayst be confounded in all that thou hast done, in that thou art a cōmfōrt unto them.

55 When thy sisters, Sōd'om and her daughters, shall return to their former estate', and Sa-mā'ri-ā and her daughters shall return to their former estate', then thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate'.

56 For thy sister Sōd'om was not mentioned by thy mouth in the day of thy pride,

57 Before thy wickedness was discovered, as at the time of thy reproach of the daughters of Sūr'i-ā, and all that are round about' her, the daughters of the Phi-lis'tines, which despise' thee round about'.

58 Thou hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations, saith the Lord.

59 For thus saith the Lord God, I will even deal with thee as thou hast done, which hast despised the oath in breaking the covenant.

60 Nevertheless, I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will estāb'lish unto thee an ēvērlās'ting covenant.

61 Then thou shalt remember thy ways and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder and thy younger: and I will give them unto thee for daughters, but not by thy covenant.

62 And I will estāb'lish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* the Lord;

¹ ā-gén'.

63 That thou mayst remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I am pacified tō'wārd thee for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XVII.

AND the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl;

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord God, A great eagle with great wings, long-winged, full of feathers, which had divers colours, came unto Lēb'a-nōn, and took the highest branch of the cedar:

4 He cropped off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffick; he set it in a city of merchants.

5 He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful field; he placed it by great waters, and set it as a willow-tree;

6 And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stāt'ure,¹ whose branches turned tō'wārd him, and the roots thereof wēre under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.

7 There was also another great eagle with great wings and many² feathers; and, behold, this vine did bend her roots tō'wārd him, and shot forth her branches tō'wārd him, that he might water it by the furrows of her plantation.

8 It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.

9 Say thou, Thus saith the Lord God, Shall it prosper? shall he not pull up the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit thereof, that it wither? it shall wither in all the leaves of her spring, even without great power, or many people to pluck it up by the roots thereof.

10 Yea, behold, *being* planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the furrows where it grew.

11 ¶ Moreover, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

12 Say now to the rebellious house, Know ye not what these *things* mean? tell them, Behold, the king of Bāb'y-lōn is come to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and hath taken the king thereof, and the princes thereof, and led them with him to Bāb'y-lōn;

13 And hath taken of the king's seed, and made a cōvenant with him, and hath taken an oath of him: he hath also taken the mighty of the land:

14 That the kingdom might be base, that it might not lift itself up, *but* that by keeping of his cōvenant it might stand.

15 But he rebelled against him, in sending his ambassadors into E'g'yp't, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape? that do-

¹ stāt'tshūre.

eth such *things*? or shall he break the cōvenant, and be delivered?

16 *As* I live, saith the Lord God, surely in the place *where* the king dwelleth that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose cōvenant he brake, *even* with him, in the midst of Bāb'y-lōn, he shall die.

17 Neither shall Phā'raōh with *his* mighty army and great cōmpany, make for him in the war, by cāst'ing up mounts, and building forts, to cut off many pērsōns:

18 Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the cōvenant, when, lo, he had given his hand, and hath done all these *things*, he shall not escape!

19 Thērē'fore, thus saith the Lord God, *As* I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my cōvenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompense upon his own head.

20 And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare; and I will bring him to Bāb'y-lōn, and will plead with him there for his trēs'pāss that he hath trēs'passed against me.

21 And all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the swōrd, and they that remain shall be scattered tō'wārd all winds; and ye shall know that I the Lord have spoken it.

22 Thus saith the Lord God, I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plānt it upon a high mōūn'tain and eminent;

23 In the mōūn'tain of the height of Iṣ'ra-ēl will I plānt it; and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell.

24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the Lord have spoken, and have done it.

CHAP. XVIII.—

AND the word of the Lord came unto me again, saying,

2 What mean ye, that ye use this prōv'ērb cōncēr'n'ing the land of Iṣ'ra-ēl, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?

3 *As* I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this prōv'ērb in Iṣ'ra-ēl.

4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

5 But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right,

6 And hath not eaten upon the mōūn'tains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl, neither hath

² mēn'ne.

defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman,

7 And hath not oppressed any, *but* hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment;

8 He *that* hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, *that* hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man,

9 Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord God.

10 If he beget a son *that is* a robber, a shedder of blood, and *that* doeth the like to *any one of these things*,

11 And *that* doeth not any of those duties, but even hath eaten upon the môûntains, and defiled his neighbour's wife,

12 Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination,

13 Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die, his blood shall be upon him.

14 Now, lo, *if* he beget a son that seeth all his father's sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doth not such like,

15 *That* hath not eaten upon the môûntains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Īs'ra-ël, hath not defiled his neighbour's wife,

16 Neither hath oppressed any, hath not withholden the pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, *but* hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment,

17 *That* hath taken off his hand from the poor, *that* hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgments, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live.

18 *As for* his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did *that* which is not good among his people, lo, even he shall die in his iniquity.

19 Yet say ye, Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live.

20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful

and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

22 All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.

23 Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God; and not that he should return from his ways, and live?

24 But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trêspass, that he hath trêspassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

25 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Īs'ra-ël, Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal?

26 When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done, shall he die.

27 Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

28 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

29 Yet saith the house of Īs'ra-ël, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Īs'ra-ël, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?

30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Īs'ra-ël, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves, from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

31 Căst away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Īs'ra-ël?

32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God; wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

CHAP. XIX.

MOREOVER, take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Īs'ra-ël,

2 And say, What is thy mother? A lioness: she lay down among lions, she nourished her whelps among young lions.

3 And she brought up one of her whelps: it became a young lion, and it learned to catch the prey; it devoured men.

4 The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains unto the land of Ēgypt.

5 Now, when she saw that she had waited, and her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps, and made him a young lion.

6 And he went up and down among the lions, he became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey, and devoured men.

7 And he knew their desolate palaces, and he laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and the fulness thereof, by the noise of his roaring.

8 Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him: he was taken in their pit.

9 And they put him in ward in chains, and brought him to the king of Bāb'y-lōn; they brought him into holds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of *İs'ra-ël*.

10 Thy mother is like a vine in thy blood, planted by the waters: she was fruitful, and full of branches, by reason of many waters.

11 And she had strong rods for the sceptres of them that bare rule, and her staff were exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.

12 But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit; her strong rods were broken and withered, the fire consumed them.

13 And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground.

14 And fire is gone out of a rod of her branches, which hath devoured her fruit, so that she hath no strong rod to be a sceptre to rule. This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

CHAP. XX.

AND it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that certain of the elders of *İs'ra-ël* came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me.

2 Then came the word of the LORD unto me, saying,

3 Son of man, speak unto the elders of *İs'ra-ël*, and say unto them, Thus saith the LORD God, Are ye come to inquire of me? As I live, saith the LORD God, I will not be inquired of by you.

4 Wilt thou judge them, son of man? wilt thou judge them? cause them to know the abominations of their fathers;

5 And say unto them, Thus saith the LORD God, In the day when I chose *İs'ra-ël*, and lifted up mine hand unto the seed of the house of *Jā'çöb*, and made myself known unto them in the land of *Eg'gypt*, when I lifted up mine hand unto them, saying, I am the LORD your God;

6 In the day that I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth of the land of *Eg'gypt* into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands;

7 Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of *Eg'gypt*: I am the LORD your God.

8 But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me: they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of *Eg'gypt*: then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of *Eg'gypt*.

9 But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they were, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of *Eg'gypt*.

10 Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of *Eg'gypt*, and brought them into the wilderness:

11 And I gave them my statutes, and showed them my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them.

12 Moreover also, I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.

13 But the house of *İs'ra-ël* rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.

14 But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out.

15 Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands;

16 Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols.

17 Nevertheless mine eyes spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

18 But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols.

19 I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them;

20 And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.

21 Notwithstanding the children rebelled against me: they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted my sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.

22 Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand,

and wrought for my name's ſake, that it ſhould not be polluted in the ſight of the heathen, in whoſe ſight I brought them forth.

23 I lifted up mine hand unto them alſo in the wilderneſs, that I would ſcatter them among the heathen, and diſperſe them through the countries :

24 Becauſe they had not executed my judgments, but had deſpiſed my ſtatutes, and had polluted my ſabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.

25 Wherefore I gave them alſo ſtatutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they ſhould not live :

26 And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they cauſed to paſs through the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them deſolate, to the end that they might know that I am the Lord.

27 Therefore, ſon of man, ſpeak unto the houſe of Iſ'ra-ël, and ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord God, Ye in this your fathers have blaſphemèd me, in that they have committed a treſpaſs againſt me.

28 For when I had brought them into the land, for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to them, then they ſaw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered there their ſacrifices, and there they preſented the provocation of their offering : there alſo they made their ſweet ſavour, and poured out there their drink-offerings.

29 Then I ſaid unto them, What is the high place whereunto ye go? And the name thereof is called Ba'mah unto this day.

30 Wherefore ſay unto the houſe of Iſ'ra-ël, Thus ſaith the Lord God, Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? and commit ye whoredom after their abominations?

31 For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your ſons to paſs through the fire, ye pollute yourſelves with all your idols, even unto this day : and ſhall I be inquired of by you, O houſe of Iſ'ra-ël? As I live, ſaith the Lord God, I will not be inquired of by you.

32 And that which cometh into your mind ſhall not be at all, that ye ſay, We will be as the heathen, as the families of the countries, to ſerve wood and ſtone.

33 As I live, ſaith the Lord God, ſurely with a mighty hand, and with a ſtretched-out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you ;

34 And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are ſcattered, with a mighty hand, and with a ſtretched-out arm, and with fury poured out ;

35 And I will bring you into the wilderneſs of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.

36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderneſs of the land of E'gypt, ſo will I plead with you, ſaith the Lord God.

37 And I will cauſe you to paſs under

the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant :

38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that tranſgreſs againſt me : I will bring them forth out of the country where they ſo'journ, and they ſhall not enter into the land of Iſ'ra-ël ; and ye ſhall know that I am the Lord.

39 As for you, O houſe of Iſ'ra-ël, thus ſaith the Lord God, Go ye, ſerve ye every one his idols, and hereafter alſo, if ye will not hearken unto me : but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols.

40 For in mine holy môûn'tain, in the môûn'tain of the height of Iſ'ra-ël, ſaith the Lord God, there ſhall all the houſe of Iſ'ra-ël, all of them in the land, ſerve me : there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firſt-fruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.

41 I will accept you with your ſweet ſavour, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been ſcattered ; and I will be ſanctified in you before the heathen.

42 And ye ſhall know that I am the Lord, when I ſhall bring you into the land of Iſ'ra-ël, into the country for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.

43 And there ſhall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled ; and ye ſhall loathe yourſelves in your own ſight, for all your evils that ye have committed.

44 And ye ſhall know that I am the Lord, when I have wrought with you for my name's ſake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye houſe of Iſ'ra-ël, ſaith the Lord God.

45 ¶ Moreover, the word of the Lord came unto me, ſaying,

46 Son of man, ſet thy face tõward the ſouth, and drop thy word tõward the ſouth, and prophesy againſt the foreſt of the ſouth field ;

47 And ſay to the foreſt of the ſouth, Hear the word of the Lord, Thus ſaith the Lord God, Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it ſhall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree : the flaming flame ſhall not be quenched, and all faces from the ſouth to the north ſhall be burned therein.

48 And all fleſh ſhall ſee that I the Lord have kindled it : it ſhall not be quenched.

49 Then ſaid I, Ah Lord God ! they ſay of me, Dóth he not ſpeak parables?

CHAP. XXI.

AND the word of the Lord came unto me, ſaying,

2 Son of man, ſet thy face tõward Jeruſa-lém, and drop thy word tõward the holy places, and prophesy againſt the land of Iſ'ra-ël,

3 And say to the land of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I am against' thee, and will draw forth my sword out of his sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked.

4 Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of his sheath against' all flesh from the south to the north;

5 That all flesh may know that I the LORD have drawn forth my sword out of his sheath: it shall not return any more.

6 Sigh, therefore, thou son of man, with the breaking of thy loins; and with bitterness sigh before their eyes.

7 And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt answer, For the tidings; because it cometh: and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak as water: behold, it cometh, and shall be brought to pass, saith the Lord God.

8 ¶ Again', the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD; Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also furbished:

10 It is sharpened to make a sore slaughter: it is furbished that it may glitter: should we then make mirth? it contemneth the rod of my son, as every tree.

11 And he hath given it to be furbished, that it may be handled: this sword is sharpened, and it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the slayer.

12 Cry and howl, son of man; for it shall be upon my people, it shall be upon all the princes of Iṣ'ra-ēl: terrors, by reason of the sword, shall be upon my people: smite therefore upon thy thigh.

13 Because it is a trial, and what if the sword contemn even the rod? it shall be no more, saith the Lord God.

14 Thou, therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite thine hands together, and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain: it is the sword of the great men that are slain, which entereth into their privy chambers.

15 I have set the point of the sword against' all their gates, that their heart may faint, and their ruins be multiplied. Ah! it is made bright, it is wrapt up for the slaughter.

16 Go thee one way or other, either on the right hand, or on the left, whithersoever thy face is set.

17 I will also smite mine hands together, and I will cause my fury to rest: I the LORD have said it.

18 ¶ The word of the LORD came unto me again', saying,

19 Also, thou son of man, appoint thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Bāb'y-lōn may come: both twain shall come

forth out of one land: and chōṣe thou a place, chōṣe it at the head of the way to the city.

20 Appoint a way, that the sword may come to Rāb'bāth of the Am'mōn-ites, and to Jū'dāh in Jē-rū'sa-lēm the defenced.

21 For the king of Bāb'y-lōn stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made his arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver.

22 At his right hand was the divination for Jē-rū'sa-lēm, to appoint cāp'tains, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to appoint battering-rams against' the gates, to cast a mount, and to build a fort.

23 And it shall be unto them as a false divination in their sight, to them that have sworn oaths: but he will call to remembrance the iniquity, that they may be taken.

24 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because, I say, that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand.

25 And thou, profane wicked prince of Iṣ'ra-ēl, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end;

26 Thus saith the Lord God, Remove the diadem, and take off the crown; this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high.

27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn it; and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.

28 ¶ And thou, son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord God concerning the Am'mōn-ites, and concerning their reproach; even say thou, The sword, the sword is drawn; for the slaughter it is furbished, to consume because of the glittering;

29 While they see vanity unto thee, while they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of them that are slain, of the wicked, whose day is come, when their iniquity shall have an end.

30 Shall I cause it to return into his sheath? I will judge thee in the place where thou wast created, in the land of thy nativity.

31 And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee; I will blow against' thee in the fire of my wrath, and deliver thee into the hand of brutish men, and skilful to destroy'.

32 Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire; thy blood shall be in the midst of the land; thou shalt be no more remembered; for I the LORD have spoken it.

CHAP. XXII.—

MOREOVER, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Now, thou son of man, wilt thou judge,

wilt thou judge the bloody city? yēa, thou shalt show her all her abominations.

3 Then say thou, Thus saith the Lord God, The city sheddeth blood in the midst of it, that her time may come; and maketh idols āgainst herself to defile herself.

4 Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed; and hast defiled thyself in thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come *even* unto thy years: thēre'fōre have I made thee a reproach unto the heathen, and a mocking to all countries.

5 Those that be near, and those that be far from thee, shall mock thee, which art infamous and much vexed.

6 Behold, the princes of Iṣ'ra-ēl, every one wēre in thee to their power to shed blood.

7 In thee have they set light by father and mōther; in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the strānger; in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow.

8 Thou hast despised mine holy things, and hast profaned my sabbaths.

9 In thee āre men that carry tales to shed blood; and in thee they eat upon the mōūntains; in the midst of thee they commit lewdness;

10 In thee have they discovered their fathers' nakedness; in thee have they hūm-bled her that was set āpart for pollution.

11 And one hath committed abomination with his neighbour's wife; and ānōther hath lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and ānōther in thee hath hūm-bled his sister, his father's daughter.

12 In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord God.

13 Behold, thēre'fōre, I have smitten mine hand at thy dīshōn'est gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee.

14 Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the Lord have spoken it, and will do it.

15 And I will scatter thee āmong the heathen, and dispēse' thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out of thee.

16 And thou shalt take thine inheritance in thyself in the sight of the heathen, and thou shalt know that I *am* the Lord.

17 ¶ And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl is to me become dross: all they āre brāss, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the fūr'nace;² they āre *even* the dross of silver.

19 Thēre'fōre thus saith the Lord God, Because ye āre all become dross, behold,

¹ dīz-ōn'ist.

² fūr'nīs.

³ vēr-jin'e-te.

thēre'fōre, I will gāther you into the midst of Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

20 As they gāther silver, and brāss, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the fūr'nace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gāther you in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there, and melt you.

21 Yēa, I will gāther you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrāth, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.

22 As silver is melted in the midst of the fūr'nace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the Lord have poured out my fury upon you.

23 ¶ And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou art the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.

25 There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey: they have devoured souls; they have taken the trēas'ure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.

26 Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, nēither have they showed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned āmong them.

27 Her princes in the midst thereof āre like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destrōy' souls, to get dīshōn'est gain.

28 And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divinīng lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord God, when the Lord hath not spoken.

29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy; yēa, they have oppressed the strānger wrongfully.

30 And I sought for a man āmong them that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destrōy' it; but I found none.

31 Thēre'fōre have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrāth: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XXIII.—

THE word of the Lord came āgain' unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, there wēre two women, the daughters of one mōther;

3 And they committed whoredoms in Ē'gypt; they committed whoredoms in their youth: there wēre their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virgin'ity.³

4 And the names of them wēre Ā-hō'lāh the elder, and Ā-hō'l'i-bāh her sister; and

they were mine, and they bare sons and daughters. Thus *were* their names, Sa-mā'ri-ā is Ā-hō'lāh, and Jē-rū'sa-lēm Ā-hō'l'i-bāh.

5 And Ā-hō'lāh played the harlot when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Ās-sūr'i-ānš *her* neighbours.

6 Which *were* clothed with blue, căp'tains and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses.

7 Thus she committed her whoredoms with them, with all them that *were* the chosen men of Ās-sūr'i-ā, and with all on whom she doted: with all their idols she defiled herself.

8 Neither left she her whoredoms brought from Ē'gypt: for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the breasts of her virginity, and poured their whoredom upon her.

9 Wherefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Ās-sūr'i-ānš, upon whom she doted.

10 These discovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters, and slew her with the sword; and she became famous among women; for they had executed judgment upon her.

11 And when her sister Ā-hō'l'i-bāh saw *this*, she was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in her whoredoms more than her sister in *her* whoredoms.

12 She doted upon the Ās-sūr'i-ānš *her* neighbours, căp'tains and rulers clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men.

13 Then I saw that she was defiled, *that they took* both one way;

14 And that she increased her whoredoms: for when she saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the Čhāl-dē'ānš portrayed with vermilion,¹

15 Gir'ded² with gir'dles³ upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the Bāb-y-lō'ni-ānš of Čhāl-dē'ā, the land of their nativity:

16 And, as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Čhāl-dē'ā.

17 And the Bāb-y-lō'ni-ānš came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom; and she was polluted with them, and her mind was alienated from them.

18 So she discovered her whoredoms, and discovered her nakedness: then my mind was alienated from her, like as my mind was alienated from her sister.

19 Yet she multiplied her whoredoms, in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, wherein she had played the harlot in the land of Ē'gypt.

20 For she doted upon their paramours, whose flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses.

21 Thus thou calledst to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth, in bruising thy

teats by the Ē-gy'p'ti-ānš for the paps of thy youth.

22 Therefore, O Ā-hō'l'i-bāh, thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, from whom thy mind is alienated, and I will bring them against thee on every side;

23 The Bāb-y-lō'ni-ānš, and all the Čhāl-dē'ānš, Pe'kōd, and Shē'ā, and Kō'ā, and all the Ās-sūr'i-ānš with them: all of them desirable young men, căp'tains and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them rising upon horses.

24 And they shall come against thee with chariots, wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people, *which* shall set against thee buckler, and shield, and helmet, round about: and I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge thee according to their judgments.

25 And I will set my jealousy against thee, and they shall deal furiously with thee: they shall take away thy nose and thine ears; and thy remnant shall fall by the sword: they shall take thy sons and thy daughters; and thy residue shall be devoured by the fire.

26 They shall also strip thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy fair jewels.

27 Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredom brought from the land of Ē'gypt: so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Ē'gypt any more.

28 For thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand of *them* whom thou hatest, into the hand of *them* from whom thy mind is alienated:

29 And they shall deal with thee hatefully, and shall take away all thy labour, and shall leave thee naked and bare; and the nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be discovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

30 I will do these things unto thee, because thou hast gone a whoring after the heathen, and because thou art polluted with their idols.

31 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore will I give her cup into *thine* hand.

32 Thus saith the Lord God, Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large: thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it containeth much.

33 Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the eup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Sa-mā'ri-ā.

34 Thou shalt even drink it, and suck it out, and thou shalt break the shērds thereof, and pluck off thine own breasts: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

35 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Because thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

¹ vēr-mil'yūn.

² gēr'ded.

³ gēr'dlz.

36 ¶ The LORD said moreover unto me, Son of man, wilt thou judge Ā-hō'lāb and Ā-hō'l'i-bāh? yea, declare unto them their abominations;

37 That they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery; and have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass for them through the fire, to devour them.

38 Moreover, this they have done unto me: they have defiled my sanctuary¹ in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths.

39 For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of mine house.

40 And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent; and, lo, they came; for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thine eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments,

41 And satest upon a stately bed, and a table prepared before it, whereupon thou hast set mine incense and mine oil.

42 And a voice of a multitude being at ease was with her: and with the men of the common sort were brought Sa-bē'ānš from the wilderness, which put bracelets upon their hands, and beautiful crowns upon their heads.

43 Then said I unto her that was old in adulteries, Will they now commit whoredoms with her, and she with them?

44 Yet they went into her, as they go in unto a woman that playeth the harlot; so went they in unto Ā-hō'lāb and unto Ā-hō'l'i-bāh, the lewd women.

45 And the righteous men, they shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands.

46 For thus saith the Lord God, I will bring up a company upon them, and will give them to be removed and spoiled.

47 And the company shall stone them with stones, and despatch them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.

48 Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness.

49 And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols: and ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

CHAP. XXIV.

AGAIN,² in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

² Son of man, write thee the name of

1 sāngk'tskū-ā-re.

the day, even of this same day; the king of Bāb'y-lon set himself against Je-rú'sa-lém this same day.

3 And utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Set on a pot, set it on, and also pour water into it:

4 Gather the pieces thereof into it, even every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice bones.

5 Take the choice of the flock, and burn also the bones under it, and make it boil well, and let them seeth the bones of it therein.

6 Wherefore thus saith the Lord God, Wo to the bloody city, to the pot whose scum is therein, and whose scum is not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it.

7 For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the top of a rock; she poured it not upon the ground to cover it with dust;

8 That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance; I have set her blood upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered.

9 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Wo to the bloody city! I will even make the pile for fire great.

10 Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned.

11 Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and that the filthiness of it may be molten in it, that the scum of it may be consumed.

12 She hath wearied herself with lies, and her great scum went not forth out of her: her scum shall be in the fire.

13 In thy filthiness is lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused my fury to rest upon thee.

14 I the LORD have spoken it; it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent: according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord God.

15 ¶ Also the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

16 Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down.

17 Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not thy lips, and eat not the bread of men.

18 So I spake unto the people in the morning; and at even my wife died: and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

2 ā-gēn'.

19 And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these things are to us, that thou doest so ?

20 Then I answered them, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

21 Speak unto the house of Iſ'ra-ël, Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pitieth ; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall fall by the sword.

22 And ye shall do as I have done : ye shall not cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men.

23 And your tires shall be upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet : ye shall not mourn nor weep ; but ye shall pine away for your iniquities, and mourn one to'wards another.

24 Thus E-zê'ki-ël is unto you a sign : according to all that he hath done shall ye do ; and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

25 Also, thou son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters,

26 That he that escapeth in that day shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears ?

27 In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb : and thou shalt be a sign unto them ; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAP. XXV.

THE word of the LORD came again' unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face against' the Am'môn-ites, and prophesy against' them ;

3 And say unto the Am'môn-ites, Hear the word of the Lord God ; Thus saith the Lord God, Because thou saidst, A-hà', against' my sanctuary, when it was profaned ; and against' the land of Iſ'ra-ël, when it was desolate ; and against' the house of Jû'dáh, when they went into captivity :

4 Behold, there'fore, I will deliver thee to the men of the east for a pōſſēs'sion, and they shall set their palaces in thee, and make their dwellings in thee : they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk.

5 And I will make Râb'bâh a stable for camels, and the Am'môn-ites a couch'ing-place for flocks ; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

6 For thus saith the Lord God, Because thou hast clapped thine hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced in heart with all thy despite' against' the land of Iſ'ra-ël ;

7 Behold, there'fore, I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the heathen ; and I will cut thee off from the people, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries : I will

destrôy' thee ; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

8 Thus saith the Lord God, Because that Mō'ab and Sê'ir do say, Behold, the house of Jû'dáh is like unto all the heathen ;

9 There'fore, behold, I will open the side of Mō'ab from the cities, from his cities which are on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Bêth-jêſ'hi-mōth, Bâ'al-Mê'ôn, and Kir'i-âth-Ā'im,¹

10 Unto the men of the east with the Am'môn-ites, and will give them in pōſſēs'sion, that the Am'môn-ites may not be remembered among the nations.

11 And I will execute judgments upon Mō'ab ; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

12 Thus saith the Lord God, Because that Ê'dôm hath dealt against' the house of Jû'dáh by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them :

13 There'fore thus saith the Lord God, I will also stretch out mine hand upon Ê'dôm, and will cut off man and beast from it ; and I will make it desolate from Tê'mân ; and they of Dê'dân shall fall by the sword.

14 And I will lay my vengeance upon Ê'dôm by the hand of my people Iſ'ra-ël : and they shall do in Ê'dôm according to mine anger, and according to my fury ; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord God.

15 Thus saith the Lord God, Because the Phi-lis'tines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a despite'ful heart, to destrôy' it for the old hatred ;

16 There'fore, thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will stretch out mine hand upon the Phi-lis'tines, and I will cut off the Chêr'êth-ims, and destrôy' the remnant of the sea-coast.

17 And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes ; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

CHAP. XXVI.

AND it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, because that Ty'rûs hath said against' Jê-rû'sa-lêm, A-hà' she is broken that was the gates of the people ; she is turned unto me ; I shall be replenished, now she is laid waste :

3 There'fore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I am against' thee, O Ty'rûs, and will cause many nations to come up against' thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up.

4 And they shall destrôy' the walls of Ty'rûs, and break down her towers : I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock.

5 It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea : for I have

spoken it, saith the Lord God; and it shall become a spoil to the nations.

6 And her daughters which *are* in the field shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

7 For thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will bring upon Tŷ'rūs Nēb-ū-ḥād-rēz/zār king of Bāb'y-lōn, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and with companies, and much people.

8 He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field; and he shall make a fort against thee, and cast a mount against thee, and lift up the buckler against thee.

9 He shall set engines of war against thy walls, and with his axes he shall break down thy towers.

10 By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach.

11 With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: he shall slay thy people by the sword, and thy strong garrisons shall go down to the ground.

12 And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy mērchāndīse; and they shall break down thy walls, and destrōy thy pleāsant houses: and they shall lay thy stones, and thy timber, and thy dust, in the midst of the water.

13 And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard.

14 And I will make thee like the top of a rock; thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon; thou shalt be built no more: for I the Lord have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

15 Thus saith the Lord God to Tŷ'rūs, Shall not the isles shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded cry, when the slaughter is made in the midst of thee?

16 Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay away their robes, and put off their brodered garments: they shall clothe themselves with trembling; they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble at every moment, and be astonished at thee.

17 And they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and say to thee, How art thou destrōy'ed that wast inhabited of sea-faring men, the renowned city which wast strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, which cause their terror to be on all that haunt it!

18 Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall; yea, the isles that *are* in the sea shall be troubled at thy departure.

19 For thus saith the Lord God, When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that *are* not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and great waters shall cover thee;

20 When I shall bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I shall set glory in the land of the living;

21 I will make thee a terror, and thou shalt be no more: though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XXVII.

THE word of the Lord came again unto me, saying,

2 Now, thou son of man, take up a lamentation for Tŷ'rūs;

3 And say unto Tŷ'rūs, O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea, which art a mērchant of the people for many isles, Thus saith the Lord God, O Tŷ'rūs, thou hast said, I am of perfect beauty.

4 Thy borders *are* in the midst of the seas, thy builders have perfected thy beauty.

5 They have made all thy ship-boards of fir-trees¹ of Sē'nir: they have taken cedars from Lēb'a-nōn to make masts for thee.

6 Of the oaks of Bā'shān have they made thine oars; the company of the Āsh'ūr-ites have made thy benches of ivory, brought out of the isles of Chit tim.

7 Fine linen, with brodered work from Ē'gypt, was that which thou spreadest forth to be thy sail: blue and purple from the isles of Ē-l'shāh was that which covered thee.

8 The inhabitants of Zi'dōn and Ār'vād were thy mariners: thy wise men, O Tŷ'rūs, that were in thee were thy pilots.

9 The ancients of Gē'bāl, and the wise men thereof, were in thee thy cākers: all the ships of the sea, with their mariners, were in thee to occupy thy mērchāndīse.

10 They of Pēr'si-ā,² and of Lūd, and of Phūt, were in thine army thy men of war: they hanged the shield and helmet in thee; they set forth thy comeliness.

11 The men of Ār'vād, with thine army, were upon thy walls round about, and the Gām'ma-dims were in thy towers: they hanged their shields upon thy walls round about; they have made thy beauty perfect.

12 Tār'shish was thy mērchant by reason of the multitude of all kind of riches: with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in thy fairs.

13 Jā'vān, Tū'bāl, and Mē'shēch, they were thy mērchants: they traded the persons of men and vessels of brass in thy market.

14 They of the house of Tō-gār'māl traded in thy fairs with horses, and horse men, and mules.

15 The men of Dē'dān were thy mērchants; many isles were the mērchāndīse of thine hand: they brought thee for a present, horns of ivory and ebony.

16 Sŷ'rī-ā was thy mērchant by reason

¹ fēr-trees.

² Pēr'she-ā.

of the multitude of the wares of thy making: they occupied in thy fairs with emeralds, purple and brodered work, and fine linen, and coral, and ág'áte.

17 Já'dáh, and the land of Ís'ra-él, they *wère* thy mérchants: they traded in thy market wheat of Míu'mith and Pán'nág, and hóney, and oil, and bálm.

18 Da-más'eús *was* thy mérchant in the multitude of the wares of thy making, for the multitude of all riches; in the wine of Hēl'bôn, and white wool.

19 Dán also and Já'ván, going to and fro, occupied in thy fairs; bright iron, cassia,¹ and calamus *wère* in thy market.

20 De'dáu *was* thy mérchant in precious clothes for chariots.

21 Á-rá'bi-á, and all the princes of Kē'dár, they occupied with thee in lambs, and rams, and goats; in these *wère they* thy mérchants.

22 The mérchants of Shē'bā and Rá'a-máh, they *wère* thy mérchants: they occupied in thy fairs with chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold.

23 Há'rán, and Cán'neh, and E'den,² the mérchants of Shē'bā, Ásh'ur, and Çil'müäd, *wère* thy mérchants.

24 These *wère* thy mérchants in all sorts of things, in blue clothes, and brodered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords, and made of cedar, among thy mér'chändiše.

25 The ships of Tár'shish did sing of thee in thy market; and thou wast replenished, and made very glorious in the midst of the seas.

26 Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: the east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas.

27 Thy riches, and thy fairs, thy mér'chändiše, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy cákers, and the occupiers of thy mér'chändiše, and all thy men of war, that *are* in thee, and in all thy cómpany, which *is* in the midst of thee, shall fall into the midst of the seas in the day of thy ruin.

28 The suburbs shall shake at the sound of the cry of thy pilots.

29 And all that handle the oar, the mariners, and all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships, they shall stand upon the land;

30 And shall cause their voice to be heard against thee, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cást up dust upon their heads; they shall wállow themselves in the ashes;

31 And they shall make themselves utterly báld for thee, and gird³ them with sackcloth; and they shall weep for thee with bitterness of héart and bitter wailing.

32 And in their wailing they shall take up a lámentation for thee, and lámént over thee, *saying*, What *city* is like Tg'rūs, like the destróy'ed in the midst of the sea?

33 When thy wares went forth out of the

seas, thou filledst many people: thou didst enrich the kings of the éarth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy mér'chändiše.

34 In the time *when* thou shalt be broken by the seas in the depths of the waters, thy mér'chändiše, and all thy cómpany in the midst of thee, shall fall.

35 All the inhabitants of the isles shall be astonished at thee, and their kings shall be sore áfráid, they shall be troubled in their countenance.

36 The mérchants among the people shall hiss at thee; thou shalt be a terror, and never shall be any more.

CHAP. XXVIII.

THE word of the Lord came ágain' unto me, *saying*,

2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tg'rūs, Thus saith the Lord God, Because thine héart *is* lifted up, and thou hast said, I *am* a god, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou *art* a man, and not God, though thou set thine héart as the héart of God:

3 Behold, thou *art* wiser than Dán'i-él:⁴ there is no secret that they can hide from thee:

4 With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy tréas'ures:

5 By thy great wisdom, and by thy traffick, hast thou increased thy riches, and thine héart is lifted up because of thy riches:

6 Thère'fore thus saith the Lord God, Because thou hast set thine héart as the héart of God;

7 Behold, thère'fore, I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations, and they shall draw their swóords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness.

8 They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of them that *are* slain in the midst of the seas.

9 Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I *am* God? but thou *shalt be* a man, and no god, in the hand of him that slayeth thee.

10 Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised⁵ by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

11 ¶ Moreover, the word of the Lord came unto me, *saying*,

12 Son of man, take up a lámentation upon the king of Tg'rūs, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God, Thou scalest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

13 Thou hast been in E'den the garden of God; every precious stone *was* thy cov'ring, the sárdius, tópoz, and the diámond, the beryll, the ón'yx, and the jásper, the sápphíre,⁶ the émerald, and the carbun-

1 kásh'she-á. 2 E'd'n. 3 gerd. 4 Dán'y-él, or Dán'e-él. 5 ún-sēr'kúm-sá-zed.

6 sáf'fir

ele, and gold: the workmanship of thy tābrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

14 Thou art the appointed cherub that cōvereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mōūntain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

16 By the multitude of thy mērc'hāndise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: thēre fore I will cāst thee as profane out of the mōūntain of God; and I will dēstrōy' thee, O cōv'ring cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17 Thine hēart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cāst thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; thēre fore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee; and I will bring thee to ashes upon the ēarth, in the sight of all them that behold thee.

19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

20 ¶ Again' the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

21 Son of man, set thy face āgainst' Zīdōn, and prophesy āgainst' it,

22 And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am āgainst' thee, O Zīdōn; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.

23 For I will send into her pestilence, and blood into her streets; and the wōunded shall be judged in the midst of her by the sōrd upon her on every side; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

24 ¶ And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Īs'ra-ēl, nor any grieving thorn of all that āre round ābout' them, that dēspise' them; and they shall know that I am the Lord God.

25 Thus saith the Lord God, When I shall have gāthered the house of Īs'ra-ēl from the people among whom they āre scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my sērvant Jā'cōb.

26 And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plānt vine-yards; yēa, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that dēspise' them round ābout' them; and they shall know that I am the Lord their God.

CHAP. XXIX.

IN the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face āgainst' Phāraōh king of Ēg̃ypt, and prophesy āgainst' him, and āgainst' all Ēg̃ypt:

3 Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I am āgainst' thee, Phāraōh king of Ēg̃ypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself.

4 But I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales; and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick unto thy scales.

5 And I will leave thee thrown into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall upon the open fields; thou shalt not be brought togēther, nor gāth'ered: I have given thee for meat to the beasts of the field and to the fōwls of the heaven.

6 And all the inhabitants of Ēg̃ypt shall know that I am the Lord, because they have been a stāff' of reed to the house of Īs'ra-ēl.

7 When they took hold of thee by thy hand, thou didst break, and rend all thy shoulder: and when they leaned upon thee thou breakest, and madest all their loins to be at a stand.

8 Thēre fore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will bring a sōrd upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee.

9 And the land of Ēg̃ypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I am the Lord: because he hath said, The river is mine, and I have made it.

10 Behold, thēre fore, I am āgainst' thee; and āgainst' thy rivers, and I will make the land of Ēg̃ypt utterly waste and desolate, from the tōwer of S̃y-ēne even unto the border of Ē-thi-ō'pī-ā.

11 No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years.

12 And I will make the land of Ēg̃ypt desolate in the midst of the countries that āre desolate, and her cities among the cities that āre laid waste shall be desolate forty years: and I will scatter the Ēg̃ypti-āns among the nations, and will dīspēse' them through the countries.

13 Yet thus saith the Lord God, At the end of forty years will I gāther the Ēg̃ypti-āns from the people whither they wēre scattered:

14 And I will bring āgain' the captivity of Ēg̃ypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pāth'rōs, into the land of their habitation; and they shall be there a base kingdom.

15 It shall be the basest of the kingdoms, neither shall it exālt itself any more ābove the nations: for I will dīminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations.

16 And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of *Īṣ'ra-ēl*, which bringeth *their* iniquity to remembrance, when they shall look after them: but they shall know that *I am* the Lord God.

17 ¶ And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first *month*, in the first *day* of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, *Nēb-ū-ḥād-rēz/zār* king of *Bāb'y-lōn* caused his army to serve a great *sēr/vīce* against' *Ty'rūs*: every head *was* made bald, and every shoulder *was* peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for *Ty'rūs*, for the *sēr/vīce* that he had served against' it:

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will give the land of *Ēg̃ypt* unto *Nēb-ū-ḥād-rēz/zār* king of *Bāb'y-lōn*; and he shall take her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army.

20 I have given him the land of *Ēg̃ypt* for his labour wherewith he served against' it, because they wrought for me, saith the Lord God.

21 In that day will I cause the horn of the house of *Īṣ'ra-ēl* to bud forth, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that *I am* the Lord.

CHAP. XXX.

THE word of the Lord came again' unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God, Howl ye, Wo worth the day!

3 For the day *is* near, even the day of the Lord *is* near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.

4 And the sword shall come upon *Ēg̃ypt*, and great pain shall be in *Ē-thi-ō'pi-ā*, when the slain shall fall in *Ēg̃ypt*, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundation shall be broken down.

5 *Ē-thi-ō'pi-ā*, and *Lib'y-ā*, and *Lūd'i-ā*, and all the mingled people, and *Chüb*, and the men of the land that *is* in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

6 Thus saith the Lord, They also that uphold *Ēg̃ypt* shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down: from the tower of *Sy-ē'ne* shall they fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord God.

7 And they shall be desolate in the midst of the countries that *are* desolate, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that *are* wasted.

8 And they shall know that *I am* the Lord, when I have set a fire in *Ēg̃ypt*, and when all her helpers shall be destroyed.

9 In that day shall messengers go forth from me in ships, to make the careless *Ē-thi-ō'pi-āns* afraid, and great pain shall come upon them, as in the day of *Ēg̃ypt*: for, lo, it cometh.

10 Thus saith the Lord God, I will also

make the multitude of *Ēg̃ypt* to cease by the hand of *Nēb-ū-ḥād-rēz/zār* king of *Bāb'y-lōn*.

11 He and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought to destroy' the land: and they shall draw their swords against' *Ēg̃ypt*, and fill the land with the slain.

12 And I will make the rivers dry, and sell the land into the hand of the wicked; and I will make the land waste, and all that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I the Lord have spoken it.

13 Thus saith the Lord God, I will also destroy' the idols, and I will cause *their* images to cease out of *Nōph*; and there shall be no more a prince of the land of *Ēg̃ypt*: and I will put a fear in the land of *Ēg̃ypt*.

14 And I will make *Pāth'rōs* desolate, and will set fire in *Zō'an*, and will execute judgments in *Nō*.

15 And I will pour my fury upon *Sin*, the strength of *Ēg̃ypt*; and I will cut off the multitude of *Nō*.

16 And I will set fire in *Ēg̃ypt*: *Sin* shall have great pain, and *Nō* shall be rent asunder, and *Nōph* shall have distresses daily.

17 The young men of *Ā'ven* and of *Phib'e-sēth* shall fall by the sword: and these *cities* shall go into captivity.

18 At *Tē-hāph'ne-hēs* also the day shall be darkened, when I shall break there the yokes of *Ēg̃ypt*: and the pomp of her strength shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity.

19 Thus will I execute judgments in *Ēg̃ypt*; and they shall know that *I am* the Lord.

20 ¶ And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *month*, in the seventh *day* of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

21 Son of man, I have broken the arm of *Phā'raōh* king of *Ēg̃ypt*; and, lo, it shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a roller to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword.

22 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, *I am* against' *Phā'raōh* king of *Ēg̃ypt*, and will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.

23 And I will scatter the *Ē-g̃ypt'i-āns* among the nations, and will disperse' them through the countries.

24 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of *Bāb'y-lōn*, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break *Phā'raōh's* arms, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly-wounded man.

25 But I will strengthen the arms of the king of *Bāb'y-lōn*, and the arms of *Phā'raōh* shall fall down; and they shall know that *I am* the Lord, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of *Bāb'y-lōn*, and

he shall stretch it out upon the land of Ē'gÿpt.

26 And I will scatter the Ē'gÿp'ti-ānſ among the nations, and diſperſe^c them among the countries; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

CHAP. XXXI.

AND it came to paſs in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me, ſaying,

2 Son of man, ſpeak unto Phā'raoh king of Ē'gÿpt, and to his multitude; Whom art thou like in thy greatness?

3 Behold, the Ās-sÿr'i-ān was a cedar in Lēb'a-nōn with fair brānches, and with a ſhadowing ſhroud, and of a high ſtature; and his top was among the thick boughs.

4 The waters made him great, the deep ſet him up on high with her rivers running round about^c his plānts, and ſent out her little rivers unto all the trees of the field.

5 There'fore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his brānches became long, becauſe of the multitude of waters, when he ſhot forth.

6 All the fowls of heaven made their neſts in his boughs, and under his brānches did all the beaſts of the field bring forth their young, and under his ſhadow dwelt all great nations.

7 Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his brānches: for his root was by great waters.

8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him: the fir-trees^l were not like his boughs, and the cheſtnut-trees were not like his brānches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty.

9 I have made him fair by the multitude of his brānches: ſo that all the trees of Ē'den,^l that were in the garden of God, envied him.

10 There'fore thus ſaith the Lord God, Becauſe thou haſt lifted up thyſelf in height, and he hath ſhot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height;

11 I have, there'fore, delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the heathen; he ſhall ſurely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedneſs.

12 And ſtrangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the môûn'tains and in all the valleys his brānches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth are gone down from his ſhadow, and have left him.

13 Upon his ruin ſhall all the fowls of the heaven remain, and all the beaſts of the field ſhall be upon his brānches:

14 To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themſelves for their height, neither ſhoot up their top among

1 fēr-treec.

the thick boughs, neither their trees ſtand up in their height, all that drink water: for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the miſt of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

15 Thus ſaith the Lord God, In the day when he went down to the grave I cauſed a mourning; I covered the deep for him, and I reſtrained the floods thereof, and the great waters were ſtayed; and I cauſed Lēb'a-nōn to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him.

16 I made the nations to ſhake at the ſound of his fall, when I caſt him down to hell with them that deſcend into the pit: and all the trees of Ē'den, the choice and beſt of Lēb'a-nōn, all that drink water, ſhall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth.

17 They alſo went down into hell with him, unto them that be ſlain with the ſword; and they that were his arm, that dwelt under his ſhadow in the miſt of the heathen.

18 To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Ē'den? yet ſhalt thou be brought down with the trees of Ē'den unto the nether parts of the earth: thou ſhalt lie in the miſt of the un-circumciſed with them that be ſlain by the ſword. This is Phā'raoh, and all his multitude, ſaith the Lord God.

CHAP. XXXII.

AND it came to paſs in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me, ſaying,

2 Son of man, take up a lamentation for Phā'raoh king of Ē'gÿpt, and ſay unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou art as a whale in the ſea; and thou cameſt forth with thy rivers, and troubledſt the waters with thy feet, and fouleſt their rivers.

3 Thus ſaith the Lord God, I will, there'fore, ſpread out my net over thee with a company of many people; and they ſhall bring thee up in my net.

4 Then will I leave thee upon the land, I will caſt thee forth upon the open field, and will cauſe all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and I will fill the beaſts of the whole earth with thee.

5 And I will lay thy fleſh upon the môûn'tains, and fill the valleys with thy height.

6 I will alſo water with thy blood the land wherein thou ſwimmest, even to the môûn'tains; and the rivers ſhall be full of thee.

7 And when I ſhall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the ſtars thereof dark; I will cover the ſun with a cloud, and the moon ſhall not give her light.

8 All the bright lights of heaven will I

2 Ē'd'n.

make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord God.

9 I will also vex the hearts of many people, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countries which thou hast not known.

10 Yea, I will make many people amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall.

11 For thus saith the Lord God, The sword of the king of Bāb'y-lōn shall come upon thee.

12 By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall, the terrible of the nations, all of them; and they shall spoil the pomp of Ē'gÿp, and all the multitude thereof shall be destrōy'ed.

13 I will destrōy' also all the beasts thereof from beside the great waters; neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them.

14 Then will I make their waters deep, and cause their rivers to run like oil, saith the Lord God.

15 When I shall make the land of Ē'gÿp desolate, and the country shall be destitute of that wherof it was full, when I shall smite all them that dwell therein, then shall they know that I am the Lord.

16 This is the lamentation wherewith they shall lament her: the daughters of the nations shall lament her; they shall lament for her, even for Ē'gÿp, and for all her multitude, saith the Lord God.

17 ¶ It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth day of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, wail for the multitude of Ē'gÿp, and cast them down, even her, and the daughters of the famous nations, unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit.

19 Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go down, and be thou laid with the uncir'cumcised.

20 They shall fall in the midst of them that are slain by the sword; she is delivered to the sword: draw her and all her multitudes.

21 The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie uncir'cumcised, slain by the sword.

22 Ash'ūr is there, and all her company: his graves are about him; all of them slain, fallen by the sword.

23 Whose graves are set in the sides of the pit, and her company is round about her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which caused terror in the land of the living.

24 There is Ē'lām, and all her multitude round about her grave; all of them slain,

fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncir'cumcised into the nether parts of the earth, which caused their terror in the land of the living; yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit.

25 They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude: her graves are round about him; all of them uncir'cumcised, slain by the sword: though their terror was caused in the land of the living, yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of them that be slain.

26 There is Mē'sheḫ, Tu'bāl, and all her multitude: her graves are round about him; all of them uncir'cumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living.

27 And they shall not lie with the mighty that are fallen of the uncir'cumcised, which are gone down to hell with their weapons of war; and they have laid their swords under their heads; but their iniquities shall be upon their bones, though they were the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.

28 Yea, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncir'cumcised, and shalt lie with them that are slain with the sword.

29 There is E'dōm, her kings, and all her princes, which with their might are laid by them that were slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncir'cumcised, and with them that go down to the pit.

30 There be the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zi-dō'mi-ān, which are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncir'cumcised with them that be slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.

31 Phā'raōh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, even Phā'raōh and all his army slain by the sword, saith the Lord God.

32 For I have caused my terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncir'cumcised with them that are slain with the sword, even Phā'raōh, and all his multitude, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XXXIII.

AGAIN the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman:

3 If, when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;

4 Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

5 He heard the sound of the trumpet,

and took not wārn'ing, his blood shall be upon him: but he that taketh wārn'ing shall deliver his soul.

6 But if the wātchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not wārn'd; if the sword come and take any person from among them, he is taken āway in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the wātchman's hand.

7 So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a wātchman unto the house of Īs'ra-ēl; thēre'fore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and wārn them from me.

8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to wārn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

9 Nevertheless, if thou wārn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

10 Thēre'fore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Īs'ra-ēl, Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine āway in them, how should we then live?

11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleās'ure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Īs'ra-ēl?

12 Thēre'fore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; nēither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.

13 When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

14 Āgain', when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right;

15 If the wicked restore the pledge, give āgain' that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

16 Nōne of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

17 Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but, as for them, their way is not equal.

18 When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby.

19 But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby.

20 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Īs'ra-ēl, I will judge you every one āfter his ways.

21 ¶ And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one that had escaped out of Je-rū-sa-lem came unto me, saying, The city is smitten.

22 Now the hand of the Lord was upon me in the evening, āfore he that was escaped came, and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning, and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.

23 Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

24 Son of man, they that inhabit those wastes of the land of Īs'ra-ēl speak, saying, Ābra-hām was one, and he inherited the land: but we āre many; the land is given us for inheritance.

25 Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes tōwārd's your idols, and shed blood: and shall ye possess the land?

26 Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land?

27 Say thou thus unto them, Thus saith the Lord God, As I live, surely they that āre in the wastes shall fall by the sword; and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured; and they that be in the forts, and in the caves, shall die of the pestilence.

28 For I will lay the land most desolate, and the pomp of her strength shall cease; and the mōūn'tāins of Īs'ra-ēl shall be desolate, that nōne shall pass through.

29 Then shall they know that I am the Lord, when I have laid the land most desolate, because of all their abominations which they have committed.

30 Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still āre talking āgain'st thee by the walls, and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to ānother, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord.

31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth āfter their cōvetousness.

32 And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleās'ant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

33 And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

CHAP. XXXIV.

AND the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy āgain'st the

shēp'hérds of Iṣ'ra-ēl, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God unto the shēp'hérds, *Wo be to the shēp'hérds of Iṣ'ra-ēl that do feed themselves! should not the shēp'hérds feed the flocks?*

3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: *but ye feed not the flock.*

4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up *that which was broken*, neither have ye brought again' that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

5 And they were scattered, because *there is no shēp'hérd*: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field when they were scattered.

6 My sheep wandered through all the môûn'tains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek *after them*.

7 Thêrê'fore, ye shēp'hérds, hear the word of the LORD;

8 *As I live*, saith the Lord God, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because *there was no shēp'hérd*, neither did my shēp'hérds search for my flock, but the shēp'hérds fed themselves, and fed not my flock:

9 Thêrê'fore, O ye shēp'hérds, hear the word of the LORD;

10 Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I *am* against' the shēp'hérds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shēp'hérds feed themselves any more: for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

11 For thus saith the Lord God, Behold I, *even I*, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

12 As a shēp'hérd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep *that are scattered*; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the môûn'tains of Iṣ'ra-ēl by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

14 I will feed them in a good pās'ture, *I* and upon the high môûn'tains of Iṣ'ra-ēl shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and *in* a fat pās'ture shall they feed upon the môûn'tains of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God.

16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again' that which was driven away,

and will bind up *that which was broken*, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy' the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

17 And *as for* you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord God. Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he-goats.

18 *Seemeth it* a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pās'ture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pās'tures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet?

19 And *as for* my flock, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet; and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

20 Thêrê'fore, thus saith the Lord God unto them, Behold I, *even I*, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle.

21 Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad;

22 Thêrê'fore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle.

23 And I will set up one Shēp'hérd over them, and he shall feed them, *even* my sêrvant Dá'vid; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shēp'hérd.

24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my sêrvant Dá'vid a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it.

25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.

26 And I will make them, and the places round about' my hill, a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season: there shall be showers of blessing.

27 And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.

28 And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beasts of the land devour them: but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.

29 And I will raise up for them a Plânt of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more.

30 Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God *am* with them, and *that* they, *even* the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl, *are* my people, saith the Lord God.

31 And ye, my flock of my pās'ture, *are* men, and I *am* your God, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XXXV.

MOREOVER, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face against' mount Sē'ir, and prophesy against' it,

3 And say unto it, Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, O mount Sē'ir, I am against' thee, and I will stretch out mine hand against' thee, and I will make thee most desolate.

4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

5 Because thou hast had a pērpēt'nal hatred, and hast shed the blood of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time that their iniquity had an end:

6 There'fore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: sith² thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee.

7 Thus will I make mount Sē'ir most desolate, and cut off from it him that passeth out, and him that returneth.

8 And I will fill his mōūn'tains with his slain men: in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers, shall they fall that are slain with the sword.

9 I will make thee pērpēt'nal desolations, and thy cities shall not return; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

10 Because thou hast said, These two nations, and these two countries, shall be mine, and we will possess' it; whereas the LORD was there:

11 There'fore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will even do according to thine anger, and according to thine envy, which thou hast used out of thy hatred against' them; and I will make myself known among them, when I have judged thee.

12 And thou shalt know that I am the LORD, and that I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against' the mōūn'tains of Iṣ'ra-ēl, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us to consume.

13 Thus with your mouth ye have boasted against' me, and have multiplied your words against' me: I have heard them.

14 Thus saith the Lord GOD, When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate.

15 As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount Sē'ir, and all Id-umē'ā, even all of it; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAP. XXXVI.

ALSO thou son of man, prophesy unto the mōūn'tains of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and say, Ye mōūn'tains of Iṣ'ra-ēl, hear the word of the LORD:

2 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because the enemy had said against' you, A-hā', even

1 pēr-pēt'tshū-āl.

the ancient high places are ours in pōssēs'sion:

3 There'fore prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a pōssēs'sion unto the residue of the heathen, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and are an infamy of the people:

4 There'fore, ye mōūn'tains of Iṣ'ra-ēl, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mōūn'tains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and derision unto the residue of the heathen that are round about';

5 There'fore thus saith the Lord GOD; Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against' the residue of the heathen, and against' all Id-umē'ā, which have appointed my land into their pōssēs'sion with the joy of all their heart, with despite'ful minds, to cast it out for a prey.

6 Prophesy there'fore concērn'ing the land of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and say unto the mōūn'tains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because ye have borne the shame of the heathen:

7 There'fore thus saith the Lord GOD; I have lifted up mine hand, Surely the heathen that are about' you, they shall bear their shame.

8 ¶ But ye, O mōūn'tains of Iṣ'ra-ēl, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Iṣ'ra-ēl; for they are at hand to come.

9 For behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown:

10 And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl, even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded:

11 And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit; and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

12 Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even my people Iṣ'ra-ēl; and they shall possess' thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them of men.

13 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because they say unto you, Thou land devoured up men, and hast bereaved thy nations;

14 There'fore thou shalt devour men no more, neither bereave thy nations any more, saith the Lord GOD.

15 Neither will I cause men to hear in thee the shame of the heathen any more, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the people any more, neither shalt thou cause

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thy nations to fall any more, saith the Lord God.

16 ¶ Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

17 Son of man, when the house of İš'ra-ël dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman.

18 Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols *wherewith* they had polluted it:

19 And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.

20 And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These are the people of the Lord, and are gone forth out of his land.

21 ¶ But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of İš'ra-ël had profaned among the heathen, whither they went.

22 Therefore say unto the house of İš'ra-ël, Thus saith the Lord God; I do not *this* for your sakes, O house of İš'ra-ël, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.

23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

25 ¶ Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

29 I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.

30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.

31 Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities, and for your abominations.

32 Not for your sakes do I *this*, saith the Lord God, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of İš'ra-ël.

33 Thus saith the Lord God; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities, I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded.

34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.

35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste, and desolate, and ruined cities, are become fenced, and are inhabited.

36 Then the heathen, that are left round about you, shall know that I the Lord build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it.

37 Thus saith the Lord God, I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of İš'ra-ël to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

38 As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

CHAP. XXXVII.

THE hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,

2 And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest.

4 Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

5 Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones, Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied there was a noise, and, behold, a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.

9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God, Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

10 So I prophesied, as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and

they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Īs'ra-ēl: behold they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost; we are cut off for our parts.

12 Thērē'fore prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Īs'ra-ēl.

13 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

14 And shall put my Spīr'it in you, and ye shall live; and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and pērfōrm'ed it, saith the LORD.

15 ¶ The word of the LORD came āgain' unto me, saying,

16 Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Jū'dāh, and for the children of Īs'ra-ēl his companions: then take ānōther stick, and write upon it, For Jō'sēph, the stick of Ē'phra-īm, and for all the house of Īs'ra-ēl his companions:

17 And join them one to ānōther into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.

18 And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not show us what thou *meanest* by these?

19 Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will take the stick of Jō'sēph, which is in the hand of Ē'phra-īm, and the tribes of Īs'ra-ēl his fellows, and will put them with him, *even* with the stick of Jū'dāh, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

20 And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes.

21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will take the children of Īs'ra-ēl from āmōng the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gāther them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mōūn'tāins of Īs'ra-ēl; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, nēither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

23 Nēither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling-places wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

24 And Dā'vid my sērvant shall be king over them: and they all shall have one shēp'hērd: they shall also wālk in my judgments, and ōbserve' my statutes, and do them.

25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Ja'cōb my sērvant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, *even* they and their children, and their children's children, for ever; and my sērvant Dā'vid shall be their prince for ever.

26 Moreover, I will make a cōvėnant of peace with them; it shall be an ēvėrlās'ting cōvėnant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

27 My tabernacle also shall be with them; yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

28 And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Īs'ra-ēl, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face āgainst' Gōg, the land of Mā'gōg, the chief prince of Mē'shēch and Tū'bāl, and prophesy āgainst' him,

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I am āgainst' thee, O Gōg, the chief prince of Mē'shēch and Tū'bāl:

4 And I will torn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of *armour*, *even* a great cōmpany with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swards.

5 Pēr'si-ā, Ē-thi-ō'pi-ā, and Līb'y-ā with them: all of them with shield and helmet:

6 Gō'mér, and all his bands; the house of Tō-gār'māh of the north quārters, and all his bands; and many people with thee.

7 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy cōmpany that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.

8 After many days thou shalt be vītēd: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sēvōrd, and is gāthered out of many people, āgainst' the mōūn'tāins of Īs'ra-ēl, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

9 Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm; thou shalt be l'ke a cloud to cōvėr the land, thou and all thy bands, and many people with thee.

10 Thus saith the Lord God, It shall also come to pās, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought:

11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwall'd villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having nēither bars nor gates,

12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places

that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.

13 She'bā, and De'dān, and the merchants of Tār'shūsh, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gōg, Thus saith the Lord God, In that day when my people of Iṣ'ra-ēl dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?

15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

16 And thou shalt come up against my people of Iṣ'ra-ēl as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gōg, before their eyes.

17 Thus saith the Lord God, Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Iṣ'ra-ēl, which prophesied in those days many years, that I would bring thee against them?

18 And it shall come to pass at the same time, when Gōg shall come against the land of Iṣ'ra-ēl, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face.

19 For in my jealousy, and in the fire of my wrath, have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Iṣ'ra-ēl;

20 So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence; and the mōûn'tains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mōûn'tains, saith the Lord God: every man's sword shall be against his brother.

22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire and brimstone.

23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

CHAP. XXXIX.

THEREFORE, thou son of man, prophesy against Gōg, and say, Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I am against thee, O Gōg, the chief prince of Mē'shēch and Tū'bāl;

2 And I will turn thee back, and leave

the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mōûn'tains of Iṣ'ra-ēl:

3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

4 Thou shalt fall upon the mōûn'tains of Iṣ'ra-ēl, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field, to be devoured.

5 Thou shalt fall upon the open field; for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

6 And I will send a fire on Mā'gōg, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

7 So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Iṣ'ra-ēl; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more; and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Iṣ'ra-ēl.

8 Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord God; this is the day whereof I have spoken.

9 And they that dwell in the cities of Iṣ'ra-ēl shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the hand-staves and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years.

10 So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord God.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gōg a place there of graves in Iṣ'ra-ēl, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea; and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gōg, and all his multitude; and they shall call it, The valley of Hām-mōn-Gōg.

12 And seven months shall the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.

13 Yēa, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown, the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord God.

14 And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land, to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search.

15 And the passengers that pass through the land, when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hām-mōn-Gōg.

16 And also the name of the city shall be Hām'o-nāh. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

17 ¶ And, thou son of man, thus saith

the Lord God, Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, *even* a great sacrifice upon the môûn'tains of Iš'ra-ël, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.

18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bállocks, all of them fatlings of Bâ'shân.

19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken. of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

20 Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord God.

21 And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.

22 So the house of Iš'ra-ël shall know that I *am* the Lord their God from that day and for'ward.

23 And the heathen shall know that the house of Iš'ra-ël went into captivity for their iniquity: because they tres'passed against' me, there'fore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies; so fell they all by the sword.

24 According to their uncleanness, and according to their transgressions, have I done unto them, and hid my face from them.

25 There'fore thus saith the Lord God, Now will I bring again' the captivity of Já'çob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Iš'ra-ël, and will be jealous for my holy name;

26 After that they have borne their shame, and all their tres'passes, whereby they have tres'passed against' me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid.

27 When I have brought them again' from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;

28 Then shall they know that I *am* the Lord their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.

29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my Spir'it upon the house of Iš'ra-ël, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XL.

IN the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the self-same day the hand of the Lord was upon me, and brought me thither.

2 In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Iš'ra-ël, and set me upon a

very high môûn'tain, by which *was* as the frame of a city on the south.

3 And he brought me thither, and behold, *there was* a man, whose appearance *was* like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a mēaş'uring-reed; and he stood in the gate.

4 And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall show *thee*; for to the intent that I might show *them* unto thee *art* thou brought hither: declare all that thou seest to the house of Iš'ra-ël.

5 And, behold, a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a mēaş'uring-reed of six cubits *long*, by the cubit; and a hand-breadth: so he mēaş'ured the breadth of the building one reed, and the height one reed.

6 Then came he unto the gate which looketh *tô'wârd* the east, and went up the stairs thereof, and mēaş'ured the threshold of the gate, *which was* one reed broad, and the other threshold of *the gate, which was* one reed broad.

7 And *every* little chamber *was* one reed long, and one reed broad; and between the little chambers *wêre* five cubits; and the threshold of the gate, by the porch of the gate within, *was* one reed.

8 He mēaş'ured also the porch of the gate within, one reed.

9 Then mēaş'ured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the posts thereof, two cubits; and the porch of the gate *was* in'wârd.

10 And the little chambers of the gate east'wârd *wêre* three on this side, and three on that side; they three *wêre* of one mēaş'ure: and the posts had one mēaş'ure on this side and on that side.

11 And he mēaş'ured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.

12 The space also before the little chambers *was* one cubit *on this side*, and the space *was* one cubit on that side; and the little chambers *wêre* six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side.

13 He mēaş'ured then the gate from the roof of *one* little chamber to the roof of another: the breadth *was* five and twenty cubits, door against' door.

14 He made also posts of threescore cubits, even unto the posts of the court round about' the gate.

15 And from the face of the gate of the entrance, unto the face of the porch of the inner gate, *wêre* fifty cubits.

16 And *there wêre* narrow windows to the little chambers, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the arches; and windows *wêre* round about' in'wârd: and upon *each* post *wêre* palm-trees.

17 Then brought he me into the ôût'wârd court, and, lo, *there wêre* chambers, and a

pavement made for the court round about: thirty chambers *were* upon the pavement.

18 And the pavement by the side of the gates, over against the length of the gates, *was* the lower pavement.

19 Then he *measured* the breadth, from the fore-front of the lower gate unto the fore-front of the inner court without, a hundred cubits eastward and northward.

20 And the gate of the outward court, that looked toward the north, he *measured* the length thereof, and the breadth thereof.

21 And the little chambers thereof *were* three on this side, and three on that side; and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, *were* after the *measure* of the first gate: the length thereof *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

22 And their windows, and their arches, and their palm-trees, *were* after the *measure* of the gate that looketh toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the arches thereof *were* before them.

23 And the gate of the inner court *was* over against the gate toward the north, and toward the east; and he *measured* from gate to gate a hundred cubits.

24 After that he brought me toward the south, and, behold, a gate toward the south: and he *measured* the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these *measures*.

25 And there *were* windows in it, and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows: the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

26 And there *were* seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof *were* before them: and it had palm-trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the posts thereof.

27 And there *was* a gate in the inner court toward the south: and he *measured* from gate to gate toward the south a hundred cubits.

28 And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he *measured* the south gate according to these *measures*;

29 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these *measures*: and there *were* windows in it, and in the arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

30 And the arches round about *were* five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits broad:

31 And the arches thereof *were* toward the outer court; and palm-trees *were* upon the posts thereof: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

32 And he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he *measured* the gate according to these *measures*.

33 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, *were* according to these *measures*; and there *were* windows therein, and in the

arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

34 And the arches thereof *were* toward the outward court; and palm-trees *were* upon the posts thereof, and on this side and on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

35 And he brought me to the north gate, and *measured* it according to these *measures*:

36 The little chambers thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, and the windows to it round about: the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

37 And the posts thereof *were* toward the outer court; and palm-trees *were* upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

38 And the chambers, and the entries thereof, *were* by the posts of the gates, where they washed the burnt-offering.

39 And in the porch of the gate *were* two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to lay thereon the burnt-offering, and the sin-offering, and the trespass-offering.

40 And at the side without, as one goeth up to the entry of the north gate, *were* two tables; and on the other side, which *was* at the porch of the gate, *were* two tables.

41 Four tables *were* on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate: eight tables, whereupon they slew their sacrifices.

42 And the four tables *were* of hewn stone for the burnt-offering, of a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half broad, and one cubit high: whereupon also they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt-offering and the sacrifice.

43 And within *were* hooks, a hand broad, fastened round about: and upon the tables *was* the flesh of the offering.

44 And without the inner gate *were* the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which *was* at the side of the north gate; and their prospect *was* toward the south; one at the side of the east gate, having the prospect toward the north.

45 And he said unto me, This chamber, whose prospect is toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house.

46 And the chamber whose prospect is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar: these are the sons of Zadok, among the sons of Levi, which come near to the Lord to minister unto him.

47 So he *measured* the court a hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits broad, four-square, and the altar that *was* before the house.

48 And he brought me to the porch of the house, and *measured* each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cu-

bits on that side: and the breadth of the gate *was* three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.

49 The length of the porch *was* twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits: and *he brought me* by the steps whereby they went up to it; and *there were* pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

CHAP. XLII.

AFTERWARD *he brought me* to the temple, and *measured* the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, *which was* the breadth of the tabernacle.

2 And the breadth of the door *was* ten cubits; and the sides of the door *were* five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side; and *he measured* the length thereof, forty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits.

3 Then went *he inward*, and *measured* the post of the door two cubits, and the door six cubits, and the breadth of the door seven cubits.

4 So *he measured* the length thereof, twenty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple; and *he said unto me*, This is the most holy place.

5 After *he measured* the wall of the house six cubits; and the breadth of every side-chamber four cubits, round about the house on every side.

6 And the side-chambers *were* three, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall, *which was* of the house for the side-chambers round about, that they might have hold, but they had not hold in the wall of the house.

7 And *there was* an enlarging and a winding about still upward to the side-chambers; for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house *was still* upward, and so increased from the lowest chamber to the highest by the midst.

8 I saw also the height of the house round about: the foundations of the side-chambers *were* a full reed of six great cubits.

9 The thickness of the wall, *which was* for the side-chamber without, *was* five cubits; and *that which was left* *was* the place of the side-chambers that *were* within.

10 And between the chambers *was* the wideness of twenty cubits round about the house on every side.

11 And the doors of the side-chambers *were* toward the place that *was* left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the breadth of the place that *was* left *was* five cubits round about.

12 Now the building that *was* before the separate place, at the end toward the west, *was* seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building *was* five cubits thick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits.

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13 So *he measured* the house, a hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, a hundred cubits long;

14 Also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, a hundred cubits.

15 And *he measured* the length of the building over against the separate place which *was* behind it, and the galleries thereof on the one side, and on the other side, a hundred cubits, with the inner temple, and the porches of the court;

16 The door-posts, and the narrow windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the door, ceiled with wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows *were* covered;

17 To that above the door, even unto the inner house and without, and by all the wall round about, within and without, by *measure*.

18 And *it was* made with cherubims and palm-trees, so that a palm-tree *was* between a cherub and a cherub; and every cherub had two faces;

19 So that the face of a man *was* toward the palm-tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm-tree on the other side: *it was* made through all the house round about.

20 From the ground unto above the door *were* cherubims and palm-trees made, and on the wall of the temple.

21 The posts of the temple *were* squared, and the face of the sanctuary; the appearance of the one as the appearance of the other.

22 The altar of wood *was* three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits; and the corners thereof, and the length thereof, and the walls thereof, *were* of wood: and *he said unto me*, This is the table that is before the Lord.

23 And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors.

24 And the doors had two leaves *apiece*, two turning leaves; two leaves for the one door, and two leaves for the other door.

25 And *there were* made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubims and palm-trees, like as *were* made upon the walls; and *there were* thick planks upon the face of the porch without.

26 And *there were* narrow windows and palm-trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and upon the side-chambers of the house, and thick planks.

CHAP. XLIII.

THEN *he brought me* forth into the outer court, the way toward the north, and *he brought me* into the chamber that *was* over against the separate place, and which *was* before the building toward the north.

2 Before the length of a hundred cubits

was the north door, and the breadth was fifty cubits.

3 Over against' the twenty cubits which were for the inner court, and over against' the pavement which was for the outer court, was gallery against' gallery in three stories.

4 And before the chambers was a walk of ten cubits breadth in'ward, a way of one cubit : and their doors to'ward the north.

5 Now, the upper chambers were shorter : for the galleries were higher than these, than the lower, and than the middlemost of the building.

6 For they were in three stories, but had not pillars as the pillars of the courts : therefore the building was straitened more than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground.

7 And the wall that was without over against' the chambers, to'wards the outer court on the fore-part of the chambers, the length thereof was fifty cubits.

8 For the length of the chambers that were in the outer court was fifty cubits : and, lo, before the temple were a hundred cubits.

9 And from under these chambers was the entry on the east side, as one goeth into them from the outer court.

10 The chambers were in the thickness of the wall of the court to'ward the east, over against' the separate place, and over against' the building.

11 And the way before them was like the appearance of the chambers which were to'ward the north, as long as they, and as broad as they ; and all their goings-out were both according to their fashions, and according to their doors.

12 And according to the doors of the chambers that were to'ward the south was a door in the head of the way, even the way directly before the wall to'ward the east, as one entereth into them.

13 Then said he unto me, The north chambers and the south chambers, which are before the separate place, they be holy chambers, where the priests that approach unto the LORD shall eat the most holy things : there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meat-offering, and the sin-offering, and the tres'pass-offering ; for the place is holy.

14 When the priests enter therein, then shall they not go out of the holy place into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister ; for they are holy ; and shall put on other garments, and shall approach to those things which are for the people.

15 Now, when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth to'ward the gate whose prospect is to'ward the east, and measured it round about'.

16 He measured the east side with the

measuring-reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring-reed round about'.

17 He measured the north side five hundred reeds, with the measuring-reed round about'.

18 He measured the south side five hundred reeds, with the measuring-reed.

19 He turned about' to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds, with the measuring-reed.

20 He measured it by the four sides : it had a wall round about' five hundred reeds long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary¹ and the profane place.

CHAP. XLIII.

AFTERWARD he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh to'ward the east :

2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Iſ'ra-ël came from the way of the east ; and his voice was like a noise of many waters : and the earth shined with his glory.

3 And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy' the city ; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chê'bâr ; and I fell upon my face.

4 And the glory of the LORD came into the house, by the way of the gate whose prospect is to'ward the east.

5 So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court ; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.

6 And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house ; and the man stood by me.

7 And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Iſ'ra-ël for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Iſ'ra-ël no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places ;

8 In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them ; they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed : wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger.

9 Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

10 Thou son of man, show the house to the house of Iſ'ra-ël, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities ; and let them measure the pattern.

11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, show them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings-out thereof, and the comings-in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof ; and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof : and write it in

¹ sāngk'tshū-ä-re.

their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

12 This is the law of the house; Upon the top of the môûn'tain, the whole limit thereof round about' shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

13 And these are the mēas'ures of the altar after the cubits: The cubit is a cubit and a hand-breadth; even the bottom shall be a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the edge thereof round about' shall be a span: and this shall be the higher place of the altar.

14 And from the bottom upon the ground even to the lower settle shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle even to the greater settle shall be four cubits, and the breadth one cubit.

15 So the altar shall be four cubits; and from the altar and up'ward shall be four horns.

16 And the altar shall be twelve cubits long, twelve broad, square in the four squares thereof.

17 And the settle shall be fourteen cubits long, and fourteen broad in the four squares thereof; and the border about' it shall be half a cubit; and the bottom thereof shall be a cubit about'; and his stairs shall look tō'ward the east.

18 And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord God, These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon.

19 And thou shalt give to the priests the Lē'vites that be of the seed of Zā'dōk, which approach unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord God, a young bullock for a sin-offering.

20 And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about': thus shalt thou cleanse and purge it.

21 Thou shalt take the bullock also of the sin-offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house, without the sanctuary.

22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin-offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse it with the bullock.

23 When thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.

24 And thou shalt offer them before the Lord, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt-offering unto the Lord.

25 Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat for a sin-offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.

26 Seven days shall they purge the altar,

and purify it; and they shall consecrate themselves.

27 And when these days are expired, it shall be, that upon the eighth day, and so for'ward, the priests shall make your burnt-offerings upon the altar, and your peace-offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XLIV.

THEN he brought me back the way of the gate of the out'ward sanctuary, which looketh tō'ward the east, and it was shut.

2 Then said the Lord unto me, This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the Lord, the God of Is'ra-ël, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

3 It is for the prince; the prince he shall sit in it to eat bread before the Lord: he shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

4 Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house; and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord; and I fell upon my face.

5 And the Lord said unto me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, all that I say unto thee cōcern'ing all the ordinances of the house of the Lord, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.

6 And thou shalt say to the rebellious, even to the house of Is'ra-ël, Thus saith the Lord God, O ye house of Is'ra-ël, let it suffice' you of all your abominations,

7 In that ye have brought into my sanctuary, strangers, unclean' in heart, and unclean' in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my cōvenant, because of all your abominations.

8 And ye have not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.

9 Thus saith the Lord God, No stranger, unclean' in heart, nor unclean' in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Is'ra-ël.

10 And the Lē'vites that are gone away far from me, when Is'ra-ël went astray which went astray away from me after their idols; they shall even bear their iniquity.

11 Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: they shall slay the burnt-offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them.

12 Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and caused the house of

İs'ra-ël to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord God, and they shall bear their iniquity.

13 And they shall not come near unto me to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy place; but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed:

14 But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Za'dök, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of İs'ra-ël went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord God:

16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

17 And it shall come to pass, that, when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.

18 They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with any thing that causeth sweat.

19 And when they go forth into the outer court, even into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments where they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments.

20 Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads.

21 Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of İs'ra-ël, or a widow that had a priest before.

23 And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause men to discern between the unclean and the clean.

24 And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

25 And they shall come at no dead person to defile themselves: but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves.

26 And after he is cleansed they shall reckon unto him seven days.

27 And in the day that he goeth into the

sanctuary, unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin-offering, saith the Lord God.

28 And it shall be unto them for an inheritance; I am their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in İs'ra-ël; I am their possession.

29 They shall eat the meat-offering, and the sin-offering, and the trespass-offering; and every dedicated thing in İs'ra-ël shall be theirs.

30 And the first of all the first-fruits of all things, and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house.

31 The priests shall not eat of any thing that is dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

CHAP. XLV.

MOREOVER, when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto the Lord, a holy portion of the land: the length shall be the length of five and twenty thousand reeds, and the breadth shall be ten thousand. This shall be holy in all the borders thereof round about.

2 Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five hundred in length, with five hundred in breadth, square round about; and fifty cubits round about for the suburbs thereof.

3 And of this measure shalt thou measure the length of five and twenty thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary and the most holy place.

4 The holy portion of the land shall be for the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, which shall come near to minister unto the Lord; and it shall be a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary.

5 And the five and twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth, shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves, for a possession for twenty chambers.

6 And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, over against the oblation of the holy portion: it shall be for the whole house of İs'ra-ël.

7 And a portion shall be for the prince on the one side and on the other side of the oblation of the holy portion, and of the possession of the city, before the oblation of the holy portion, and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward; and the length shall be over against one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border.

8 In the land shall be his possession in İs'ra-ël: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; and the rest of the land shall they give to the house of İs'ra-ël according to their tribes.

9 Thus saith the Lord God, Let it suffice' you, O princes of Iſ'ra-él: remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, take away your exactions from my people, saith the Lord God.

10 Ye shall have just balances, and a just éph'ah, and a just bath.

11 The éph'ah and the bath shall be of one méas'ure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of a homer, and the éph'ah the tenth part of a homer: the méas'ure thereof shall be after the homer.

12 And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs: twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels shall be your máneh.

13 This is the oblation that ye shall offer; the sixth part of an éph'ah of a homer of wheat, and ye shall give the sixth part of an éph'ah of a homer of barley.

14 Concern'ning the ordinance of oil, the bath of oil, ye shall offer the tenth part of a bath out of the eor, which is a homer of ten baths; for ten baths are a homer:

15 And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pás'tures of Iſ'ra-él, for a meat-offering, and for a burnt-offering, and for peace-offerings, to make reconciliation for them, saith the Lord God.

16 All the people of the land shall give this oblation for the prince in Iſ'ra-él.

17 And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt-offerings, and meat-offerings, and drink-offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Iſ'ra-él: he shall prepare the sin-offering, and the meat-offering, and the burnt-offering, and the peace-offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Iſ'ra-él.

18 Thus saith the Lord God, In the first month, in the first day of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary:

19 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin-offering, and put it upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.

20 And so thou shalt do the seventh day of the month for every one that erreth, and for him that is simple: so shall ye reconcile the house.

21 In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the pás'sover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

22 And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself, and for all the people of the land, a bullock for a sin-offering.

23 And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt-offering to the Lord, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish, daily the seven days; and a kid of the goats daily for a sin-offering.

24 And he shall prepare a meat-offering of an éph'ah for a bullock, and an éph'ah

for a ram, and a hin of oil for an éph'ah.

25 In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin-offering, according to the burnt-offering, and according to the meat-offering, and according to the oil.

CHAP. XLVI.

THUS saith the Lord God, The gate of the inner court that looketh to ward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

2 And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priest shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate; then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the Lord, in the sabbaths, and in the new moons.

4 And the burnt-offering that the prince shall offer unto the Lord in the sabbath-day shall be six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

5 And the meat-offering shall be an éph'ah for a ram, and the meat-offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and a hin of oil to an éph'ah.

6 And in the day of the new moon it shall be a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish.

7 And he shall prepare a meat-offering, an éph'ah for a bullock, and an éph'ah for a ram; and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and a hin of oil to an éph'ah.

8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of that gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof.

9 But when the people of the land shall come before the Lord in the solemn feasts, he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against' it.

10 And the prince in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when they go forth, shall go forth:

11 And in the feasts, and in the solemnities, the meat-offering shall be an éph'ah to a bullock, and an éph'ah to a ram; and to the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an éph'ah.

12 Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt-offering or peace-offerings voluntarily unto the Lord, one shall then open him the gate that looketh to'ward the

east, and he shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings as he did on the sabbath-day; then he shall go forth; and after his going forth *one* shall shut the gate.

13 Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt-offering unto the Lord of a lamb of the first year without blemish; thou shalt prepare it every morning.

14 And thou shalt prepare a meat-offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an eph'ah, and the third part of a hin of oil, to temper with the fine flour; a meat-offering continually, by a pèrpèt'ual ordinance, unto the Lord.

15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meat-offering, and the oil, every morning, for a continual burnt-offering.

16 ¶ Thus saith the Lord God, If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, the inheritance thereof shall be his sons'; it shall be their pòssès'sion by inheritance.

17 But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his sèrvants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty; after it shall return to the prince; but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them.

18 Moreover, the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their pòssès'sion; but he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own pòssès'sion; that my people be not scattered every man from his pòssès'sion.

19 ¶ After he brought me through the entry, which *was* at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked tò'wàrd the north: and, behold, there was a place on the two sides wèst'wàrd.

20 Then said he unto me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the trës'pàss-offering and the sin-offering, where they shall bake the meat-offering; that they bear *them* not out into the outer court, to sanctify the people.

21 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, and caused me to pàss by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court *there was* a court.

22 In the four corners of the court *there wère* courts joined of forty cubits long, and thirty broad: these four corners *wère* of one mēas'ure.

23 And *there was* a row of buildings round about' in them, round about' them four, and *it was* made with boiling-places under the rows round about'.

24 Then said he unto me, These *are* the places of them that boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sàc'rifice of the people.

CHAP. XLVII.

AFTERWARD he brought me àgain' unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house east'wàrd: for the fore-front of the house stood tò'wàrd the east, and the waters came down from under,

from the right side of the house, at the south *side* of the altar.

2 Then brought he me out of the way of the gate nòth'wàrd, and led me about' the way without unto the outer gate by the way that looketh east'wàrd; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

3 And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth east'wàrd, he mēas'ured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters *wère* to the aneles.

4 Àgain' he mēas'ured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters *wère* to the knees. Àgain' he mēas'ured a thousand, and brought me through: the waters *wère* to the loins.

5 Àf'tèrward he mēas'ured a thousand; and *it was* a river that I could not pàss over: for the waters *wère* risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be pàssed over.

6 And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen *this*? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.

7 Now, when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river *wère* very many trees on the one side and on the other.

8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue out tò'wàrd the east country, and go down into the dēs'èrt, and go into the sea; *which being* brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.

9 And it shall come to pàss, *that* every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.

10 And it shall come to pàss, *that* the fishers shall stand upon it, from Èn'ge-dil even unto Èn-äg-là'im; they shall be a place to spread forth nets: their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.

11 But the miry places thereof, and the marshes thereof, shall not be healed: they shall be given to salt.

12 And by the river, upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his mónths, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary; and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

13 ¶ Thus saith the Lord God, This *shall be* the border whereby ye shall inherit the land, according to the twelve tribes of Ìs'ra-ël: Jò'sèph shall have two pòrtions.

14 And ye shall inherit it, one as well as ànóther; *cōncèr'ning* the which I lifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers; and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance.

15 And this shall be the border of the land to'ward the north side, from the great sea, the way of Héth'lôn, as men go to Ze'däd ;

16 Hå'måth, Be-rô'thåh, Sib'ra-ïm, which is between the border of Da-mås'çûs and the border of Hå'måth ; Hå'zår-Håt'ti-côn, which is by the coast of Håu'rån.

17 And the border from the sea shall be Hå'zår-Ë'nån, the border of Da-mås'çûs, and the north nørth'wård, and the border of Hå'måth. And this is the north side.

18 And the east side ye shall mæş'ure from Håu'rån, and from Da-mås'çûs, and from Gil'e-åd, and from the land of İş'ra-ël by Jör'dån, from the border unto the east sea. And this is the east side.

19 And the south side søuth'wård, from Tå'mår even to the waters of strife in Kå'dësh, the river to the great sea. And this is the south side søuth'wård.

20 The west side also shall be the great sea from the border, till a man come over ågainst' Hå'måth. This is the west side.

21 So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of İş'ra-ël.

22 ¶ And it shall come to pæss, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that søjourn åmång you, which shall beget children åmång you ; and they shall be unto you as born in the country åmång the children of İş'ra-ël ; they shall have inheritance with you åmång the tribes of İş'ra-ël.

23 And it shall come to pæss, that in what tribe the stranger søjourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith the Lord Gon.

CHAP. XLVIII.

NOW these are the names of the tribes. From the north end to the coast of the way of Héth'lôn, as one goeth to Hå'måth, Hå'zår-Ë'nån, the border of Da-mås'çûs nørth'wård, to the coast of Hå'måth, (for these are his sides east and west,) a pørtion for Dån.

2 And by the border of Dån, from the east side unto the west side, a pørtion for Åsh'er.

3 And by the border of Åsh'er, from the east side even unto the west side, a pørtion for Nåph'ta-lî.

4 And by the border of Nåph'ta-lî, from the east side unto the west side, a pørtion for Ma-nås'seh.

5 And by the border of Ma-nås'seh, from the east side unto the west side, a pørtion for Ë'phra-ïm.

6 And by the border of Ë'phra-ïm, from the east side even unto the west side, a pørtion for Reå'bën.

7 And by the border of Reå'bën, from the east side unto the west side, a pørtion for Jü'dåh.

8 ¶ And by the border of Jü'dåh, from the east side unto the west side, shall be the offering which ye shall offer of five and twenty thousand reeds in breadth, and in 'ength as one of the other parts, from the east side unto the west side : and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it.

9 The oblation that ye shall offer unto the Lord shall be of five and twenty thousand in length, and of ten thousand in breadth.

10 And for them, even for the priests, shall be this holy oblation ; to'ward the north five and twenty thousand in length, and to'ward the west ten thousand in breadth, and to'ward the east ten thousand in breadth, and to'ward the south five and twenty thousand in length : and the sanctuary of the Lord shall be in the midst thereof.

11 It shall be for the priests that are sanctified of the sons of Za'dök, which have kept my charge, which went not åstråy when the children of İş'ra-ël went åstråy, as the Lë'vites went åstråy.

12 And this oblation of the land that is offered shall be unto them a thing most holy, by the border of the Lë'vites.

13 And over ågainst' the border of the priests the Lë'vites shall have five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth : all the length shall be five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand.

14 And they shall not sell of it, nëither exchange, nor alienate the first-fruits of the land : for it is holy unto the Lord.

15 And the five thousand that are left in the breadth, over ågainst' the five and twenty thousand, shall be a profane place for the city, for dwelling, and for suburbs ; and the city shall be in the midst thereof.

16 And these shall be the mæş'ures thereof ; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred.

17 And the suburbs of the city shall be to'ward the north two hundred and fifty, and to'ward the south two hundred and fifty, and to'ward the east two hundred and fifty, and to'ward the west two hundred and fifty.

18 And the residue in length over ågainst' the oblation of the holy pørtion, shall be ten thousand east'wård, and ten thousand wëst'wård : and it shall be over ågainst' the oblation of the holy pørtion ; and the increase thereof shall be for food unto them that sërve the city.

19 And they that sërve the city shall sërve it out of all the tribes of İş'ra-ël.

20 All the oblation shall be five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand : ye shall offer the holy oblation four-square, with the pössë'ssion of the city.

21 And the residue shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation, and of the pössë'ssion of the city over ågainst' the five and twenty thousand of the oblation to'ward the east border, and wëst'wård over ågainst' the five and twenty thousand to'ward the west border, over ågainst' the pørtions for the prince : and it shall be the holy oblation ; and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the midst thereof.

22 Moreover, from the pōssēs'sion of the Lēvites, and from the pōssēs'sion of the city *being* in the midst of that which is the prince's, between the border of Jū'dāh and the border of Bēn'ja-mīn, shall be for the prince.

23 As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side unto the west side, Bēn'ja-mīn shall have a pōrtion.

24 And by the border of Bēn'ja-mīn, from the east side unto the west side, Sīm'e-ōu shall have a pōrtion.

25 And by the border of Sīm'e-ōn, from the east side unto the west side, Īs'sa-ḡhār a pōrtion.

26 And by the border of Īs'sa-ḡhār, from the east side unto the west side, Zēb'u-lōn a pōrtion.

27 And by the border of Zēb'u-lōn, from the east side unto the west side, Gād a pōrtion.

28 And by the border of Gād, at the south side south'ward, the border shall be even from Tā'nār unto the waters of strife in Kā'dēsh, and to the river to'ward the great sea.

29 This is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Īs'ra-ēl for inheritance, and these *are* their pōrtions, saith the Lord God.

30 ¶ And these *are* the goings out of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred mēas'ures.

31 And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Īs'ra-ēl: three gates nōrth'ward; one gate of Reu'bēn, one gate of Jū'dāh, one gate of Lēvī.

32 And at the east side four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; and one gate of Jō'sēph, one gate of Bēn'ja-mīn, one gate of Dān.

33 And at the south side four thousand and five hundred mēas'ures: and three gates; one gate of Sīm'e-ōn, one gate of Īs'sa-ḡhār, one gate of Zēb'u-lōn.

34 At the west side four thousand and five hundred, with their three gates; one gate of Gād, one gate of Āsh'er, one gate of Nāph'ta-hi.

35 It was round ābout' eighteen thousand mēas'ures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, The Lord is there.

¶ The BOOK of DAN'IEL.

CHAPTER I.

IN the third year of the reign of Jē-hōi'a-kīm king of Jū'dāh came Nēb-ū-ḡhād-nēz'zār king of Bāb'y-lōn unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave Jē-hōi'a-kīm king of Jū'dāh into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God, which he carried into the land of Shī'nār, to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the trēas'ure-house of his god.

3 And the king spake unto Āsh'pe-nāz the māster of his eū'nūchs, that he should bring cēr'tain of the children of Īs'ra-ēl, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;

4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well-favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the lēar'ning and the tōngue of the Chāl-dē'ānṡ.

5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank; so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

6 Now āmong these wēre of the children of Jū'dāh, Dān'i-el,¹ Hān-a-ni'āh, Mish'a-ēl, and Āz-a-ri'āh;

7 Unto whom the prince of the eū'nūchs gave names: for he gave unto Dān'i-ēl, the name of Bēl-te-shāz'zār; and to Hān-a-ni'

āh, of Shā'drāḡh; and to Mish'a-ēl, of Mē'shāḡh; and to Āz-a-ri'āh, of Ā-bēd'ne-gō.

8 But Dān'i-ēl purposed in his hēart that he would not defile himself with the pōrtion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: thēre'fōre he requested of the prince of the eū'nūchs that he might not defile himself.

9 Now God had brought Dān'i-ēl into favour and tender love with the prince of the eū'nūchs.

10 And the prince of the eū'nūchs said unto Dān'i-ēl, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which *are* of your sort? then shall ye make me endānger my head to the king?

11 Then said Dān'i-ēl to Mēl'zār, whom the prince of the eū'nūchs had set over Dān'i-ēl, Hān-a-ni'āh, Mish'a-ēl, and Āz-a-ri'āh,

12 Prove thy sērvants, I beseech thee ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the pōrtion of the king's meat; and as thou seest, deal with thy sērvants.

14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh

¹ Dān'y-ēl, or Dān'e-ēl.

than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

16 Thus Mēl/zār took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink, and gave them pulse.

17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all lēar/nīng and wisdom: and Dān/i-ēl had understanding in all vīšions and dreams.

18 Now, at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eū/nūchs brought them in before Nēb-ū-chād-nēz/zār.

19 And the king communed with them: and among them all was found none like Dān/i-ēl, Hān-a-nī'āh, Mish'a-ēl, and Āz-a-rī'āh: thērē/fore stood they before the king.

20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that wēre in all his realm.

21 And Dān/i-ēl continued *even* unto the first year of king Cŷ'rūs.

CHAP. II.

AND in the second year of the reign of Nēb-ū-chād-nēz/zār, Nēb-ū-chād-nēz/zār dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.

2 Then the king cōmmān'ded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Čhāl-dē'ānš, for to show the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

4 Then spake the Čhāl-dē'ānš to the king in Sŷr/i-āck, O king, live for ever: tell thy sērvants the dream, and we will show the interpretation.

5 The king answered and said to the Čhāl-dē'ānš, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the ĩntēprētā'tion thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill:

6 But if ye show the dream, and the ĩntēprētā'tion thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts, and rewards, and great hōn'our: thērē/fore show me the dream and the ĩntēprētā'tion thereof.

7 They answered āgain', and said, Let the king tell his sērvants the dream, and we will show the ĩntēprētā'tion of it.

8 The king answered and said, I know of cēr'tainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me.

9 But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, *there is but one* decree for you; for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me till the time be changed; thērē/fore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can show me the ĩntēprētā'tion thereof.

10 The Čhāl-dē'ānš answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can show the king's matter:

thērē/fore *there is* no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Čhāl-dē'ān.

11 And *it is* a rare thing that the king requireth; and there is none other that can show it before the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.

12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and cōmmān'ded to destrōy' all the wise *men* of Bāb'y-lōn.

13 And the decree went forth that the wise *men* should be slain; and they sought Dān/i-ēl and his fellows to be slain.

14 Then Dān/i-ēl answered with counsel and wisdom to Ā'r'i-čēh the cāp'tain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise *men* of Bāb'y-lōn:

15 He answered and said to Ā'r'i-čēh the king's cāp'tain, Why *is* the decree *so* hasty from the king? Then Ā'r'i-čēh made the thing known to Dān/i-ēl.

16 Then Dān/i-ēl went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would show the king the ĩntēprētā'tion.

17 Then Dān/i-ēl went to his house, and made the thing known to Hān-a-nī'āh, Mish'a-ēl, and Āz-a-rī'āh, his companions:

18 That they would desire mēr'cies of the God of heaven cōncērning this secret, that Dān/i-ēl and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Bāb'y-lōn.

19 Then was the secret revealed unto Dān/i-ēl in a night vīšion. Then Dān/i-ēl blēss'ed the God of heaven.

20 Dān/i-ēl answered and said, Blēss'ed be the name of God for ever and ever; for wisdom and might *are* his:

21 And he chāngeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

24 Thērē/fore Dān/i-ēl went in unto Ā'r'i-čēh, whom the king had ordained to destrōy' the wise *men* of Bāb'y-lōn: he went and said thus unto him, Dēstrōy' not the wise *men* of Bāb'y-lōn: bring me in before the king, and I will show unto the king the ĩntēprētā'tion.

25 Then Ā'r'i-čēh brought in Dān/i-ēl before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Jū'dāh that will make known unto the king the ĩntēprētā'tion.

26 The king answered, and said to Dān-i-ēl, whose name *was* Bēl-te-shāz/zār, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream

which I have seen, and the intērpertā'tion thereof?

27 Dān'i-ēl answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demān'ded, cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, show unto the king;

28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz/zār what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

29 (As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed what should come to pass hereafter; and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass:

30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the intērpertā'tion to the king, and that thou mightst know the thoughts of thy heart;)

31 Thou, O king, sawest, and, behold, a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee, and the form thereof was terrible.

32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass.

33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet, that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mōun'tain, and filled the whole earth.

36 This is the dream; and we will tell the intērpertā'tion thereof before the king.

37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field, and the fowls of the heaven, hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom, inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes part of potter's clay and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, for-

asmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron and part of clay; so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mōun'tain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the intērpertā'tion thereof sure.

46 Then the king Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz/zār fell upon his face, and worshipped Dān'i-ēl, and commān'ded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him.

47 The king answered unto Dān'i-ēl, and said, Of a truth it is that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret.

48 Then the king made Dān'i-ēl a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Bāb'y-lōn, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Bāb'y-lōn.

49 Then Dān'i-ēl requested of the king, and he set Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and Ā-bēd'ne-gō, over the affairs of the province of Bāb'y-lōn: but Dān'i-ēl sat in the gate of the king.

CHAP. III.

NEBUCHADNEZ/ZAR the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dūrā, in the province of Bāb'y-lōn.

2 Then Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz/zār the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the cāp'tains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz/zār the king had set up.

3 Then the princes, the governors, and cāp'tains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz/zār the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz/zār had set up.

4 Then a herald cried aloud, To you it is commān'ded, O people, nations, and languages,

¹ Dān'y-ēl or Dān'e-ēl.

5 That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psāltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and wór'ship the golden image that Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz/zār the king hath set up :

6 And whoso falleth not down and wór'shippeth, shall the same hour be cāst into the midst of a burning fiery fūr'nace.¹

7 There fore at that time, when all the people hēard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psāltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and wór'shipped the golden image that Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz/zār the king had set up.

8 Wherefore at that time cēr'tain Ḥāl-dē'ānš came near and accused the Jews.

9 They spake, and said to the king Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz/zār, O king, live for ever.

10 Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psāltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and wór'ship the golden image :

11 And whoso falleth not down and wór'shippeth, that he should be cāst into the midst of a burning fiery fūr'nace.

12 There àre cēr'tain Jews, whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Bāb'y-lōn, Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and Ā-bēd'ne-gō : these men, O king, have not regarded thee ; they sērve not thy gods, nor wór'ship the golden image which thou hast set up.

13 Then Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz/zār, in his rage and fury, cōmmānded to bring Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and Ā-bēd'ne-gō. Then they brought these men before the king.

14 Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz/zār spake, and said unto them, *Is it true*, O Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and Ā-bēd'ne-gō? do not ye sērve my gods, nor wór'ship the golden image which I have set up ?

15 Now, if ye be ready, that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psāltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and wór'ship the image which I have made, *well* : but if ye wór'ship not, ye shall be cāst the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery fūr'nace : and who *is* that God that shall deliver you out of my hands ?

16 Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and Ā-bēd'ne-gō, ānswered and said to the king, O Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz/zār, we àre not careful to ānswer thee in this matter.

17 If it be so, our God, whom we sērve, is able to deliver us from the burning fiery fūr'nace ; and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not sērve thy gods, nor wór'ship the golden image which thou hast set up.

19 Then was Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz/zār full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed āgainst' Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and Ā-bēd'ne-

gō : there'fore he spake, and cōmmānded that they should heat the fūr'nace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

20 And he cōmmānded the most mighty men that wēre in his army to bind Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and Ā-bēd'ne-go, and to cāst them into the burning fiery fūr'nace.

21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other gārments, and wēre cāst into the midst of the burning fiery fūr'nace.

22 There'fore, because the king's cōmmānd'ment was urgent, and the fūr'nace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and Ā-bēd'ne-gō.

23 And these three men, Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and Ā-bēd'ne-gō, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery fūr'nace.

24 Then Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz/zār the king was astonish'd,² and rose up in haste, and spake and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cāst three men bound into the midst of the fire? They ānswered and said unto the king, True, O king.

25 He ānswered and said, Lo, I see four men lōose, walk'ing in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt ; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

26 Then Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz/zār came near to the mouth of the burning fiery fūr'nace, and spake, and said, Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and Ā-bēd'ne-go, ye sērvents of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and Ā-bēd'ne-gō, came forth of the midst of the fire.

27 And the princes, góvernors, and cāp'tains, and the king's counsellors, being gāthered togēther, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, nēther wēre their coats chānged, nor the smell of fire had pāssed on them.

28 Then Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz/zār spake and said, Blēs'sed be the God of Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and Ā-bēd'ne-gō, who hath sent his āngel, and delivered his sērvents that trusted in him, and have chānged the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not sērve nor wór'ship any god except their own God.

29 There'fore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing āmiss' āgainst' the God of Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and Ā-bēd'ne-gō, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill ; because there is no other god that can deliver āfter this sort.

30 Then the king promoted Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and Ā-bēd'ne-gō, in the province of Bāb'y-lōn.

CHAP. IV.

NEBUCHADNEZ/ZAR the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the ēarth ; Peace be multiplied unto you.

¹ fūr'nis.

² or astonished.

2 I thought it good to show the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought *vō'wōrd* me.

3 How great *àre* his signs! and how mighty *àre* his wonders! his kingdom *is* an *ēvērlās'ting* kingdom, and his dominion *is* from generation to generation.

4 I Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'zār was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace:

5 I saw a dream which made me *àfrāid*, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.

6 There'fore made I a decree to bring in all the wise *mēn* of Bāb'y-lōn before me, that they might make known unto me the intērpretā'tion of the dream.

7 Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chāl-dē'ānš, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the intērpretā'tion thereof.

8 But at the last Dān'i-ēl came in before me, (whose name *was* Bēl-te-shāz'zār, according to the name of my god, and in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods,) and before him I told the dream, *saying*,

9 O Bēl-te-shāz'zār, māster of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods *is* in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream hat I have seen, and the intērpretā'tion thereof.

10 Thus *wēre* the visions of mine head in my bed: I saw, and, behold, a tree in the midst of the *ēārth*, and the height thereof *was* great.

11 The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the *ēārth*.

12 The leaves thereof *wēre* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all: the beasts of the *fiēld* had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it.

13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a wātcher and a holy one came down from heaven.

14 He cried *ālōūd*, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get *āwāy* from under it, and the fowls from his branches.

15 Nevertheless, leave the stump of his roots in the *ēārth*, even with a band of iron and brāss in the tender grāss of the *fiēld*; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his pōrtion *be* with the beasts in the grāss of the *ēārth*.

16 Let his hēart be chānged from man's, and let a beast's hēart be *gīven* unto him; and let seven times pāss over him.

17 This matter *is* by the decree of the wātchers, and the *dēmānd'* by the word of the holy ones; to the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomso-

ever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

18 This dream I king Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'zār have seen. Now thou, O Bēl-te-shāz'zār, declare the intērpretā'tion thereof; forasmuch as all the wise *mēn* of my kingdom *àre* not able to make known unto me the intērpretā'tion: but thou *art* able; for the spirit of the holy gods *is* in thee.

19 Then Dān'i-ēl, (whose name *was* Bēl-te-shāz'zār,) was astonished¹ for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake and said, Bēl-te-shāz'zār, let not the dream, or the intērpretā'tion thereof, trouble thee. Bēl-te-shāz'zār answered and said, My lord, the dream *be* to them that hate thee, and the intērpretā'tion thereof to thine enemies.

20 The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the *ēārth*;

21 Whose leaves *wēre* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all; under which the beasts of the *fiēld* dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation:

22 It *is* thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness *is* grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the *ēārth*.

23 And whereas the king saw a wātcher and a holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and *dēstrōy'* it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the *ēārth*, even with a band of iron and brāss in the tender grāss of the *fiēld*; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his pōrtion *be* with the beasts of the *fiēld*, till seven times pāss over him;

24 This *is* the intērpretā'tion, O king, and this *is* the decree of the Most High, which *is* come upon my lord the king:

25 That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the *fiēld*, and they shall make thee to eat grāss as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pāss over thee, till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

26 And whereas they cōmmānd'ed to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, *āfter* that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.

27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be *āc'ceptable* unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by showing mērcy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.

28 ¶ All this came upon the king Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'zār.

29 At the end of twelve mōnth's he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Bāb'y-lōn.

30 The king spake and said, Is not this great Bāb'y-lōn that I have built for the house of the kingdom, by the might

of my power, and for the hōn'our of my māj'esty ?¹

31 While the word *was* in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, *saying*, O king Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz'zār, to thee it is spoken : The kingdom is departed from thee :

32 And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling *shall be* with the beasts of the field : they shall make thee to eat grāss as oxen, and seven times shall pāss over thee, until thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz'zār : and he was driven from men, and did eat grāss as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs wēre grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

34 And at the end of the days I Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz'zār lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me ; and I blēss'ed the Most High ; and I praised and hōnoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion *is* an ēv'rlās'ting dominion, and his kingdom *is* from generation to generation :

35 And all the inhabitants of the ēarth are reputed as nōthing : and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *āmōng* the inhabitants of the ēarth ; and nōne can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou ?

36 At the same time my reason returned unto me ; and, for the glory of my kingdom, mine hōnour and brightness returned unto me ; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me ; and I was estāblished in my kingdom ; and excellent māj'esty was added unto me.

37 Now I Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz'zār praise and extol and hōnour the King of heaven, all whose works *are* truth, and his ways judgment : and those that wālk in pride he is able to ābāse.

CHAP. V.

BELSHAZ'ZAR the king make a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

2 Bēl-shāz'zār, while he tasted the wine, commān'ded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz'zār had taken out of the temple which *was* in Je-rū'sa-lēm ; that the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines, might drink therein.

3 Then they brought the golden vessels that wēre taken out of the temple of the house of God which *was* at Je-rū'sa-lēm ; and the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines drank in them.

4 They drank wine and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brāss, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over āgainst' the

candlestick upon the plāster of the wall of the king's palace ; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the king's countenance was chānged, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins wēre lōosed, and his knees smote one āgainst' ānother.

7 The king cried ālōud to bring in the astrologers, the Ḥāl-dē-ānš, and the soothsayers. And the king spake, and said to the wise *men* of Bāb'y-lōn, Whosoever shall read this writing, and show me the intērpētā'tion thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold ābout' his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

8 Then came in all the king's wise *men* but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the intērpētā'tion thereof.

9 Then was king Bēl-shāz'zār greatly troubled, and his countenance was chānged in him, and his lords wēre astonished.²

10 Now the queen, by reason of the words of the king and his lords, came into the bān'quet-house ;³ and the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever : let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be chānged :

11 There *is* a man in thy kingdom, in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods : and, in the days of thy father, light, and understanding, and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him ; whom the king Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz'zār thy father, the king, *I say*, thy father, made māster of the magicians, astrologers, Ḥāl-dē-ānš, and soothsayers ;

12 Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, intērp'eting of dreams, and showing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, wēre found in the same Dān'i-ēl, whom the king named Bēl-te-shāz'zār : now let Dān'i-ēl be called, and he will show the intērpētā'tion.

13 Then was Dān'i-ēl brought in before the king. And the king spake and said unto Dān'i-ēl, *Art* thou that Dān'i-ēl, which *art* of the children of the captivity of Jū'dāh, whom the king my father brought out of Jew'ry ?

14 I have even hēard of thee, that the spirit of the gods *is* in thee, and *that* light, and understanding, and excellent wisdom, *is* found in thee.

15 And now the wise *men*, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the intērpētā'tion thereof : but they could not show the intērpētā'tion of the thing :

16 And I have hēard of thee that thou canst make intērpētā'tions and dissolve doubts : now, if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the intērpētā'tion thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold ābout' thy neck,

¹ mād'jēs-te.² or astonished.³ bānk'kwet-hōuse.

and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.

17 Then Dän'i-ël answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the intèrpretation.

18 O thou king, the most high God gave Nēb-ū-ḥād-nēz'zār thy father a kingdom, and māj'esty,¹ and glory, and hōn'our.

19 And, for the māj'esty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew, and whom he would he kept alive, and whom he would he set up, and whom he would he put down.

20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:

21 And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

22 And thou his son, O Bēl-shāz'zār, hast not hūmbl'd thine heart, though thou knewest all this;

23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou and thy lords, thy wives and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified.

24 Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.

25 And this is the writing that was written, ME'NE, ME'NE, TE'KEL, U-PHAR'SIN.

26 This is the intèrpretation of the thing: ME'NE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

27 TE'KEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wān'ting.

28 PE'RES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Mēdes and Pēr'si-ānš.

29 Then cōmman'ded Bēl-shāz'zār, and they clothed Dän'i-ël with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation cōncèr'n'ing him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 ¶ In that night was Bēl-shāz'zār the king of the Chāl-dē'ānš slain.

31 And Da-rī'ūs the Mē'di-ān took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old.

CHAP. VI.

IT pleased Da-rī'ūs to set over the kingdom a hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;

2 And over these, three presidents, of whom Dän'i-ël was first; that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage.

3 Then this Dän'i-ël was préfér'ed above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Dän'i-ël cōncèr'n'ing the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Dän'i-ël, except we find it against him cōncèr'n'ing the law of his God.

6 Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Da-rī'ūs live for ever.

7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the cāp'tains, have consulted together to estāb'lish a royal statute, and to make a firm² decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cāst into the den of lions.

8 Now, O king, estāb'lish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Mēdes and Pēr'si-ānš, which altereth not.

9 Wherefore king Da-rī'ūs signed the writing and the decree.

10 Now when Dän'i-ël knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and, his windows being open in his chamber tō'wārd Jē-rū'sa-lēm, he kneeled upon his knees three times a-day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

11 Then these men assembled, and found Dän'i-ël praying and making supplication before his God.

12 Then they came near, and spake before the king cōncèr'n'ing the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any god or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cāst into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Mēdes and Pēr'si-ānš, which altereth not.

13 Then answered they, and said before the king, That Dän'i-ël, which is of the children of the captivity of Jū'dāh, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a-day.

14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeas'd with himself, and set his heart on Dän'i-ël to deliver him; and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

15 Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king,

¹ mād/jēs-te.

² fērm.

that the law of the Médes and Për'si-ängs is, That no decree nor statute which the king estäblisheth may be changed.

16 Then the king cömmän'ded, and they brought Dän'i-ël, and cäst him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Dän'i-ël, Thy God, whom thou sêrvest continually, he will deliver thee.

17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords, that the purpose might not be changed cöncêrning Dän'i-ël.

18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fast'ing: neither wêre instruments of musick brought before him; and his sleep went from him.

19 Then the king arose very éarly in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lam'entable voice unto Dän'i-ël; and the king spake and said to Dän'i-ël, O Dän'i-ël, sêrvant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou sêrvest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

21 Then said Dän'i-ël unto the king, O king, live for ever.

22 My God hath sent his ängel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as befóre him innocency was found in me; and also befóre thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

23 Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and cömmän'ded that they should take Dän'i-ël up out of the den. So Dän'i-ël was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he bëliêved in his God.

24 And the king cömmän'ded, and they brought those men which had accused Dän'i-ël, and they cäst them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in piêces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

25 Then king Da-ri'üs wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the éarth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

26 I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear befóre the God of Dän'i-ël; for he is the living God, and stêad'fäst for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destrôy'ed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end.

27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in éarth, who hath delivered Dän'i-ël from the power of the lions.

28 So this Dän'i-ël prospered in the reign of Da-ri'üs, and in the reign of Cÿ'rüs the Për'si-än.

CHAP. VII.

IN the first year of Bêl-shäz'zär king of Báb'y-lôn, Dän'i-ël had a dream, and visions of his head upon his bed: then he

wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.

2 Dän'i-ël spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, di'vêrse one from another.

4 The first was like a lion, and had eagles' wings: I beheld till the wings thereof wêre plucked, and it was lifted up from the éarth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's héart was given to it.

5 And, behold, änothêr beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

6 Äfter this I beheld, and lo, änothêr, like a léopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl: the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

7 Äfter this I saw in the night visions, and, behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in piêces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was di'vêrse from all the beasts that wêre before it; and it had ten horns.

8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up ämong them änothêr little horn, befóre whom there wêre three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn wêre eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

9 I beheld till the thrones wêre cäst down, and the Än'cient of days did sit, whose gärvment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from befóre him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood befóre him: the judgment was set, and the books wêre opened.

11 I beheld then, because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake; I beheld, even till the beast was slain, and his body destrôy'ed, and given to the burning flame.

12 As cöncêrning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken äwäy: yet their lives wêre prolonged for a season and time.

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Än'cient of days, and they brought him near befóre him.

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should sêrve him: his dominion is an évêrläs'ting dominion, which shall not pass äwäy, and his kingdom that which shall not be destrôy'ed.

15 I Dän'i-ël was griêved in my spirit in

the midst of *my* body, and the vīṣions of *my* head troubled me.

16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the int̄rpretation of the things.

17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

18 But the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess' the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell: even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against' them;

22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High; and the time came that the saints possess'ed the kingdom.

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

25 And he shall speak great words against' the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand, until a time and times and the dividing of time.

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy' it unto the end.

27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Dān'i-ēl, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

CHAP. VIII.

IN the third year of the reign of king Bēl-shāz/zār a vīṣion appeared unto me, even unto me Dān'i-ēl, after that which appeared unto me at the first.

2 And I saw in a vīṣion; (and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shū-

shān in the palace, which is in the province of E'lām;) and I saw in a vīṣion, and I was by the river of Ū'la-i.

3 Then I lifted up mine eyes and saw and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns, and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.

4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.

5 And as I was considering, behold, a he-goat came from the west, on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

6 And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power.

7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against' him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns; and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.

8 Therefore the he-goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones, toward the four winds of heaven.

9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.

10 And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

11 Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.

12 And a host was given him against' the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vīṣion concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

15 And it came to pass, when I, even I Dān'i-ēl, had seen the vīṣion, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.

16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ū'la-i, which called, and said,

Gâ'bri-ël, make this man to understand the vision :

17 So he came near where I stood ; and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face : but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man ; for at the time of the end shall be the vision.

18 Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face to^ward the ground : but he touched me, and set me upright.

19 And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation : for at the time appointed the end shall be.

20 The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Mē'di-ā and Pēr'si-ā.

21 And the rough goat is the king of Grē'ci-ā : and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

22 Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power : and he shall destroy^t wōn'dérfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy^t the mighty and the holy people.

25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand ; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy^t many : he shall also stand up against^t the Prince of princes ; but he shall be broken without hand.

26 And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true : wherefore shut thou up the vision ; for it shall be for many days.

27 And I Dän'i-ël fainted, and was sick cēr'tain days : aftérward I rose up, and did the king's business ; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.

CHAP. IX.

IN the first year of Da-ri'ūs, the son of Ā-hāš-ū-e'rūs, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chāl-dē'ānš ;

2 In the first year of his reign, I Dän'i-ël understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jêr-ê-mi'āh the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jê-rû'sa-lêm.

3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes :

4 And I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his cōmmand'ments ;

5 We have sinned, and have committed

iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts, and from thy judgments :

6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy sêrvants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee ; but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day : to the men of Ju'dāh, and to the inhabitants of Jê-rû'sa-lêm, and unto all Īš'ra-ël, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trê's'päss that they have trê's'pässed against^t thee.

8 O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against^t thee.

9 To the Lord our God belong mē'cies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against^t him :

10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his sêrvants the prophets.

11 Yea, all Īš'ra-ël have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice ; thêrê'fore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Mō'sês the sêrvant of God, because we have sinned against^t him.

12 And he hath confirm'ed his words, which he spake against^t us, and against^t our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil : for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jê-rû'sa-lêm.

13 As it is written in the law of Mō'sês, all this evil is come upon us : yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.

14 Thêrê'fore hath the Lord wâtched upon the evil, and brought it upon us : for the Lord our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth : for we obeyed not his voice.

15 And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Ē'gÿpt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day ; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

16 O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jê-rû'sa-lêm, thy holy môûn'tain : because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jê-rû'sa-lêm and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about^t us.

17 Now, thêrê'fore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy sêrvant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear ; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name :

^t kôn-fêrm'ed.

for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken, and do; *dësér'* not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

20 And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin, and the sin of my people *İs'ra-ël*, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy *môûn'tain* of my God;

21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man *Gä'bri-ël*, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O *Dän'i-ël*, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.

25 Know, therefore, and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build *Jê-rû'sa-lêm*, unto the *Mës-si'äh* the Prince, shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again and the wall, even in troublous times.

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall *Mës-si'äh* be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined, shall be poured upon the desolate.

CHAP. X.

IN the third year of *Cy'rus* king of *Për'si-ä*, a thing was revealed unto *Dän'i-ël*, whose name was called *Bël-te-shäz'zär*; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

2 In those days I *Dän'i-ël* was mourning three full weeks.

3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

¹ *kön-fërm'.*

4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is *Hid'de-kël*;

5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded³ with fine gold of *Ü'phäz*:

6 His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words, like the voice of a multitude.

7 And I *Dän'i-ël* alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

10 And, behold, a hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands:

11 And he said unto me, O *Dän'i-ël*, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, *Dän'i-ël*; for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

13 But the prince of the kingdom of *Për'si-ä* withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, *Mi'cha-ël*, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of *Për'si-ä*.

14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.

15 And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

16 And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.

17 For how can the servant of this my Lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.

18 Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,

19 And said, O man, greatly beloved, fear not; peace be unto thee; be strong, yea,

² *ët.*

³ *gër'ded.*

be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Për'si-ä: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grë'ci-ä shall come.

21 But I will show thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Mi'cha-ël your prince.

CHAP. XI.

ALSO I, in the first year of Da-ri'ús the Mède, *even* I, stood to cõfirm¹ and to strengthen him.

2 And now will I show thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Për'si-ä; and the fourth shall be far richer than *they* all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all ägainst¹ the realm of Grë'ci-ä.

3 And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

4 And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided tö'wärts the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others besides those.

5 And the king of the south shall be strong, and *one* of his princes; and he shall be strong äbóve him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion.

6 And in the end of years they shall join themselves toëthér: for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm; but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in *these* times.

7 But out of a brãnch of her roots shall *one* stand up in his estate¹, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal ägainst¹ them, and shall prevail;

8 And shall also carry captives into Ë'gypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue *more* years than the king of the north.

9 So the king of the south shall come into his kingdom, and shall return into his own land.

10 But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and *one* shall cër'tainly come, and overflow, and pass through; then shall he return, and be stirred up, *even* to his fortress.

11 And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, *even* with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great

multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.

12 And when he hath taken äway the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cãst down *many* ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened *by it*.

13 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall cër'tainly come äfter cër'tain years with a great army and with much riches.

14 And in those times there shall many stand up ägainst¹ the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exãlt themselves to estãb'lish the vision; but they shall fall.

15 So the king of the north shall come, and cãst up a mount, and take the most fenced cities; and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to withstand.

16 But he that cometh ägainst¹ him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him; and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

17 He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her; but she shall not stand on his side, neither be for him.

18 Äfter this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many; but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause *it* to turn upon him.

19 Then he shall turn his face tö'wärts the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

20 Then shall stand up in his estate¹ a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destróy'ed, neither in anger nor in battle.

21 And in his estate¹ shall stand up a vile përsón, to whom they shall not give the hõn'our of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken; yëa, also the prince of the cõvenant.

23 And äfter the league made with him he shall work decëitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

24 He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do *that* which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter ämong them the prey, and spoil, and riches; yëa, and he shall forecãst¹ his devices ägainst¹ the strong holds, *even* for a time

¹ kón-fërm¹.

25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow; and many shall fall down slain.

27 And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.

28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits and return to his own land.

29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south: but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

30 For the ships of Chit'um shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many; yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.

34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be helped with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces; and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

39 Thus shall he do in the most strong

holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even E'dom, and Mo'ab, and the chief of the children of Am'mon.

42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries; and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Lib'y-ans and the E-thi-ō'pi-ans shall be at his steps.

44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

CHAP. XII.

AND at that time shall Mi'cha-ël stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever.

4 But thou, O Dan'i-ël, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

5 Then I Dan'i-ël looked, and behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever, that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and when he shall

¹ kwēr'l'wīnd.

² fēr'ma-ment.

have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

9 And he said, Go thy way, Dān'i-ēl; for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall

understand; but the wise shall understand.

11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

13 But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

¶ HOSE'A.

CHAPTER I.

THE word of the Lord that came unto Ho-se-ā, the son of Bē-ē-ri, in the days of Ūz-zr'āh, Jō-thām, Ā'hāz, and Hez-e-kī-āh, kings of Jū dāh, and in the days of Jēr-ō-bō'am the son of Jō āsh, king of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

2 The beginning of the word of the Lord by Ho-se-ā. And the Lord said to Ho-se-ā, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms, and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the Lord.

3 So he went and took Gō'mēr, the daughter of Dib-la'im; which conceived, and bare him a son.

4 And the Lord said unto him, Call his name Jēz're-ēl; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jēz're-ēl upon the house of Jē hū, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

5 And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Iṣ'ra-ēl in the valley of Jēz're-ēl.

6 And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God said unto him, Call her name Lō-Rū'ha-māh: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl; but I will utterly take them away.

7 But I will have mercy upon the house of Jū dāh, and will save them by the Lord their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

8 Now when she had weaned Lō-Rū'ha-māh, she conceived, and bare a son.

9 Then said God, Call his name Lō-ām'mī: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God.

10 Yet the number of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered: and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.

11 Then shall the children of Jū'dāh and the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they

shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jēz're-ēl.

CHAP. II.

SAY ye unto your brethren, Ām'mī; and to your sisters, Rū'ha-māh.

2 Plead with your mother, plead; for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her, therefore, put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;

3 Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.

4 And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they be the children of whoredoms.

5 For their mother hath played the harlot; she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink.

6 Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her path.

7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now.

8 For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Bā'āl.

9 Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness.

10 And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand.

11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast-days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.

12 And I will destroy her vines, and her

fig-trees, whereof she hath said, These are my rewards, that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.

13 And I will visit upon her the days of Bā'al-īm, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgat me, saith the LORD.

14 Thēre'fore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her.

15 And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of A'chōr for a door of hope; and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Ē'g'yp't.

16 And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me I'shī, and shalt call me no more Bā'al-ī.

17 For I will take away the names of Bā'al-īm out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

18 And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow, and the sword, and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.

19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies:

20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness; and thou shalt know the LORD.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens; and they shall hear the earth;

22 And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jēz're-ēl.

23 And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

CHAP. III.

THEN said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of I's'ra-ēl, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine.

2 So I bought her to me for fifteen pi'eces of silver, and for a homer of barley, and a half homer of barley.

3 And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days: thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for another man; so will I also be for thee.

4 For the children of I's'ra-ēl shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an eph'od, and without teraphim.

5 Afterward shall the children of I's'ra-ēl return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

CHAP. IV.

HEAR the word of the LORD, ye children of I's'ra-ēl: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God, in the land.

2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.

3 Thēre'fore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.

4 Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest.

5 Thēre'fore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother.

6 ¶ My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

7 As they were increased, so they sinned against me; thēre'fore will I change their glory into shame.

8 They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity.

9 And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.

10 For they shall eat, and not have enough; they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the LORD.

11 Whoredom, and wine, and new wine, take away the heart.

12 ¶ My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.

13 They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks, and poplars, and elms, because the shadow thereof is good: thēre'fore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery.

14 I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery; for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots, thēre'fore the people that doth not understand shall fall.

15 ¶ Though thou, I's'ra-ēl, play the harlot, yet let not Judāh offend; and come not ye unto Gil'gal, neither go ye up to Beth-aven, nor swear, The LORD liveth.

16 For I's'ra-ēl slideth back as a backsliding heifer. now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place.

17 Ē'phra-īm is joined to idols : let him alone.

18 Their drink is sour ; they have committed whoredom continually : her rulers with shame do love, Give ye.

19 The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be āshāmed because of their sār'rifices.

CHAP. V.

HEAR ye this, O priests ; and hearken, ye house of Īš'ra-ēl ; and give ye ear, O house of the king ; for judgment is tō'wārd you, because ye have been a snare on Mīz'pāh, and a net spread upon Tā'bōr.

2 And the revolters āre profound to make slāughter, though I have been a rebuker of them all.

3 I know Ē'phra-īm, and Īš'ra-ēl is not hid from me : for now, O Ē'phra-īm, thou committest whoredom, and Īš'ra-ēl is defiled.

4 They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God : for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD.

5 And the pride of Īš'ra-ēl dōth testify to his face : thēre'fore shall Īš'ra-ēl and Ē'phra-īm fall in their iniquity ; Jū'dāh also shall fall with them.

6 They shall go with their flocks and with their hērd's to seek the LORD ; but they shall not find him : he hath withdrawn himself from them.

7 They have dealt treacherously āgainst' the LORD ; for they have begotten strānge children : now shall a mōnth devour them with their pōrtions.

8 Blow ye the cornet in Gīb'e-āh, and the trumpet in Rā'māh : cry ālōud at Bēth-ā'vēn, āfter thee, O Bēn ja-mīn.

9 Ē'phra-īm shall be desolate in the day of rebuke : āmōng the tribes of Īš'ra-ēl have I made known that which shall surely be.

10 The princes of Jū'dāh wēre like them that remove the bound : thēre'fore I will pour out my wṛāth upon them like water.

11 Ē'phra-īm is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly wālked āfter the cōmmānd'ment.

12 Thēre'fore will I be unto Ē'phra-īm as a mōth, and to the house of Jū'dāh as rottenness.

13 When Ē'phra-īm saw his sickness, and Jū'dāh saw his wōund, then went Ē'phra-īm to the Ās-sūr'i-ān, and sent to king Jā'reb : yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wōund.

14 For I will be unto Ē'phra-īm as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Jū'dāh : I, even I, will tear and go āwāy ; I will take āwāy, and nōne shall rescue him.

15 I will go and return to my place till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face ; in their affliction they will seek me ēarly.

CHAP. VI.

COME, and let us return unto the LORD : for he hath torn, and he will heal us :

he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

2 Āfter two days will he revive us ; in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD : his going forth is prepared as the morning ; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the ēarth.

4 O Ē'phra-īm, what shall I do unto thee ? O Jū'dāh, what shall I do unto thee ? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the ēarly dew it goeth āwāy.

5 Thēre'fore have I hewed them by the prophets ; I have slain them by the words of my mouth : and thy judgments āre as the light that goeth forth.

6 For I desired mērcy, and not sār'fice ; and the knowledge of God more than burnt-offerings.

7 But they, like men, have transgressed the cōvenant : there have they dealt treacherously āgainst' me.

8 Gīl'e-ād is a city of them that work iniquity, and is polluted with blood.

9 And as troops of robbers wait for a man so the cōmpany of priests murder in the way by consent : for they commit lewdness.

10 I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Īš'ra-ēl : there is the whoredom of Ē'phra-īm, Īš'ra-ēl is defiled.

11 Also, O Jū'dāh, he hath set a harvest for thee, when I returned the captivity of my people.

CHAP. VII.

WHEN I would have healed Īš'ra-ēl, then the iniquity of Ē'phra-īm was discovered, and the wickedness of Ša-mā'ri-ā : for they commit falsehood ; and the thief cometh in, and the troop of robbers spoileth without :

2 And they consider not in their hēarts that I remember all their wickedness : now their own doings have beset them ābout', they āre before my face.

3 They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.

4 They āre all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, who ceaseth from raising āfter he hath kneaded the dough until it be leavened.

5 In the day of our king the princes have made him sick with bottles of wine : he stretched out his hand with scorn.

6 For they have made ready their hēart like an oven, whiles they lie in wait : their baker sleepeth all the night ; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire.

7 They āre all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges : all their kings āre fallen ; there is nōne āmōng them that call-eth unto me.

8 Ē'phra-īm, he hath mixed himself āmōng the people ; Ē'phra-īm is a cake not turned.

9 Strāngers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not ; yēa, gray hairs āre

here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.

10 And the pride of Iš'ra-ël testifieth to his face; and they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him for all this.

11 Ē'phra-ïm also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Ē'gÿpt, they go to Ās-sÿr'i-ā:

12 When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them as their congregation hath heard.

13 Wo unto them! for they have fled from me; destruction unto them! because they have transgressed against me: though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me.

14 And they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds, they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they rebel against me.

15 Though I have bound and strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine mis'chief against me.

16 They return, but not to the Most High; they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue. This shall be their derision in the land of Ē'gÿpt.

CHAP. VIII.

SET the trumpet to thy mouth: he shall come as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant, and tres'passed against my law.

2 Iš'ra-ël shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee.

3 Iš'ra-ël hath cast off the thing that is good: the enemy shall pursue him.

4 They have set up kings, but not by me; they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.

5 Thy calf, O Sa-mā'ri-ā, hath cast thee off; mine anger is kindled against them; how long will it be ere they attain to innocency?

6 For from Iš'ra-ël was it also: the workman made it; therefore it is not God: but the calf of Sa-mā'ri-ā shall be broken in pieces.

7 For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk; the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.

8 Iš'ra-ël is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gen'tiles as a vessel wherein is no pleas'ure.

9 For they are gone up to Ās-sÿr'i-ā, a wild ass alone by himself: Ē'phra-ïm hath hired lovers.

10 Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes.

11 Because Ē'phra-ïm hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin.

¹ hwērl'wind.

12 I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing.

13 They sac'rifice flesh for the sac'rifices of mine offerings, and eat it; but the LORD accepteth them not: now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Ē'gÿpt.

14 For Iš'ra-ël hath forgotten his Mā'ker, and buildeth temples; and Jū'dāh hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

CHAP. IX.

REJOICE not, O Iš'ra-ël, for joy, as other people: for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God; thou hast loved a reward upon every corn-floor.

2 The floor and the wine-press shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her.

3 They shall not dwell in the LORD's land; but Ē'phra-ïm shall return to Ē'gÿpt, and they shall eat unclean things in Ās-sÿr'i-ā.

4 They shall not offer wine-offerings to the LORD, neither shall they be pleasing unto him: their sac'rifices shall be unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted: for their bread for their soul shall not come into the house of the LORD.

5 What will ye do in the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of the LORD?

6 For, lo, they are gone because of destruction: Ē'gÿpt shall gather them up, Mēm'phis shall bury them: the pleas'ant places for their silver, nettles shall possess them: thorns shall be in their tabernacles.

7 The days of visitation are come, the days of recompense are come; Iš'ra-ël shall know it: the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred.

8 The watchman of Ē'phra-ïm was with my God: but the prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God.

9 They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Ġib'e-āh: therefore he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.

10 I found Iš'ra-ël like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the first ripe in the fig-tree at her first time: but they went to Bā'āl-Pe'ōr and separated themselves unto that shame; and their abominations were according as they loved.

11 As for Ē'phra-ïm, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth,² and from the womb, and from the conception.

12 Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, that there shall not be a man left: yea, wo also to them when I depart from them!

13 Ē'phra-ïm, as I saw Tÿ'rūs, is planted

² bērk.

in a plēaſant place: but Ē'phra-īm shall bring forth his children to the murderer.

14 Give them, O LORD: what wilt thou give? give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.

15 All their wickedness is in Gil'gāl; for there I hated them: for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house, I will love them no more: all their princes are revōlters.

16 Ē'phra-īm is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit; yēa, though they bring forth, yet will I slay even the be-lōved fruit of their womb.

17 My God will cāst them āwāy, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wānderers āmōng the nations.

CHAP. X.

ISRAEL is an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images.

2 Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty: he shall break down their altars, he shall spoil their images.

3 For now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not the LORD; what then should a king do to us?

4 They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a cōvenant: thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field.

5 The inhabitants of Sa-mā'ri-ā shall fear because of the calves of Bēth-a'vēn: for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and the priests thereof that rejoiced on it, for the glory thereof, because it is departed from it.

6 It shall be also carried unto Ās-sŷr'i-ā for a present to king Jā'rēb: Ē'phra-īm shall receive shame, and Iš'ra-ël shall be āshamed of his own counsel.

7 As for Sa-mā'ri-ā, her king is cut off as the foam upon the water.

8 The high places also of Ā'vēn, the sin of Iš'ra-ël, shall be destrōy'ed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars, and they shall say to the mōūn'tāins, Cōver us; and to the hills, Fall on us.

9 O Iš'ra-ël, thou hast sinned from the days of Gib'e-ah; there they stood: the battle in Gib'e-ah āgainst the children of iniquity did not overtake them.

10 It is in my desire that I should chastise them; and the people shall be gathered āgainst them, when they shall bind themselves in their two furrows.

11 And Ē'phra-īm is as a hēifer that is taught, and loveth to tread out the corn; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ē'phra-īm to ride; Jū'dāh shall plough, and Jā'çōb shall break his clods.

12 Sōw to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mēry, break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

13 Ye have ploughed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity: ye have eaten the

fruit of lies; because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.

14 Thēre'fore shall a tumult arise āmōng thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shāl'mān spoiled Bēth-ār'bēl in the day of battle: the mōther was dashed in piēces upon her children.

15 So shall Bēth'el do unto you because of your great wickedness; in a morning shall the king of Iš'ra-ël be utterly cut off.

CHAP. XI.

WHEN Iš'ra-ël was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Ē'gŷpt.

2 As they called them, so they went from them: they sār'rifiçed unto Bā'āl-īm, and burned incense to graven images.

3 I taught Ē'phra-īm also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them.

4 I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love; and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them.

5 He shall not return into the land of Ē'gŷpt, but the Ās-sŷr'i-ān shall be his king, because they refused to return.

6 And the sēvōrd shall ābide on his cities, and shall consume his brānches, and devour them, because of their own counsels.

7 And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the Most High, none at all would exālt him.

8 How shall I give thee up, Ē'phra-īm? how shall I deliver thee, Iš'ra-ël? how shall I make thee as Ad'māh? how shall I set thee as Zē-bō'īm? Mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled togēther.

9 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destrōy' Ē'phra-īm: for I am God, and not man; the Hōly One in the midst of thee; and I will not enter into the city.

10 They shall wālk āfter the LORD; he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west.

11 They shall tremble as a bird out of Ē'gŷpt, and as a dove out of the land of Ās-sŷr'i-ā: and I will place them in their houses, saith the LORD.

12 Ē'phra-īm cōm'pāsseth me ābout' with lies and the house of Iš'ra-ël with decēit; but Jū'dāh yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.

CHAP. XII.

E'PHRAIM feedeth on wind, and folloiweth āfter the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they do make a cōvenant with the Ās-sŷr'i-āns, and oil is carried into Ē'gŷpt.

2 The LORD hath also a controversy with Jū'dāh, and will punish Jā'çōb according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him.

3 He took his brōther by the heel in the

womb, and by his strength he had power with God:

4 Yēa, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept and made supplication unto him: he found him *in* Bēth'ēl, and there he spake with us;

5 Even the LORD God of hosts; The LORD is his memorial.

6 Thērē'fōre turn thou to thy God: keep mērcy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.

7 *He is* a mērchānt, the balances of de-cēt *are* in his hand: he loveth to oppress.

8 And Ē/phra-īm said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: *in* all my labours they shall find nōne iniquity in me that *were* sin.

9 And I, *that am* the LORD thy God from the land of Ē/g̃ypt, will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast.

10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.

11 *Is there* iniquity in Gil'e-ād? surely they *are* vanity: they sār'rifīce bullocks in Gil'gāl; yēa, their altars *are* as heaps in the furrows of the fields.

12 And Jā'cōb fled into the country of S̃yri-ā, and Iṣ'ra-ēl sērv'd for a wife, and for a wife he kept *sheep*.

13 And by a prophet the LORD brought Iṣ'ra-ēl out of Ē/g̃ypt, and by a prophet was he prēsērv'ed.

14 Ē/phra-īm provoked *him* to anger most bitterly: thērē'fōre shall he leave his blood upon him, and his reproach shall his LORD return unto him.

CHAP. XIII.

WHEN Ē/phra-īm spake trembling, he exalted himself in Iṣ'ra-ēl; but when he offended in Bā'āl, he died.

2 And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the crāftsmen: they say of them, Let the men that sār'rifīce kiss the calves.

3 Thērē'fōre they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that pāsseth āwāy; as the chāff *that* is driven with a whirl'wind¹ out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney.

4 Yet I *am* the LORD thy God from the land of Ē/g̃ypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: *for there is* no saviour besides me.

5 I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drōught.

6 According to their pās'tūre,² so wēre they filled; they wēre filled, and their heart was exalted; thērē'fōre have they forgotten me.

7 Thērē'fōre I will be unto them as a lion; as a leopard by the way will I ōbšērv' *them*.

8 I will meet them as a bear *that is* bereaved of *her* whelps, and will rend the caul

1 *hwērl'wōnd.*2 *pās'tshūre.*3 *fēr-tree.*

of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them.

9 O Iṣ'ra-ēl, thou hast destrōy'ed thyself; but in me is thine help.

10 I will be thy king: where *is any other* that may save thee and all thy cities? and thy judges, of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes?

11 I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took *him* āwāy in my wrãth.

12 The iniquity of Ē/phra-īm is bound up; his sin is hid.

13 The sorrows of a trāv'ailing woman shall come upon him: he *is* an unwise son; for he should not stay long in the *place* of the breaking forth of children.

14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

15 Though he be fruitful among his brēthren, an east wind shall come, the wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fōan'tāin shall be dried up: he shall spoil the trēas'ure of all plēas'ant vessels.

16 Sa-mā'ri-ā shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword; and their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

CHAP. XIV.

O ISRAEL, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thy iniquity.

2 Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take āwāy all iniquity, and receive *us* graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.

3 Ash'ur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses; nēither will we say any more to the work of our hands, *Ye are* our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mērcy.

4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned āwāy from him.

5 I will be as the dew unto Iṣ'ra-ēl: he shall grow as the lily, and east forth his roots as Lēb'a-nōn.

6 His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive-tree, and his smell as Lēb'a-nōn.

7 They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive *as* the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof *shall be* as the wine of Lēb'a-nōn.

8 Ē/phra-īm *shall say*, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard *him*, and ōbšērv'ed him: I *am* like a green fir-tree.³ From me *is* thy fruit found.

9 Who *is* wise, and he shall understand these *things*? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD *are* right, and the just shall wālk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.

II JOEL.

CHAPTER I.

THE word of the LORD that came to Jō-
ēl, the son of Pē-thū'ēl.

2 Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?

3 Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation;

4 That which the pālmer-worm hath left, hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left, hath the canker-worm eaten; and that which the canker-worm hath left, hath the caterpillar eaten.

5 Awāke, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.

6 For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.

7 He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig-tree; he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; and the branches thereof are made white.

8 Lamēt like a vir'gin¹ girded² with sackcloth for the hūš'bānd of her youth.

9 The meat-offering and the drink-offering is cut off from the house of the LORD: the priests, the LORD's ministers, mourn.

10 The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth.

11 Be ye āshāmed, O ye hūš'bāndmēn; howl, O ye vine-dressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.

12 The vine is dried up, and the fig-tree languisheth; the pomegrān'āte-tree, the pāl-tree also, and the apple-tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.

13 Gird yourselves, and lamēt, ye priests; howl, ye ministers of the altar; come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meat-offering and the drink-offering is withholden from the house of your God.

14 Sanctify³ ye a fāst, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders, and all the inhabitants of the land, into the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD,

15 Ā-lās' for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Āl-migh'ty shall it come.

16 Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God?

17 The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are

broken down; for the corn is withered.

18 How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are pērplēx'ed, because they have no pās'ture;⁴ yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

19 O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pāstures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.

20 The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pās'tures of the wilderness.

CHAP. II.

BLOW ye the trumpet in Zī'ōn, and sound an ālārm in my holy mōūn'tain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand:

2 A day of darkness, and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mōūn'tains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of E'den⁵ before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape⁶ them.

4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mōūn'tains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

6 Before their face the people shall be much pained; all faces shall gather blackness.

7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

8 Neither shall one thrust another, they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the swōrd, they shall not be wounded.

9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall; they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining;

11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army; for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

¹ vēr'jin.

² gēr'ded.

³ sāngk'te-fi.

⁴ pās'tshure.

⁵ E'd'n.

12 There'fore also now, saith the LORD, Turn ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with fast'ing, and with weeping, and with mourning;

13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

14 Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him, *even* a meat-offering, and a drink-offering, unto the LORD your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zi'ōn, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet:

17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

18 Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

19 Yea, the LORD will answer, and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith; and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen.

20 But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face tō'wārd the cast sea; and his hinder part tō'wārd the utmost sea: and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.

21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.

22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig-tree and the vine do yield their strength.

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zi'ōn, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first mōnth.

24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the canker-worm, and the caterpillar, and the pālmer-worm, my great army, which I sent among you.

26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of I's'ra-ēl, and that I am the LORD

your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

28 And it shall come to pass after'ward, that I will pour out my Spīr'it upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spīr'it.

30 And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zi'ōn and in Jē-rū'sa-lēm shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

CHAP. III.

FOR, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again' the captivity of Jū'dāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm,

1 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jē-bōsh'a-phāt, and will plead with them there for my people, and for my heritage I's'ra-ēl, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

2 And they have cast lots for my people: and have given a boy for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

3 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zi'dōn, and all the coasts of Pāl'es-tine? will ye render me a recompense? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompense upon your own head:

4 Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleās'ant things.

5 The children also of Jū'dāh, and the children of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, have ye sold unto the Grē'ci-āns, that ye might remove them far from their border.

6 Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompense upon your own head:

7 And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Jū'dāh, and they shall sell them to the Sabē'aus, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken it.

8 Proclaim ye this among the Ğēn'tiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, let them come up:

9 Beat your plough-shares into swords, and your pruning-hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.

10 Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together

round about'; thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jē-hōsh'a-phāt: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about'.

13 Put ye in the sickle; for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for the wickedness is great.

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zi'ōn, and utter his voice from Jē-rū'sa-lēm: and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Iṣ'-ra-ēl.

17 So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zi'ōn, my holy môh'n'tain: then shall Jē-rū'sa-lēm be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the môh'n'tains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Jū'dāh shall flow with waters, and a fōh'n'tain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shīt'tim.

19 Ē'gypt shall be a desolation, and Ē'dōm shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against' the children of Jū'dāh, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

20 But Jū'dāh shall dwell for ever, and Jē-rū'sa-lēm from generation to generation.

21 For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zi'ōn.

¶ A'MOS.

CHAPTER I.

THE words of Ā'mōs, who was among the herdmen of Tē-kō'ā, which he saw conce'nning Iṣ'ra-ēl in the days of Ūz-zī'āh king of Jū'dāh, and in the days of Jēr-ō-bō'ām the son of Jō'āsh king of Iṣ'ra-ēl, two years before the earth'quake.

2 And he said, The LORD will roar from Zi'ōn, and utter his voice from Jē-rū'sa-lēm; and the habitations of the shēp'hērd's shall mourn, and the top of Çār'mēl shall wither.

3 Thus saith the LORD, For three transgressions of Da-mās'cūs, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have threshed Gil'e-ād with threshing-instruments of iron:

4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hāz'a-ēl, which shall devour the palaces of Bēn'ha-dād.

5 I will break also the bar of Da-mās'cūs, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Ā'ven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of Ē'den: and the people of Sÿr'i-ā shall go into captivity unto Kīr,² saith the LORD.

6 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, For three transgressions of Gā'zā, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver them up to Ē'dōm:

7 But I will send a fire on the wall of Gā'zā, which shall devour the palaces thereof:

8 And I will cut off the inhabitant from āsh'dōd, and him that holdeth the sceptre from āsh'ke-lōn; and I will turn mine hand against' Ēk'rōn: and the remnant of the

Phi-lis'tines shall perish, saith the LORD God.

9 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, For three transgressions of Ty'rūs, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Ē'dōm, and remembered not the brotherly covenant:

10 But I will send a fire on the wall of Ty'rūs, which shall devour the palaces thereof.

11 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, For three transgressions of Ē'dōm, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear pērpēt'ually, and he kept his wrath for ever:

12 But I will send a fire upon Tē'mān, which shall devour the palaces of Bōz'rāh.

13 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, For three transgressions of the children of Ām'mōn, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gil'e-ād, that they might enlarge their border:

14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rāb'bāh, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirl'wind:³

15 And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the LORD

CHAP. II.

THUS saith the LORD, For three transgressions of Mō'áb, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he burnt the bones of the king of Ē'dōm into lime;

¹ Ē'd'n.

² Kēr.

³ huēr'l'vēnd.

2 But I will send a fire upon Mō'āb, and it shall devour the palaces of Kir'i-ōth;¹ and Mō'āb shall die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet:

3 And I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the LORD.

4 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, For three transgressions of Jū'dāh, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have despised the law of the LORD, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked;

5 But I will send a fire upon Jū'dāh, and it shall devour the palaces of Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

6 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, For three transgressions of Iṣ'ra-ēl, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes;

7 That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek; and a man and his father will go in unto the same maid, to profane my holy name:

8 And they lay themselves down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of the condemned in the house of their god.

9 Yet destrōy'ed I the Ām'o-rite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destrōy'ed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.

10 Also I brought you up from the land of Ēg'gypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Ām'o-rite.

11 And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nāz'a-rites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Iṣ'ra-ēl? saith the LORD.

12 But ye gave the Nāz'a-rites wine to drink; and commān'ded the prophets, saying, Prophesy not.

13 Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves.

14 Therefore the flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver himself:

15 Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver himself: neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself:

16 And he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.

CHAP. III.

HEAR this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Ēg'gypt, saying,

2 You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

3 Can two walk together except they be agreed?

4 Will a lion roar in the forest when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den if he have taken nothing?

5 Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth where no gin is for him? shall one take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all?

6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?

7 Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

9 Publish in the palaces at Āsh'dōd, and in the palaces in the land of Ēg'gypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mōūn'tains of Sa-mā'ri-ā, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the oppressed in the midst thereof.

10 For they know not to do right, saith the LORD, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces.

11 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, An adversary there shall be even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled.

12 Thus saith the LORD, As the shēp'hērd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl be taken out that dwell in Sa-mā'ri-ā in the corner of a bed, and in Da-mā'scūs in a couch.

13 Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jā'cōb, saith the Lord God, the God of hosts,

14 That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Iṣ'ra-ēl upon him, I will also visit the altars of Bēth'ēl; and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground.

15 And I will smite the winter-house with the summer-house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD.

CHAP. IV.

HEAR this word, ye kine of Bā'shān, that are in the mōūn'tain of Sa-mā'ri-ā, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

2 The Lord God hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fish-hooks.

3 And ye shall go out by the breaches, every one at that which is before her; and ye shall cast them into the palace, saith the LORD.

4 Come to Bēth'ēl and transgress; at Gil'gāl multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years.

¹ Kēr'e-ōth.

5 And offer a sāc'rifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim *and* publish the free-offerings; for this liketh you, O ye children of Iṣ'ra-ēl, saith the Lord God.

6 And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places; yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

7 And also I have withholden the rain from you, when *there were* yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered.

8 So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied; yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

9 I have smitten you with blāst'ing and mildew: when your gardens, and your vineyards,¹ and your fig-trees, and your olive-trees increased, the palmer-worm devoured *them*: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

10 I have sent among you the pestilence, after the manner of E'gypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

11 I have overthrown *some* of you, as God overthrew Sōd'om and Gō-mōr'rāh, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

12 Thērē'fore thus will I do unto thee, O Iṣ'ra-ēl: *and* because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Iṣ'ra-ēl.

13 For, lo, he that formeth the mōūn'tāins, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The Lord, the God of hosts, is his name.

CHAP. V.

HEAR ye this word which I take up against' you, *even* a lāmentā'tion, O house of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

2 The vir'gin² of Iṣ'ra-ēl is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; *there is none* to raise her up.

3 For thus saith the Lord God, The city that went out *by* a thousand shall leave a hundred, and that which went forth *by* a hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl.

4 For thus saith the Lord unto the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl, Seek ye me, and ye shall live.

5 But seek not Bēth'ēl, nor enter into Gil'gāl, and pass not to Bē-ēr'she-bā: for Gil'gāl shall surely go into captivity, and Bēth'ēl shall come to nought.

6 Seek the Lord, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Jō'sēph, and devour it, and *there be none* to quench it in Bēth'ēl.

7 Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth,

8 Seek *him* that maketh the seven stars and ō-ri'ōn, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his name:

9 That strengtheneth the spoiled against' the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against' the fortress.

10 They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.

11 Forasmuch, thērē'fore, as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat; ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted plēas'ant vine'yards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate *from their right*.

13 Thērē'fore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.

14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and estāb'lish judgment in the gate: it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Jō'sēph.

16 Thērē'fore the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord, saith thus, Wailing shall be in all streets; and they shall say in all the high-ways, Ā-lās'! ā-lās'! and they shall call the hūš'bāndman to mourning, and such as are skilful of lāmentā'tion to wailing.

17 And in all vine'yards shall be wailing: for I will pass through thee, saith the Lord.

18 Wo unto you that desire the day of the Lord! to what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness, and not light.

19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

20 Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise' your feast-days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

22 Though ye offer me burnt-offerings, and your meat-offerings, I will not accept *them*: neither will I regard the peace-offerings of your fat beasts.

23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

25 Have ye offered unto me sāc'rifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Iṣ'ra-ēl?

¹ vīn'yērdz.

² vēr'jīn.

26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Mō'loch and Çi'ūn your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves.

27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Da-mās'cūs, saith the LORD, whose name is The God of hosts.

CHAP. VI.

WO to them that are at ease in Zi'ōn, and trust in the mōūn'tain of Sa-mā'ri-ā, which are named chief of the nation, to whom the house of İs'ra-ël came!

2 Päss ye unto Çäl'neh, and see; and from thence go ye to Ha'māth the great; then go down to Gäth of the Phi-lis'tines: be they better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?

3 Ye that put far äway the evil day, and cause the scat of violence to come near;

4 That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their cōuches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall;

5 That chānt to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick, like Dā'vid;

6 That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments; but they are not grieved for the affliction of Jō'sēph.

7 Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the bān'quet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.

8 The Lord God hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD, the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jā'çöb, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city, with all that is therein.

9 And it shall come to päss, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die.

10 And a man's uncle shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that is by the sides of the house, Is there yet any with thee? and he shall say, No. Then shall he say, Hold thy tongue; for we may not make mention of the name of the LORD.

11 For, behold, the LORD cōmmān'deth, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts.

12 Shall horses run upon the rock? will one plough there with oxen? for ye have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock.

13 Ye which rejoice in a thing of nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?

14 But, behold, I will raise up ägainst' you a nation, O house of İs'ra-ël, saith the LORD, the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entering in of Ha'māth unto the river of the wilderness.

CHAP. VII.

THUS hath the Lord God showed unto me; and, behold, he formed gräss-hoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth äfter the king's mowings.

2 And it came to päss, that when they had made an end of eating the gräss of the land, then I said, O Lord God, forgive, I beseech thee; by whom shall Jā'çöb ärise? for he is small.

3 The LORD repented for this: it shall not be, saith the LORD.

4 ¶ Thus hath the Lord God showed unto me; and, behold, the Lord God called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.

5 Then said I, O Lord God, cease, I beseech thee; by whom shall Jā'çöb ärise? for he is small.

6 The LORD repented for this; This also shall not be, saith the Lord God.

7 ¶ Thus he showed me; and, behold, the LORD stood upon a wall made by a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand.

8 And the LORD said unto me, Ä'mös, what seest thou? And I said, A plumb-line. Then said the LORD, Behold, I will set a plumb-line in the midst of my people İs'ra-ël: I will not ägain' päss by them any more:

9 And the high places of İ'šāaç shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of İs'ra-ël shall be laid waste; and I will rise ägainst' the house of Jër-ö-bö'am with the sword.

10 ¶ Then Äm-a-zī'äh, the priest of Bēth'el, sent to Jër-ö-bö'am king of İs'ra-ël, saying, Ä'mös hath conspired ägainst' thee in the midst of the house of İs'ra-ël; the land is not able to bear all his words.

11 For thus Ä'mös saith, Jër-ö-bö'am shall die by the sword, and İs'ra-ël shall surely be led äway captive out of their own land.

12 Also Äm-a-zī'äh said unto Ä'mös, O thou seer, go, flee thee äway into the land of Jü'dāh, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:

13 But prophesy not ägain' any more at Bēth'el: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court.

14 Then änswered Ä'mös, and said to Äm-a-zī'äh, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was a hërdman, and a gätherer of sycamore-fruit:

15 And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people İs'ra-ël.

16 Now, therefore, hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophesy not ägainst' İs'ra-ël, and drop not thy word ägainst' the house of İ'šāaç.

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Thy wife shall be a harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and

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Ís'ra-él shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

CHAP. VIII.

THUS hath the Lord God showed unto me: and, behold, a baskèet of summer-fruit.

2 And he said, *Ā'mōs*, what seest thou? And I said, A baskèet of summer-fruit. Then said the Lord unto me, The end is come upon my people of Ís'ra-él; I will not ágain' páss by them any more.

3 And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord God: *there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cást them forth with silence.*

4 ¶ Hear this, O ye that swállow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fáil,

5 Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the éph'rah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by decèit?

6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; *yēa*, and sell the refuse of the wheat?

7 The Lord hath sworn by the excellency of Já'cōb, Surely I will never forget any of their works.

8 Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cást out and drowned, as *by* the flood of É'gýpt.

9 And it shall come to páss in that day, saith the Lord God, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the éarth in the clear day:

10 And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lámentá'tion; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and báldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day.

11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a fámine in the land; not a fámine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:

12 And they shall wánder from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.

13 In that day shall the fair vir'gins and young men faint for thirst.

14 They that swear by the sin of Sá-má'ri-á, and say, Thy god, O Dán, liveth; and, The manner of Bē-ér'she-bá liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up ágain'.

CHAP. IX.

I SAW the Lord standing upon the altar: and he said, Smite the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake: and cut them in the head, all of them; and I will slay the lást of them with the swōrd: he that fleeth of them shall not flee áway;

and he that éscápeth of them shall not be deliverèd.

2 Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down:

3 And though they hide themselves in the top of Cár'miel, I will séarch and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I cōmmánd' the sérpent, and he shall bite them:

4 And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I cōmmánd' the swōrd, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

5 And the Lord God of hosts *is* he that tóucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn; and it shall rise up wholly like a flood, and shall be drowned, as *by* the flood of É'gýpt.

6 *It is* he that buildeth his storíes in the heaven, and hath founded his troop in the éarth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the éarth; The Lord *is* his name.

7 *Áre* ye not as children of the É-thi-ō'pi-ans unto me, O children of Ís'ra-él? saith the Lord. Have not I brought up Ís'ra-él out of the land of É'gýpt, and the Phi-lis'tines from Cāph'tor, and the Sý'r'i-ans from Kir? 2

8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord God *àre* upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destróy' it from off the face of the éarth; saving that I will not utterly destróy' the house of Já'cōb, saith the Lord.

9 For, lo, I will cōmmánd', and I will sift the house of Ís'ra-él ámong all nations, like as corn is sifted in a síeve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the éarth.

10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the swōrd, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of Dá'vid that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

12 That they may pōssèss' the remnant of É'dōm, and of all the heathen, which *àre* called by my name, saith the Lord that doeth this.

13 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the ploughman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the móun'tains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

14 And I will bring ágain' the captivity of my people of Ís'ra-él, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plánt vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gárdens, and eat the fruit of them.

15 And I will plánt them upon their land, and they shall no more be púllèd up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.

1 OBADI'AH.

THE vision of ōb-a-dī'ah. Thus saith the Lord God cōncér'ning Ē'dōm, We have heard a rumour from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle.

2 Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised.

3 The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

4 Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord.

5 If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grape-gatherers came to thee, would they not leave some grapes?

6 How are the things of Ē'sâu searched out! how are his hidden things sought up!

7 All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee even to the border: the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, and prevailed against thee; they that eat thy bread have laid a wound under thee: there is none understanding in him.

8 Shall I not in that day, saith the Lord, even destroy the wise men out of Ē'dōm, and understanding out of the mount of Ē'sâu?

9 And thy mighty men, O Tē'mān, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Ē'sâu may be cut off by slaughter.

10 For thy violence against thy brother Jā'cōb, shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever.

11 In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jē-rū'sa-lēm, even thou wast as one of them.

12 But thou shouldst not have looked on the day of thy brother, in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldst thou

have rejoiced over the children of Jū'dāh in the day of their destruction; neither shouldst thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

13 Thou shouldst not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldst not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity:

14 Neither shouldst thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldst thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress.

15 For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee; thy reward shall return upon thine own head,

16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mōu'n'tāin, so shall all the heathen drink continually; yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.

17 But upon mount Zī'ōn shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jā'cōb shall possess their possessions.

18 And the house of Jā'cōb shall be a fire, and the house of Jō'sēph a flame, and the house of Ē'sâu for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Ē'sâu: for the Lord hath spoken it.

19 And they of the south shall possess the mount of Ē'sâu; and they of the plain the Phi-lis'tines: and they shall possess the fields of Ē'phra-im, and the fields of Samā'ri-ā; and Bēn'ja-mīn shall possess Gil'e-ād.

20 And the captivity of this host of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl shall possess that of the Cān'aān-ites, even unto Zār'e-phāth; and the captivity of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, which is in Sēph'a-rād, shall possess the cities of the south.

21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zī'ōn to judge the mount of Ē'sâu; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's.

1 JO'NAH.

CHAPTER I.

NOW the word of the Lord came unto Jō'nāh, the son of Ā-mī'tāi, saying.

2 Arise, go to Nin'e-veh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

3 But Jō'nāh rose up to flee unto Tār'

shish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Jōp'pā; and he found a ship going to Tār'shish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tār'shish from the presence of the Lord.

4 But the Lord sent out a great wind

into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.

5 Then the mariners wēre āfrāid, and cried every man unto his god, and cāst forth the wares that wēre in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them : but Jō'nāh was gone down into the sides of the ship ; and he lay, and was fāst āslēep.

6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper ? ārise, call upon thy God, if so he that God will think upon us, that we perish not.

7 And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cāst lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cāst lots, and the lot fell upon Jō'nāh.

8 Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us. What is thine occupation ? and whence comest thou ? what is thy country ? and of what people art thou ?

9 And he said unto them, I am a Hēbrew ; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land.

10 Then wēre the men exceedingly āfrāid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this ? (for the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.)

11 Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be cālm unto us ? (for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous.)¹

12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cāst me forth into the sea ; so shall the sea be cālm unto you : for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.

13 Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to bring it to the land ; but they could not : for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous āgainst' them.

14 Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood : for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee.

15 So they took up Jō'nāh, and cāst him forth into the sea ; and the sea ceased from her raging.

16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sār'rifīce unto the LORD, and made vows.

17 Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jō'nāh. And Jō'nāh was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

CHAP. II.

THEN Jō'nāh prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,

2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me ; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardst my voice.

2 For thou hadst cāst me into the deep, in the midst of theseas ; and the floods cōm'

passed me ābout' : all thy billows and thy waves pāssee over me.

4 Then I said, I am cāst out of thy sight ; yet I will look āgain' tōwārd thy holy temple.

5 The waters cōm'pāssee me ābout' even to the soul : the depth closed me round ābout', the weeds wēre wrapped ābout' my head.

6 I went down to the bottoms of the mōun'tāins ; the ēarth with her bars was ābout' me for ever : yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.

7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD ; and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

8 They that oḅsērve' lying vanities forsake their own mērcy.

9 But I will sār'rifīce unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving ; I will pay that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

10 And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jō'nāh upon the dry land.

CHAP. III.

AND the word of the LORD came unto Jō'nāh the second time, saying,

2 ārise, go unto Nīn'e-veh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

3 So Jō'nāh ārōse, and went unto Nīn'e-veh, āccōrding to the word of the LORD. (Now Nīn'e-veh was an exceeding great city, of three days' jōurney.)

4 And Jō'nāh began to enter into the city a day's jōurney ; and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nīn'e-veh shall be overthrown.

5 So the people of Nīn'e-veh believed God, and proclaimed a fāst, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

6 For word came unto the king of Nīn'e-veh, and he ārōse from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and cōvered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nīn'e-veh, (by the decree of the king and his nobles,) saying, Let neither man nor beast, hērd nor flock, taste any thing ; let them not feed, nor drink water.

8 But let man and beast be cōvered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God : yēa, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.

9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn āwāy from his fierce anger, that we perish not ?

10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way ; and God repented of the evil that he had said that he would do unto them ; and he did it not.

CHAP. IV.

BUT it displeased Jō'nāh exceedingly, and he was very angry.

2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my

saying when I was yet in my country? Thēre'fore I fled before unto Tār'shīsh : for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and mē'r'cifūl, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

3 Thēre'fore, now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me : for it is better for me to die than to live.

4 Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry?

5 So Jō'nāh went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a bōōth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.

6 And the Lord God prepared a gōurd, and made it to come up over Jō'nāh, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jō'nāh was exceedingly glad of the gōurd.

7 But God prepared a worm, when the

morning rose the next day, and it smote the gōurd that it withered.

8 And it came to pās, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vèhement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jō'nāh, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.

9 And God said to Jō'nāh, Doest thou well to be angry for the gōurd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death.

10 Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gōurd, for the which thou hast not laboured, nēither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:

11 And should not I spare Nīn'e-vēh, that great city, wherein are more than six-score thousand pērsōns that cannot dī'scērn between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

II MI'CAH.

CHAPTER I.

THE word of the LORD that came to Mī'cāh the Mō'rās-thīte, in the days of Jō'thām, Ā'hāz, and Hēz-ē-kī'āh, kings of Jū'dāh, which he saw cōncērn'ng Sa-mā'ri-ā and Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

2 ¶ Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is: and let the Lord God be witness āgainst' you, the LORD on his holy temple.

3 For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.

4 And the mōūntāins shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place.

5 For the transgression of Jā'çōb is all this, and for the sins of the house of Īs'ra-ēl. What is the transgression of Jā'çōb? is it not Sa-mā'ri-ā? and what are the high places of Jū'dāh? are they not Jē-rū'sa-lēm?

6 Thēre'fore I will make Sa-mā'ri-ā as a heap of the field, and as plānt'ings of a vīne'yard:¹ and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof.

7 And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to piēces, and all the hires thereof shall be burned with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gāthered it of the hire of a harlot, and they shall return to the hire of a harlot.

8 Thēre'fore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls.

9 For her wōūnd is incurable; for it is

¹ vīn'yērd

come unto Jū'dāh: he is come unto the gate of my people, even to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

10 Declare ye it not at Gāth, weep ye not at all: in the house of Āph'rāh roll thy self in the dust.

11 Pās ye āwāy, thou inhabitant of Sāph'ir, having thy shame naked; the inhabitant of Zā'a-nān came not forth in the mourning of Bēth-ē'zēl; he shall receive of you his standing.

12 For the inhabitant of Mā'rōth waited carefully for good; but evil came down from the LORD unto the gate of Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

13 O thou inhabitant of Lā'çhish, bind the chariot to the swift beast: she is the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zī'ōn; for the transgressions of Īs'ra-ēl were found in thee.

14 Thēre'fore shalt thou give presents to Mō'rēsh-ēth-Gāth; the houses of Āçh'zīb shall be a lie to the kings of Īs'ra-ēl.

15 Yet will I bring an heir² unto thee, O inhabitant of Ma-rē'shāh: he shall come unto Ā-dūl'lām the glory of Īs'ra-ēl.

16 Make thee bald, and pōll thee for thy delicate children; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.

CHAP. II.

WO to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.

2 And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them āwāy: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

3 Thēre'fore thus saith the LORD, Behold, āgainst' this family do I devise an evil,

¹ are.

from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haughtily: for this time is evil.

4 In that day shall *one* take up a parable against' you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, and say, We be utterly spoiled; he hath changed the portion of my people: how hath he removed it from me! turning away he hath divided our fields.

5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD.

6 Prophecy ye not, say they to them that prophesy: they shall not prophesy to them that they shall not take shame.

7 O thou that art named The house of Ja'cob, is the Spirit of the LORD straitened? are these his doings? do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly?

8 Even of late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye pull off the robe with the garment from them that pass by securely as men adverse' from war.

9 The women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever.

10 Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy' you, even with a sore destruction.

11 If a man, walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine, and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

12 I will surely assemble, O Ja'cob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Is'ra-el; I will put them together as the sheep of Böz'rah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.

13 The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their King shall pass before them, and the LORD on the head of them.

CHAP. III.

AND I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Ja'cob, and ye princes of the house of Is'ra-el; is it not for you to know judgment?

2 Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;

3 Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.

4 Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them; he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.

5 Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace: and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against' him:

9 Therefore night shall be unto you, that

ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

7 Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded; yea, they shall all cover their lips: for there is no answer of God.

8 But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Ja'cob his transgression, and to Is'ra-el his sin.

9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Ja'cob, and princes of the house of Is'ra-el, that abhor judgment, and pervert' all equity.

10 They build up Zi'on with blood, and Je-rüs-sa-lém with iniquity.

11 The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.

12 Therefore shall Zi'on for your sake be ploughed as a field; and Je-rüs-sa-lém shall become heaps; and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

CHAP. IV.

BUT in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

2 And many nations shall come and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Ja'cob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zi'on, and the word of the LORD from Je-rüs-sa-lém.

3 And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plough shares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against' nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

4 But they shall sit every man under his vine, and under his fig-tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.

5 For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

6 In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted;

7 And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zi'on from henceforth, even for ever.

8 And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zi'on, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion;

the king^{dom} shall come to the daughter of Jē-rà'sa-lēm.

9 Now why dost thou cry out álòud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in tráv'ail.

10 Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zí'ôn, like a woman in tráv'ail; for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Báb'y-lôn; there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

11 Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zí'ôn.

12 But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.

13 Árîše and thresh, O daughter of Zí'ôn; for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs bráss; and thou shalt beat in pièces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.

CHAP. V.

NOW gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us; they shall smite the Judge of Iſ'ra-ël with a rod upon the cheek.

2 But thou, Bēth'le-hēm Eph'ra-tàh, though thou be little among the thousands of Jūdáh, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Iſ'ra-ël; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlásting.

3 Thèrefore will he give them up, until the time that she which tráv'aileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brēthren shall return unto the children of Iſ'ra-ël.

4 And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the māj'esty¹ of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

5 And this man shall be the peace, when the Ās-sŷr'i-án shall come into our land; and, when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shép'hérds, and eight principal men.

6 And they shall waste the land of Ās-sŷr'i-ā with the sword, and the land of Ním'rōd in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from the Ās-sŷr'i-án, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.

7 And the remnant of Jā'çöb shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the græss, that tarieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men.

8 And the remnant of Jā'çöb shall be among the Gēn'tiles in the midst of many people, as a lion among the beasts of the

¹ mūd'jēs-te.

forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep; who, if he go through, both treadeth down and teareth in pièces, and none can deliver.

9 Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine ad'versaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off.

10 And it shall come to pæss in that day, saith the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destróy^t thy chariots:

11 And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds:

12 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers:

13 Thy graven images also will I cut off; and thy standing images, out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more wór'ship the work of thine hands.

14 And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee: so will I destróy^t thy cities.

15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.

CHAP. VI.

HEAR ye now what the LORD saith, Árîše, contend thou before the môûn'tains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

2 Hear ye, O môûn'tains, the LORD's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Iſ'ra-ël.

3 O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me.

4 For I brought thee up out of the land of E'gŷpt, and redeemed thee out of the house of sérvants; and I sent before thee Mō'sēs, Aá'rōn, and Mir'i-ám.²

5 O my people, remember now what Bālák king of Mō'áb consulted, and what Bālám the son of Bē'ór answered him from Shít'im unto Gil'gál; that ye may know the righteousness of the LORD.

6 Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow mysēlf before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves of a year old?

7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what dóth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mērcy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

9 The LORD's voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rōd, and who hath appointed it.

10 Are there yet the tréas'ures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant mēas'ure that is abominable?

11 Shall I count them pure with the wick-

² Mēr'e-ám.

ed balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?

12 For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

13 Therefore also will I make thee sick in smiting thee, in making thee desolate because of thy sins.

14 Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and thy casting down shall be in the midst of thee; and thou shalt take hold, but shalt not deliver; and that which thou deliverest will I give up to the sword.

15 Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine.

16 For the statutes of Om'ri are kept, and all the works of the house of A'hah, and ye walk in their counsels; that I should make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof a hissing: therefore ye shall bear the reproach of my people.

CHAP. VII.

WO is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer-fruits, as the grape-gleanings of the vine: there is no cluster to eat: my soul desired the first-ripe fruit.

2 The good man is perished out of the earth; and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net.

3 That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward; and the great man he uttereth his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up.

4 The best of them is as a brier; the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watching and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity.

5 Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide; keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.

6 For the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

7 Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

2 Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me.

9 I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness.

10 Then she that is mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her which said unto me, Where is the Lord thy God? mine eyes shall behold her: now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets.

11 In the day that thy walls are to be built, in that day shall the decree be far removed.

12 In that day also he shall come even to thee from Assyria, and from the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and from mount-tain to mount-tain.

13 Notwithstanding, the land shall be desolate, because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.

14 Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.

15 According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I show unto him marvellous things.

16 The nations shall see, and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf.

17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the Lord our God, and shall fear because of thee.

18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.

19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities: and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

20 Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

II NAHUM.

CHAPTER I.

THE burden of Niniveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

2 God is jealous, and the Lord revengeth; the Lord revengeth, and is furious:

¹ vñ'ídje.

the Lord will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.

3 The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord hath his way in the

² gyde.

whirl¹ wind¹ and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

4 He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bā'shān languisheth, and Čar'mēl, and the flower of Lēb'a-nōn languisheth.

5 The mōū'tains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burnt at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.

6 Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.

7 The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

8 But with an over-running flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.

9 What do ye imagine against' the Lord? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.

10 For while they be folden together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.

11 There is one come out of thee that imagineth evil against' the Lord, a wicked counsellor.

12 Thus saith the Lord, Though they be quiet, and likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down, when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.

13 For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.

14 And the Lord hath given a commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image, and the molten image; I will make thy grave; for thou art vile.

15 Behold upon the mōū'tains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Jūdāh, keep thy solemn feasts, pērfōrm' thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

CHAP. II.

HE that dasheth in piēces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, wātch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily.

2 For the Lord hath turned away the excellency of Jā'cōb, as the excellency of Iš'ra-ēl: for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches.

3 The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet: the chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir-trees² shall be terribly shaken.

4 The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against' another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.

¹ huērl'wīnd.

² fēr-treez

5 He shall recount his wōr'thies: they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the defence shall be prepared.

6 The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved.

7 And Hūz'zāb shall be led away captive, she shall be brought up, and her maids shall lead her as with the voice of doves, tabering upon their breasts.

8 But Nin'e-veh is of old like a pool of water; yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, shall they cry; but none shall look back.

9 Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold; for there is none end of the store and glory out of all the pleās'ant fūr'niture.³

10 She is empty, and void, and waste; and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and much pain is in all loins, and the faces of them all gather blackness.

11 Where is the dwelling of the lions, and the feeding-place of the young lions, where the lion, even the old lion, walked, and the lion's whelp, and none made them afraid?

12 The lion did tear in piēces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey, and his dens with ravin.

13 Behold, I am against' thee, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions; and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.

CHAP. III.

WO to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not;

2 The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the prān'cing horses, and of the jumping chariots.

3 The horsemen lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear: and there is a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcases; and there is none end of their corpses; they stumble upon their corpses:

4 Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the well-favoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.

5 Behold, I am against' thee, saith the Lord of hosts; and I will discover thy skirts⁴ upon thy face, and I will show the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame.

6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazing-stock.

7 And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee, shall flee from thee, and say, Nin'e-veh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek cōm'fōrters for thee?

³ fūr'ne-tshūre.

⁴ skērts.

8 Art thou better than populous Nö, that was situate among the rivers, *that had* the waters round about it, whose rampart *was* the sea, and her wall *was* from the sea?

9 E-thi-ö'pi-ä and E'gypt *were* her strength, and *it was* infinite; Püt and Lü'bin *were* thy helpers.

10 Yet *was* she carried away, she went into captivity: her young children also *were* dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets; and they cast lots for her hön'ourable men, and all her great men *were* bound in chains.

11 Thou also shalt be drunken: thou shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek strength because of the enemy.

12 All thy strong holds *shall be like* fig-trees with the first-ripe figs: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater.

13 Behold, thy people in the midst of thee *are* women: the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies: the fire shall devour thy bars.

14 Draw thee waters for the siege, for-

tify thy strong holds: go into clay, and tread the mortar, make strong the brick-kiln.

15 There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut thee off; it shall eat thee up like the canker-worm: make thyself many as the canker-worm, make thyself many as the locusts.

16 Thou hast multiplied thy merchants above the stars of heaven: the canker-worm spoileth, and fleeth away.

17 Thy crowned *are* as the locusts, and thy cäp'tains as the great grasshoppers, which camp in the hedges in the cold day; but when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they *are*.

18 Thy shép'hérds slumber, O king of Äs-sýr'i-ä; thy nobles shall dwell in the dust: thy people is scattered upon the möun'tains, and no man gathereth them.

19 There is no healing of thy bruise; thy wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee: for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?

¶ HAB'AKKUK.

CHAPTER I.

THE burden which Háb'ak-kük the prophet did see.

2 O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! *even* cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save!

3 Why dost thou show me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence *are* before me: and there *are* that raise up strife and contention.

4 Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment dóth never go forth: for the wicked dóth cóm'pass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.

5 ¶ Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously; for I will work a work in your days, *which* ye will not believe, though it be told you.

6 For, lo, I raise up the Chäl-dé'än, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess¹ the dwelling-places that *are* not theirs.

7 They *are* terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves.

8 Their horses also *are* swifter than the leopard's,² and *are* more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat.

9 They shall come all for violence: their faces shall sup up as the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand.

10 And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes *shall be* a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it.

11 Then shall his mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, *imputing* this his power unto his god.

12 Art thou not from överlās'ting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast estäb'lished them for correction.

13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?

14 And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have no ruler over them?

15 They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag; therefore they rejoice and *are* glad.

16 Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion is fat, and their meat plén'teous.

17 Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?

CHAP. II.

I WILL stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to

¹ bruit, brödt. s. rumour, report.

² lëp'purdz.

see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

5 Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people:

6 Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, Wo to him that increaseth that which is not his! how long? and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay!

7 Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them?

8 Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

9 Wo to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!

10 Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by cutting off many people, and hast sinned against thy soul.

11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

12 Wo to him that buildeth a town with blood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity!

13 Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity?

14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

15 Wo unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayst look on their nakedness!

16 Thou art filled with shame for glory: drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of the LORD's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory.

17 For the violence of Lēb'a-nōn shall cover thee, and the spoil of beasts, which made them afraid, because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

18 What profiteth the graven image

that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?

19 Wo unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it.

20 But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

CHAP. III.

A PRAYER of Hāb'ak-kūk the prophet upon Šhī-gī'o-nōth.¹

2 O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

3 God came from Tē'mān, and the Holy One from mount Pā'rān. Sē'lāh. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

4 And his brightness was as the light, he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power.

5 Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet.

6 He stood and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlastings of mountains were scattered, the perpetually hills did bow: his ways are everlastings.

7 I saw the tents of Čū'shān in affliction: and the curtains of the land of Mīd'i-ān did tremble.

8 Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? was thine anger against the rivers? was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses, and thy chariots of salvation?

9 Thy bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy word. Sē'lāh. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.

10 The mountains saw thee, and they trembled; the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered his voice, and lifted up his hands on high.

11 The sun and moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of thy glittering spear.

12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the heathen in anger.

13 Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, even for salvation with thine anointed; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Sē'lāh.

14 Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages; they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.

¹ g hard.

² hwērl'wind.

15 Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, *through* the heap of great waters.

16 When I heard, my belly trembled: my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops.

17 Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the

labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be no herd* in the stalls:

18 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

19 The Lord God *is* my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

II ZEPHANI'AH.

CHAPTER I.

THE word of the Lord which came unto Zēph-ā-nī'āh the son of Cū'shī, the son of Gēd-ā-lī'āh, the son of Ām-ā-rī'āh, the son of Hīz-kī'āh, in the days of Jō-sī'āh the son of Ā'mōn king of Jū'dāh.

2 I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the Lord.

3 I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea; and the stumbling-blocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the Lord.

4 I will also stretch out mine hand upon Jū'dāh, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerū'sa-lēm; and I will cut off the remnant of Bā'āl from this place, and the name of the Chēm'a-rīms with the priests;

5 And them that wōr'ship the host of heaven upon the house-tops; and them that wōr'ship and that swear by the Lord, and that swear by Māl'chām;

6 And them that are turned back from the Lord; and those that have not sought the Lord, nor inquired for him.

7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord God; for the day of the Lord is at hand: for the Lord hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.

8 And it shall come to pass in the day of the Lord's sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.

9 In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.

10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord, that there shall be the noise of a cry from the fish-gate, and a howling from the second, and a great crashing from the hills.

11 Howl, ye inhabitants of Māk'tēsh, for all the merchant people are cut down; and all they that bear silver are cut off.

12 And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerū'sa-lēm with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees; that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil.

13 Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: they shall also build houses, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof.

14 The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness.

16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.

17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.

18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

CHAP. II.

GATHER yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired;

2 Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you.

3 Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.

4 For Gā'zā shall be forsaken, and Ash'ke-lōn a desolation: they shall drive out Ash'dōd at the noon-day, and Ek'rōn shall be rooted up.

5 Wo unto the inhabitants of the sea-coasts, the nation of the Chēr'ēth-ites! the word of the Lord is against you; O Čar-nā-ān, the land of the Phi-lis'tines, I will even destrōy' thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.

6 And the sea-coast shall be dwellings and cottages for shēp'hērds, and folds for flocks.

7 And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Jū'dāh; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of āsh'ke-lōn shall they lie down in the evening; for the LORD their God shall visit them, and turn away their captivity.

8 ¶ I have heard the reproach of Mō'āb, and the revilings of the children of Ām'mōn, whereby they have reproached my people, and magnified themselves against' their border.

9 Therē'fore, as I live, saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Īs'ra-ēl, Surely Mō'āb shall be as Sōd'om, and the children of Ām'mōn as Gō-mōr'rāh, even the breeding of nettles, and salt-pits, and a pērpēt'ual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess' them.

10 This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against' the people of the LORD of hosts.

11 The LORD will be terrible unto them: for he will famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship him, every one from his place, even all the isles of the heathen.

12 ¶ Ye Ē-thi-ō'pi-āns also, ye shall be slain by my sword.

13 And he will stretch out his hand against' the north, and destrōy' Ās-sūr'i-ā; and will make Nīn'e-veh a desolation, and dry like a wilderness.

14 And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the nations: both the cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in the upper lintels of it; their voice shall sing in the windows; desolation shall be in the thresholds: for he shall uncover the cedar-work.

15 This is the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly: that said in her heart, I am, and there is none beside me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, and wag his hand.

CHAP. III.

WO to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city.

2 She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction: she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God.

3 Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

4 Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

5 The just LORD is in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.

6 I have cut off the nations: their towers

are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by; their cities are destrōy'ed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.

7 I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction: so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, and corrupted all their doings.

8 Therē'fore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determinā'tion is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

9 For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.

10 From beyond the rivers of Ē-thi-ō'pi-ā my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispērs'ed, shall bring mine offering.

11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against' me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride; and thou shalt no more be haughty because of mine holy mōān'tain.

12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.

13 The remnant of Īs'ra-ēl shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

14 ¶ Sing, O daughter of Zī'ōn; shout, O Īs'ra-ēl; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

15 The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Īs'ra-ēl, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.

16 In that day it shall be said to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, Fear thou not; and to Zī'ōn, Let not thine hands be slack.

17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love; he will joy over thee with singing.

18 I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.

19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee; and I will save her that hälteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.

20 At that time will I bring you again', even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

II HAG'GAI.

CHAPTER I.

IN the second year of Da-rî'ûs the king; in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD, by Hâg'ga-i the prophet, unto Ze-rûb'ba-bêl the son of Shê-âl'ti-êl, governor of Jû'dâh, and to Jôsh'u-â the son of Jôs'e-dêch, the high priest, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.

3 Then came the word of the LORD by Hâg'ga-i the prophet, saying,

4 *Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste?*

5 Now, thêrê'fore, thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider your ways.

6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none wârm; and he that êarneth wages, êarneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider your ways.

8 Go up to the môûn'tain and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take plêas'ure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

9 Ye looked for much, and lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

10 Thêrê'fore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the êarth is stayed from her fruit.

11 And I called for a drôûght upon the land, and upon the môûn'tains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.

12 ¶ Then Ze-rûb'ba-bêl the son of Shê-âl'ti-êl, and Jôsh'u-â the son of Jôs'e-dêch, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Hâg'ga-i the prophet, (as the LORD their God had sent him,) and the people did fear before the LORD.

13 Then spake Hâg'ga-i, the LORD's messenger, in the LORD's message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the LORD.

14 And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Ze-rûb'ba-bêl the son of Shê-âl'ti-êl, governor of Jû'dâh, and the spirit of Jôsh'u-â the son of Jôs'e-dêch, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came, and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,

15 In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Da-rî'ûs the king.

CHAP. II.

IN the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Hâg'ga-i, saying,

2 Speak now to Ze-rûb'ba-bêl the son of Shê-âl'ti-êl, governor of Jû'dâh, and to Jôsh'u-â the son of Jôs'e-dêch, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying,

3 Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?

4 Yet now be strong, O Ze-rûb'ba-bêl, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Jôsh'u-â son of Jôs'e-dêch, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts.

5 According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Êgypt, so my Spîr'it remaineth among you: fear ye not.

6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

7 And I will shake all nations, and the Desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

10 ¶ In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Da-rî'ûs, came the word of the LORD by Hâg'ga-i the prophet, saying,

11 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Ask now the priests cōncêr'nîng the law, saying,

12 If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his gârment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No.

13 Then said Hâg'ga-i, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.

14 Then answered Hâg'ga-i, and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.

15 And now, I pray you, consider from this day and ûp'wârd, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD;

16 Since those days wêre, when one came to a heap of twenty mêas'ures, there wêre but ten: when one came to the press-fat, for to draw out fifty vessels out of the press, there wêre but twenty.

17 I smote you with blāst'ing, and with mildew, and with hail, in all the labours of your hands; yet ye *turned* not to me, saith the LORD.

18 Consider now from this day and ūp'wārd, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth *month*, *even* from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider *it*.

19 Is the seed yet in the barn? yēa, as yet the vine, and the fig-tree, and the pomegrān'ate, and the olive-tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless *you*.

20 ¶ And āgain' the word of the LORD came unto Hāg'ga-i, in the four and twentieth *day* of the *month*, saying,

21 Speak to Zē-rūb'ba-bēl, governor of Jū'dāh, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;

22 And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms; and I will dēstrōy' the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the *swōrd* of his brōther.

23 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zē-rūb'ba-bēl my sēr-vant, the son of Shē-āl'ti-ēl, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.

¶ ZECHARI'AH.

CHAPTER I.

IN the eighth *month*, in the second year of Da-rī'ūs, came the word of the LORD unto Zēḥ-a-rī'āh, the son of Bēr-a-ḥī'āh, the son of Īd'dō the prophet, saying,

2 The LORD hath been sore displeas'd with your fathers.

3 Thēre'fore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Turn ye now from your evil ways, and *from* your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD.

5 Your fathers, where *are* they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?

6 But my words and my statutes, which I cōmman'ded my sēr-vants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned, and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

7 ¶ Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh *month*, which is the *month* Sē'bāt, in the second year of Da-rī'ūs, came the word of the LORD unto Zēḥ-a-rī'āh, the son of Bēr-a-ḥī'āh, the son of Īd'dō the prophet, saying,

8 I saw by night, and, behold, a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood āmōng the myrtle-trees that wēre in the bottom; and behind him wēre there red horses, speckled, and white.

9 Then said I, O my Lord, what *are* these? And the āngel that tākled with me said unto me, I will show thee what these *be*.

10 And the man that stood āmōng the myrtle-trees, ānswered and said, These *are* they whom the LORD hath sent to wālk to and fro through the *ēarth*.

11 And they ānswered the āngel of the LORD that stood āmōng the myrtle-trees, and said, We have wālked to and fro

through the *ēarth*, and, behold, all the *ēarth* sitteth still, and is at rest.

12 Then the āngel of the LORD ānswered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mērcy on Jē-rū'sa-lēm and on the cities of Jū'dāh, āgainst' which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?

13 And the LORD ānswered the āngel that tākled with me *with* good words, and cōm'fōrtable words.

14 So the āngel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I am jēalous for Jē-rū'sa-lēm and for Zī'ōn with a great jēalousy.

15 And I am very sore displeas'd with the heathen *that are* at ease: for I was but a little displeas'd, and they helped fōr'wārd the affliction.

16 Thēre'fore thus saith the LORD, I am returned to Jē-rū'sa-lēm with mēr'cies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread ābroād; and the LORD shall yet cōm'fōrt Zī'ōn, and shall yet chōḏse Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

18 ¶ Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, four horns.

19 And I said unto the āngel that tākled with me, What *be* these? And he ānswered me, These *are* the horns which have scattered Jū'dāh, Īs'ra-ēl, and Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

20 And the LORD showed me four carpenters.

21 Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These *are* the horns which have scattered Jū'dāh, so that no man did lift up his head: but these *are* come to fray them, to cāst out the horns of the Gēn'tiles, which lifted up *their* horn over the land of Jū'dāh to scatter *it*.

CHAP. II.

ILIFTED up mine eyes āgain', and looked, and, behold, a man with a mēas'uring-line in his hand.

2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To mēasure Jē-rū'sa-lēm, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof.

3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,

4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jē-rū'sa-lēm shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein.

5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

6 ¶ Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.

7 Deliver thyself, O Zi'ôn, that dwellest with the daughter of Bāb'y-lōn.

8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you; for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

9 For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.

10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zi'ôn: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

11 And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

12 And the LORD shall inherit Jū'dāh his portion in the holy land, and shall chōōse Jē-rū'sa-lēm again'.

13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

CHAP. III.

AND he showed me Jōsh'u-ā the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Sā'tān standing at his right hand to resist him.

2 And the LORD said unto Sā'tān, The LORD rebuke thee, O Sā'tān; even the LORD that hath chosen Jē-rū'sa-lēm rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

3 Now Jōsh'u-ā was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

5 And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

6 And the angel of the LORD protested unto Jōsh'u-ā, saying,

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, If thou

wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

8 Hear now, O Jōsh'u-ā the high priest, thou and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at; for, behold, I will bring forth my servant, The BRANCH.

9 For, behold, the stone that I have laid before Jōsh'u-ā; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

10 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig-tree.

CHAP. IV.

AND the angel that talked with me came again' and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,

2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps which were upon the top thereof;

3 And two olive-trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof;

4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?

5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zē-rūb'ba-bēl, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spīr'it, saith the LORD of hosts.

7 Who art thou, O great mōū'tain? before Zē-rūb'ba-bēl thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the head-stone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace, unto it.

8 Moreover, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 The hands of Zē-rūb'ba-bēl have laid the foundation of this house, his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.

10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zē-rūb'ba-bēl with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

11 ¶ Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive-trees upon the right side of the candlestick, and upon the left side thereof?

12 And I answered again', and said unto him, What are these two olive-branches, which, through the two golden pipes, empty the golden oil out of themselves?

13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

14 Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

CHAP. V.

THEN I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll.

2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.

3 Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth; for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side, according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side, according to it.

4 I will bring it forth, saith the Lord of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it, with the timber thereof, and the stones thereof.

5 ¶ Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth.

6 And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an eph'ah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth.

7 And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the eph'ah.

8 And he said, This is wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the eph'ah, and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.

9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; (for they had wings like the wings of a stork;) and they lifted up the eph'ah between the earth and the heaven.

10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the eph'ah?

11 And he said unto me, To build it a house in the land of Shí'nár; and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.

CHAP. VI.

AND I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mōûn'tains; and the mōûn'tains were mōûn'tains of brass.

2 In the first chariot were red horses, and in the second chariot black horses,

3 And in the third chariot white horses, and in the fourth chariot grizzled and bay horses.

4 Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord?

5 And the angel answered and said unto

1 Jé-dá'yáh.

me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country: and the white go forth after them; and the grizzled go forth toward the south country.

7 And the bay went forth, and sought to go, that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get ye hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.

8 Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

9 ¶ And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

10 Take of them of the captivity, even of Hé'l'da-i, of Tô-bí'jáh, and of Jé-dá'i'áh,¹ which are come from Báb'y-lôn, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Jô-sí'áh the son of Zéph-a-ní'áh;

11 Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Jôsh'u-á the son of Jôs'e-dêch, the high priest;

12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man, whose name is The BRANCH: and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord:

13 Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

14 And the crowns shall be to Hé'lém and to Tô-bí'jáh, and to Jé-dá'i'áh,¹ and to Hên the son of Zéph-a-ní'áh, for a memorial in the temple of the Lord.

15 And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the Lord; and ye shall know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God.

CHAP. VII.

AND it came to pass, in the fourth year of king Da-ri'ús, that the word of the Lord came unto Zéch-a-ri'áh in the fourth day of the ninth month, even in Chîs'leû;

2 When they had sent unto the house of God, Shê-rêzér and Sê-gém'me-lêch,² and their men, to pray before the Lord,

3 And to speak unto the priests which were in the house of the Lord of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?

4 ¶ Then came the word of the Lord of hosts unto me, saying,

5 Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, even to me?

6 And when ye did eat, and when ye did

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drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?

7 Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Je-rú'sa-lém was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain?

8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto Zech-a-ri'áh, saying,

9 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and show mércy and compassions every man to his brother:

10 And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

11 But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

12 Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant-stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his Spí'rít by the former prophets: thêrê'fóre came a great wra'th from the LORD of hosts.

13 Thêrê'fóre it is come to pass, that, as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts.

14 But I scattered them with a whirl-wind among all the nations whom they knew not: thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned; for they laid the pleas'ant land desolate.

CHAP. VIII.

AGAIN the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I was jealous for Zi'ón with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

3 Thus saith the LORD, I am returned unto Zi'ón, and will dwell in the midst of Je-rú'sa-lém; and Je-rú'sa-lém shall be called, A city of truth; and the môûn'tain of the LORD of hosts, The holy môûn'tain.

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Je-rú'sa-lém, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.

5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

6 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in my eyes? saith the LORD of hosts.

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;

8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Je-rú'sa-lém; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

9 ¶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which wêre in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.

10 For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in, because of the affliction: for I set all men every one against his neighbour.

11 But now I will not be unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.

13 And it shall come to pass, that as ye wêre a curse among the heathen, O house of Jû'dáh, and house of Ís'ra-él; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong.

14 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wra'th, saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not;

15 So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Je-rú'sa-lém, and to the house of Jû'dáh: fear ye not.

16 These are the things that ye shall do, Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:

17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.

18 ¶ And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying,

19 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Jû'dáh joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts: thêrê'fóre love the truth and peace.

20 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people and the inhabitants of many cities:

21 And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts; I will go also.

22 Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Je-rú'sa-lém, and to pray before the LORD.

23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold, out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you; for we have heard that God is with you.

¹ gërlt.

² skërt.

CHAP. IX.

THE burden of the word of the LORD in the land of Hā'drāḥ, and Da-mās'cūs shall be the rest thereof: when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Īṣ'ra-ēl, shall be tō'wārd the LORD.

2 And Hā'māth also shall border thereby; Tŷ'rūs, and Zī'dōn, though it be very wise.

3 And Tŷ'rūs did build herself a strong hold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets.

4 Behold, the LORD will cast her out, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.

5 Āsh'ke-lōn shall see it, and fear; Gā'zā also shall see it, and be very sorrowful; and Ēk'rōn, for her expectation, shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Gā'zā, and Āsh'ke-lōn shall not be inhabited.

6 And a bastard shall dwell in Āsh'dōd; and I will cut off the pride of the Phi-lis-tines.

7 And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth: but he that remaineth, even he, shall be for our God; and he shall be as a governor in Jū'dāh, and Ēk'rōn as a Jēb'u-site.

8 And I will encamp about' mine house because of the army, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth; and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen with mine eyes.

9 ¶ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zī'ōn; shout, O daughter of Jē-rū'sa-lēm: behold, thy King cometh unto thee; he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an āss, and upon a colt the foal of an āss.

10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ē'phra-īm, and the horse from Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and the battle-bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen; and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.

11 As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.

12 ¶ Turn ye to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to-day do I declare, that I will render double unto thee;

13 When I have bent Jū'dāh for me, filled the bow with Ē'phra-īm, and raised up thy sons, O Zī'ōn, against' thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

14 And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

15 The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling-stones: and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar.

16 And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.

17 For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! Corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

CHAP. X.

ASK ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

2 For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shep-herd.

3 Mine anger was kindled against' the shep-herds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Jū'dāh, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.

4 Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle-bow out of him every oppressor together.

5 And they shall be as mighty men, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.

6 And I will strengthen the house of Jū'dāh, and I will save the house of Jō'sēph, and I will bring them again' to place them: for I have mercy upon them; and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the LORD their God, and will hear them.

7 And they of Ē'phra-īm shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see it and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the LORD.

8 I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased.

9 And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries: and they shall live with their children, and turn again'.

10 I will bring them again' also out of the land of Ē'gypt, and gather them out of Ās-sŷ'r'i-ā; and I will bring them into the land of Gil'e-ād and Lēb'a-nōn, and place shall not be found for them.

11 And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up; and the pride of Ās-sŷ'r'i-ā shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Ē'gypt shall depart away.

12 And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

CHAP. XI.

OPEN thy doors, O Lēb'a-nōn, that the fire may devour thy cedars.

The destruction of Jē-rū'sa-lēm. ZECHARIAH. *She is a cup of trembling to herself.*

2 Howl, fir-tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bā'shān; for the forest of the vīn'tage is come down.

3 *There is a voice of the howling of the shēp'hérds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jōr'dān is spoiled.*

4 Thus saith the LORD my God, Feed the flock of the slaughter,

5 Whose pūssēs/souls slay them, and hold themselves not guilty; and they that sell them say, *Blēs'sed be the LORD; for I am rich: and their own shēp'hérds pity them not.*

6 For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD; but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the hand of his king; and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver *them*.

7 And I will feed the flock of slaughter, *even you, O poor of the flock.* And I took unto me two stāves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands: and I fed the flock.

8 Three shēp'hérds also I cut off in one mōnth; and my soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me.

9 Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another.

10 And I took my stāff, *even Beauty*, and cut it āsūn'der, that I might break my cōvenant which I had made with all the people.

11 And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it *was* the word of the LORD.

12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty *pièces* of silver.

13 And the LORD said unto me, Cāst it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prized at of them. And I took the thirty *pièces* of silver, and cāst them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

14 Then I cut āsūn'der mine other stāff, *even Bands*, that I might break the brotherhood between Jū'dāh and Īṣ'ra-ēl.

15 And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shēp'hérd:

16 For, lo, I will raise up a shēp'hérd in the land, *which* shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still; but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in *pièces*.

17 Wo to the idol shēp'hérd that leaveth the flock! the *sicōrd* shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

CHAP. XII.

THE burden of the word of the LORD for Īṣ'ra-ēl, saith the LORD, which

stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

2 Behold, I will make Jē-rū'sa-lēm a cup of trembling unto all the people round about; when they shall be in the siege both against Jū'dāh and against Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

3 And in that day will I make Jē-rū'sa-lēm a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

4 In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness; and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Jū'dāh, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

5 And the governors of Jū'dāh shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm shall be my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.

6 In that day will I make the governors of Jū'dāh like a hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jē-rū'sa-lēm shall be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

7 The LORD also shall save the tents of Jū'dāh first, that the glory of the house of Dā'vīd, and the glory of the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm do not magnify *themselves* against Jū'dāh.

8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as Dā'vīd; and the house of Dā'vīd shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

10 And I will pour upon the house of Dā'vīd, and upon the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, the spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born.

11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, as the mourning of Hā'dād-Rim'mōn in the valley of Mē-gīd'dōn.

12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of Dā'vīd apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nā'thān apart, and their wives apart;

13 The family of the house of Lē'vī apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shīm'e-ī apart, and their wives apart;

14 All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

CHAP. XIII.

IN that day there shall be a fōun'tain opened to the house of Dā'vīd, and to the inhabitants of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, for sin and for uncleanness.

2 And it shall come to pass in that day,

saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered; and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.

3 And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth.

4 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied: neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive:

5 But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am a hūs'bāndmān; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.

6 And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

7 ¶ Awake, O sword, against my Shēp'hērd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the Shēp'hērd, and the sheep shall be scattered; and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off, and die; but the third shall be left therein.

9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them; I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

CHAP. XIV.

BEHOLD, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

2 For I will gather all nations against Jē-rû'sa-lēm to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jē-rû'sa-lēm on the east; and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley: and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto A'zāl: yēa, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Ūz-zī'āh king of Jū'dāh; and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

6 And it shall come to pass in that day,

that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:

7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening-time it shall be light.

8 And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jē-rû'sa-lēm; and half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

10 All the land shall be turned as a plain, from Gē'bā to Rīm'mōn, south of Jē-rû'sa-lēm: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Bēn'ja-mīn's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Ha-nān'e-ēl unto the king's wine-presses.

11 And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jē-rû'sa-lēm shall be safely inhabited.

12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jē-rû'sa-lēm; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.

14 And Jū'dāh also shall fight at Jē-rû'sa-lēm: and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jē-rû'sa-lēm, shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jē-rû'sa-lēm to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

18 And if the family of E'gypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain, there shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

19 This shall be the punishment of E'gypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HO'LINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

21 Yea, every pot in Jê-rû'sa-lêm, and in Jû'dâh, shall be Hô'li-nêss unto the LORD of hosts; and all they that sâc'rifice shall

come and take of them, and see the therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Cån'aân-ite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

II MAL'ACHI.

CHAPTER I.

THE burden of the word of the LORD unto Iſ'ra-el by Mâl'a-çhi.

2 I have loved you, saith the LORD: yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not E'sâu Ja çöb's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Ja çöb,

3 And I hated E'sâu, and laid his môûn'tains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

4 Whereas E'dôm saith, We are empoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.

5 And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The LORD will be magnified from the border of Iſ'ra-ël.

6 A son hön'oureth his father, and a sêrvant his mâster: if then I be a father, where is mine hön'our? and if I be a mâster, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible.

8 And if ye offer the blind for sâc'rifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy gôvêrnor: will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy pèrson? saith the LORD of hosts.

9 And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your pèrsons? saith the LORD of hosts.

10 Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no plêas'ure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

11 For from the rising of the sun, even unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gên'tiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible.

13 Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts: and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick;

thus ye brought an offering should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.

14 But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sâc'rificeth unto the LORD a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

CHAP. II.

AND now, O ye priests, this cômmand'ment is for you.

2 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings; yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

3 Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts, and one shall take you away with it.

4 And ye shall know that I have sent this cômmand'ment unto you, that my côvénant might be with Lè'vi, saith the LORD of hosts.

5 My côvénant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name.

6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.

7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

8 But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the côvénant of Lè'vi, saith the LORD of hosts.

9 Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law.

10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the côvénant of our fathers?

11 Jû'dâh hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Iſ'ra-ël and in Jê-rû'sa-lêm: for Jû'dâh hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.

12 The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, the mâster and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Ja çöb, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts.

13 And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more,

or receiveth it with good-will at your hand.

14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the Spīr'it. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

16 For the LORD, the God of Iš'ra-ël saith, that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts; therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

17 Ye have wearied the LORD with your words: yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?

CHAP. III.

BEHOOLD, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap:

3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Lē'vi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

4 Then shall the offerings of Jū'dāh and Jē-rū'sa-lēm be pleās'ant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jā'çöb are not consumed.

7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

8 Will a man rob God? yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? in tithes and offerings.

9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

13 Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD: yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee.

14 Ye have said, It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?

15 And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.

16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another; and the LORD hearkened, and heard it: and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD and that thought upon his name.

17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked; between him that serveth God, and him that serveth him not.

CHAP. IV.

FOR, behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall.

3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet, in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 Remember ye the law of Mō'sēs my servant, which I commanded unto him in Hō'rēb for all Iš'ra-ël, with the statutes and judgments.

5 Behold, I will send you Ē-lī'jah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

THE PRONOUNCING TESTAMENT.

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Tables of Measures, &c.



Measures of Length.

	Yds.	Ft.	Ins.
A finger-breadth, about	-	-	0 0 03-4
A hand-breadth, rather more, than	-	-	0 0 3 1-2
A span, or half cubit, about	-	-	0 0 10
A cubit, the length of a full sized man's arm, from the elbow to the extremity of the middle finger	0	1	8
	Ft. Inches.		
N. B. Some compute the cubit to be	1	9	
And others only	-	-	1 6
A fathom, 4 cubits	-	-	2 0 8
Ezekiel's Reed, by some computed to be	-	-	3 1 2
A stadium, or furlong, 400 cubits	-	-	222 0 8
A mile, 10 furlongs, being about one fifth longer than an English mile	2,220	6	8

Gal. Qts. Pts.

The measure or Cheenix, mentioned Rev. vi. 6. seems to have been the daily allowance made of corn to a slave, perhaps rather more than That mentioned 2 Kings, vii. 1. is supposed to have contained about

A Table of Weights and Money. By Troy Weight.

	Lb.	Oz.	P.	Gr.
The Gerah one twentieth of a Shekel	0	0	0	12
The Bekah one half a Shekel	-	-	0	5 0
The Shekel	-	-	0	10 0
The Maneh, 60 Shekels	-	-	2	6 0
The Talent, 3000 Shekels	-	-	125	0 0

N. B. Some make the Shekel, according to which all the other weights are computed, rather less than in this table; and others rather more.

Measures of capacity, for Corn, or Liquids.

	Wine.	Gal.	Qts.	Pts.
The Log one seventy-second of an Ephah	0	0	03-4	
The Cab one eighteenth of an Ephah	0	1	11-2	
The Omer one tenth of an Ephah (about)	0	3	01-4	
The Hin one sixth of an Ephah (about)	1	1	0	
The Ephah, or Bath, (about)	7	2	01-2	
The Chomer, or Homer, 10 Ephahs	75	2	1	
This should carefully be distinguished from the Omer, which is only a hundredth part of it.				
The firkin, as mentioned John ii. 6. is differently computed. Some think it contained	0	3	11-4	

Money, in Value.

	l.	s.	d.
The Drachma	0	0	71-2
The Beka, or Didrachma	-	-	0 1 3
The Shekel	-	-	0 2 6
The Maneh, or pound	-	-	7 10 0
The Talent	-	-	375 0 0
A Talent of gold, (at 16 of silver to one of gold)	6000	0	0

Roman Money mentioned in the New Testament.

	l.	s.	d.	far.
A mite	0	0	0	03-4
A Farthing (about)	0	0	0	11-2
A Penny, or Denarius	0	0	7	01-2
A pound, Mina	3	2	6	0

A TABLE OF OFFICES AND CONDITIONS OF MEN.

PATRIARCHS, or *Fathers of Families*, such as Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and his sons.

Israelites, Hebrews, Descendants from Jacob. An *Hebrew of the Hebrews*, An Israelite by original Extraction.

Tyrshatha, or Governor, appointed by the Kings of Assyria or Persia.

Publicans, or Tax-gatherers. *Tetrarchs*, who had kingly Power in four Provinces.

Centurions, Captains of a hundred men. *High Priests*, who only might enter the Holy of Holies.

Priests, Levites of the Sons of Aaron, divided into Twenty-four Ranks, each Rank serving weekly in the Temple.

Levites, of the Tribe of Levi, but not of Aaron's Family; of these were three Orders, Gershonites, Kohathites, Merarites; several Sons of Levi.

Nethinims, Inferior servants to the Priests and Levites (not of their Tribe) to draw Water, and cleave Wood, &c.

Prophets, anciently called Seers, who foretold future Events, and denounced God's Judgments.

Children of the Prophets, their Disciples, or Scholars.

Wise Men, called so in Imitation of the Eastern Magi, or Gentle Philosophers.

Scribes, Writers and Expounders of the Law. *Rabbies* or *Doctors*, Teachers of Israel.

Libertines, Freed Men of Rome, who being Jews

or Proselytes, had a Synagogue or Oratory for themselves.

Gaulonites or *Galileans*, who pretended it unlawful to obey a Heathen Magistrate.

Herodians, who shaped their religion to the Times, and particularly flattered Herod.

Epicureans, who placed all happiness in Pleasure.

Stoicks, who denied the Liberty of the Will, and pretended all Events were determined by Fatal Necessity.

Simon Magus, Author of the Heresy of the *Gnosticks*, who taught that men, however vicious their Practice was, should be saved by their Knowledge.

Nicolaitanes, Hcreticks, the Disciples of one *Nicolas of Antioch*, who taught the Community of Wives.

Nazarites, who, under a Vow, abstained from Wine, &c.

Nazarenes, Jews professing Christianity.

Pharisees, Separatists, who, upon the Opinion of their own Godliness, despised all others.

Sadducees, who denied the Resurrection of the Dead, Angels, and Spirits.

Samaritans, Mongrel Professors, partly Heathen, and partly Jews, the Offspring of the *Assyrians* sent to Samaria.

Apostles, Missionaries, or Persons sent; they who were sent by our Saviour, from their number, were called, *The Twelve*.

Deacons, Officers chosen by the Church to take Care of the Poor.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW.

CHAPTER I.

THE book of the generation of Jē'sūs Christ, the son of Dā'vīd, the son of Ā'bra-hām.

2 Ā'bra-hām begat Ī'sāac,¹ and Ī'sāac begat Jā'cōb; and Jā'cōb begat Ju'dās and his brēthren;

3 And Ju'dās begat Phā'rēs and Za'rā of Thā'mār; and Phā'rēs begat Ēš'rōm; and Ēš'rōm begat Ā'rām;

4 And Ā'rām begat Ā-mīn'a-dāb; and Ā-mīn'a-dāb begat Nā-āss'on;² and Nā-āss'on begat Sāl'mōn;

5 And Sāl'mōn begat Bō'ōz of Rā'chāb; and Bō'ōz begat Ō'bēd of Rūth;³ and Ō'bēd begat Jēs'se;

6 And Jēs'se begat Dā'vīd the king; and Dā'vīd the king begat Sōl'o-mōn of her that had been⁴ the wife of Ū-rī'ās;

7 And Sōl'o-mōn begat Rō-hō'ām; and Rō-hō'ām begat Ā-bī'ā; and Ā-bī'ā begat Ā'sā;

8 And Ā'sā begat Jōs'a-phāt; and Jōs'a-phāt begat Jō'rām; and Jō'rām begat Ō-zī'ās;

9 And Ō-zī'ās begat Jō'a-thām; and Jō'a-thām begat Ā'chāz; and Ā'chāz begat Ēz-e-kī'ās;

10 And Ēz-e-kī'ās begat Ma-nās'ses; and Ma-nās'ses begat Ā'mōn; and Ā'mōn begat Jō-sī'ās;

11 And Jō-sī'ās begat Jēch-o-nī'ās and his brēthren, ābout the time they wēre carried āway to Bāb'y-lōn;

12 And āfter they wēre brought to Bāb'y-lōn, Jēch-o-nī'ās begat Sa-lā'thi-ēl; and Sa-lā'thi-ēl begat Zō-rōb'āb-ēl;

13 And Zō-rōb'āb-ēl begat Ā-bī'ūd; and Ā-bī'ūd begat Ē-lī'a-kīm; and Ē-lī'a-kīm begat Ā'zōr;

14 And Ā'zōr begat Sā'dōc; and Sā'dōc begat Ā'chīm; and Ā'chīm begat Ē-lī'ūd;

15 And Ē-lī'ūd begat Ē-le-ā'zār; and Ē-le-ā'zār begat Māt'thān; and Māt'thān begat Jā'cōb.

16 And Jā'cōb begat Jō'sēph the hūs'bānd of Mā'ry, of whom was born Jē'sūs, who is callēd Christ.

17 So all the generations from Ā'bra-hām to Dā'vīd āre fourteen generations; and from Dā'vīd until the carryng āway into Bāb'y-lōn āre fourteen generations; and from the carryng āway into Bāb'y-lōn unto Christ āre fourteen generations.

18 ¶ Now the birth⁵ of Jē'sūs Christ was on this wise: When as his mōher Mā'ry was espōūsed to Jō'sēph, before they came togēther, she was found with child of the Hōly Ghōst.

19 Then Jō'sēph her hūs'bānd, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her āway privily.

20 But, while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Jō'sēph, thou son of Dā'vīd, fear not to take unto thee Mā'ry thy wife; for that which is conceivēd in her is of the Hōly Ghōst.

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 (Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spokēn of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgīn⁶ shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Ēm-mān'u-ēl, which, being intēpreted, is, God with us.)

24 Then Jō'sēph, being raised from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took⁷ unto him his wife;

25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her first⁷ born son: and he callēd his name JESUS.

CHAP. II.

NOW, when Jē'sūs was born in Bēth'le-hēm of Jū-de'ā, in the days of Hēr'od the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jē-rū'sa-lēm,

2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and āre come to wōr'shīp him.

3 When Hēr'od the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jē-rū'sa-lēm with him.

4 And when he had gāthered all the chief priests and scribes of the people togēther, he dēmānded of them where Christ should be born.

5 And they said⁸ unto him, In Bēth'le-hēm of Jū-de'ā: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 And thou, Bēth'le-hēm, in the land of Jū'dā, art not the leāst āmong the princes of Jū'dā: for out of thee shall come a Gōv'ēr-nōr, that shall rule my people Īs'ra-ēl.

7 Then Hēr'od, when he had privily callēd the wise men, inquired of them dīlīgently whāt time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bēth'le-hēm, and said, Go, and search dīlīgently for the young child; and, when ye have found him, bring me word āgain,⁹ that I may come and wōr'shīp him also.

9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came

¹ I'zāk ² Nā-āsh'ūn. ³ Rōdth. ⁴ bīn. ⁵ bīrth. ⁶ vēr'jīn. ⁷ fūrst. ⁸ sēd. ⁹ ā-gēn'

and stood over where the young child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 ¶ And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with M'ary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him : and, when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.¹

12 And being warned of God in a dream, that they should not return to Her'od, they departed into their own country another way.

13 ¶ And when they were departed, behold the angel of the Lord appeareth to Jō'seph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into E'gypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word : For Her'od will seek the young child to destroy' him.

14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into E'gypt,

15 And was there until the death of Her'od : that it might be fulfilled which was spoken² of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of E'gypt have I called my son.

16 ¶ Then Her'od, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Beth'le-hem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.

17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jer'e-my the prophet, saying,

18 In Ra'mā was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Ra'chēl³ weeping far her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

19 ¶ But when Her'od was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Jō'seph in E'gypt,

20 Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Is'ra-ēl ; for they are dead which sought the young child's life.

21 And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Is'ra-ēl.

22 But when he heard that Ar-che-lā'ūs did reign in Jū-dē'ā in the room of his father Her'od, he was afraid to go thither : notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Gāl'i-lēe :

23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nāz'a-rēth : that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nāz'a-rēne'.

CHAP. III.

IN those days came Jōhn the Bap'tist, preaching in the wilderness of Jū-dē'ā,

2 And saying, Repent ye : for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet E-sā'i-ās,⁴ saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 And the same Jōhn had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern gir'dle,⁵ about his loins ; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

5 ¶ Then went out to him Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and all Jū-dē'ā, and all the region round about Jōr'dān,

6 And were baptized of him in Jōr'dān, confessing their sins.

7 ¶ But when he saw many of the Phār'i-sēes and Sād'du-cēes come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers ! who hath warned you to flee from the wroth to come ?

8 Bring forth, therefore, fruits meet for repentance .

9 And think not to say, within yourselves, We have A'bra-hām to our father : for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto A'bra-hām.

10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees : therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance ; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear : he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghōst, and with fire :

12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner ; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

13 ¶ Then cometh Jē'sūs from Gāl'i-lēe to Jōr'dān unto Jōhn, to be baptized of him.

14 But Jōhn forbade' him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me ?

15 And Jē'sūs answered, said unto him, Suffer it to be so now : for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righ'teousness.⁶ Then he suffered him.

16 And Jē'sūs, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water : and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spir'it of God descēnd'ing like a dove, and lighting upon him :

17 And, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

CHAP. IV.

THEN was Jē'sūs led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward a hungered.

3 And when the tempter came to him,

1 mēr. 2 spō'h'n. 3 Rā'tshēl. 4 E-sā'yūs. 5 gēr'dl. 6 rit'she-ūs-nēs.

he said, If thou be the Son of God, cōm-mānd' that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread ālōne, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

6 And saith¹ unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cāst thyself down : for it is written, He shall give his āngels charge cōncērn'ing thee : and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot āgainst² a stone.

7 Jē'sūs said unto him, It is written āgain', Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8 Āgain', the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mōūn'tāin, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the wōrld, and the glory of them ;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and wōr'ship me.

10 Then saith Jē'sūs unto him, Get thee hence, Sātān : for it is written, Thou shalt wōr'ship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou sērve.

11 Then the devil leaveth him : and, behold, āngels came and ministered unto him.

12 ¶ Now, when Jē'sūs had hēard that Jōhn was cāst into prison, he departed into Gāl'i-lēe :

13 And, leaving Nāz'a-rēth, he came and dwelt in Ča-pēr'na-ūm, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zāb'u-lōn and Nēph'thā-līm :

14 That it might be fulfilled which was spokēn³ by Ē-sā'i-ās⁴ the prophet, saying,

15 The land of Zāb'u-lōn, and the land of Nēph'thā-līm, by the way of the sea, beyond Jōr'dān, Gāl'i-lēe of the Čēn'tiles :

16 The people which sat in dārkness saw great light ; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death, light is sprung up.

17 ¶ From that time Jē'sūs began to preach, and to say, Repent : for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

18 ¶ And Jē'sūs, wālk'ing by the sea of Gāl'i-lēe, saw two brēthren, Sī'mōn called Pē-tēr, and ān'drew his brōther, cāst'ing a net into the sea : for they wēre fishers.

19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him.

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brēthren, James the son of Zēb'e-dēe, and Jōhn his brōther, in a ship with Zēb'e-dēe their father, mending their nets ; and he called them.

22 And they immediately left the

1 sēth.

2 ā-gēnst'.

3 spōk'n.

4 Ē-sā'yās.

5 nūth'ing.

ship and their father, and followed him.

23 ¶ And Jē'sūs went ābout' all Gāl'i-lēe, teaching in their sȳn'agōgues, and preaching the gōs'pēl of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness, and all manner of disease, ānōng the people.

24 And his fame went throughout all Sȳr'i-ā : and they brought unto him all sick people that wēre taken with dī'vēr's diseases and torments, and those which wēre pōs-sēs'sed with devils, and those which wēre lunatick, and those that had the pālsy, and he healed them.

25 And there followed him great multitudes of people, from Gāl'i-lēe, and from Dē-čāp'o-lis, and from Jē-rā'sa-lēm, and from Jū-dē'ā, and from beyōnd Jōr'dān.

CHAP. V.

AND seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mōūn'tāin : and when he was set, his disciples came unto him :

2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

3 Blēs'sed āre the poor in spirit : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blēs'sed āre they that mourn : for they shall be cōm'fōrted.

5 Blēs'sed āre the meek : for they shall inherit the ēarth.

6 Blēs'sed āre they which do hunger and thirst āfter righteousness : for they shall be filled.

7 Blēs'sed āre the mē'r'ciful : for they shall obtāin mērcy.

8 Blēs'sed āre the pure in heārt : for they shall see God.

9 Blēs'sed āre the peacemakers : for they shall be called the children of God.

10 Blēs'sed āre they which āre pērsecuted for righteousness' sake : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blēs'sed āre ye when *men* shall revile you, and pērsecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil āgainst' you fālsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad ; for great is your rewārd in heaven : for so pērsecuted they the prophets which wēre before you.

13 ¶ Ye āre the sāl't of the ēarth : but if the sāl't have lost his sāvoūr, wherewith shall it be sāl'ted ? it is thenceforth good for nōth'ing,⁵ but to be cāst out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Ye āre the light of the wōrld. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

15 Nēither do men light a candle, and put it under a būshel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that āre in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Fā'ther which is in heaven.

17 ¶ Think not that I am come to dē-strōy' the law, or the prophets : I am not come to dēstrōy', but to fulfil.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till hea

ven and ěarth pæss, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pæss from the law, till all be fulfilled.

19 Whosoever, thĕrĕ'fĕre, shall break one of these lĕast cōmmand'mĕnts, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the lĕast in the kingdom of heaven : but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Phār'i-sees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

21 ¶ Ye have hĕard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill ; and whosoever shall kill, shall be in danger of the judgment :

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brōther without a cause, shall be in dānger of the judgment : and whosoever shall say to his brōther, Rā'cā, shall be in danger of the council : but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in dānger of hell fire.

23 Thĕrĕ'fĕre, if thou bring thy gift to the āltar, and there rememberest that thy brōther hath āught āgainst' thee ;

24 Leave there thy gift before the āltar, and go thy way : first¹ be rĕc'cōciled to thy brōther, and then come and offer thy gift.

25 Āgree' with thine ād'vĕrsāry quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him ; lest at any time the ād'vĕrsāry deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cāst into prison.

26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

27 ¶ Ye have hĕard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit ādūl'tĕry :

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a wom'an,² to lust āfter her, hath committed ādūl'tĕry with her ālready in his hĕart.

29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cāst it from thee : for it is profitable for thee, that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cāst into hell.

30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cāst it from thee : for it is profitable for thee, that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cāst into hell.

31 It hath been said,³ Whosoever shall put āway his wife, let him give her a writing of divōrce'mĕnt :

32 But I say unto you, that whosoever shall put āway his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit ādūl'tĕry : and whosoever shall marry her that is divōr'ced, committeth ādūl'tĕry.

33 ¶ Āgain', ye have hĕard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt

not fōrswĕar' thyself, but shalt pĕrfōrm' unto the Lord thine oaths :

34 But I say unto you, Swĕar not at all : nĕither by heaven ; for it is God's throne :

35 Nor by the ěarth ; for it is his footstool : nĕither by Jĕ-rŭ'sa-lĕm ; for it is the city of the great King :

36 Nĕither shalt thou swĕar by thy head : because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37 But let your communication be, Yĕa, yea ; Nay, nay ; for whātsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

38 ¶ Ye have hĕard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth :

39 But I say unto you, That ye rĕsist' not evil : but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take āway thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

42 Give to him that āsketh thee ; and from him that would borrow of thee, turn not thou āway.

43 ¶ Ye have hĕard that it hath been said, Thou shalt lōve thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy :

44 But I say unto you, Lōve your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which dĕspite'fŭlly use you, and pĕrsecute you ;

45 That ye may be the children of your Fā'ther which is in heaven : for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if ye lōve them which lōve you, whāt rĕwārd have ye ? do not even the publicans the same ?

47 And if ye sālute your brĕthren only, whāt do ye more *than others* ? do not even the publicans so ?

48 ¶ Be ye, thĕrĕ'fĕre, pĕrfĕct, even as your Fā'ther which is in heaven is pĕrfĕct.

CHAP. VI.

TAKE heed that ye do not your ðlms before men, to be seen of them : otherwise ye have no rĕwārd of your Fā'ther which is in heaven.

2 Thĕrĕ'fĕre, when thou doest *thine* ðlms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hŭp'ocrites do in the sŭn'agōgues, and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their rĕwārd.

3 But when thou doest ðlms, let not thy left hand know whāt thy right hand doeth :

4 That thine ðlms may be in secret : and thy Fā'ther, which seeth in secret, himself shall rĕwārd thee openly.

¹ fŭrst.

² wim'ŭn. i. e. wōdm'ŭn.

³ bŭn sĕd.

5 ¶ And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hÿp'ocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the sÿn'agögues, and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet; and, when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Fä'ther, which is in secret; and thy Fä'ther, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not ye, there'fore, like unto them: for your Fä'ther knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

9 After this manner there'fore, pray ye: Our Fä'ther, which art in heaven; hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into tämptä'tion; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Ä'mén'.

14 ¶ For if ye forgive men their trës'pässes, your heavenly Fä'ther will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their trës'pässes, neither will your Fä'ther forgive your trës'pässes.

16 ¶ Moreover, when ye fast, be not, as the hÿp'ocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

17 But thou, when thou fastest, änoïnt thine head, and wäsh thy face:

18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Fä'ther which is in secret: and thy Fä'ther, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

19 ¶ Lay not up for yourselves trëas'üres upon earth, where möth and rust döth corrupt, and where thiëves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves trëas'üres in heaven, where neither möth nor rust döth corrupt, and where thiëves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your trëas'üre is, there will your heart be also.

22 ¶ The light of the body is the eye: if, there'fore, thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light:

23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If, there'fore, the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 ¶ No man can serve two mästers: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise' the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

25 There'fore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Fä'ther feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you, by taking thought, can add one cubit unto his stät'üre?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin;

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Sol'o-mön, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clöthe the gröss of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clöthe you? O ye of little faith!

31 There'fore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or Wherewithal shall we be clöthed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gën'tiles seek:) for your heavenly Fä'ther knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take there'fore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

CHAP. VII.

JUDGE not, that ye be not judged: 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what mäas'üre ye mete, it shall be mäas'üred to you ägain'.

3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

5 Thou hÿp'ocrite! first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

6 ¶ Give not that which is holy unto the dogs; neither cast ye your pärls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn ägain' and rend you.

7 ¶ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh, recëiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to

give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Fā'ther, which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him?

12 Thēre'fore all things whātsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

13 ¶ Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leādeth to destrūc'tion, and many there be which go in therat:

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leādeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

15 ¶ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's cloth'ing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits.¹ Do men gāther grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so, every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cāst into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21 ¶ Not every one that saith² unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Fā'ther which is in heaven.

22 Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prōph'esied in thy name? and in thy name have cāst out devils? and in thy name done many wōn'dērful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work inīq'uity.³

24 ¶ Thēre'fore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain dēscēn'ded, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain dēscēn'ded, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

28 ¶ And it came to pāss when Jē'sūs had ended these sayings, the people wēre astonished at his dōc'trīne:

29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

CHAP. VIII.

WHEN he was come down from the mōūn'taīn, great multitudes followed him.

2 And, behold, there came a lēper and wōr'shīpped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

3 And Jē'sūs put forth his hand and touch'd him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his lēprosy was cleansed.

4 And Jē'sūs saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, show thyself to the prīest, and offer the gift that Mō'sēs cōmmān'ded, for a tēs'timōny unto them.

5 ¶ And when Jē'sūs was entered into Ca-pēr'na-ūm, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,

6 And saying, Lord, my sērvant lieth at home sick of the pāl'sy, griev'ously tormented.

7 And Jē'sūs saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not wōrthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my sērvant shall be healed.

9 For I am a man under authority, having sōl'diērs; under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to ānōther, Come, and he cometh; and to my sērvant, Do this, and he doeth it.

10 When Jē'sūs hēard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Īs'ra-ēl.

11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with A'bra-hām, and Ī'sāac, and Jā'cōb, in the kingdom of heaven.

12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cāst out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnāsh'ing of teeth.

13 And Jē'sūs said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his sērvant was healed in the self same hour.

14 ¶ And when Jē'sūs was come into Pē'ter's house, he saw his wīfē's mōther laid, and sick of a fever.

15 And he touch'd her hand, and the fever left her; and she ārōse and ministered unto them.

16 ¶ When the even was come, they brought unto him many that wēre pōssēs'sed with devils, and he cāst out the spirits with his word, and healed all that wēre sick;

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Ē-sā'i-ās⁵ the prophet, saying, Himself took our infir'mities,⁶ and bare our sicknesses.

18 ¶ Now, when Jē'sūs saw great multitudes ābout him, he gave cōmmān'd'mēt to depart unto the other side.

19 And a cēr'tain scribe came, and said unto him, Mā'ster, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

20 And Jē'sūs saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head.

1 frōdts. 2 sēth. 3 in-ik'kwo-te. 4 sōl'jūrz. 5 Ē-sā'yās. 6 in-fēr'me-tiz.

21 And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

22 But Jē'sūs said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.

23 ¶ And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.

24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful? O ye of little faith! Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

28 ¶ And when he was come to the other side, into the country of the Gēr-gēsēnes', there met him two pōssēs'sed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.

29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jē'sūs, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

30 And there was a good way off from them a herd of many swine feeding.

31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

33 And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing; and what was befallen to the pōssēs'sed of the devils.

34 And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jē'sūs: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts.

CHAP. IX.

AND he entered into a ship, and passed over and came into his own city.

2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the pāl'sy, lying on a bed: and Jē'sūs, seeing their faith, said unto the sick of the pāl'sy, Son, be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee.

3 And, behold, cēr'tain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blā'sphē'meth.

4 And Jē'sūs, knowing their thoughts, said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?

5 For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise and walk?

6 But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the pāl'sy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

7 And he arose, and departed to his house.

8 But when the multitude saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

9 ¶ And, as Jē'sūs passed forth from thence, he saw a man named Mātthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

10 ¶ And it came to pass, as Jē'sūs sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came, and sat down with him and his disciples.

11 And when the Phār'i-sēes saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Mā'ster with publicans and sinners?

12 But, when Jē'sūs heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sār'rifice: for I am not come to call the rīgh'teōus, but sinners to repentance.

14 Then came to him the disciples of Jōhn, saying, Why do we and the Phār'i-sēes fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?

15 And Jē'sūs said unto them, Can the children of the brīde'chāmbēr* mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.

16 No man putteth a piēce of new cloth unto an old garment; for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.

17 Neither do men put new wine into old bottles; else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish; but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are prēsērv'ed.

18 ¶ While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a cēr'tain ruler and wor'shipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come, and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

19 And Jē'sūs arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.

20 ¶ (And, behold, a wom'an, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:

21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

22 But Jē'sūs turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good cōm'fōrt; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the wom'an was made whole from that hour.

23 ¶ And when Jē'sūs came into the ruler's house, and saw the min-

strels and the people making a noise,

24 He said unto them, Give place : for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laugh'ed him to scorn.

25 But when the people wēre put forth, he went in and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

26 And the fame hereof went ābroād into all that land.

27 ¶ And when Jē'sūs departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, *Thou* son of Dā'vid, have mērey on us.

28 And when he came into the house, the blind men came to him : and Jē'sūs saith unto them, Belēve ye that I am able to do this ? They said unto him, Yēa, Lord.

29 Then touch'd he their eyes, saying, According to your faith, be it unto you.

30 And their eyes wēre opened ; and Jē'sūs straitly chārged them, saying, See *that* no man know *it*.

31 But they, when they wēre departed, spread ābroād his fame in all that country.

32 ¶ As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man pōss'ess'ed with a devil.

33 And when the devil was cāst out, the dumb spake : and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in I's'ra-ēl.

34 But the Phār'i-sēes said, he cāst'eth out devils, through the prince of the devils.

35 And Jē'sūs went about' all the cities and vil'lages, teaching in their s'yn'agōgues, and preach'ing the gōs'pēl of the kingdom, and heal'ing every sickness, and every disease āmong the people.

36 ¶ But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and wēre s'cattered ābroād, as sheep having no shēp'hērd.

37 Then saith he unto his dīscīples, The harvest truly is plēn'tēous, but the labōur'ers āre few.

38 Pray ye, thēre'fōre, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labōur'ers into his harvest.

CHAP. X.

AND when he had called unto *him* his twelve dīscīples, he gave them power āgainst' unclean spirits, to cāst them out, and to heal all manner of sickness, and all manner of disease.

2 Now the names of the twelve āpōstles āre these ; the first, Sī'mōn, who is called Pē'tēr, and Ān'drew his brōther ; James the son of Zēb'e-dēe, and Jōhn his brōther ;

3 Phīl'ip,² and Bār-thōl'o-mew ; Thōm'ās, and Māt'thew the publican ; James the son of Āl-phē'ūs, and Lēb-bē'ūs, whose surname was Thād-dē'ūs ;

4 Sī'mōn the Čān'aān-īte,³ and Jū'dās I's'čār'i-ōt, who also betrayed him.

5 ¶ These twelve Jē'sūs sent forth, and cōmman'ded them, saying, Go not unto the

way of the Čēn'tiles, and into any city of the Sa-mār'i-tāns, enter ye not :

6 But go rāther to the lost sheep of the house of I's'ra-ēl.

7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lēpers, raise the dead, cāst out devils : freely ye have received, freely give.

9 Provide nēither gold, nor silver, nor brāss in your purses ;

10 Nor scrip for *your* jōurney, nēither two coats, nēither shoes, nor yet stāves : for the workman is wōrthy of his meat.

11 And into whātsoever city or town ye shall enter, inquire who in it is wōrthy ; and there ābīde tīl ye go thence.

12 And when ye come into a house, sā-lute it.

13 And if the house be wōrthy, let your peace come upon it : but if it be not wōrthy, let your peace return to you.

14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house, or city, shake off the dust of your feet.

15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sōd'om and Gō-mōr'rāh, in the day of judgment, than for that city.

16 ¶ Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves : be ye, thēre'fōre, wise as sērpents, and harmless as dōves.

17 But beware of men : for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their s'yn'agōgues :

18 And ye shall be brought before gōv'ernors and kings for my sake, for a tēs'tīmōny āgainst' them and the Čēn'tiles.

19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or whāt ye shall speak ; for it shall be given you in thāt same hour whāt ye shall speak.

20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spīr'it of your Fā'ther which speaketh in you.

21 And the brōther shall deliver up the brōther to death, and the fāther the child : and the children shall rise up āgainst'4 *their* pārents, and cause them to be put to death.

22 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake : but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

23 But when they pērsecute you in this city, flee ye into ānōther : for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of I's'ra-ēl, till the Son of Man be come.

24 The dīscīple is not ābōve *his* māster, nor the sērvant ābōve his lord.

25 It is enough for the dīscīple that he be as his māster, and the sērvant as his lord. If they have called the māster of the house Bē-ēl'ze-būb, how much more shall *they* call them of his household ?

26 Fear them not, thēre'fōre : for there

² *Fīl'ip*.

³ *Kān'nān-īte*.

⁴ *ā-gēnst'*.

is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

27 What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.

28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 Fear ye not, therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth; I came not to send peace, but a sword.

35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

37 He that loveth father or mother more than me, is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me, is not worthy of me.

38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

39 He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

40 ¶ He that receiveth you, receiveth me; and he that receiveth me, receiveth him that sent me.

41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet, shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man, in the name of a righteous man, shall receive a righteous man's reward.

42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, He shall in no wise lose his reward.

CHAP. XI.

AND it came to pass, when Jē'sūs had made an end of commānd'ing his twelve disciples, he departed thence, to teach and to preach in their cities.

2 ¶ Now when Jōhn had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples

3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

4 Jē'sūs answered and said unto them, Go and show Jōhn again those things which ye do hear and see:

5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gōs'pēl preached to them.

6 And blēs'sed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

7 ¶ And as they departed, Jē'sūs began to say unto the multitudes cōncēr'n'ing Jōhn, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

8 But what went ye out for to see? A man cloth'ed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft cloth'ing are in kings' houses.

9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

10 For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of wom'en, there hath not risen a greater than Jōhn the Bāp'tist: notwithstanding, he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 And from the days of Jōhn the Bāp'tist, until now, the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

13 For all the prophets and the law proph'esied until Jōhn.

14 And if ye will receive it, this is E-l'i-'ās which was for to come.

15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

16 ¶ But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,

17 And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lament'ed.

18 For Jōhn came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil.

19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners: but Wisdom is justified of her children.

20 ¶ Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not:

21 Wo unto thee, Chō-rā'z'in! wo unto thee, Bēth-sā'i-dā;¹ for if the mighty works which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidōn, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22 But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidōn, at the day of judgment, than for you.

23 And thou, Ca-pēr'na-ūm, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works which have been done in thee had been done in

¹Bēth-sā'e-dā ā-nāl'o-goūs to Jū'e-rūs.

Söd'om, it would have remain'ed until this day.

24 But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Söd'om, in the day of judgment, than for thee.

25 ¶ At that time Jē'sūs answered and said, I thank thee, O Fä'ther, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

26 Even so, Fä'ther: for so it seemed good in thy sight.

27 All things are delivered unto me of my Fä'ther: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Fä'ther; neither knoweth any man the Fä'ther, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

28 ¶ Come unto me, all ye that läböür and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and lærn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

CHAP. XII.

AT that time Jē'sūs went on the säb'-bath-day through the corn, and his disciples were hungered, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat.

2 But when the Phär'i-sēes saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the säb'-bath-day.

3 But he said unto them, Have ye not read whät Dä'vid did when he was a hungered, and they that were with him;

4 How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shōw'bréad, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?

5 Or, have ye not read in the law, how that, on the säb'-bath-days, the priests in the temple profane the säb'-bath, and are olameless?

6 But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple.

7 But if ye had known whät this meaneth, I will have mërcy, and not säc'rificē, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

8 For the Son of Man is Lord even of the säb'-bath-day.

9 ¶ And when he was departed thence, he went into their sÿn'agögue.

10 And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the säb'-bath-days? that they might accuse him.

11 And he said unto them, Whät man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the säb'-bath-day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

12 How much then is a man better than

a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the säb'-bath-days.

13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

14 ¶ Then the Phär'i-sēes went out, and held a council against him, how they might deströy him.

15 But when Jē'sūs knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;

16 And charged them that they should not make him known:

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Ê-sä'i-äs¹ the prophet, saying,

18 Behold my särvant, whom I have chosen; my belöved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my Spír'it upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Ĝen'tiles.

19 He shall not strive nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.

20 A bruised² reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victöry.

21 And in his name shall the Ĝen'tiles trust.

22 ¶ Then was brought unto him one pössess'ed with a devil, blind and dumb, and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of Dä'vid?

24 But when the Phär'i-sēes heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Bē-ël'ze-büb the prince of the devils.

25 And Jē'sūs knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.

26 And if Sä'tän cast out Sä'tän, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?

27 And if I by Bē-ël'ze-büb cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? thêre'fore they shall be your judges.

28 But if I cast out devils, by the Spír'it of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

29 Or else, how can one enter into a strong man's house and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

30 He that is not with me is against me: and he that gäthereth not with me, scattereth äbroäd.

31 ¶ Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and bläs'phēmy shall be forgiven unto men: but the bläs'phēmy against the Höly Ghöst shall not be forgiven unto men.

32 And whosoever speaketh a word

¹ Ê-sä'yäs.

² bröd'zed.

against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghōst, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this wōrld, neither in the wōrld to come.

33 Eithr make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.

34 O generation of vipers! how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the ābūn'dānce of the heart the mouth speaketh.

35 A good man, out of the good trēaş/ūre of the heart, bringeth forth good things: and an evil man, out of the evil trēaş/ūre, bringeth forth evil things.

36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

38 ¶ Then cēr'tain of the scribes and of the Phār'i-sēes ānswered, saying, Mā'ster, we would see a sign from thee.

39 But he ānswered and said unto them, An evil and ādūl'teroūs generation seeketh āfter a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jō'nās:

40 For as Jō'nās was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the ēarth.

41 The men of Nīn'e-vēh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jō'nās; and, behold, a greater than Jō'nās is here.

42 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the ēarth to hear the wisdom of Sōl'o-mōn; and, behold, a greater than Sōl'o-mōn is here.

43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he wālketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

46 ¶ While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mōther and his brēthren stood without, desiring to speak with him.

47 Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mōther and thy brēthren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

48 But he ānswered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mōther? and who are my brēthren?

49 And he stretched forth his hand tō/wārd his dīsciples, and said, Behold my mōther and my brēthren!

50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Fā'ther which is in heaven, the same is my brōther, and sister, and mōther.

CHAP. XIII.

THE same day went Jē'sūs out of the house, and sat by the sea-side.

2 And great multitudes wēre¹ gāthered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way-sidē, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much ēarth; and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of ēarth:

6 And when the sun was up, they wēre scorched; and, because they had no root, they withered āwāy.

7 And some fell āmōng thorns, and the thorns sprung up and chōked them:

8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some a hundred-fold, some sixty-fold, some thirty-fold.

9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

10 ¶ And the dīsciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

11 He ānswered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the m'ys'teries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more ābūn'dānce: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken āwāy, even that he hath.

13 Thērē'fore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing, see not; and hearing, they hear not; neither do they understand.

14 And in them is fulfilled the prōph'e-cy of Ē-sā'i-ās; which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not pēr-cēivē':

15 For this people's heart is waxed grōss, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have clōsed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their hearts, and should be cōn-vērt'ed, and I should heal them.

16 But blēs'sed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and rīgh'tēōūs² men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not hēard them.

¹ ē in wēre sounds like ē in vēr'y.

² rī'tshe-ūs.

18 ¶ Hear ye, thère'före, the parable of the sower.

19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked *one*, and cätch'eth äway that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way-side.

20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and änon' with joy receiveth it;

21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while; for when tribulation or persëcú'tion ärißeth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

22 He also that received seed ämong the thorns, is he that heareth the word; and the care of this wörld, and the decëit'fulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

23 But he that received seed into the good ground, is he that heareth the word and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some a hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty.

24 ¶ Änóther parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares ämong the wheat, and went his way.

26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27 So the sërvañts of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The sërvañts said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gäther them up?

29 But he said, Nay; læst, while ye gäther up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow togethër until the harvest; and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gäther ye togethër first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gäther the wheat into my barn.

31 ¶ Änóther parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of müs'tärd seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

32 Which indeed is the læst of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest ämong hërbs, and becometh a tree: so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the bränches thereof.

33 ¶ Änóther parable spake he unto them: The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a wom'an took, and hid in three mäş'üres of meal, till the whole was leavened.

34 All these things spake Jē'sūs unto

the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the wörld.

36 Then Jē'sūs sent the multitude äway, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

37 He änswered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of Man;

38 The field is the wörld; the good seed äre the children of the kingdom; but the tares äre the children of the wicked *one*:

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the wörld: and the reapers äre the ängels.

40 As, thère'före, the tares äre gäthered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this wörld.

41 The Son of Man shall send forth his ängels, and they shall gäther out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

42 And shall cäst them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnäsh'ing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Fä'ther. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

44 ¶ Ägain', the kingdom of heaven is like unto trëaş'üres hid in a field; the which when a man hath found he hideth, and, for joy thereof, goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45 ¶ Ägain' the kingdom of heaven is like unto a mër'chänt-män, seeking goodly pärls:

46 Who, when he had found one pärl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

47 ¶ Ägain' the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cäst into the sea, and gäthered of every kind:

48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gäthered the good into vessels, but cäst the bad äway.

49 So shall it be at the end of the wörld: The ängels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from ämong the just,

50 And shall cäst them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnäsh'ing of teeth.

51 Jē'sūs saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.

52 Then said he unto them, Thère'före every scribe *which is* instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man *that is* a householder, which bringeth forth out of his trëaş'üres *things* new and old.

53 ¶ And it came to päss, *that* when Jē'sūs had finished these parables, he departed thence.

54 And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their sȳn'agōgue, insomuch that they wēre astonish'ed, and said, Whence hath this *man* this wisdom, and *these* mighty works?

55 Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mōther called Māry? and his brēthren, James, and Jō'sēs, and Sī'mōn, and Jū'das?

56 And his sisters, āre they not all with us? Whence then hath this *man* all these things?

57 And they wēre offend'ed in him. But Jē'sūs said unto them, A prephet is not without hōn'our, save in his own country, and in his own house.

58 And he did not many mighty works there, because of their un-bē-lief!

CHAP. XIV.

AT that time Hēr'od the Tē'rārch' heard of the fame of Jē'sūs,

2 And said unto his sērvants, This is Jōhn the Bāp'tist; he is risen from the dead; and thērē'fore mighty works do show forth themselves in him.

3 ¶ For Hēr'od had laid hold on Jōhn, and bound him, and put *him* in prison for Hēr'ō'di-ās' sake, his brōther Phī'l'ip's wife.

4 For Jōhn said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.

5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

6 But when Hēr'od's birth'-day¹ was kept, the dāught'er of Hēr'ō'di-ās' dānced before them, and pleas'd Hēr'od.

7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whātsoever she would āsk.

8 And she, being before instructed of her mōther, said, Give me here Jōhn Bāp'tist's head in a chārg'ēr.

9 And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he cōmmān'ded *it* to be given *her*.

10 And he sent and beheaded Jōhn in the prison.

11 And his head was brought in a chārg'ēr, and given to the damsel: and she brought *it* to her mōther.

12 And his dīscīples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jē'sūs.

13 ¶ When Jē'sūs hēard of *it*, he departed thence by ship into a dēs'ērt place āpart; and when the people had hēard *thereof*, they followed him on foot out of the cities.

14 And Jē'sūs went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was mov'd with compassion tō'wārd them, and he healed their sick.

15 ¶ And when it was evening, his dīscīples came to him, saying, This is a dēs'ērt place, and the timē is now pāst; send

the multitude āwāy, that they may go into the vil'lages,² and buy themselves vict-uals.³

16 But Jē'sūs said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.

17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.

18 He said, Bring them hither to me.

19 And he cōmmān'ded the multitude to sit down on the grāss, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blēss'ed, and brake, and gave the loaves to *his* dīscīples, and the dīscīples to the multitude.

20 And they did all eat, and wēre fill'd: and they took up of the fragments that rē-māin'ed twelve bāskets full.

21 And they that had eaten wēre ābout' five thousand men, beside wom'en⁴ and child'rēn.

22 ¶ And straightway Jē'sūs cōnstrāin'ed his dīscīples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes āwāy.

23 And when he had sent the multitudes āwāy, he went up into a mōūn'tain āpart to pray; and when the evening was come, he was there ālōne.

24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth wātch of the night, Jē'sūs went unto them, wālk'ing on the sea.

26 And when the dīscīples saw him wālk'ing on the sea, they wēre troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway Jē'sūs spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer: It is I; be not āfrāid.

28 And Pē'tēr ānsw'ered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the wāter.

29 And he said, Come. And when Pē'tēr was come down out of the ship, he wālk'ed on the wāter to go to Jē'sūs.

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was āfrāid; and, beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And immediately Jē'sūs stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith! wherefore didst thou dōūbt?

32 And when they wēre come into the ship, the wind ceased.

33 Then they that wēre in the ship came and wōr'shipp'd him, saying, Of a truth, thou art the Son of God.

34 ¶ And when they wēre gone over, they came into the land of Gēn-nēs'a-rēt.

35 And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round ābout', and brought unto him all that wēre diseas'd;

36 And besōught him that they might only tōuch the hem of his gārment; and

¹ bērt'h'dā.

² vil'lid-jiz.

³ vit'ltz.

⁴ wim'min.

as many as touc'h'ed wēre made p'f'ectly whole.

CHAP. XV.

THEN came to Jē'sūs scribes and Phār'i-sēes, which wēre of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, saying,

2 Why do thy dīscīples tran'gress the tradition of the elders? for they wāsh not their hands when they eat bread.

3 But he āns'wered and said unto them, Why do ye also tran'gress the cōmmand'mēnt of God by your tradition?

4 For God cōmmand'ed, saying, Hōn'ōūr thy fāther and mōther: and he that curseth fāther or mōther, let him die the death.

5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his fāther or his mōther, *It is a gift*, by whātsoever thou mightst be profited by me:

6 And hōn'ōūr not his fāther or his mōther, *he shall be free*. Thus have ye made the cōmmand'mēnt of God of nōne effect by your tradition.

7 Ye hīp'ocrites! well did Ē-sā'i-āsl prōph'esy of you, saying,

8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mout^h, and hōn'ōureth me with their lips; but their heārt is far from me.

9 But in vain they do wōr'shīp me, teaching for dōc'trines the cōmmand'mēnts of men.

10 ¶ And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:

11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

12 Then came his dīscīples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Phār'i-sēes wēre offended, āfter they hēard this saying?

13 But he āns'wered, and said, Every plānt, which my heavenly Fāther hath not plānted, shall be rooted up.

14 Let them ālone: they be blind lēaders of the blind. And if the blind lēad the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

15 Then āns'wered Pē'ter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable.

16 And Jē'sūs said, Are ye also yet without understanding?

17 Do not ye yet understand, that whātsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cāst out into the draught?

18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heārt; and they defile the man.

19 For out of the heārt proceed evil thoughts, murders, ādūl'teries, fornications, thefts, fālse witness, blās'phemies.

20 These āre the things which defile a man; but to eat with unwāshen hands defileth not a man.

21 ¶ Then Jē'sūs went thence, and departed into the coasts of T'yre and Sī'dōn.

22 And, behold, a wom'an of Cā'nā-ān³ came out of the same coasts, and cried unto

him, saying, Have mērcy on me, O Lord, thou son of Dā'vid; my daughter is grīev'ously vexed with a devil.

23 But he āns'wered her not a word. And his dīscīples came and besōught him, saying, Send her āwāy; for she crieth āfter us.

24 But he āns'wered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Ī's'ra-ēl.

25 Then came she and wōr'shīpped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26 But he āns'wered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cāst it to dogs.

27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their māster's table.

28 Then Jē'sūs āns'wered and said unto her, O wom'an, great is thy faith! be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

29 ¶ And Jē'sūs departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Gāl'i-lēe; and went up into a mōūn'tāin, and sat down there.

30 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them *those that wēre* lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cāst them down at Jē'sūs' feet, and he healed them:

31 Insomuch that the multitude wōndered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to wālk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Ī's'ra-ēl.

32 ¶ Then Jē'sūs called his dīscīples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nōthing to eat: and I will not send them āwāy fāst'ing, lest they faint in the way.

33 And his dīscīples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude?

34 And Jē'sūs saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? and they said, Seven, and a few little fishes.

35 And he cōmmand'ed the multitude to sit down on the ground.

36 And he took the seven loaves, and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his dīscīples, and the dīscīples to the multitude.

37 And they did all eat, and wēre filled: and they took up of the broken meat, that was left, seven bāskets full.

38 And they that did eat wēre four thousand men, besides wom'en⁴ and children.

39 And he sent āwāy the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coasts of Māg'da-lā.

CHAP. XVI.

THE Phār'i-sēes also with the Sād'ducēes came, and, tempting, desired

1 Ē-sā'yās.

2 drāft.

3 In poetry pron. Kā'nān.

4 wōm'm'n.

nim, that he would show them a sign from heaven.

2 He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, *It will be fair weather*; for the sky¹ is red.

3 And in the morning, *It will be foul weather to-day*; for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hy'p'ocrites! ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?

4 A wicked and adul'terous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jō'nās. And he left them, and departed.

5 ¶ And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

6 Then Jē'sūs said unto them, Take heed, and beware of the leaven of the Phār'i-sēes, and of the Sād'du-cēes.

7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *It is* because we have taken no bread.

8 Which, when Jē'sūs perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith! why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?

9 Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you, concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Phār'i-sēes, and of the Sād'du-cēes?

12 Then understood they, how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Phār'i-sēes, and of the Sād'du-cēes.

13 ¶ When Jē'sūs came into the coasts of Cēs-a-rē'a Phi-lip'pi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?

14 And they said, Some say that thou art Jōhn the Bāp'tist; some, E-li'ās; and others, Jēr-e-mi'ās, or one of the prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And S'i'mōn Pē'tēr answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jē'sūs answered and said unto him, Blē'ssed art thou, S'i'mōn Bār-jō'nā: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Fā'ther which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Pē'tēr, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever

thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven.

20 Then charged he his disciples, that they should tell no man, that he was Jē'sūs the Christ.

21 ¶ From that time forth began Jē'sūs to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and suffer many things of the elders, and chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

22 Then Pē'tēr took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

23 But he turned, and said unto Pē'tēr, Get thee behind me, Sā'tān: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

24 ¶ Then said Jē'sūs unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life, for my sake, shall find it.

26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

27 For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of his Fā'ther, with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here which shall not taste of death till they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.

CHAP. XVII.

AND after six days Jē'sūs taketh Pē'tēr, James, and Jōhn his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mōūn'tain apart,

2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

3 And, behold, there appeared unto them, Mō'sēs, and E-li'ās, talk'ing with him.

4 Then answered Pē'tēr, and said unto Jē'sūs, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tab'ernacles: one for thee, and one for Mō'sēs, and one for E-li'ās.

5 While he yet spake, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them: and, behold, a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

7 And Jē'sūs came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jē'sūs only.

9 And, as they came down from the

môûn'tain, Jē'sūs chārged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of Man be risen āgain' from the dead.

10 And his dīscīples āsked him, saying, Why then say the scribes, that Ē-lī'ās must first come?

11 And Jē'sūs ānswēred and said unto them, Ē-lī'ās truly shall first come, and restore all things.

12 But I say unto you, that Ē-lī'ās is come ālrēady, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whātsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of Man suffer of them.

13 Then the dīscīples understood, that he spake unto them of Jōh'n the Bāp'tist.

14 ¶ And, when they wēre come to the multitude, there came to him a cēr'tain man, knēcl'ing down to him, and saying,

15 Lord, have mērcy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oft times he falleth into the fire, and oft into the wāter.

16 And I brought him to thy dīscīples, and they could not cure him.

17 Then Jē'sūs ānswēred and said, O faithless, and pērvēse' generation! how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

18 And Jē'sūs rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 Then came the dīscīples to Jē'sūs āpārt, and said, Why could not we cāst him out?

20 And Jē'sūs said unto them, Because of your ūn-bē-līef'; for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, as a grām of mūs'tārd seed, ye shall say unto this môûn'tain, Remove hence to yōnder place, and it shall remove; and nōthing shall be impossible unto you.

21 Howbeit, this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fāst'ing.

22 ¶ And, while they ābōde in Gāl'i-lēē, Jē'sūs said unto them, The Son of Man shall be betrayed into the hands of men:

23 And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised āgain'. And they wēre exceeding sorry.

24 ¶ And when they wēre come to Cāp'erna-ūm, they that rēcēived tribute mōney came to Pē'tēr, and said, Dóth not your Mā'ster pay tribute?

25 He saith, Yes.¹ And when he was come into the house, Jē'sūs prevented him, saying, Whāt thinkest thou, Sī'mōn? of whom do the kings of the ēarth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strāngers?

26 Pē'tēr saith unto him, Of strāngers. Jē'sūs saith unto him, Then āre the children free.

27 Notwithstanding, lēst we should of fend them, go thou to the sea, and cāst a nook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and, when thou hast opened his mouth,

thou shalt find a piēce of mōney: thō take, and give unto them for me and thee
CHAP. XVIII.

AT the same time came the dīscīples unto Jē'sūs, saying, Who is the great est in the kingdom of heaven?

2 And Jē'sūs called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be cōnvērt'ed, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4 Whosoever, thēre'fōre, shall hūmble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 And whoso shall rēcēive one such little child in my name, rēcēiveth me.

6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which bēlieve in me, it wēre better for him that a millstone wēre hanged ābout' his neck, and that he wēre drowned in the depth of the sea.

7 ¶ Wo unto the wōrld because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but wo to that man by whom the offence cometh!

8 Wherefore, if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cāst them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life hālt or maimed, rāther than having two hands, or two feet, to be cāst into ēvēr'lās'ting fire.

9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cāst it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rāther than having two eyes to be cāst into hell fire.

10 Take heed that ye dēspīse' not one of these little ones: for I say unto you, That in heaven their āngels do āl'wāys behold the face of my Fā'ther which is in heaven.

11 For the Son of Man is come to save that which was lost.

12 How think ye? if a man have a hūn'drēd² sheep, and one of them be gone āstrāy, dóth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the môûn'tains, and seeketh that which is gone āstrāy?

13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not āstrāy.

14 Even so it is not the will of your Fā'ther which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

15 ¶ Moreover, if thy bróther shall trēs'pāss āgainst' thee, go and tell him his fāult between thee and him ālōne: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy bróther.

16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every wōrd may be ēstāb'lished.

17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican.

¹ Y^{ts} ² hūn'drēd is the solemn, hūn'dūrd the colloquial pronunciation.

18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven.

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

21 ¶ Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but, until seventy times seven.

23 ¶ Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, which owed him a hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

29 And his fellow-servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

31 So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant! I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

33 Shouldst not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow-servant, even as I had pity on thee?

34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

CHAP. XIX.

AND it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan.

2 And great multitudes followed him, and he healed them there.

3 ¶ The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning, made them male and female?

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh.

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What, therefore, God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

8 He saith unto them, Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

10 ¶ His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry.

11 But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.

12 For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb; and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men; and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

13 ¶ Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

15 And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.

16 ¶ And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness.

19 Honour thy Father and thy Mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?

21 Jē'sūs said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treas'ure in heaven; and come *and* follow me.

22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possēs'sions.

23 ¶ Then said Jē'sūs unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

24 And again' I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

25 When his disciples heard *it*, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

26 But Jē'sūs beheld *them*, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

27 ¶ Then answered Pē'ter, and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have there'fore?

28 And Jē'sūs said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me in the regeneration, when the Son of Man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of I's'ra-ël.

29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundred-fold, and shall inherit everlās'ting life.

30 But many *that are* first shall be last; and the last *shall be* first.

CHAP. XX.

FOR the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man *that is* a householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.¹

2 And when he had agrēed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 And he went out about' the third hour,² and saw others standing idle in the market-place,

4 And said unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

5 Again' he went out about' the sixth and ninth hour,² and did likewise.

6 And about' the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith³ unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

7 They say unto him, because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, *that shall ye receive.*

8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them *their* hire, beginning from the last unto the first.

9 And when they came that *were hired* about' the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.

11 And when they had received *it*, they murmured against' the good man of the house,

12 Saying, These last have wrought *but* one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

13 But he answered one of them, and said,⁴ Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst thou not agree' with me for a penny?

14 Take *that* thine *is*, and go thy way; I will give unto this last even as unto thee.

15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil because I am good?

16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

17 ¶ And Jē'sūs, going up to Jē-rū'salēm, took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them,

18 Behold, we go up to Jē-rū'salēm; and the Son of Man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death.

19 And shall deliver him to the Gēn'tiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crū'cify⁵ him: and the third day he shall rise again'.

20 ¶ Then came to him the mother of Zēb'e-dēe's children, with her sons, wor'ship-ping him, and desiring a cēr'tain thing of him.

21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? she saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

22 But Jē'sūs answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give; but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared of my Fà'ther.

24 And when the ten heard *it*, they

1 *Vin'yērd.* 2 *Third hour, nine o'clock in the morning; sixth hour, twelve o'clock at noon; ninth hour, three o'clock in the after-noon; eleventh hour, five o'clock in the after-noon.*

wēre moved with indignation āgainst¹ the two brēthren.

25 But Jē'sūs called them *unto him*, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Ġēn'tiles exercise dominion over them, and they that āre great exercise authority upon them.

26 But it shall not be so āmōng you : but whosoever will be great āmōng you, let him be your minister ;

27 And whosoever will be chief āmōng you, let him be your sērvant :

28 Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

29 ¶ And as they departed from Jēr-i-ḡhō, a great multitude followed him.

30 And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way-side, when they hēard that Jē'sūs pāsēd by, cried out, saying, Have mērcy on us, O Lord ! *thou* son of Dā'vīd.

31 And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace : but they cried the more, saying, Have mērcy on us, O Lord ! *thou* son of Dā'vīd.

32 And Jē'sūs stood still, and called them, and said, Whāt will ye that I shall do unto you ?

33 They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened.

34 So Jē'sūs had compassion *on them*. and touched their eyes : and immediately their eyes rēcēived sight, and they followed him.

CHAP. XXI.

AND when they drew nigh unto Jē-rū/sa-lēm, and wēre come to Bēth'phage unto the mount of Olīves, then sent Jē'sūs two dīscīples,

2 Saying unto them, Go into the vil'lage¹ over āgainst¹ you, and straightway ye shall find an āss tied, and a colt with her : lōōse *them*, and bring *them* unto me.

3 And if any *man* say āught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them ; and straightway he will send them.

4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 Tell ye the daughter of Sī'ōn, Behold, thy king cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an āss, and a colt the foal of an āss.

6 And the dīscīples went, and did as Jē'sūs cōmmān'ded them ;

7 And brought the āss, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set *him* thereon.

8 And a very great multitude spread their gārments in the way ; others cut down brānches from the trees, and strew'ed² them in the way.

9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried saying, Hō-ḡān'nā to the Son of Dā vid : Blēs'sed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord ; Hō-ḡān'nā in the highest.

¹ vil'ldge.

² strō'ed

10 And when he was come into Jē-rū/sa-lēm, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this ?

11 And the multitude said, This is Jē'sūs the prophet, of Nāz'a-rēth of Gāl'ilēe.

12 ¶ And Jē'sūs went into the temple of God, and cāst out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew³ the tables of the mōney-chāngers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the hoase of prayer ; but ye have made it a den of thiēves.

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple ; and he healed them.

15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wōn'dérful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hō-ḡān'nā to the Son of Dā'vid ! they wēre sore displeased,

16 And said unto him, Hearest thou whāt these say ? And Jē'sūs saith unto them, Yea ; have ye never rēad, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast pēr'fected praise ?

17 ¶ And he left them, and went out of the city into Bēth'a-ny ; and he lodged there.

18 Now in the morning, as he returned into the city, he hungered.

19 And when he saw a fig-tree in the way, he came to it, and found nōthing thereon, but leaves only ; and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee hēncēfōr'wārd for ever. And presently the fig-tree withered āway.

20 And when the dīscīples saw *it*, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig-tree withered āway !

21 Jē'sūs ānswēred and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and dōūbt not, ye shall not only do this *which is done* to the fig-tree, but also, if ye shall say unto this mōūn'tāin, Be thou removed, and be thou cāst into the sea, it shall be done.

22 And all things, whātsoever ye shall āsk in prayer, bēliē'ving, ye shall rēcēive.

23 ¶ And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By whāt authority doest thou these things ? and who gave thee this authority ?

24 And Jē'sūs ānswēred and said unto them, I also will āsk you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by whāt authority I do these things.

25 The baptism of Jōhn, whence was it ? from heaven, or of men ? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven ; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then bēlieve him ?

26 But if we shall say, Of men ; we fear the people ; for all hold Jōhn as a prophet.

³ ō-vūr-thrōd'.

27 And they answered Jē'sūs, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Nēither tell I you by wāt authority I do these things

28 ¶ But wāt think ye? A cēr'tain man hād two sons; and he came to the first,¹ and said, Son, go work to-day in my vineyard.

29 He answered and said, I will not: but āf'tēr wārd he repented, and went.

30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

31 Whether of them twain did the will of his fāther? They say unto him, The first. Jē'sūs saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, that the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

32 For Jōhn came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye bēliēved him not: but the publicans and the harlots bēliēved him: and ye, when ye had seen *it*, repented not āf'tēr wārd, that ye might bēlieve him.

33 ¶ Hear ānōther parable: There was a cēr'tain householder, which plānted a vineyard, and hedged it round ābout', and digged a wine-press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to hūs'bānd-mēn, and went into a far country.

34 And, when the time of the fruit² drew near, he sent his sēr'vants to the hūs'bānd-mēn, that they might receive the fruits of it.

35 And the hūs'bānd-mēn took his sēr'vants, and beat one, and killed ānōther, and stoned ānōther.

36 Āgain', he sent other sēr'vants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.

37 But lāst of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.

38 But when the hūs'bānd-mēn saw the son, they said āmōng themselves, This is the heir;³ come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance:

39 And they caught him, and cāst him out of the vineyard, and slew him.

40 When the lord, thērē'fore, of the vineyard cometh, wāt will he do unto those hūs'bānd-mēn?

41 They say unto him, He will miserably destrōy' those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other hūs'bānd-mēn, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

42 Jē'sūs saith unto them, Did ye never rēad in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

43 Thērē'fore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone, shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

45 And when the chief priests and Phār'i-sēes had hēard his parables, they pēr'cēived that he spake of them.

46 But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.

CHAP. XXII.

AND Jē'sūs answered and spake unto them āgain' by parables, and said,

2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a cēr'tain king, which made a mär'räage⁴ for his son,

3 And sent forth his sēr'vants to call them that wēre bidden to the wedding; and they would not come.

4 Āgain' he sent forth other sēr'vants, saying, Tell them which āre bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fatlings āre killed, and all things āre rēady: come unto the mär'räage.

5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, ānōther to his mēr'c'hāndise:

6 And the remnant took his sēr'vants, and entreated them spite'fully, and slew them.

7 But when the king hēard thērēof, he was wroth; and he sent forth his armies and destrōy'ed those murderers, and burned up their city.

8 Then saith he to his sēr'vants, The wedding is rēady, but they which wēre bidden, wēre not worthy.

9 Go ye thērē'fore into the highways, and, as many as ye shall find, bid to the mär'räage.

10 Sō those sēr'vants went out into the highways, and gāthered tōgēther all, as many as they found, both bad and good; and the wedding was furnished with guēsts.

11 ¶ And when the king came in to see the guēsts, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding gārmēt;

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither, not having a wedding gārmēt? and he was speechless.

13 Then saith the king to the sēr'vants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him āway, and cāst him into outer dārkness; there shall be weeping and gnāsh'ing of teeth.

14 For many āre called, but few āre chosen.

15 ¶ Then went the Phār'i-sēes and took counsel how they might entangle him in his tālk.

16 And they sent out unto him their discīples, with the Hē-rō'di-ānš, saying, Mā'ster, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, nēither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the pērson of men.

17 Tell us, thērē'fore, Wāt thinkest

¹ fūrst.

² frōdt. u long after r sounds like ðð.

³ āre.

⁴ mär'rädje.

thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Cē'sār, or not?

18 But Jē'sūs pērcēived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye h̄yp'ocrites?

19 Show me the tribute-mōney. And they brought unto him a penny.

20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and supēscrip'tion?

21 They say unto him, Cē'sār's. Then saith he unto them, Render, thērc'fore, unto Cē'sār the things which āre Cē'sār's; and unto God the things that āre God's.

22 When they had hēard *these words*, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

23 The same day came to him the Sād'du-cēēs, which say, that there is no resurrection, and asked him.

24 Saying, Mā'ster, Mō'sēs said, If a man die, having no children, his brōther shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brōther.

25 Now there wēre with us seven brēthren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and having no issue, left his wife unto his brōther:

26 Likewise the second also, and the third unto the seventh.

27 And last of all the wom'an died also.

28 Thērc'fore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

29 Jē'sūs answered and said unto them, Ye do ērr, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

30 For in the resurrection they nēither marry, nor āre given in mār'riage, but āre as the āngels of God in heaven.

31 But as touch'ing the resurrection of the dead, have ye not rēad that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,

32 I am the God of Ā'bra-hām, and the God of Ī'sāaq, and the God of Jā'cōb? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

33 And when the multitude hēard *this*, they wēre astonished at his dōc'trine.

34 ¶ But when the Phār'i-sēēs had hēard that he had put the Sād'du-cēēs to silence, they wēre gāth'ered togēther.

35 Then one of them, *which was* a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,

36 Mā'ster, which is the great cōmmānd'mēnt in the law?

37 Jē'sūs said unto him, Thou shalt lōve the Lord thy God with all thy nēart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great cōmmānd'mēnt.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt lōve thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On these two cōmmānd'mēnts hang all the law and the prophets.

1 ān'sūr.

41 ¶ While the Phār'i-sēēs wēre gāth'ered togēther, Jē'sūs asked them,

42 Saying, Whāt think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, *The sun of Dā'vid*.

43 He saith unto them, How then dōth Dā'vid in spirit call him Lord, saying,

44 The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?

45 If Dā'vid then call him Lord, how is he his son?

46 And no man was able to ān'swer^t him a word, nēither durst any man from that day forth āsk him any more questions.

CHAP. XXIII.

THEN spake Jē'sūs to the multitude, and to his disciples,

2 Saying, The scribes and the Phār'i-sēēs sit in Mō'sēs' seat.

3 All thērc'fore whātsoever they bid you ob'serve, *that* ob'serve and do; but do not ye āfter their works: for they say, and do not.

4 For they bind heavy burdens and griēv'ous to be borne, and lay *them* on men's shoulders; but they *themselves* will not move them with one of their fingers.

5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylāc'tēriēs, and enlarge the borders of their gārments,

6 And lōve the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the s̄yn'agōgues,

7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rāb'bi, Rāb'bi.

8 But be not ye called Rāb'bi; for one is your Mā'ster, *even* Christ, and all ye āre brēthren.

9 And call no man your fāther upon the ēarth; for one is your Fā'ther, which is in heaven.

10 Nēither be ye called māsters: for one is your Mā'ster, *even* Christ.

11 But he that is greatest āmōng you shall be your sērvant.

12 And whosoever shall exālt himself shall be ābāsed; and he that shall kūm'ble himself shall be exālted

13 ¶ But wo unto you, scribes and Phār'i-sēēs, h̄yp'ocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven āgainst' men: for ye nēither go in *yourselves*, nēither suffer ye them that āre entering to go in.

14 Wo unto you, scribes and Phār'i-sēēs, h̄yp'ocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: thērc'fore ye shall receive the greater dāmnation.

15 Wo unto you, scribes and Phār'i-sēēs, h̄yp'ocrites! for ye cōm'pāss sea and land to make one prōs'elyte; and when he is made, ye make him two-fold more the child of hell than yourselves.

16 Wo unto you, ye blind guides! *which* say, Whosoever shall swear by the tom-

ple, it is nóthing : but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor.

17 Ye fools, and blind ! for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold ?

18 And whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nóthing : but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.

19 Ye fools, and blind ! for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift ?

20 Whoso, thèrefore, shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon.

21 And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein.

22 And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

23 Wo unto you, scribes and Phär'i-sëes, hÿp'ocrites ! for ye pay tithé of mint, and anise, and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mércy, and faith : these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

24 Ye blind guides ! which strain at a gnät, and swallow a camel.

25 Wo unto you, scribes and Phär'i-sëes, hÿp'ocrites ! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

26 Thou blind Phär'i-sëe ! cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

27 Wo unto you, scribes and Phär'i-sëes, hÿp'ocrites ! for ye are like unto whited sêp'ulchres, which indeed appear beau'tifül öutwärd, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of ail uncleanness.

28 Even so ye also öutwärdly appear righteous unto men, but within, ye are full of hypöc'risy and inïq'uity.²

29 Wo unto you, scribes and Phär'i-sëes, hÿp'ocrites ! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sêp'ulchres of the righteous,

30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.

32 Fill ye up then the mēas'üre of your fathers.

33 Ye sêrpents, ye generation of vipers ! how can ye escape the damnation of hell ?

34 ¶ Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes : and some of them ye shall kill and crü'cifÿ ;³ and some of them shall ye scourge in your

sÿn'agögues, and përsécute them from city to city :

35 That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Ábël unto the blood of Zäch-a-rí'äs, son of Bär-a-çhí'äs, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

37 O Jē-rū'sa-lēm, Jē-rū'sa-lēm, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee : how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not !

38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blës'sed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

CHAP. XXIV.

AND Jē'süs went out, and departed from the temple ; and his disciples came to him, for to show him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jē'süs said unto them, See ye not all these things ? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 ¶ And as he sat upon the mount of Öl'ives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be ? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world ?

4 And Jē'süs answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ ; and shall deceive many.⁴

6 And ye shall hear of wärs, and rumours of wärs : see that ye be not troubled : for all these things must come to päss, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise ägainst nation, and kingdom ägainst kingdom : and there shall be fäm'ines, and pestilences, and earth'quäkes, in dï'vers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you : and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

20 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12 And because inïq'uity shall äböünd, the löve of many shall wax cold.

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14 And this gös'pël of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations ; and then shall the end come.

¹gytdz.

²in-ik'kwe-te.

³kröd'se-fi.

⁴mēn'ne.

15 When ye thērefōre shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Dān'i-ēl¹ the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso rēadeth, let him understand.)

16 Then let them which be in Jū-dē'ā flee into the môûn'tāins :

17 Let him which is on the house-top not come down to take any thing out of his house :

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clōthes.

19 And wo unto them that āre with child, and to them that give suck in those days !

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, nēither on the sabbath-day :

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the wōrld to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved : but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Chrīst, or there : believe it not.

24 For there shall arise false Chrīsts, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wōnders ; insomuch, that, (if it wēre possible,) they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore, if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the dēs'ert ; go not forth : Behold, he is in the secret chambers ; believe it not.

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west ; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

28 For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gāthered togēther.

29 ¶ Immediately āfter the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken :

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven : and then shall all the tribes of the ēarth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his āngels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gāther togēther his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

32 ¶ Now lēarn a parable of the fig-tree : When his brānch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh :

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pāss, till all these things be fulfilled

35 Heaven and ēarth shall pāss āwāy, but my words shall not pāss āwāy.

36 ¶ But of that day and hour knoweth no man ; no, not the āngels of heaven, but my Fā'ther only.

37 But as the days of Nō'e wēre, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

38 For as in the days that wēre before the flood, they wēre eating and drinking, marrying and giving in mār'riage, until the day that Nō'e entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came and took them all āwāy ; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

40 Then shall two be in the field ; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 Two wom'en shall be grīnd'ing at the mill ; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

42 ¶ Wātch² thērefōre ; for ye know not whāt hour your Lord dōth come.

43 But know this, that if the good man of the house had known in whāt wātch the thiēf would come, he would have wātch'ed, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

44 Thērefōre be ye also rēady : for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son o' Man cometh.

45 Who then is a faithful and wise sērvant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season ?

46 Blēs'sed is that sērvant, whom his lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing.

47 Verily I say unto you, that he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

48 But and if that evil sērvant shall say in his hēart, My lord delayeth his coming ;

49 And shall begin to smite his fellow-sērvants, and to eat and drink with the drunken ;

50 The lord of that sērvant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not āwāre of,

51 And shall cut him āsūn'der, and appoint him his pōrtion with the hÿp'ocrites : there shall be weeping and gnāsh'ing of teeth.

CHAP. XXV.

THEN shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten vir'gīnš,³ which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them wēre wise, and five wēre foolish.

3 They that wēre foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them :

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh ; go ye out to meet him.

7 Then all those vir'gīnš ārōse, and trimmed their lamps.

¹ Dān'y-ēl, or Dān'e-ēl.

² wōtsh.

³ vēr'jīnz.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out

9 But the wise answered, saying, *Not so*; lest there be not enough for us and you; but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut.

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13 Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.

14 ¶ For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability: and straightway took his journey.

16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

18 But he that had received one, went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

20 And so he that had received five talents came, and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained besides them five talents more.

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

22 He also that had received two talents came, and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents besides them.

23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

24 Then he which had received the one talent came, and said, Lord, I knew thee, that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strewed: 1

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not and gather where I have not strewed

1 *strewed*

27 Thou oughtest, therefore, to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

28 Take, therefore, the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

29 For unto every one that hath, shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not, shall be taken away even that which he hath.

30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

31 ¶ When the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats;

33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For I was a hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee a hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer, and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

42 For I was a hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink;

43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee a hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

46 And these shall go away into everlasting

ting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal.

CHAP. XXVI.

AND it came to pass, when Jē'sūs had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples,

2 Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of Man is betrayed to be crucified.

3 ¶ Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,¹

4 And consulted that they might take Jē'sūs by subtlety,² and kill him.

5 But they said, Not on the feast-day, lest there be an uproar among the people.

6 ¶ Now when Jē'sūs was in Beth'an-y, in the house of Simon the leper,

7 There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat.

8 But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste?

9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

10 When Jē'sūs understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.

11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.

12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial.

13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

14 ¶ Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,

15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

17 ¶ Now, the first day of the feast of unleavened bread, the disciples came to Jē'sūs, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?

18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

19 And the disciples did as Jē'sūs had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

20 Now, when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.

21 And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, That one of you shall betray me.

22 And they were exceeding sorrowful,

and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?

23 And he answered and said,⁴ He that dipperth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

24 The Son of Man goeth, as it is written of him: but wo unto that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

25 Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.

26 ¶ And, as they were eating, Jē'sūs took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

30 ¶ And when they had sung a hymn they went out into the mount of Olives.

31 Then saith Jē'sūs unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night; for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.

32 But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.

33 Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended.

34 Jē'sūs said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

35 Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

36 ¶ Then cometh Jē'sūs with them unto a place called Geth-sem'a-ne, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

37 And he took with him Peter, and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

39 And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.

40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What! could ye not watch with me one hour?

41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

1 Kā'ya-fās

2 sūt'il-te.

3 bin

4 sēd.

5 frōdt.

42 He went āway āgain' the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Fā'ther, if this cup may not pās āway from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

43 And he came and found them āslēep āgain' : for their eyes wēre heavy.

44 And he left them, and went āway āgain', and prayed the thīrd time, saying the same words.

45 Then cometh he to his dīscīples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest : behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 Rise, let us be going ; behold, he is at hand that dōth betray me.

47 ¶ And while he yet spake, lo, Jū'dās, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swōrds and staves from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he : hold him fāst.

49 And forthwith he came to Jē'sūs, and said, Hail, Mā'ster, and kissed him.

50 And Jē'sūs said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come ? Then came they and laid hands on Jē'sūs, and took him.

51 And, behold, one of them which wēre with Jē'sūs, stretched out his hand, and drew his swōrd, and struck a sērvant of the high priest, and smote off his ear.

52 Then said Jē'sūs unto him, Put up āgain' thy swōrd into his place : for all they that take the swōrd shall perish with the swōrd.

53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Fā'ther, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of āngels ?

54 But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be ?

55 In that same hour said Jē'sūs to the multitudes, Are ye come out against a thief, with swōrds and staves for to take me ? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.

56 But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the dīscīples forsook him and fled.

57 ¶ And they that had laid hold on Jē'sūs, led him āway to Cai'a-phās² the high priest, where the scribes and the elders wēre assembled.

58 But Pē'tēr followed him āfār off, unto the high priest's pāl'āce, and went in, and sat with the sērvants, to see the end.

59 Now the chief priests and elders, and all the council, sought false witness āgainst Jē'sūs to put him to death ;

60 But found none ; yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the lāst came two false witnesses,

61 And said, This fellow said, I am able to destrōy' the temple of God, and to build it in three days.

62 And the high priest ārōse, and said unto him, Answerest thou nōthing ? what is it which these witness āgainst' thee ?

63 But Jē'sūs held his peace. And the high priest ānswered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God :

64 Jē'sūs saith unto him, Thou hast said : nevertheless, I say unto you, hereāfter shall ye see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

65 Then the high priest rent his clōthes, saying, He hath spoken blās'phēmy : what further need have we of witnesses ? Behold, now ye have heard his blās'phēmy.

66 What think ye ? They ānswered and said, He is guilty of death.

67 Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him ; and others smote him with the palm's of their hands,

68 Saying, Prōph'esy unto us, thou Christ ! Who is he that smote thee ?

69 ¶ Now Pē'tēr sat without in the pāl'āce : and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jē'sūs of Gal'ī-lēe.

70 But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest.

71 And when he was gone out into the pōrch, ānōther maid saw him, and said unto them that wēre there, This fellow was also with Jē'sūs of Nā'z'a-rēth.

72 And āgain' he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.

73 And āfter a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Pē'tēr, Surely thou also art one of them, for thy speech bewrāy'eth thee.

74 Then began he to curse and to swēār, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.³

75 And Pē'tēr remembered the words of Jē'sūs, which said unto him, Before the cock crew, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

CHAP. XXVII.

WHEN the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel āgainst' Jē'sūs to put him to death :

2 And when they had bound him, they led him āway, and delivered him to Pōn'ti-ūs⁴ Pī'lāte the gōvērnor.

3 ¶ Then Jū'dās, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought āgain' the thirty piēces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

4 Saying, I have sinned, in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us ? see thou to that.

5 And he cāst down the piēces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

6 And the chief priests took the silver

1 drōd.

2 Kā'ya-fās.

3 krōd.

4 Pōn'tshe-ūs.

pièces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the tréas'ury, because it is the price of blood.

7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potters' field, to bury strangers in.

8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

9 (Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jer'e-my the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pièces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Iſ'ra-él did value;

10 And gave them for the potters' field, as the Lord appointed me.)

11 ¶ And Jē'sūs stood before the góv'ernór; and the góv'ernór asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? and Jē'sūs said unto him, Thou sayest.

12 And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nóthing.

13 Then said Pí lâte unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?

14 And he answered him to never a word; inasmuch that the góv'ernór marvelled greatly.

15 ¶ Now at that feast the góv'ernór was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called Ba-ráb'bás.

17 There'fore, when they wére gathered together, Pí lâte said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Ba-ráb'bás, or Jē'sūs, which is called Christ?

18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

19 ¶ When he was set down on the judgment-seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nóthing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

20 But the chief priests and elders perswaded the multitude that they should ask Ba-ráb'bás, and destróy' Jē'sūs.

21 The góv'ernór answered, and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Ba-ráb'bás.

22 Pí lâte saith unto them, Whát shall I do then with Jē'sūs, which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crú'cified.¹

23 And the góv'ernór said, Why, whát evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crú'cified.

24 When Pí lâte saw that he could prevail nóthing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took wáter, and wásh'ed his hands, before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just pèrson; see ye to it.

25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

26 Then released he Ba-ráb'bás unto them; and when he had scourged Jē'sūs, he delivered him to be crucified.

27 ¶ Then the sol'dièrs of the góv'ernór took Jē'sūs into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of sol'dièrs.

28 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.

29 And when they had plát'téd a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

31 And áfter that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him áway to crú'cify him.

32 And as they came out, they found a man of Cý-ré'ne, Sí'món by name; him they compelled to bear his cross.

33 ¶ And when they wére come unto a place called Gól'go-thá, that is to say, A place of a skull,

34 They gave him vinegar to drink, mingled with gall: and, when he had tast'ed thereof, he would not drink.

35 And they crú'cified him, and parted his garments, cás'ting lots; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments ámong them, and upon my vés'ture² did they cast lots.

36 And sitting down, they wátch'ed him there;

37 And set up over his head, his accusation written. THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

38 Then wére there two thievers crú'cified with him, one on the right hand, and áno'ther on the left.

39 ¶ And they that pássed by, reviled him, wagging their heads,

40 And saying, Thou that destróy'est the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Iſ'ra-él, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believè him.

43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

44 The thievers also, which wére crú'cified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

45 ¶ Now, from the sixth hour, there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.³

46 And ábout the ninth hour, Jē'sūs cried with a loud voice, saying, É'li, É'li, lá'má sábachthá'ní? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

47 Some of them that stood there, when

¹ kròd'se-fi'd.

² vés'tshüre.

³ That is, from 12 o'clock at noon, till 3 o'clock in the

after-noon. C 2*

they heard that, said, This man calleth for Ē-lī'ās.

48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Ē-lī'ās will come to save him.

50 ¶ Jē'sūs, when he had cried again' with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain, from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept, arose,

53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

54 Now, when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jē'sūs, saw the earth quake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

55 And many women were there, beholding afar off, which followed Jē'sūs from Gāl'i-lēe, ministering unto him:

56 Among which was Mā'ry Māg-da-lē'ne, and Mā'ry the mother of James and Jō'sēs, and the mother of Zēb'e-dee's children.

57 ¶ When the even was come, there came a rich man of Ār-i-ma-thē'ā, named Jō'sēph, who also himself was Jē'sūs' disciple:

58 He went to Pilāte, and begged the body of Jē'sūs. Then Pilāte commān'ded the body to be delivered.

59 And when Jō'sēph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sēp'ulchre, and departed.

61 And there was Mā'ry Māg-da-lē'ne, and the other Mā'ry, sitting over against the sēp'ulchre.

62 ¶ Now, the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Phā'r'i-sēes came together unto Pilāte,

63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again'.

64 Commān'd' there'fore, that the sēp'ulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

65 Pilāte said unto them, Ye have a watch; go your way, make it as sure as ye can.

66 So they went, and made the sēp'ulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

CHAP. XXVIII.

IN the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn towards the first day of the week, came Mā'ry Māg-da-lē'ne, and the other Mā'ry, to see the sēp'ulchre.

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jē'sūs, which was crucified.

6 He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples, that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Gāl'i-lēe; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

8 And they departed quickly from the sēp'ulchre, with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

9 ¶ And, as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jē'sūs met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then said Jē'sūs unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren, that they go into Gāl'i-lēe, and there shall they see me.

11 ¶ Now, when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and showed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,

13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

16 ¶ Then the eleven disciples went away into Gāl'i-lēe, into a mountain where Jē'sūs had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 ¶ And Jē'sūs came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK.

CHAPTER I.

THE beginning of the gōs'pēl of Jē'sūs Christ, the Son of God ;

2 As it is written in the prophets. Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

5 And there went out unto him all the land of Jū-de'a, and they of Je-rū'sa-lēm, and wēre all baptized of him in the river of Jōr dan, confessing their sins.

6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a gir'dle¹ of a skin about his loins ; and he did eat locusts and wild honey ;

7 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I āfter me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not wōrthy to stoop down and unlōose.

8 I indeed have baptized you with wāter ; but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

9 And it came to pās in those days, that Jē'sūs came from Nāz'a-rēth of Gāl'i-lēe, and was baptized of Jōhn in Jōr dan.

10 And straightway coming up out of the wāter, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spīr'it like a dōve, dēscēn'ding upon him :

11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

12 ¶ And immediately the spirit driveth him into the wilderness.

13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days tempted of Sā'tān ; and was with the wild beasts ; and the āngels ministered unto him.

14 ¶ Now, āfter that Jōhn was put in prison, Jē'sūs came into Gāl'i-lēe, preaching the gōs'pēl of the kingdom of God,

15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand : repent ye, and believe the gōs'pēl.

16 ¶ Now, as he wālked by the sea of Gāl'i-lēe, he saw Si'mōn, and Ān'drew² his brōther, cās'ting a net into the sea : (for they wēre fishers.)

17 And Jē'sūs said unto them, Come ye āfter me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

18 And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.

19 And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zēb'e-dēe,

and Jōhn his brōther, who also wēre in the ship mending their nets.

20 And straightway he called them : and they left their father Zēb'e-dēe in the ship with the hired sērvants, and went āfter him.

21 And they went into Ča-pēr'na-um : and straightway on the sabbath-day, he entered into the sŷn'agogue, and taught.

22 And they wēre astonished at his doctrine : for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

23 ¶ And there was in their sŷn'agogue a man with an unclean spirit ; and he cried out,

24 Saying, Let us ālōne : whāt have we to do with thee, thou Jē'sūs of Nāz'areth ? art thou come to destrōy us ? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

25 And Jē'sūs rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him :

27 And they wēre all āmāzed, insomuch that they question'd āmōng themselves, saying, Whāt thing is this ? whāt new doctrine is this ? for with authority cōmmān'deth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

28 And immediately his fame spread ābrōād throughout all the region round ābout Gāl'i-lēe.

29 ¶ And forthwith, when they wēre come out of the sŷn'agōgue, they entered into the house of Si'mōn and Ān'drew, with Jāmes and Jōhn.

30 But Si'mōn's wife's mōther lay sick of a fever, and ānōn' they tell him of her.

31 And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up ; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

32 ¶ And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that wēre diseased, and them that wēre possēss'ed with devils.

33 And all the city was gāthered together at the door.

34 And he healed many that wēre sick of dī'vers diseases, and cāst out many devils : and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

35 ¶ And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

36 And Si'mōn, and they that wēre with him, followed āfter him.

37 And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee.

38 And he said unto them, Let us go

¹ gēr'dl.

² Ān'drōd

into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for thèrefore came I forth.

39 And he preached in their sȳn'agōgues throughout all Gāl'ī-lēē, and cāst out devils.

40 ¶ And there came a lēper to him, beseeching him, and knēel'ing down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

41 And Jē'sūs, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touch'ed him, and saith unto him, I will: be thou clean.

42 And, as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

43 And he straitly charg'ed him, and forthwith sent him āwāy;

44 And saith unto him, See thou say nōthing to any man: but go thy way, show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Mō'sēs cōmmand'ed, for a tēs'timōny unto them.

45 But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze ābroād the matter, insomuch that Jē'sūs could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in dēs'ert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

CHAP. II.

AND āgain' he entered into Ca-pēr'na-ūm, āfter some days: and it was noised that he was in the house.

2 And straightway man'y¹ wēre gāthēred togēther, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as ābout' the door; and he preached the word unto them.

3 ¶ And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was bōrne of four.

4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they ūncōv'ered the roof where he was; and, when they had broken it up, they let down the bed whereīn the sick of the palsy lay.

5 When Jē'sūs saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

6 But there wēre cēr'tain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hēarts,

7 Why dōth this man thus speak blās'phēmies? Who can forgive sins but God only?

8 And immediately when Jē'sūs percēived in his spirit, that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hēarts?

9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Ārise, and take up thy bed, and walk?

10 But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on ēarth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy),

11 I say unto thee, Ārise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

12 And immediately he ārōse, took up

the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they wēre all āmāzed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

13 And he went forth āgain' by the seaside; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them.

14 And as he pāss'ed by, he saw Lē'vī, the son of Āl-phē'ūs, sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he ārōse, and followed him.

15 ¶ And it came to pāss, that, as Jē'sūs sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also togēther with Jē'sūs and his discip'les: for there wēre many, and they followed him.

16 And when the scribes and Phār'i-sēēs saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his discip'les, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?

17 When Jē'sūs hēard it, he saith unto them, They that āre whole have no need of the physician, but they that āre sick: I came not to call the righ'teōūs,² but sinners to repentance.

18 ¶ And the discip'les of Jōhn and of the Phār'i-sēēs used to fāst: and they come, and say unto him, Why do the discip'les of Jōhn, and of the Phār'i-sēēs fāst, but thy discip'les fāst not?

19 And Jē'sūs said unto them, Can the children of the brīde'chāmbēr fāst while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fāst.

20 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken āwāy from them, and then shall they fāst in those days.

21 No man also sew'eth³ a piēce of new cloth on an old gārment; else the new piēce that filled it up, taketh āwāy from the old, and the rent is made wōrse.

22 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine dōth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be mārred: but new wine must be put into new bottles.

23 ¶ And it came to pāss that he went through the corn fiēlds on the sabbath-dāy; and his discip'les began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn.

24 And the Phār'i-sēēs said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath-dāy that which is not lawful?

25 And he said unto them, Have ye never rēad whāt Dā'vid did, when he had need, and was ā hungered, he, and they that wēre with him?

26 How he went into the house of God in the days of Ā-bī'a-thār the high priest, and did eat the shōw'brēad, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which wēre with him?

27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

¹ mēn'ne.

² rī'tshe-ūs.

³ sō'eth.

28 Thēre'fore the Son of Man is Lord also of the sǎb' bath.

CHAP. III.

AND he entered āgain' into the sŷn' a-gogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand.

2 And they wāteh'ed him, whether he would heal him on the sǎb' bath-dāy; that they might accuse him.

3 And he saith¹ unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth.

4 And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sǎb' bath-dāy, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? but they held their peace.

5 And when he had looked round ābout' on them with anger, being griēved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

6 ¶ And the Phǎr'ī-sēēs went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Hē-rō'-dī-ānŷ āgainst' him, how they might dēstrōy' him.

7 But Jē'sūs withdrew² himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Gāl'i-lēē followed him, and from Jū-dē'ā,

8 And from Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and from Īd-u-mē'ā, and from beyōnd Jōr'dān; and they ābout' Tŷre and Sī'dōn, a great multitude, when they had hēard whāt great things he did, came unto him.

9 And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him, because of the multitude, lēst they should throng him:

10 For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plāgues.

11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

12 And he straitly chārged them that they should not make him known.

13 ¶ And he goeth up into a mōūn'tāin, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him.

14 And he ōrdāin'ed twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,

15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cāst out devils:

16 And Sīmōn he surnamed Pē'tēr;

17 And Jāmes the son of Zēb'e-dēē, and Jōhn the brōther of Jāmes, (and he surnamed them Bō-a-nēr'ges, which is, The sons of thunder:)

18 And Ān'drew, and Phīl'ip, and Bār-thōl'o-mew, and Māt'thew, and Thōm'ās, and Jāmes the son of Āl-phē'ūs, and Thād-dē'ūs, and Sīmōn the Čān'aān-ite,³

19 And Jū'dās Is-čār'i-ōt, which also betrayed him: and they went into a house.

20 ¶ And the multitude cometh togēther

āgain', so that they could not so much as eat bread.

21 And when his friends hēard of it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself.

22 ¶ And the scribes which came down from Jē-rū'sa-lēm, said, He hath Bē-ēl'ze-būb, and by the prince of the devils cās'teth he out devils.

23 And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Sā'tān cāst out Sā'tān?

24 And if a kingdom be divided āgainst' itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25 And if a house be divided āgainst' itself, that house cannot stand.

26 And if Sā'tān rise up āgainst' himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

27 No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.

28 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blās'phēmīēs wherewithsoever they shall blās'phēmē':

29 But he that shall blās'phēmē' āgainst' the Holy Ghōst hath never forgiveness, but is in dānger of etērnal damnation;

30 Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

31 ¶ There came then his brēthren and his mōther, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him.

32 And the multitude sat ābout' him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mōther and thy brēthren without seek for thee.

33 And he ānswered them, saying, Who is my mōther, or my brēthren?

34 And he looked round ābout' on them which sat ābout' him, and said, Behold my mōther and my brēthren!

35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brōther, and my sister, and mōther.

CHAP. IV.

AND he began āgain' to teach by the sea-side: and there was gāthered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea, on the land.

2 And he taught them many things by parables, and said⁴ unto them in his dōē-trīne,

3 Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow.

4 And it came to pāss, as he sowed, some fell by the way-side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much ēarth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of ēarth:

6 But when the sun was up, it was

1 sēth. 2 wīth-drōd'.

3 Kān'nān-ite. 4 sēd.

scorched; and, because it had no root, it withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.¹

8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up, and increased, and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some a hundred.

9 And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

10 ¶ And when he was alone, they that were about him, with the twelve, asked of him the parable :

11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mys'tery of the kingdom of God : but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables :

12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear and not understand : lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable ? and how then will ye know all parables ?

14 ¶ The sower soweth the word.

15 And these are they by the way-side, where the word is sown ; but, when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground ; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness ;

17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time : affliction, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

18 And these are they which are sown among thorns ; such as hear the word,

19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things, entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

20 And these are they which are sown on good ground ; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirty-fold, some sixty, and some a hundred.

21 ¶ And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed, and not to be set on a candlestick ?

22 For there is nothing hid which shall not be manifested ; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

23 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

24 And he saith unto them, Take heed what ye hear, with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you : and unto you that hear shall more be given.

25 For he that hath, to him shall be given

¹ frödt.

en : and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

26 ¶ And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground ;

27 And should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself ; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

30 ¶ And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God ? or with what comparison shall we compare it ?

31 It is like a grain of mustard-seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth :

32 But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches : so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

33 And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it.

34 But without a parable spake he not unto them ; and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

35 ¶ And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

36 And, when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow : and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish ?

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind ; and said unto the sea, Peace, be still : and the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful ? how is it that ye have no faith ?

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him ?

CHAP. V.

AND they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gad-a-rænes'.

2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him, out of the tombs, a man with an unclean spirit,

3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs ; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains

4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked ašun' der by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.

5 And always, night and day, he was in the moun'tains, and in the tombs, crying and cutting himself with stones.

6 But when he saw Jē'sūs a'far off, he ran and wór'shipped him,

7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, Whát have I to do with thee, Jē'sūs, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

8 (For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.)

9 And he asked him, Whát is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Lē'gion: for we are many.

10 And he besought him much, that he would not send them áway out of the country.

11 Now, there was there, nigh unto the moun'tains, a great hērd of swine feeding.

12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

13 And forthwith Jē'sūs gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine; and the hērd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they wēre ábout' two thousand;) and wēre choked in the sea.

14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see whát it was that was done.

15 And they come to Jē'sūs, and see him that was pōššess'ed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they wēre áfráid.

16 And they that saw it, told them how it befell to him that was pōššess'ed with the devil, and also concērn'ing the swine.

17 And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.

18 And, when he was come into the ship, he that had been pōššess'ed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.

19 Howbeit, Jē'sūs suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

20 And he departed, and began to publish in Dē-çáp'o-lis,* how great things Jē'sūs had done for him: and all men did marvel.

21 ¶ And when Jē'sūs was pászsed over ágain' by ship unto the other side, much people gáth'ered unto him; and he was nigh unto the sea.

22 And, behold, there cometh one of the

rulers of the sýn'agōgue, Já'i-rūs¹ by name; and, when he saw him, he fell at his feet,

23 And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed, and she shall live.

24 And Jē'sūs went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.

25 ¶ And a cēr'tain wom'an, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nóthing bettered, but rather grew² wórse,

27 When she had hēard of Jē'sūs, came in the press behind, and touched his garment:

28 For she said, If I may touč but his clothes, I shall be whole.

29 And straightway the fōun'tain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plāgue.

30 And Jē'sūs, immediately knowing in himself, that vir'tue³ had gone out of him, turned him ábout' in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, who touched me?

32 And he looked round ábout' to see her that had done this thing.

33 But the wom'an, fearing and trembling, knowing whát was done in her, came, and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

34 And he said unto her, Dāugh'ter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plāgue.

35 ¶ While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the sýn'agōgue's house cēr'tain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the M'à'ster any further?

36 As soon as Jē'sūs hēard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the sýn'agōgue, Be not áfráid, only believe.

37 And he suffered no man to follow him, save Pē'tér, and James, and Jōhn the bróther of James.

38 And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the sýn'agōgue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.

39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ádò, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.

40 And they làugh'ed⁴ him to scorn: but when he had put them all out, he taketh the fàther and the móther of the damsel, and them that wēre with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.

41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Tál'i-thā Çu'm; which

* Ten-Cities on the east side of the Lake Jēn-něš'a-rēth. ¹ Já'e-rūs. ² gròd.

³ vēr'tshū.

⁴ làf'ed.

is, being *intēr'prēted*, Damsel, (I say unto thee,) *āriṣe*.

42 And straightway the damsel *ārōse*, and walked; for she was *of the age* of twelve years. And they wēre astonished with a great astonishment.

43 And he chārged them straitly that no man should know it; and cōmmān'ded that something should be given her to eat.

CHAP. VI.

AND he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him.

2 And when the sabbath-day was come, he began to teach in the *syn'gogue*: and many, hearing *him*, wēre astonished, saying, From whence hath this *mun* these things? and whāt wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works *āre wrought* by his hands?

3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mā'ry, the brōther of Jāmes and Jō'sēs, and of Jūdā, and Sīmōn? and *āre not his sisters* here with us? And they wēre offended at him.

4 But Jē'sūs said unto them, A prophet is not without *hōn'our*, but in his own country, and *āmōng his own kin*, and in his own house.

5 And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed *them*.

6 And he marvelled, because of their *un-belief*. And he went round *ābout* the villages, *teaching*.

7 ¶ And he calleth *unto him* the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits:

8 And cōmmān'ded them that they should take *nōthing* for *their* journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no mōney in *their* purse;

9 But *be shod* with sandals; and not put on two coats.

10 And he said unto them, In whāt place soever ye enter into a house, there *ābide* till ye depart from that place.

11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a *tēs'timōny* *āgainst* them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sōd'om and Gōmōr'rah, in the day of judgment, than for that city.

12 And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

13 And they cāst out many devils, and *ānōin'ted* with oil many that wēre sick, and healed *them*.

14 ¶ And king Hēr'od heard of *him*; (for his name was spread *ābroād*;) and he said, That Jōhn the Bāp'tist was risen from the dead, and *thēre'fore* mighty works do show forth themselves in him.

15 Others said, That it is *E-lī'ās*. And

¹ *vīl'ūd-jīz*.

others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets.

16 ¶ But when Hēr'od heard *thereof*, he said,² It is Jōhn, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead.

17 For Hēr'od himself had sent forth and laid hold upon Jōhn, and bound him in prison for Hē-rō'di-ās' sake, his brōther Phil'ip's wife; for he had married her.

18 For Jōhn had said unto Hēr'od, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brōther's wife.

19 Thēre'fore Hē-rō'di-ās had a quārel *āgainst* him, and would have killed him; but she could not.

20 For Hēr'od feared Jōhn, knowing that he was a just man, and a holy, and *ōbšerv'ed* him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

21 And when a convenient day was come, that Hēr'od, on his birth'day,³ made a supper to his lords, high cāp'tains, and chief *estātes*' of Gal'i-lēe;

22 And when the daughter of the said Hē-rō'di-ās came in, and dānced, and pleased Hēr'od, and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, *Ask* of me whātsoever thou wilt, and I will give *it* thee.

23 And he sware unto her, Whātsoever thou shalt *āsk* of me, I will give *it* thee, unto the half of my kingdom.

24 And she went forth, and said unto her mōther, Whāt shall I *āsk*? And she said, The head of Jōhn the Bāp'tist.

25 And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and *āsked*, saying, I will that thou give me, by and by, in a chārger, the head of Jōhn the Bāp'tist.

26 And the king was exceeding sorry; *yet* for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her.

27 And immediately the king sent an executioner, and cōmmān'ded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison;

28 And brought his head in a chārger, and gave it to the damsel; and the damsel gave it to her mōther.

29 And when his disciples heard of *it*, they came and took up his cōrpse, and laid it in a tomb.

30 ¶ And the *apostles* gathered themselves together unto Jē'sūs, and told him all things, both whāt they had done, and whāt they had taught.

31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves *āpart* into a *dēs'ert* place, and rest a while: for there wēre many coming and going, and they had no *lēi'sure* so much as to eat.

32 And they departed into a *dēs'ert* place by ship privately.

33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran *āfoot*' thither

² *sēd*.

³ *bērt'h-dā*.

out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him.

34 ¶ And Je'sūs, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion to'ward them, because they wēre as sheep not having a shēp'hērd; and he began to teach them many things.

35 And when the day was now far spent, his discip'les came unto him, and said, This is a des'ert place, and now the time is far passed:

36 Send them āway, that they may go into the country round ābout', and into the vil'lages,¹ and buy themselves bread: for they have nōthing to eat.

37 He ānswered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pen'ny-wōrth of bread, and give them to eat?

38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

39 And he cōmmān'ded them to make all sit down by cōm'panies upon the green grāss.

40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

41 And, when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blēss'ed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his discip'les to set before them; and the two fishes divided he āmong them all.

42 And they did all eat, and wēre filled.

43 And they took up twelve bāskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.

44 And they that did eat of the loaves wēre ābout' five thousand men.

45 ¶ And straightway he cōnstrāin'ed his discip'les to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bēth-sā'i-dā, while he sent āway the people.

46 And when he had sent them āway, he departed into a mōūn'tain to pray.

47 And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he ālōne on the land.

48 And he saw them toiling in rowing: (for the wind was contrary unto them:) and ābout' the fourth wātch of the night he cometh unto them, wālk'ing upon the sea, and would have passed by them.

49 But, when they saw him wālk'ing upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out:

50 (For they all saw him, and wēre troubled:) And immediately he tālked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; he not āfrāid.

51 And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they wēre sore āmāzed in themselves beyōnd mēas'ure, and wōndered.

52 For they considered not the miracle

of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.

53 ¶ And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Ġēn-nēs'a-rēt, and drew to the shore.

54 And, when they wēre come out of the ship, straightway they knew him,

55 And ran through that whole region round ābout', and began to carry ābout' in beds those that wēre sick, where they hēard he was.

56 And whithersoever he entered, into vil'lages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besōught him that they might tōuch, if it wēre but the border of his gārment: and as many as tōuched him wēre made whole.

CHAP. VII.

THEN came together unto him the Phār'i-sēes, and cēr'tain of the scribes, which came from Je-rū'sa-lēm.

2 And when they saw some of his discip'les eat bread with defiled (that is to say, with ūnwāsh'en) hands, they found fāult.

3 For the Phār'i-sēes, and all the Jews, except they wāsh their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

4 And when they come from the market, except they wāsh, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have rēceived to hold, as the wāsh'ing of cups, and pots, and brāzen vessels, and of tables.

5 Then the Phār'i-sēes and scribes āsked him, Why wālk not thy discip'les according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with ūnwāsh'en hands?

6 He ānswered and said unto them, Well hath Ē-sā'i-ās² prōph'esied of you hēp'o crītes, as it is written, This people hōn'ōureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

7 Howbeit, in vain do they wōr'ship me, teaching for dōc'trīnes the cōmmān'mēnts of men.

8 For laying āside the cōmmān'mēnt of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the wāsh'ing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the cōmmān'mēnt of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

10 For Mō'sēs said, Hōn'ōūr thy fāther and thy mōther; and whoso curseth fāther or mōther, let him die the death:

11 But ye say, If a man shall say to his fāther or mōther, It is Ġōr'bān, that is to say, a gift, by whātsoever thou mightst be profited by me; he shall be free.

12 And ye suffer him no more to do āught for his fāther or his mōther;

13 Making the word of God of nōne effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

14 ¶ And, when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them,

¹ ou'lid-jiz

² Ē-sā'yds.

Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand :

15 There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him : but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.

16 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

17 And, when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable.

18 And he said unto them, Are ye so without understanding also ? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him ;

19 Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught,¹ purging all meats ?

20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness :

23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

24 ¶ And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into a house, and would have no man know it : but he could not be hid.

25 For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet :

26 (The woman was a Greek, a Syro-phœnician² by nation;) and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

27 But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled : for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs.

28 And she answered and said unto him, Yes,³ Lord : yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

29 And he said unto her, For this saying, go thy way ; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

30 And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

31 ¶ And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis.

32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech ; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.

33 And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue ;

34 And, looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.

35 And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.

36 And he charged them that they should tell no man : but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it :

37 And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well : he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

CHAP. VIII.

IN those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them,

2 I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat :

3 And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way : for divers of them came from far.

4 And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness ?

5 And he asked them, How many loaves have ye ? and they said, Seven.

6 And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground : and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them, and they did set them before the people.

7 And they had a few small fishes ; and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them.

8 So they did eat, and were filled : and they took up, of the broken meat that was left, seven baskets.

9 And they that had eaten were about four thousand : and he sent them away.

10 ¶ And straightway he entered into a ship with his disciples, and came into the parts of Dalmanutha.

11 And the Pharisees came forth and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him.

12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign ? Verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.

13 And he left them, and, entering into the ship again, departed to the other side.

14 ¶ Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf.

15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.

16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have no bread.

17 And, when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye because ye have no bread ? perceive ye not yet, neither understand ? have ye your heart yet hardened ?

18 Having eyes, see ye not ? and hav-

¹ draught.

² Si-ro-fe-nish-yun.

³ yis.

ing ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?

19 When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve.

20 And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven.

21 And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand?

22 ¶ And he cometh to Bēth-sā'e-dā;¹ and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw aught.

24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees walk'ing.

25 After that, he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up; and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

26 And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.

27 ¶ And Jē'sūs went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Cēs-a-re'ā Phi-lip'-pī;² and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?

28 And they answered, Jōhn the Bāp'tist: but some say Ē-lī'ās; and others, One of the prophets.

29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Pē'tēr answereth, and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.

30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

31 ¶ And he began to teach them, that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 And he spake that saying openly. And Pē'tēr took him, and began to rebuke him.

33 But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Pē'tēr, saying, Get thee behind me, Sā'tān: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

34 ¶ And when he had called the people unto him, with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

35 For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life, for my sake and the gōs'pēl's, the same shall save it.

36 For whāt shall it profit a man, if he should gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

37 Or whāt shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

38 Whosoever, thēr'fore, shall be ashamed of me, and of my words, in this ādūl'terous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Fā'ther, with the holy āngels.

CHAP. IX.

AND he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

2 ¶ And, after six days, Jē'sūs taketh with him Pē'tēr, and James, and Jōhn, and leadeth them up into a high mōūn'tāin āpart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

3 And his raiment became shī'nīng, exceeding white as snow, so as no fuller on earth can white them.

4 And there appeared unto them Ē-lī'ās, with Mō'sēs: and they wēre tālk'ing with Jē'sūs.

5 And Pē'tēr answered and said to Jē'sūs, Mā'ster, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tāb'ernacles; one for thee, and one for Mō'sēs, and one for Ē-lī'ās.

6 For he wist³ not whāt to say; for they wēre sore āfraid.

7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son; hear him.

8 And suddenly, when they had looked round ābout, they saw no man any more, save Jē'sūs only with themselves.

9 And, as they came down from the mōūn'tāin, he charged them that they should tell no man whāt things they had seen, till the Son of Man wēre risen from the dead.

10 And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with ānōther whāt the rising from the dead should mean.

11 ¶ And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Ē-lī'ās must first come?

12 And he answered, and told them, Ē-lī'ās verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of Man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nōught.

13 But I say unto you, That Ē-lī'ās is indeed come, and they have done unto him whātsoever they listed, as it is written of him.

14 ¶ And, when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude ābout them, and the scribes questioning with them.

15 And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, wēre greatly āmāzed, and, running to him, sālūted him.

16 And he asked the scribes, Whāt question ye with them?

¹ Bēth-sā'e-dā.

² Fil-lip'pī is the English pronunciation.

³ know.

17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Mā'ster, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

18 And whersoever he taketh him, he teareth him; and he foameth, and gnāsh'eth with his teeth, and pineth āway: and I spake to thy disciples, that they should cāst him out; and they could not.

19 He answered him, and saith, O faithless generation! how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.

20 And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed, foaming.

21 And he asked his father, How long is it āgō since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.

22 And oft times it hath cāst him into the fire, and into the wāters, to destrōy' him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

23 Jē'sūs said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe: help thou mine ün-bē-liēf'.

25 When Jē'sūs saw that the people came running togēther, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, *Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I chārgē thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.*

26 And the spirit cried and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

27 But Jē'sūs took him by the hand and lifted him up; and he arose.

28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cāst him out?

29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nōthing, but by prayer and fāst'ing.

30 ¶ And they departed thence, and passed through Gāl'i-lēe; and he would not that any man should know it.

31 For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of Man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him: and āfter that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.

32 But they understood not that saying, and wēre āfrāid to ask him.

33 ¶ And he came to Ča-pēr'na-ūm: and, being in the house, he asked them, What was it that ye disputed āmōng yourselves by the way?

34 But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed āmōng themselves, who should be the greatest.

35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be lāst of all, and the sērvant of all.

36 And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and, when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,

37 Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receive me: and whosoever shall receive me, receive me not me, but him that sent me.

38 ¶ And Jōhn answered him, saying, Mā'ster, we saw one cās'ting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbādē' him, because he followeth not us.

39 But Jē'sūs said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.

40 For he that is not āgainst' us is on our part.

41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of wāter to drink, in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, He shall not lose his reward.

42 And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone wēre hanged ābout' his neck, and he wēre cāst into the sea.

43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

44 Where their wōrm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter hāit into life, than having two feet to be cāst into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

46 Where their wōrm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cāst into hell fire:

48 Where their wōrm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

49 For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sēc'rificē shall be salted with salt.

50 Salt is good, but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with ānōther.

CHAP. X.

AND he arose from thence, and cometh into the coasts of Jū-dē'ā by the farther side of Jōr'dān: and the people resort unto him āgain'; and as he was wont, he taught them āgain'.

2 ¶ And the Phār'i-sēes came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put āway his wife? tempting him.

3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Mō'sēs cōmmānd' you?

4 And they said, Mō'sēs suffered to

write a bill of divorc'mēnt, and to put *her* āway.

5 And Jē'sūs ānswered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heārt he wrote you this precept :

6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mōther, and cleave to his wife ;

8 And they twain shall be one flesh : so then they āre no more twain, but one flesh.

9 Whāt, therēfore, God hath joined tōgēther, let not man put āsūn'der.

10 And in the house his dīscīples āsked him āgain' of the same *matter*.

11 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put āway his wife, and marry ānōther, committeth ādul'tēry āgainst' her.

12 And if a wom'an shall put āway her hūsbānd, and be married to ānōther, she committeth ādul'tēry.

13 ¶ And they brōught young children to him, that he should tōuch them ; and *his* dīscīples rebuked those that brōught *them*.

14 But when Jē'sūs saw *it*, he was much displeas'd, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not : for of such is the kingdom of God.

15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

16 And he took them up in his arms, put *his* hands upon them, and blēss'ed them.

17 ¶ And, when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and āsked him, Good Mā'ster, whāt shall I do that I may inherit eternal life ?

18 And Jē'sūs said unto him, Why callest thou me good ? *there is none* good but one, *that is* God.

19 Thou knowest the cōmmānd'mēnts, Do not commit ādul'tēry, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear fālse witness, Defrād not, Hōn'ōur thy father and mother.

20 And he ānswered and said unto him, Mā'ster, all these have I ōbšērv'ed from my youth.

21 Then Jē'sūs beholding him, lōved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest : go thy way, sell whātsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have trēas'ure in heaven ; and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

22 And he was sad at that saying, and went āway griēved : for he had great pōss'essions.

23 ¶ And Jē'sūs looked round ābout', and saith unto his dīscīples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God !

24 And the dīscīples wēre astonished at his words. But Jē'sūs ānswereth āgain',

1 hūn'drēd not hūn'durd.

and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God !

25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

26 And they wēre astonished out of mēas'ure, saying āmōng themselves, Who then can be saved ?

27 And Jē'sūs, looking upon them, saith, With men *it is* impossible, but not with God : for with God all things āre possible.

28 ¶ Then Pē'tēr began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.

29 And Jē'sūs ānswered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brēthren, or sisters, or father, or mōther, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gōs'pēl's,

30 But he shall receive a hūn'drēd 1 fold now in this time, houses, and brēthren, and sisters, and mōthers, and children, and lands, with pērsēc'utions ; and in the wōrld to come eternal life.

31 But many *that āre* first, shall be last ; and the last first.

32 ¶ And they wēre in the way going up to Jē-rū'sa-lēm ; and Jē'sūs went before them : and they wēre āmāzed ; and, as they followed, they wēre āfrāid. And he took āgain' the twelve, and began to tell them whāt things should happen unto him,

33 *Saying*, Behold, we go up to Jē-rū'sa-lēm ; and the Son of Man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes ; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Ğēn'tiles :

34 And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him ; and the third day he shall rise āgain'.

35 ¶ And Jāmes and Jōhn, the sons of Zēb'e-dēē, come unto him, saying, Mā'ster, we would that thou shouldst do for us whātsoever we shall desire.

36 And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you ?

37 They said unto him, Grānt unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.

38 But Jē'sūs said unto them, Ye know not whāt ye āsk : can ye drink of the cup that I drink of ? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with ?

39 And they say unto him, We can. And Jē'sūs said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of ; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized :

40 But to sit on my right hand, and on my left hand, is not mine to give ; but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared.

41 And when the ten hēard *it*, they

began to be much displeas'd with James and Jöhn.

42 But Jē'sūs call'd them to *him*, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are account'd to rule over the Gēn'tiles, exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

43 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:

44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

45 For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

46 ¶ And they came to Jēr'i-chō: and as he went out of Jēr'i-chō with his discip'les, and a great number of people, blind Bār-ti-mē'ūs, the son of Ti-mē'ūs, sat by the high-way-side, begging.

47 And when he heard that it was Jē'sūs of Nāz'a-rēth, he began to cry out and say, Jē'sūs, thou son of Da'vid, have mercy on me.

48 And many charg'd him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, *Thou* son of Da'vid, have mercy on me.

49 And Jē'sūs stood still, and cōmmān'd'ed him to be call'd. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good cōmfört, rise; he calleth thee.

50 And he, cās'ting away his gārmēt, rose, and came to Jē'sūs.

51 And Jē'sūs answered and said unto him, Whāt wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.

52 And Jē'sūs said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath madethee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jē'sūs in the way.

CHAP. XI.

AND when they came nigh to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, unto Bēth'pha-gē and Bēth'a-ny, at the mount of Öl'ives, he sendeth forth two of his discip'les,

2 And saith unto them, go your way into the vil'lāge¹ over āgainst' you; and, as soon as ye be enter'd into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; lōöse him, and bring *him*.

3 And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye, that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither.

4 And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without, in a place where two ways met; and they lōöse him.

5 And cēr'tain of them that stood there, said unto them, Whāt do ye, lōō'sing the colt?

6 And they said unto them even as Jē'sūs had cōmmān'd'ed: and they let them go.

7 And they brought the colt to Jē'sūs,
¹vil'lāje.

and cāst their gārmēt's on him; and he sat upon him.

8 And many spread their gārmēt's in the way; and others cut down brānch-es off the trees, and strow'ed² *them* in the way.

9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hō-sān'nā; blēs'sed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

10 Blēs'sed be the kingdom of our fāther Da'vid, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hō-sān'nā in the highest.

11 And Jē'sūs enter'd into Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and into the temple: and when he had look'd round ābout' upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bēth'a-ny, with the twelve.

12 ¶ And on the morrow, when they wēre come from Bēth'a-ny, he was hungry:

13 And seeing a fig-tree āfār off, having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and, when he came to it, he found nōthing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet.

14 And Jē'sūs answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereāfter forever. And his discip'les heard *it*.

15 ¶ And they come to Jē-rū'sa-lēm; and Jē'sūs went into the temple, and began to cāst out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrow the tables of the mōney-chāngers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

16 And would not suffer that any man should carry *any* vessel through the temple.

17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be call'd of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thievers.

18 And the scribes and chief priests heard *it*, and sought how they might dē-strōy' him: for they fear'd him, because all the people was astonish'd at his dōc'trīne.

19 And when even was come, he went out of the city.

20 ¶ And in the morning, as they pass'd by, they saw the fig-tree dried up from the roots.

21 And Pē'tēr, calling to remembrance, saith unto him, Mā'ster, behold the fig-tree which thou curs'dst is wither'd āway.

22 And Jē'sūs ān'swering, saith unto them, Have faith in God.

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mōūn'tain, Be thou removed, and be thou cāst into the sea; and shall not dōūbt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whātsoever he saith.

24 Thērē'fōre, I say unto you, Whāt things soever ye desire when ye pray, be-
²strō'ed.

lieve that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

25 And when ye stand praying, forgive if ye have aught against any;¹ that your Fāther also which is in heaven may forgive you your trēs'pässes.

26 But if ye do not forgive, nēither will your Fāther which is in heaven forgive your trēs'pässes.

27 ¶ And they come again' to Jē-rū'salēn: and as he was walk'ing in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders.

28 And say unto him, By whāt authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?

29 And Jē'sūs answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by whāt authority I do these things.

30 The baptism of Jōhn, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me.

31 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him?

32 But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted Jōhn, that he was a prophet indeed.

33 And they answered and said unto Jē'sūs, We cannot tell. And Jē'sūs answering, saith unto them, Nēither do I tell you by whāt authority I do these things.

CHAP. XII.

AND he began to speak unto them by parables. A cēr'tain man plānted a vineyard and set a hedge about' it, and digged a place for the wine-fat, and built a tower, and let it out to hūs'bānd-mēn, and went into a far country.

2 And at the season he sent to the hūs'bānd-mēn a sērvant, that he might receive from the hūs'bānd-mēn of the fruit of the vineyard.²

3 And they caught him, and beat him, and sent him away empty.

4 And again' he sent unto them another sērvant; and at him they cast stones, and wōunded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled.

5 And again' he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating some, and killing some.

6 Having yet, thērē'fōre, one son, his well-belōved, he sent him also last unto them saying, They will reverence my son.

7 But those hūs'bānd-mēn said among themselves, This is the heir;³ come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours.

8 And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard.

9 Whāt shall, thērē'fōre, the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destrōy' the hūs'bānd-mēn, and will give the vineyard unto others.

10 And have ye not rēad this scripture, The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:

11 This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

12 And they sought to lay hold on him, but feared the people; for they knew that he had spoken the parable against' them; and they left him, and went their way.

13 ¶ And they send unto him cēr'tain of the Phār'i-sēēs, and of the Hē-rō'di-āns, to catch him in his words.

14 And, when they wēre come, they say unto him, Mā'ster, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man; for thou regardest not the pērson of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Cē'sār, or not?

15 Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypōc'risy, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I may see it.

16 And they brought it. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and sū-pēr'scrip'tion? And they said unto him, Cē'sār's.

17 And Jē'sūs answering, said unto them, Render to Cē'sār the things that are Cē'sār's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at him.

18 ¶ Then come unto him the Sād'du-cēēs, which say there is no resurrection; and they asked him, saying,

19 Mā'ster, Mō'sēs wrote unto us, If a man's brōther die, and leave his wife behind him, and leave no children, that his brōther should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brōther.

20 Now there wēre seven brēthren: and the first took a wife, and dying left no seed.

21 And the second took her, and died; nēither left he any seed: and the third likewise.

22 And the seven had her, and left no seed: last of all the wom'an died also.

23 In the resurrection, thērē'fōre, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them, for the seven had her to wife.

24 And Jē'sūs answering, said unto them, Do ye not thērē'fōre ērr because ye know not the scriptures, nēither the power of God?

25 For, when they shall rise from the dead, they nēither marry nor are given in mār'riage,⁴ but are the angels which are in heaven.

26 And as touc'h'ing the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Mō'sēs, how in the bōsh God spake unto him saying, I am the God of Ā'bra-hām, and the God of Ī'sāac, and the God of Jā'cōb?

27 He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye, thērē'fōre, do greatly ērr.

28 ¶ And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and

1 ēn'ne.

2 vīn'yērd

3 āre.

4 mār'ri'dje.

pērcēiv'ing that he had āns'wered them well, āsked him, Which is the first cōm'mānd'mēt of all ?

29 And Jē'sūs āns'wered him, The first of all the cōm'mānd'mēnts is, Hear, O Iṣ'ra-ēl ! The Lord our God is one Lord.

30 And thou shalt lōve the Lord thy God with all thy heārt, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first cōm'mānd'mēt.

31 And the second is like, *namely* this, Thou shalt lōve thy neighbour as thyself. There is nōne other cōm'mānd'mēt greater than these.

32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Mā'ster, thou hast said the truth : for there is one God ; and there is nōne other but he :

33 And to lōve him with all the heārt, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to lōve *his* neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sār'c'rif'ices.

34 And when Jē'sūs saw that he āns'wered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man āfter that durst āsk him *any* q'ues'tion.

35 ¶ And Jē'sūs āns'wered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the son of Dā'vid ?

36 For Dā'vid himself said by the Hōly Ghōst, the LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.

37 Dā'vid, thēr'e'f'ore, himself calleth him Lord ; and whence is he *then* his son ? And the common people hēard him gladly.

38 ¶ And he said unto them in his dōc't'rīne, Beware of the scribes, which lōve to go in long clōth'ing, and lōve salutations in the market places.

39 And the chief seats in the s'yn'a-gōgues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts ;

40 Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers : these shall receive greater damnation.

41 ¶ And Jē'sūs sat over āgainst' the trēas'ury, and beheld how the people cāst mōney into the trēas'ury : and many that wēre rich, cāst in much.

42 And there came a cēr'tain poor widow, and she threw ¹ in two mites, which make a farthing.

43 And he called unto him his dīsciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cāst more in than all they which have cāst into the trēas'ury :

44 For all *they* did cāst in of their ābūn'dānce ; but she of her wānt did cāst in all that she had, *even* all her living.

1 thrōd.

2 Ān'drōd.

3 Dān'y-ēl, or Dān'e-ēl.

CHAP. XIII.

AND, as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Mā'ster, see whāt manner of stones, and whāt buildings *are* here.

2 And Jē'sūs ān'swering, said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings ? there shall not be left one stone upon ānōther, that shall not be thrown down.

3 ¶ And as he sat upon the mount of Ōl'ives, over āgainst' the temple, Pē'tēr, and James, and Jōhn, and Ān'drew,² āsked him privately,

4 Tell us, when shall these things be ? and whāt shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled ?

5 And Jē'sūs ān'swering them, began to say, Take heed lēst any *man* deceive you :

6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ ; and shall deceive many.

7 And when ye shall hear of wārs, and rumours of wārs, be ye not troubled : for *such* things must needs be ; but the end shall not be yet.

8 For nation shall rise āgainst' nation, and kingdom āgainst' kingdom ; and there shall be ēarth'quakes in dī'rērs' places, and there shall be fām'ines, and trōubles ; these *are* the beginnings of sorrows.

9 ¶ But take heed to yourselves : for they shall deliver you up to councils ; and in the s'yn'agōgues ye shall be beaten ; and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a tēs'timōny āgainst them.

10 And the gōs'pēl must first be publishēd āmōng all nations.

11 But when they shall lēad *you*, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand whāt ye shall speak, nēither do ye premeditate : but whātsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye : for it is not ye that speak, but the Hōly Ghōst.

12 Now, the brōther shall betray the brōther to death, and the father the son : and children shall rise up āgainst' *their* pārents, and shall cause them to be put to death.

13 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake : but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14 ¶ But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Dān'i-ēl³ the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Jū-dē'ā flee to the mōūn'tains :

15 And let him that is on the house-top not go down into the house, nēither enter *therein*, to take any thing out of his house :

16 And let him that is in the fiēld, not turn back āgain' for to take up his garment.

17 But wo to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days !

18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.

19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation, which God created, unto this time, neither shall be.

20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved ; but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

21 And then, if any man shall say to you, lo, here is Christ ; or, lo, he is there ; believe him not :

22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

23 But take ye heed : behold, I have fore-told^d you all things.

24 ¶ But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light ;

25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

26 And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth, to the uttermost part of heaven.

28 Now learn a parable of the fig-tree ; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near :

29 So ye, in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.

30 Verily I say unto you, That this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.

31 Heaven and earth shall pass away ; but my words shall not pass away.

32 ¶ But of that day, and that hour, knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

33 Take ye heed, watch and pray : for ye know not when the time is.

34 For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

35 Watch ye, therefore : for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning :

36 Lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch.

CHAP. XIV.

AFTER two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread :

1 Beth'a-ne.

and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.

2 But they said, Not on the feast-day, lest there be an uproar of the people.

3 ¶ And being in Beth'a-ny, in the house of Si'mon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman, having an al'abaster box of ointment of spike'nard, very precious ;² and she brake the box, and poured it on his head.

4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made ?

5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her.

6 And Je'sus said, Let her alone, why trouble ye her ? she hath wrought a good work on me.

7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will, ye may do them good ; but me ye have not always.

8 She hath done what she could ; she is come afore'hånd to anoint my body to the burying.

9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gos'pel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of, for a memorial of her.

10 ¶ And Ju'das Is-car'i-ot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them.

11 And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

12 ¶ And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare, that thou mayst eat the passover ?

13 And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water : follow him.

14 And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the good man of the house, the Ma'ster saith, Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples ?

15 And he will show you a large upper room furnished and prepared : there make ready for us.

16 And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them : and they made ready the passover.

17 And in the evening he cometh with the twelve.

18 And as they sat and did eat, Je'sus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me.

19 And they began to be sorrowful, and

2 pre'sh'us.

to say unto him, one by one, *Is it I?* and another said, *Is it I?*

20 And he answered and said unto them, *It is one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish.*

21 The Son of Man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but wo to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.

22 ¶ And, as they did eat, Jē'sūs took bread, and blēss'ed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

23 And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.

24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.

25 Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

26 ¶ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

27 And Jē'sūs saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the Shēp'hērd,¹ and the sheep shall be scattered.

28 But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Gal'i-lēe.

29 But Pē'tēr said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet *will* not I.

30 And Jē'sūs saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, *even* in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.

31 But he spake the more vē'hē-mēnt-ly, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

32 ¶ And they came to a place which was named Gēth-sēm'a-ne; and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

33 And he taketh with him Pē'tēr, and James, and Jōhn, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;

34 And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and wāch.

35 And he went sōr'wārd a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed, that, if it wēre possible, the hour might pāss from him.

36 And he said, Ab'bā Fā'ther, all things are possible unto thee; take āway this cup from me: nevertheless, not wāt I will, but wāt thou wilt.

37 And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Pē'tēr, Sī'mōn, sleepest thou! couldst not thou wāch one hour?

38 Wāch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is rēady, but the flesh is weak.

39 And āgain' he went āwāy, and pray ed, and spake the same words.

40 And when he returned, he found them āslēep āgain': (for their eyes wēre heavy;) nēither wist* they wāt to ānswer him.

41 And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

42 Rise up, let us go; lo, he that be trayeth me is at hand.

43 ¶ And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Jū'dās, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swōrds and stāves, from the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders.

44 And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: take him, and lēad him āwāy safely.

45 And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Mā'ster, Mā'ster: and kissed him.

46 ¶ And they laid their hands on him, and took him.

47 And one of them that stood by drew a swōrd, and smote a sērvant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

48 And Jē'sūs answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as āgainst' a thief, with swōrds, and with stāves to take me?

49 I was daily with you in the temple, teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.

50 And they all forsook him, and fled.

51 And there followed him a cēr'tāin young man, having a linen cloth cāst ābout' his naked body: and the young men laid hold on him.

52 And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

53 ¶ And they led Jē'sūs āwāy to the high priest; and with him wēre assembled all the chief priests, and the elders, and the scribes.

54 And Pē'tēr followed him āfār off, even into the pāl'āce,² of the high priest: and he sat with the sērvants, and wārmēd himself at the fire.

55 And the chief priests, and all the council sought for witness āgainst' Jē'sūs to put him to death; and found nōne:

56 For many bare fālse witness āgainst' him, but their witness āgrēed not togēth-er.

57 And there ārose cēr'tāin, and bare fālse witness āgainst' him, saying,

58 We hēard him say, I will dēstrōy' this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build ānōther made without hands.

59 But nēither so did their witness āgrēe' togēth-er.

60 And the high priest stood up in the midst, and āsked Jē'sūs, saying, Answerest

1 Shēp'pūrd.

* knew.

2 pāl'lās.

thou nothing? what is it which these witnesses against thee?

61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

63 Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses?

64 Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death.

65 And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophesy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

66 ¶ And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest:

67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth.

68 But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew.¹

69 And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them.

70 And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilean, and thy speech agreeth thereto.

71 But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak.

72 And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crew twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

CHAP. XV.

AND straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate.

2 And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering, said unto him, Thou sayest it.

3 And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing.

4 And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold, how many things they witness against thee!

5 But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled.

6 ¶ Now, at that feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired.

7 And there was one named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had committed murder in the insurrection.

8 And the multitude, crying aloud, began to desire him to do as he had ever done unto them.

9 But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

10 (For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy.)

11 But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them.

12 And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews?

13 And they cried out again, Crucify him.

14 Then Pilate said unto them, Why what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him.

15 ¶ And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

16 ¶ And the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Pretorium; and they call together the whole band.

17 And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head,

18 And began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews.

19 And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and, bowing their knees, worshipped him.

20 And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him.

21 And they compel one Simon a Cyrenæan, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross.

22 And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, the place of a skull.

23 And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not.

24 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.

25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

26 And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27 And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.

28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

CHAP. XVI.

29 And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destrôy'est the temple, and buildest it in three days,

30 Save thyself, and come down from the cross.

31 Likewise also the chief priests, mocking, said among themselves, with the scribes, He saved others, himself he cannot save.

32 Let Christ the King of Is'ra-ël descend' now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him, reviled him.

33 ¶ And, when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

34 And at the ninth hour, Jē'sūs cried with a loud voice, saying, E-lō'î, E-lō'î, lâ'nā sā-bāch-thā'nî? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth E-li'ās.

36 And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether E-li'ās will come to take him down.

37 And Jē'sūs cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

38 And the vail of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

39 ¶ And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this Man was the Son of God.

40 There were also women looking on afar off; among whom was Mā'ry Māg-da-lē'ne, and Mā'ry the mother of James the less, and of Jō'sēs, and Sa-lō'me;

41 (Who also, when he was in Gāl'ilēē, followed him, and ministered unto him;) and many other women which came up with him unto Jē-rù'sa-lēm.

42 And now when the even was come, (because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,)

43 Jō'sēph of Ar-i-ma-thē'ā, an hōn'ourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilāte, and craved the body of Jē'sūs.

44 And Pilāte marvelled if he were already dead: and, calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead.

45 And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Jō'sēph.

46 And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.

47 And Mā'ry Māg-da-lē'ne, and Mā'ry the mother of Jō'sēs, beheld where he was laid.

AND when the sabbath was past, Mā'ry Māg-da-lē'ne, and Mā'ry the mother of James, and Sa-lō'me, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

2 And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

4 (And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away;) for it was very great.

5 And, entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jē'sūs of Nāz'a-rēth, which was crucified; he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Pē'tēr, that he goeth before you into Gāl'ilēē: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

8 And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled, and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.

9 ¶ Now when Jē'sūs was risen early, the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mā'ry Māg-da-lē'ne, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

10 And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

12 ¶ After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.

13 And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.

14 ¶ Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their un-belief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gōspēl to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

19 ¶ So then, after the Lord had spoken

unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

20 And they went forth, and preached

every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. *Ā'mēn'.*

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE.

CHAPTER I.

FORASMUCH as many have taken in hand, to set forth in order, a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,

2 Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eye-witnesses, and ministers of the word;

3 It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee, in order, most excellent Thē-ōph'i-lūs,

4 That thou mightst know the cēr'tainty of those things, wherein thou hast been¹ instructed.

5 ¶ **T**HERE was in the days of Hēr'od, the king of Ju-dē'ā, a cēr'tain priest named Zāch-a-rī'ās, of the course of Ā-bī'ā: and his wife was of the daughters of Āār'ōn, and her name was Ē-liš'a-bēth.

6 And they were both righ'teous² before God, walk'ing in all the cōmmānd'mēnts and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

7 And they had no child, because that Ē-liš'a-bēth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

8 And it came to pās that while he executed the priest's office before God, in the order of his course,

9 According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without, at the time of incense.

11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord, standing on the right side of the āltar of incense.

12 And when Zāch-a-rī'ās saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zāch-a-rī'ās: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Ē-liš'a-bēth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name Jōhn.

14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness: and many shall rejoice at his birth.³

15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Hōly Ghōst, even from his mōth'r's womb.

16 And many of the children of Iŷ'ra-ēl shall he turn to the Lord their God.

17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Ē-lī'ās, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and

the dīsōbē'diēnt to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

18 ¶ And Zāch-a-rī'ās said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

19 And the angel ān'swer'ing, said unto him, I am Gā'bri-ēl, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee and to show thee these glad tidings.

20 And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be pēr'fōrm'ed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

21 And the people waited for Zāch-a-rī'ās, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple.

22 And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vīōn in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless.

23 And it came to pās, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house.

24 And after those days, his wife Ē-liš'a-bēth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,

25 Thus hath the Lord dealt with me, in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.

26 ¶ And in the sixth month, the angel Gā'bri-ēl was sent from God unto a city of Gāl'i-lēē, named Nāz'a-rēth,

27 To a vir'gīn⁴ espōūsed to a man whose name was Jō'sēph, of the house of Dā'vid; and the vir'gīn's name was Mā'ry.

28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blēs'sed art thou among wom'en.

29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mā'ry: for thou hast found favour with God.

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the High'est: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father Dā'vid.

¹ bīn.

² rī'tshe-ūs.

³ bērth.

⁴ vēr'jīn.

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jā'cōb forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34 Then said Mā'ry unto the āngel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the āngel ānswered and said unto her, The Hōly Ghōst shall come upon thee, and the power of the High'ēst shall overshadow thee: thēre'fore, also, that holy thing which shall be born of thee, shall be called the Son of God.

36 And, behold, thy cousin Ē-līš'a-bēth, she hath also cōncēived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth mōnth with her, who was called barren.

37 For with God nōthing shall be impossible.

38 And Mā'ry said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the āngel departed from her.

39 And Mā'ry ārōse in those days, and went into the hill-country with haste, into a city of Jū'dāh.

40 And entered into the house of Zāch-a-rī'ās, and salūted Ē-līš'a-bēth.

41 And it came to pās, that, when Ē-līš'a-bēth heard the salutation of Mā'ry, she hāve leaped in her womb; and Ē-līš'a-bēth was filled with the Hōly Ghōst:

42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blēs'sed art thou āmōng wom'en, and blēs'sed is the fruit of thy womb.

43 And whence is this to me, that the mōther of my Lord should come to me?

44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

45 And blēs'sed is she that bēliēved: for there shall be a pērfōrm'ance of those things which wēre told her from the Lord.

46 ¶ And Mā'ry said, My soul dōth magnify the Lord,

47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Sāv'ioū.

48 For he hath regarded the low ēstāte' of his handmaiden; for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blēs'sed.

49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

50 And his mērcy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

51 He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exālted them of low degree.

53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty āwāy.

54 He hath holpen his sērvant Īš'ra-ēl, in remembrance of his mērcy:

55 As he spake to our fāthers, to Ā'bra-hām, and to his seed forever.

56 And Mā'ry ābode with her ābout

three mōnth, and returned to her own house.

57 ¶ Now Ē-līš'a-bēth's full time came, that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son.

58 And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had showed great mērcy upon her; and they rejoiced with her.

59 And it came to pās, that, on the eighth day, they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zāch-a-rī'ās, āfter the name of his fāther.

60 And his mōther ānswered, and said, Not so; but he shall be called Jōhn.

61 And they said unto her, There is nōne of thy kindred that is called by this name.

62 And they made signs to his fāther, how he would have him called.

63 And he āsked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is Jōhn. And they marvelled all.

64 And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tōngue lōd'sed, and he spake, and praised God.

65 And fear came on all that dwelt round ābout' them; and all these sayings wēre noised ābroād throughout all the hill-country of Jū-dē'ā.

66 And all they that had heard them, laid them up in their hearts, saying, Whāt manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him.

67 ¶ And his fāther Zāch-a-rī'ās was filled with the Hōly Ghōst, and prōph'esied, saying,

68 Blēs'sed be the Lord God of Īš'ra-ēl; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

69 And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us, in the house of his sērvant Dāv'īd;

70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the wōrld began:

71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

72 To pērfōrm' the mērcy promised to our fāthers, and to remember his holy cōv'enant;

73 The oath which he sware to our fāther Ā'bra-hām,

74 That he would grānt unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might sērve him without fear,

75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

76 And thou, child, shalt be called The Prōph'et of the High'ēst: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord, to prepare his ways;

77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people, by the remission of their sins,

78 Through the tender mērcy of our God; whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us,

79 To give light to them that sit in dārk

ness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

80 And the child grew,² and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the des'erts till the day of his showing unto Iſ'ra-ël.

CHAP. II.

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cē'sār Āu-gūs'tūs, that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cŷ-rē'n-i-ūs was gov'er-nór of Sŷr'i-ā:)

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Jō'sēph also went up from Gāl'il-ēe, out of the city of Naz'a-rēth into Ju-dē'ā, unto the city of Da'víd, which is called Bēth'le-hēm, (because he was of the house and lineage of Da'víd,)

5 To be taxed with Mā'ry his ēspōūsed wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they wēre there, the days wēre accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrāpped him in swād'ling-clothes,³ and laid him in a mānger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 ¶ And there wēre in the same country shēp'hērds ābī'ding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the āngel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shōne round ābout' them: and they wēre sore āfrāid.

10 And the āngel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day, in the city of Da'víd, a Sāv'ioūr, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrāpped in swād'ling-clothes, lying in a mānger.

13 And suddenly there was with the āngel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on ēarth peace, good will tō'wārd's men.

15 ¶ And it came to pass as the āngels wēre gone āway from them into heaven, the shēp'hērds said one to ānōther, Let us now go even unto Bēth'le-hēm, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mā'ry, and Jō'sēph, and the babe lying in a mānger.

17 And, when they had seen it, they made known ābroād the saying which was told them cōncēr'ning this child.

18 And all they that hēard it, wondered at those things which wēre told them by the shēp'hērds.

19 But Mā'ry kept all these things, and pondered them in her hēart.

20 And the shēp'hērds returned, glorify-

ing and praising God for all the things that they had hēard and seen, as it was told unto them.

21 ¶ And when eight days wēre accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jē'SŪS, which was so named of the āngel before he was cōncēived in the womb.⁴

22 ¶ And when the days of her purification, according to the law of Mō'sēs, wēre accomplished, they brought him to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, to present him to the Lord;

23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord.)

24 And to offer a sēc'rifice, according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtle-dōves, or two young pig'coņs.⁴

25 ¶ And, behold, there was a man in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, whose name was Sīm'e-ōn; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Iſ'ra-ël: and the Hōly Ghōst was upon him.

26 And it was revealed unto him by the Hōly Ghōst, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 And he came by the Spī'r'it into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jē'sūs, to do for him āfter the custom of the law,

28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blēss'ed God, and said,

29 Lord, now lettest thou thy sērvant depart in peace, according to thy word:

30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

32 A light to lighten the Gēn'tiles, and the glory of thy people Iſ'ra-ël.

33 And Jō'sēph and his mōther marvelled at those things which wēre spoken of him.

34 And Sīm'e-ōn blēss'ed them, and said unto Mā'ry his mōther, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising āgain' of many in Iſ'ra-ël; and for a sign which shall be spoken āgainst';

35 (Yēa, a swōrd shall pierce through thy own soul also;) that the thoughts of many hēarts may be revealed.

36 ¶ And there was one Ān'nā, a prophetess, the dāughter of Pha-nū'ēl, of the tribe of A'sēr; she was of a great age, and had lived with her hūs'bānd seven years from her virgīn'ity;⁵

37 And she was a widow of ābout' fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but sērv'd God with fāst'ings and prayers night and day.

38 And she, coming in that instant, gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

39 And when they had pērfōrm'ed all things, according to the law of the Lord,

they returned into Gāl'i-lēe, to their own city Nāz'a-rēth.

40 And the child grew,¹ and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.

41 ¶ Now his parents went to Jē-rū'sa-lēm every year at the feast of the pāssover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, after the custom of the feast.

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jē'sūs tarried behind in Jē-rū'sa-lēm; and Jō'sēph and his mōther knew not of it.

44 But they, supposing him to have been in the cōm'pany, went a day's jōurney; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again' to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, seeking him.

46 And it came to pās, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and ask'ing them questions.

47 And all that heard him wēre astonished at his understanding and answers.

48 And when they saw him, they wēre amazed; and his mōther said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist² ye not that I must be about' my Fā'ther's business?

50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51 ¶ And he went down with them, and came to Nāz'a-rēth, and was subject unto them; but his mōther kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Jē'sūs increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

CHAP. III.

NOW in the fifteenth year of the reign of Ti-bē-ri-ūs Cē'sār, Pōn'ti-ūs³ Pī-lāte being gov'er-nōr of Jū-dē'ā and Hēr'od being tē'trārch of Gāl'i-lēe, and his brōther Phīl'ip tē'trārch of It-u-rē'ā and of the region of Trāch-ō-nī'tis, and Ly-sā'nī-ās the tē'trārch of Ab-i-lē'ne,

2 An'nās and Cai'a-phās⁴ being the high priēsts, the word of God came unto Jōhn the son of Zāch-a-rī'ās in the wilderness.

3 And he came into all the country about' Jōr'dān, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins:

4 As it is written in the book of the words of Ē-sā'i-ās the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his pāths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mōūn'tain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough⁵ ways shall be made smooth;

6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

7 Then said he to the multitude, that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers! who hath warned you to flee from the w'rāth to come?

8 Bring forth therefore, fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Ā'bra-hām to our fāther: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Ā'bra-hām.

9 And now also, the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree, thēre'fore, which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

10 And the people asked him, saying, Whāt shall we do then?

11 He answered and saith unto them, he that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath nōne; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.

12 Then came, also, publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Mā'ster, whāt shall we do?

13 And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you.

14 And the sōl'diērs, likewise, dēmān'ded of him, saying, And whāt shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, nēither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.

15 ¶ And as the people wēre in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of Jōhn, whether he wēre the Christ, or not;

16 Jōhn answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with wāter; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not wōrthy to unlōōse. he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghōst and with fire:

17 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gāther the wheat into his garner; but the chāff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

18 And many other things, in his exhortation, preached he unto the people.

19 But Hēr'od the tē'trārch, being reproved by him, for Hē-rō'di-ās his brōther Phīl'ip's wife, and for all the evils which Hēr'od had done,

20 Added yet this ābōve all, that he shut up Jōhn in prison.

21 Now, when all the people wēre baptized, it came to pās, that Jē'sūs also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

22 And the Holy Ghōst descēn'ded in a bodily shape like a dōve upon him; and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

23 ¶ And Jē'sūs himself began to be about' thirty years of age, being, (as was supposed) the son of Jō'sēph, which was the son of Hē'lī,

1 grōd

2 knew.

3 Pōn'tshc-ūs.

4 Kā'ya-fās.

5 rūf.

24 Which was the son of Māt'thāt, which was the son of Lē'vī, which was the son of Mēl'chī, which was the son of Jān'nā, which was the son of Jō'sēph,

25 Which was the son of Māt-ta-thī'ās, which was the son of Ā'mōs, which was the son of Nā'ūm, which was the son of Ēš'li, which was the son of Nāg'ge,

26 Which was the son of Mā'āth, which was the son of Māt-ta-thī'ās, which was the son of Sēm'e-i, which was the son of Jō'sēph, which was the son of Jū'dā,

27 Which was the son of Jō-ān'nā, which was the son of Rhē'sā, which was the son of Zo-rōb'ab-ēl, which was the son of Sa-lā'thī-ēl, which was the son of Nē'ri,

28 Which was the son of Mēl'chī, which was the son of Ād'dī, which was the son of Čō'sām, which was the son of Ēl-mō'dām, which was the son of Ēr,

29 Which was the son of Jō'se, which was the son of Ē-li-ē'zēr, which was the son of Jō'rīm, which was the son of Māt'thāt, which was the son of Lē'vī,

30 Which was the son of Sīm'e-ōn, which was the son of Jū'dā, which was the son of Jō'sēph, which was the son of Jō'nān, which was the son of Ē-li-a-kīm,

31 Which was the son of Mē-le'ā, which was the son of Mē'nān, which was the son of Māt'ta-thā, which was the son of Nā'thān, which was the son of Dā'vīd,

32 Which was the son of Jēsse, which was the son of Ō'bēd, which was the son of Bō'ōz, which was the son of Sāl'mōn, which was the son of Nā-āss'on,¹

33 Which was the son of Ā-mīn'a-dāb, which was the son of Ā'rām, which was the son of Ēš'rōm, which was the son of Phā'rēs, which was the son of Jū'dā,

34 Which was the son of Jā'čōb, which was the son of I'sāac, which was the son of Ā'bra-hām, which was the son of Thā'rā, which was the son of Nā'čhōr,

35 Which was the son of Sā'rūch, which was the son of Rā'gān, which was the son of Phā'lēc, which was the son of Hē'bēr, which was the son of Sā'lā,

36 Which was the son of Čā-i'nān, which was the son of Ār-phāx'ād, which was the son of Sēm, which was the son of Nō'e, which was the son of Lā'mēch,

37 Which was the son of Ma-thū'sa-lā, which was the son of Ē'nōch, which was the son of Jā'rēd, which was the son of Ma-le'le-ēl, which was the son of Čā-i'nān,

38 Which was the son of Ē'nōs, which was the son of Sēth, which was the son of Ād'ām, which was the son of God.

CHAP. IV.

AND Jē'sūs, being full of the Hōly Ghōst, returned from Jō'r'dān, and was led by the spirit into the wilderness,

2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing : and,

¹ Nā-āsh'ūn.

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² K-sa'yās.³ brōd'zed.

when they wēre ended, he āstérwārd's hungered.

3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cōmmand' this stone that it be made bread.

4 And Jē'sūs ānswēred him, saying, It is writtē, That man shall not live by bread ālōne, but by every word of God.

5 And the devīl, taking him up into a high mōūn'tāin, showed unto him all the kingdōms of the wōrld in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them : for that is deliverēd unto me ; and to whomsoever I will, I give it.

7 If thou, thēre'fōre, wilt wōr'ship me, all shall be thine.

8 And Jē'sūs ānswēred and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Sā'tān : for it is writtē, Thou shalt wōr'ship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou sērve.

9 And he brought him to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cāst thyself down from hence :

10 For it is writtē, He shall give his āngels chārgē over thee, to keep thee :

11 Andⁱⁿ their hands they shall bēār thee up, lēst at any time thou dash thy foot āgāinst' a stone.

12 And Jē'sūs ān'swērīng, said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

14 ¶ And Jē'sūs returned in the power of the Spīr'it into Gāl'ilēē : and there went out a fame of him through all the regiōn round ābōut'.

15 And he taught in their s'yn'agōgues, being glorified of all.

16 ¶ And he came to Nāz'a-rēth, where he had been brought up : and, as his custom was, he went into the s'yn'agōgue on the sāb'bath-dāy, and stood up for to rēād.

17 And there was deliverēd unto him the book of the prophet Ē-sā'i-ās :² And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was writtē,

18 The Spīr'it of the Lord is upon me, because he hath ānōīn'ted me to preach the gōs'pēl to the poor ; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hēarted, to preach deliverance to the cāp'tives, and recōvering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that āre brui'sed,³

19 To preach the āccēptāble year of the Lord.

20 And he clōsed the book, and he gave it āgāin' to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that wēre in the s'yn'agōgue wēre fāstēned on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears

22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the grā'ciōūs¹ words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Jō'sēph's son?

23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Ça-pēr'na-üm, do also here in thy country.

24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in İş'ra-ēl in the days of Ē-lī'ās, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great fām'ine was throughout all the land:

26 But unto none of them was Ē-lī'ās sent, save unto Sa-rēp'tā, a city of Sī'dōn, unto a wom'an that was a widow.

27 And many lepers were in İş'ra-ēl in the time of Ē-lī-sē'ūs the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Nā'a-mān the Sŷ'r'i-ān.

28 And all they in the sŷ'n'agōgue, when they heard these things, were filled with irāth,

29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

30 But he, pās's'ing through the midst of them, went his way,

31 And came down to Ça-pēr'na-üm, a city of Gāl'i-lēē, and taught them on the sǎb'bath-dāys.

32 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

33 ¶ And in the sŷ'n'agōgue there was a man which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,

34 Saying, Let us ālōne; whāt have we to do with thee, thou Jē'sūs of Nāz'a-rēth? art thou come to destrōy' us? I know thee who thou art; the Hōly One of God.

35 And Jē'sūs rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

36 And they were all āmāzed, and spake among themselves, saying, Whāt a word is this! for with authority and power, he cōmmān'deth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

37 And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round ābout'.

38 ¶ And he ārōse out of the sŷ'n'agōgue, and entered into Sī'mōn's house. And Sī'mōn's wife's mōther was taken with a great fever; and they besōught him for her.

39 And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she ārōse, and ministered unto them.

40 ¶ Now, when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with dī'ver's diseases, brought them unto him; and he laid

his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

41 And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ, the Son of God. And he, rebuking them, suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

42 ¶ And when it was day, he departed, and went into a dēs'ert place; and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not depart from them.

43 And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also; for thērē'fōre am I sent.

44 And he preached in the sŷ'n'agōgues of Gāl'i-lēē.

CHAP. V.

AND it came to pās, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Ğēn-nēs'a-rēt.

2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were wāsh'ing their nets.

3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Sī'mōn's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

4 ¶ Now, when he had left speaking, he said unto Sī'mōn, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.²

5 And Sī'mōn ān'swer'ing, said unto him, Mā'ster, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nōthing: nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net.

6 And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

7 And they beckoned unto their pārtners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

8 When Sī'mōn Pē'tēr saw it, he fell down at Jē'sūs' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:

10 And so was also James and Jōhn, the sons of Zēb'e-dēē, which were pārtners with Sī'mōn. And Jē'sūs said unto Sī'mōn, Fear not; for henceforth thou shalt catch men.

11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

12 ¶ And it came to pass, when he was in a cēr'tain city, behold, a man full of leprosy; who, seeing Jē'sūs, fell on his face, and besōught him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

13 And he put forth his hand, and touch ed him, saying, I will: be thou clean.

¹ grā'shūs.² drāft.

And immediately the læprosy departed from him.

14 And he charged him to tell no man : but go, and show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Mo'ses commãded, for a tẽs'timõny unto them.

15 But so much the more went there a fame åbroåd of him : and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infir'mities.¹

16 ¶ And he withdrew² himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

17 ¶ And it came to pãss on a cẽr'tain day, as he was teaching, that there wẽre Phãr'i-sẽes and doctors of the law sitting by, which wẽre come out of every town of Gãl'i-lẽe, and Jũ-de'ã, and Jẽ-rũ'sa-lẽm : and the power of the Lord was pẽsẽnt to heal them.

18 ¶ And, behold, men brought, in a bed, a man which was taken with a pãl'sy ; and they sought *means* to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

19 And, when they could not find by whãt *way* they might bring him in, because of the multitude, they went upon the house-top, and let him down through the tĩ'ling, with *his* couch, into the mudst before Jẽ'sũs.

20 And, when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

21 And the scribes and the Phãr'i-sẽes began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blãs'phemĩes ? Who can forgive sins but God alone ?

22 But, when Jẽ'sũs pẽrceived their thoughts, he ån'swering, said unto them, Whãt reason ye in your hearts ?

23 Whether is easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee ; or to say, Rise up and walk ?

24 But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the pãl'sy,) I say unto thee, Årĩse, and take up thy couch, and go unto thine house.

25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

26 And they wẽre all åmãzed, and they glorified God, and wẽre filled with fear, saying, We have seen strãnge things to-day.

27 ¶ And åfter these things, he went forth, and saw a publican, named Lẽ'vĩ, sitting at the receipt of custom : And he said unto him, Follow me.

28 And he left all, rose up, and followed him.

29 ¶ And Lẽ'vĩ made him a great feast in his own house : and there was a great cõpany of publicans, and of others, that sat down with them.

30 But their scribes and Phãr'i-sẽes mur-

mured ågainst' his discĩples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners ?

31 And Jẽ'sũs ån'swering, said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician ; but they that are sick.

32 I came not to call the righ'tẽous,³ but sinners to repentance.

33 ¶ And they said unto him, Why do the discĩples of Jõhn fast often, and make prayers, and likewise *the discĩples* of the Phãr'i-sẽes ; but thine eat and drink ?

34 And he said unto them, Can ye make the children of the brĩde-chãmbẽr fast, while the brĩde-groom is with them ?

35 But the days will come, when the brĩde-groom shall be taken åway from them, and then shall they fast in those days.

36 ¶ And he spake also a parable unto them : No man putteth a piẽce of a new garment upon an old ; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piẽce that was taken out of the new ågrẽeth not with the old.

37 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles ; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.

38 But new wine must be put into new bottles ; and both are pẽsẽrv'ed.

39 No man also, having drunk old *wine*, straightway desireth new : for he saith, The old is better.

CHAP. VI.

AND it came to pãss on the second sãb' bath åfter the first, that he went through the corn fields ; and his discĩples plucked the ears of corn, and did eat, rubbing *them* in *their* hands.

2 And cẽr'tain of the Phãr'i-sẽes said unto them, Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the sãb' bath-dãy ?

3 And Jẽ'sũs ån'swering them, said, Have ye not rẽad so much as this, whãt Dã'vid did, when himself was a hungered, and they which wẽre with him ?

4 How he went into the house of God, and did take and eat the show-bread, and gave also to them that wẽre with him : which it is not lawful to eat but for the priests ålõne ?

5 And he said unto them, That the Son of Man is Lord also of the sãb' bath.

6 ¶ And it came to pass also, on ånõther sãb' bath, that he entered into the sũ'n' a-gõgne and taught : and there was a man whose right hand was withered.

7 And the scribes and Phãr'i-sẽes wãtch'ed him, whether he would heal on the sãb' bath-dãy ; that they might find an accusation ågainst' him.

8 But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he årõse, and stood forth.

9 Then said Jẽ'sũs unto them, I will åsk you one thing ; Is it lawful on the sãb'-

¹ in-fẽr'me-tĩz.

² with-drõd'.

³ rĩ'tshe-ũs.

bath-days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy' it?

10 And, looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

11 And they were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jē'sūs.

12 ¶ And it came to pass in those days that he went out into a mōun'tain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

13 And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples; and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named Apōstles;

14 Sī'mon, (whom he also named Pē'tér,) and Ān'drew¹ his brōther, Jāmes and Jōhn, Phil'ip and Bār-thō'l'o-mew,

15 Māt'thew and Thōm'ās, Jāmes the son of Āl-phē'ūs, and Sī'mōn called Zē-lō'tes,

16 And Jū'dās the brōther of Jāmes, and Jū'dās Īs-çār'i-ōt, which also was the traitor.

17 ¶ And he came down with them, and stood in the plain; and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Jū-de'ā and Jē-rū'sa-lēm. and from the sea-coast of T'yre and Sī-dōn, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.

19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue² out of him, and healed them all.

20 ¶ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blēs'sed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 Blēs'sed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blēs'sed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.³

22. Blēs'sed are ye when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake.

23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

24 But wo unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation.

25 Wo unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Wo unto you that laugh now, for ye shall mourn and weep.

26 Wo unto you when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

27 ¶ But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you;

28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despite'fully use you.

29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek, offer also the other; and

him that taketh away thy cloak, forbid not to take thy coat also.

30 Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods, ask them not again'

31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.

33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again'.

35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again': and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the High'est: for he is kind to the unthankful, and to the evil.

36 Be ye, thēre'fore, mērcifūl, as your Fā'ther also is mērcifūl.

37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good mēa'sure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bō'sōm.⁴ For with the same mēa'sure that ye mete withal, it shall be mēa'sured to you again'.

39 And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?

40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is pērfect shall be as his master.

41 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brōther's eye, but pērcēi'vest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

42 Either how canst thou say to thy brōther, Brōther, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

Thou h'yp'ocrite! cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brōther's eye.

43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit;⁵ neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

44 For every tree is known by his own fruit: for of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a brāmbles-būsh gather they grapes.

45 A good man, out of the good trēa'sūre of his heart, bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man, out of the evil trēa'sūre of his heart, bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abūn'dānce of the heart his mouth speaketh.

46 ¶ And why call ye me, Lord, Lord; and do not the things which I say?

1 Ān'drōd.

2 vēr'tshā.

3 lōf

4 bōd'zūm.

5 frōdēt.

47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like :

48 He is like a man which built a house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock ; and, when the flood ārōse, the stream beat vē'hē-mēnt-ly upon that house, and could not shake it : for it was founded upon a rock.

49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that, without a foundation, built a house upon the ēarth ; āgainst which the stream did beat vē'hē-mēnt-ly, and immediately it fell ; and the ruin of that house was great.

CHAP. VII.

NOW, when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Ca-pēr'na-ūm.

2 And a cēr'tain centurion's sērvant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die.

3 And, when he hēard of Jē'sūs, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his sērvant.

4 And, when they came to Jē'sūs, they besōught him instantly, saying, That he was wōrthy for whom he should do this :

5 For he lōveth our nation, and he hath built us a s'yn'agōgue.

6 Then Jē'sūs went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trōuble not thyself ; for I am not wōrthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof :

7 Wherefore neither thought I myself wōrthy to come unto thee ; but say in a word, and my sērvant shall be healed.

8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under me sōldiērs, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth ; and to ānōther, Come, and he cometh ; and to my sērvant, Do this, and he doeth it.

9 When Jē'sūs hēard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him ābout', and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Is'ra-ēl.

10 And they that wēre sent, returning to the house, found the sērvant whole that had been sick.

11 ¶ And it came to pās the day āfter, that he went into a city called Nā'in ; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people.

12 Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mōther, and she was a widow : and much people of the city was with her.

13 And when the Lord saw her he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

14 And he came and tōuched the bier :

¹ gōr'jūs-le.

and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

15 And he that was dead, sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mōther.

16 And there came a fear on all ; and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up āmōng us ; and, That God hath visited his people.

17 And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Jū-dē'ā, and throughout all the region round ābout'.

18 And the disciples of Jōhn showed him all these things.

19 ¶ And Jōhn, calling unto him two of his disciples, sent them to Jē'sūs, saying, Art thou he that should come ? or look we for ānōther ?

20 When the men wēre come unto him, they said, Jōhn Bāp'tist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come ? or look we for ānōther ?

21 And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmitēs and plāgues, and of evil spirits : and unto many that wēre blind he gave sight.

22 Then Jē'sūs ān'swering, said unto them, Go your way, and tell Jōhn whāt things ye have seen and hēard ; how that the blind see, the lame wālk, the lēpers āre cleansed, the dēaf hear, the dead āre raised, to the poor the gōs'pēl is preached.

23 And blēs'sed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

24 ¶ And, when the messengers of Jōhn wēre departed, he began to speak unto the people cōncēr'ning Jōhn, Whāt went ye out into the wilderness for to see ? A reed shaken with the wind ?

25 But whāt went ye out for to see ? A man clōthed in soft raiment ? Behold, they which āre gōr'geously¹ apparelled, and live delicately, āre in kings' courts.

26 But whāt went ye out for to see ? A prophet ? Yēa, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet.

27 This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

28 For I say unto you, Āmōng those that āre born of wom'en, there is not a greater prophet than Jōhn the Bāp'tist : but he that is least in the kingdom of God, is greater than he.

29 And all the people that hēard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of Jōhn.

30 But the Phār'i-sēes and lawyers rejected the counsel of God āgainst' themselves, being not baptized of Jōhn.

31 ¶ And the Lord said, Whereunto then shall I liken the men of this generatiōn ? and to whāt āre they like ?

32 They āre like unto children sitting in the market-place, and calling one to ānōth

er, and saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not dānced; we have mourned to you, and ye have not wept.

33 Fer Jōhn the Bāp'tist came nēither eating bread, nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a devil.

34 The Son of Man is come eating and drinking, and ye say, Behold, a glūt'tōnōus man, and a wine-bibber, a friend of publicāns and sinners!

35 But wisdom is justified of all her children.

36 ¶ And one of the Phār'i-sēēs desired him that he would eat with him, and he went into the Phār'i-sēē's house, and sat down to meat.

37 And, behold, a wom'an in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jē'sūs sat at meat in the Phār'i-sēē's house, brought an āl'ābāstēr box of ointment,

38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wāsh his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and ānōint'ed them with the ointment.

39 Now when the Phār'i-sēē which had bidden him saw it, he spake withīn himself, saying, This man, if he wēre a prophet, would have known who and whāt manner of wom'an this is that tou'beth him; for she is a sinner.

40 And Jē'sūs ān'swerīng, said unto him, Sī'mōn, I have sōme'whāt to say unto thee. And he said, Mā'ster, say on.

41 There was a cēr'tain crēditor, which had two debtors; the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.

42 And when they had nōthing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me, thērē'fōre, which of them will lōve him most?

43 Sī'mōn ān'swered and said, I suppose that he to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.

44 And he turned to the wom'an, and said unto Sī'mōn, Seest thou this wom'an? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no wāter for my feet: but she hath wāsh'ed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head.

45 Thou gavest me no kiss; but this wom'an, since the time I came in, hath not ceased to kiss my feet.

46 My head with oil thou didst not ānōint: but this wom'an hath ānōinted my feet with ointment.

47 Wherefore, I say unto thee, Her sins, which āre many, āre forgiven: for she lōved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same lōveth little.

48 And he said unto her, Thy sins āre forgiven.

49 And they that sat at meat with him, began to say withīn themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?

¹ oil/lidje.

50 And he said to the wom'an, Thy faith hath saved thee: go in peace.

CHAP. VIII.

AND it came to pāss āf'tērward, that he went throughout every city and vil'lage,¹ preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve wēre with him.

2 And cēr'tain wom'en, which had been healed of evil spirits and infir'mitīes, Mā'ry called Māg-da-lē'ne, out of whom went seven devils,

3 And Jā-an'nā the wife of Chū'sā, Hēr'od's stēw'ard, and Sū-šān'nā, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

4 ¶ And when much people wēre gāth'ered togēther, and wēre come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable:

5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and, as he sowed, some fell by the way-side, and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it:

6 And some fell upon a rock; and, as soon as it was sprung up, it withered āwāy, because it lacked moisture:

7 And some fell āmōng thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it:

8 And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit a hundred-fold. And, when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

9 ¶ And his dīscīples āsked him, saying, Whāt might this parable be?

10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mys'tēries of the kingdom of God; but to others in parables: that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

11 ¶ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

12 Those by the way-side āre they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh āwāy the word out of their hēarts; lēst they should belīeve and be saved.

13 They on the rock āre they, which, when they hear, recēive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while belīeve, and in time of temptation fall āwāy.

14 And that which fell āmōng thorns, āre they which, when they have hēard, go forth, and āre choked with cares, and riches, and plēās'ures of this life, and bring no fruit to pērfēctiōn.

15 But that on the good ground āre they, which, in an hōn'ēst and good hēart, having hēard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

16 ¶ No man, when he hath lighted a candle, cōvereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candīestick, that they which enter in may see the light.

17 For nōthing is secret that shall not be made manifest; nēither any thing hid,

that shall not be known, and come ábroáð.

18 Take heed, thère'fore, how ye hear : for whosoever hath, to him shall be given ; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

19 ¶ Then came to him *his* móther and his bréthren, and could not come at him for the press.

20 And it was told him *by cër'tain*, which said, Thy móther and thy bréthren stand without, desiring to see thee.

21 And he answered and said unto them, My móther and my bréthren áre these which hear the word of God, and do it.

22 ¶ Now it came to pass on a cër'tain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples : and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they lunched forth.

23 But as they sailed, he fell ásléep : and there came down a storm of wind on the lake ; and they wère filled *with wáter*, and wère in jepoardy.¹

24 And they came to him, and áwóke him, saying, Mâ'ster, Mâ'ster, we perish ! Then he árose and rebuked the wind, and the raging of the wáter : and they ceased, and there was a cáhn.

25 And he said unto them, Where is your faith ? And they, being áfráid, wondered, saying one to ánother, Whát manner of man is this ! for he cõmmán'deth even the winds and wáter, and they obey him.

26 ¶ And they arrived at the country of the Gad-a-rènes', which is over ágainst Gál'í-lée.

27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city, a cër'tain man which had devils a long time, and ware no clothes, neither áhõde in *any* house, but in the tombs.

28 When he saw Jē'sūs, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, Whát have I to do with thee, Jē'sūs, thou Son of God most high ? I beseech thee, torment me not.

29 (For he had cõmmán'ded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him : and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters ; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)

30 And Jē'sūs asked him, saying, Whát is thy name ? And he said, Lé'gion ; because many devils wère entered into him.

31 And they besõught him that he would not cõmmán'd' them to go out into the deep.

32 And there was there a hërd of many swine feeding on the môùn'táin : and they besõught him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them.

33 Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine : and the hërd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and wère chõked.

1 jěp'pür-de.

2 á-gěn.'

34 When they that fed *them* saw whát was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city, and in the country.

35 Then they went out to see whát was done ; and came to Jē'sūs, and found the man, out of whom the devils wère departed, sitting at the feet of Jē'sūs, clothed, and in his right mind : and they wère áfráid.

36 They also which saw *it*, told them by whát means he that was põssëss'ed of the devils, was healed.

37 ¶ Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gad-a-rènes', round about', besõught him to depart from them ; for they wère taken with great fear : and he went up into the ship, and returned back ágain'.²

38 Now the man, out of whom the devils wère departed, besõught him that he might be with him : but Jē'sūs sent him áway, saying,

39 Return to thine own house, and show how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jē'sūs had done unto him.

40 And it came to pæss, that when Jē'sūs was returned, the people *gladly* rěcěived him : for they wère all waiting for him.

41 ¶ And, behold, there came a man named Já'i-rús, and he was a ruler of the sýn'agõgue : and he fell down at Jē'sūs' feet, and besõught him that he would come into his house :

42 For he had one only dàuhter, ábout twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. (But as he went, the people thrõged him.)

43 ¶ And a wom'an having an issue³ of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, nēither could be healed of any,

44 Came behind *him*, and tóuched the border of his gármēt : and immediately her issue of blood stánched.

45 And Jē'sūs said, Who tóuched me ? When all denied, Pě'tér, and they that wère with him, said, Mâ'ster, the multitude thrõng thee, and press *thee*, and sayest thou, Who tóuched me ?

46 And Jē'sūs said, Somebody hath tóuched me : for I pěrcěive' that vir'tue⁴ is gone out of me.

47 And when the wom'an saw that she was not hid, she came trembling ; and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for whát cause she had tóuched him, and how she was healed immediately.

48 And he said unto her, Dàuhter, be of good cõm'fört : thy faith hath made thee whole ; go in peace.)

49 ¶ While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the sýn'agõgue's house, saying to him, Thy dàuhter is dead ; trõuble not the Mâ'ster.

3 ish'shū.

4 věr'tshū.

50 But, when *Jesús* heard *it*, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.

51 And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save *Peter*, and *James*, and *John*, and the father and the mother of the maiden.

52 And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not: she is not dead, but sleepeth.

53 And they laugh'ed¹ him to scorn, knowing that she was dead.

54 And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise.

55 And her spirit came again', and she arose straightway: and he comman'ded to give her meat.

56 And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.

CHAP. IX.

THEN he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.

4 And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart.

5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet, for a testimony against them.

6 And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.

7 ¶ Now *Herod*, the tetrarch, heard of all that was done by him: and he was perplex'ed, because that it was said of some, that *John* was risen from the dead;

8 And of some, that *Elias* had appeared; and of others, that one of the old prophets was risen again'.

9 And *Herod* said, *John* have I beheaded: but who is this of whom I hear such things? And he desired to see him.

10 And the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done. And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place, belonging to the city, called *Beth-saida*.

11 And the people, when they knew it, followed him; and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.

12 ¶ And, when the day began to wear away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns and country round about', and lodge, and get victuals; for we are here in a desert place.

13 But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves, and two fishes; except we should go and buy meat for all this people.

14 (For they were about' five thousand men.) And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company.

15 And they did so, and made them all sit down.

16 Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes; and, looking up to heaven, he bless'ed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.

17 And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.

18 ¶ And it came to pass, as he was alone, praying, his disciples were with him; and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?

19 They answering, said, *John* the Baptist: but some say *Elias*, and others say, That one of the old prophets is risen again'.

20 He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? *Peter* answering, said, The Christ of God.

21 And he straitly charged them, and comman'ded them to tell no man that thing;

22 Saying, The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and chief priests, and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

23 ¶ And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

25 For what is a man advanced, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me, and of my words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

27 But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God.

28 ¶ And it came to pass about' an eight days after these sayings, he took *Peter*, and *John*, and *James*, and went up into a mountain to pray.

29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering.

30 And behold there talked with him two men, which were *Moses* and *Elias*:

31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease, which he should accomplish at *Jerusalem*.

32 But *Peter*, and they that were with him, were heavy with sleep: and when

they wère áwake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.

33 And it came to páss, as they departed from him, Pē'tér said unto Jē'sūs, Mā'ster, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three táb'ernácles; one for thee, and one for Mō'sēs, and one for Ē-l'ás: not knowing w'hát he said.

34 While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them; and they feared as they entered into the cloud.

35 And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my belóved Son: hear him.

36 And when the voice was pást, Jē'sūs was found álone. And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

37 ¶ And it came to páss, that, on the next day, when they wère come down from the hill, much people met him.

38 And, behold, a man of the cōpany cried out, saying, Mā'ster, I beseech thee, look upon my son; for he is mine only child:

39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth ágain'; and, bruising him, hardly departeth from him.

40 And I besought thy discíples to cást him out; and they could not.

41 And Jē'sūs án'sweríng, said, O faithless and pērvérse' generation! how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither.

42 And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jē'sūs rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him ágain' to his father.

43 ¶ And they wère all ámázed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Jē'sūs did, he said unto his discíples,

44 Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of Man shall be delivered into the hands of men.

45 But they understood not this saying, and it was hid from them, that they pērcēived it not: and they feared to ásk him of that saying.

46 ¶ Then there árose a reasoning ámong them, which of them should be greatest.

47 And Jē'sūs, pērcēiv'ing the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him,

48 And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name, récēiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, récēiveth him that sent me: for he that is least ámong you all, the same shall be great.

49 ¶ And Jōhn ánswered and said, Mā'ster, we saw one cás'ting out devils in thy name; and we fórbáde' him, because he followeth not with us.

50 And Jē'sūs said unto him, Forbid

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him not: for he that is not ágainst' us, is for us.

51 ¶ And it came to páss, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stéad'fástly set his face to go to Jē-rú'sa-lém,

52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a vil'lage² of the Sá-már'i-táns to make réady for him.

53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jē-rú'sa-lém.

54 And when his discíples, Jāmes and Jōhn, saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we cōmmānd' fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Ē-l'ás did?

55 But he turned and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not w'hát manner of spirit ye áre of.³

56 For the Son of Man is not come to destróy' men's lives, but to save them. And they went to ánóther vil'lage.

57 And it came to páss, that, as they went in the way, a cēr'táin man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

58 And Jē'sūs said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head.

59 And he said unto ánóther, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

60 Jē'sūs said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

61 And ánóther also said, Lord, I will follow thee: but let me first go bid them farewell which áre at home at my house.

62 And Jē'sūs said unto him, No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

CHAP. X.

AFTER these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whether he himself would come.

2 Thēre'fóre said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the lábouérs áre few: pray ye thēre'fóre the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth lábouérs into his harvest.

3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs ámong wolves.

4 Carry néither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and sálute no man by the way.

5 And into w'hátsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you ágain'.

7 And in the same house remáin, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the lábouérs is wóthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

8 And into w^hatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you ;

9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

10 But into w^hatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,

11 Even the very dust of your city which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against^r you: notwithstanding, be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

12 But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sūd'om than for that city.

13 ¶ Wo unto thee, Chō-rā'zīn! wo unto thee, Bēth-sā'i-dā! for if the mighty works had been done in Tÿre and Sī'dōn, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

14 But it shall be more tolerable for Tÿre and Sī'dōn at the judgment than for you.

15 And thou, Çā-pē'na-ūm, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.

16 He that heareth you, heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me, despiseth him that sent me.

17 ¶ And the seventy returned again^r with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Sa'tān as lightning fall from heaven.

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

21 ¶ In that hour Jē'sūs rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Fā'ther, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent,¹ and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Fā'ther; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

22 All things are delivered to me of my Fā'ther; and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Fā'ther; and who the Fā'ther is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.

23 ¶ And he turned him unto his disci-ples, and said privately, Blēs'sed are the eyes which see the things that ye see:

24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

25 ¶ And, behold, a cēr'tain lawyer

stood up, and tempted him, saying, Mā'ster, w^hat shall I do to inherit eternal life?

26 He said unto him, W^hat is written in the law? how readest thou?

27 And he an'swering, said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jē'sūs, And who is my neighbour?

30 And Jē'sūs an'swering, said, A cēr'tain man went down from Jē-rū'sa-lēm to Jēr'i-chō, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded² him, and departed, leaving him, half dead.

31 And by chance, there came down a cēr'tain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Le'vite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a cēr'tain Sa-mār'i-tān, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow, when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him: and w^hatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again^r, I will repay thee.

36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

37 And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jē'sūs unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

38 ¶ Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a cēr'tain vil'lage:³ and a cēr'tain wom'an, named Mār'thā, received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mā'ry, which also sat at Jē'sūs' feet, and heard his word.

40 But Mār'thā was cumbered about much sēr'ving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her, there'fore, that she help me.

41 And Jē'sūs answered, and said unto her, Mār'thā, Mār'thā, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

42 But one thing is needful: and Mā'ry hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

CHAP. XI.

AND it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a cēr'tain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him,

¹ prōd'dēnt.

² rhyming with bōund'ed, fōund'ed, &c.

³ vil'ldje.

Lord, teach us to pray, as Jōhn also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Fā'ther which art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend; yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or, if he ask a fish, will he, for a fish, give him a serpent?

12 Or, if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Fā'ther give the Holy Spīrit to them that ask him?

14 ¶ And he was cāst'ing out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pāss, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.

15 But some of them said, He cās'teth out devils through Bē-ēl'ze-būb, the chief of the devils.

16 And others tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven.

17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth.

18 If Sā'tān also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cāst out devils through Bē-ēl'ze-būb.

19 And if I by Bē-ēl'ze-būb cāst out devils, by whom do your sons cāst them out? there'fore shall they be your judges.

20 But if I with the finger of God cāst out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

21 When a strong man armed keepeth his pāl'ace, his goods are in peace:

22 But when a stronger than he sūa come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

23 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gāthereth not with me scattereth.

24 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

25 And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished.

26 Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

27 ¶ And it came to pāss, as he spake these things, a cēr'tain wom'an¹ of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Błēs'sed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucke.

28 But he said, Yea, rather błēs'sed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

29 ¶ And when the people wēre gāthered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jō'nās the prophet.

30 For as Jō'nās was a sign unto the Nin'e-vites, so shall also the Son of Man be to this generation.

31 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them; for she came from the utmost parts of the earth, to hear the wisdom of Sōl'o-mōn; and, behold, a greater than Sōl'o-mōn is here!

32 The men of Nin'e-vēh shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jō'nās; and, behold, a greater than Jō'nās is here.

33 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.

34 The light of the body is the eye: there'fore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.

35 Take heed, there'fore, that the light which is in thee be not darkness.

36 If thy whole body, there'fore, be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

37 ¶ And as he spake, a cēr'tain Phār'i-see besought him to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat.

38 And when the Phār'i-see saw it, he

¹ wūm'ūn, i. e. wōdm'ūn.

marvelled that he had not first wāsh'ed before dinner.

39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye, Phār'i-sēēs, make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your in'ward part is full of ravening and wickedness.

40 Ye fools! did not he that made that which is without, make that which is within also?

41 But rāther give ālm̄s of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things āre clean unto you.

42 But wo unto you, Phār'i-sēēs! for ye tithe the mint, and rue,¹ and all manner of hērb̄s, and pās over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

43 Wo unto you, Phār'i-sēēs! for ye love the uppermost seats in the s̄yn'agōgues, and greetings in the markets.

44 Wo unto you, scribes and Phār'i-sēēs, h̄yp'ocrites! for ye āre as graves which appear not, and the men that wālk over them āre not āware of them.

45 ¶ Then ānswered one of the lawyers, and said unto him, Mā'ster, thus saying, thou reproachest us also.

46 And he said, Wo unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens griēv'ous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.

47 Wo unto you! for ye build the sēp'ulchres of the prophets, and your fāthers killed them.

48 Truly ye beār witness that ye allow the deeds of your fāthers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sēp'ulchres.

49 Thēre'fore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and āpōstles, and some of them they shall slay and p̄secute;

50 That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation;

51 From the blood of Ā/bēl unto the blood of Zāch-a-rī'ās, which perished between the āltar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.

52 Wo unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken āwāy the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that wēre entering in ye hindered.

53 And as he said thesethings unto them, the scribes and the Phār'i-sēēs began to urge him vē'hē-mēnt-ly, and to provoke him to speak of many things.

54 Laying wait for him, and seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him.

CHAP. XII.

IN the mean time, when there wēre gāth-ered togethēr an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trōde one upon ānōther, he began to say unto his dis-

ciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Phār'i-sēēs, which is hypōc'risy.

2 For there is nōthing cōvered, that shall not be revealed; nēither hid, that shall not be known.

3 Thēre'fore whātsoever ye have spoken in darkness, shall be hēard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets, shall be proclāim'ed upon the house-tops.

4 And I say unto you, my friends, Be not āfrāid of them that kill the body, and āfter that have no more that they can do.

5 But I will fōre-wārn' you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which, āfter he hath killed, hath power to cāst into hell; yēa, I say unto you, Fear him.

6 Āre not five sparrows sold for two farthings? and not one of them is forgotten before God.

7 But even the very hairs of your head āre all numbered. Fear not, thēre'fore; ye āre of more value than many sparrows.

8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the āngels of God.

9 But he that denieth me before men, shall be denied before the āngels of God.

10 And whosoever shall speak a word āgainst' the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blāspēm'eth āgainst' the Hōly Ghōst, it shall not be forgiven.

11 And when they bring you unto the s̄yn'agōgues, and unto magistrates and powers, take ye no thought how or whāt thing ye shall ānswer, or whāt ye shall say:

12 For the Hōly Ghōst shall teach you in the same hour whāt ye ought to say.

13 ¶ And one of the cōmpany said unto him, Mā'ster, speak to my brōther, that he divide the inheritance with me.

14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge, or a divider over you?

15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of cōv'ētōūsnēss: for a man's life consisteth not in the ābūn'dānce of the things which he pōssēs's/eth.

16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a cēr'tain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17 And he thought within himself, saying, Whāt shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years: take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20 But God said unto him, Thou fool! this night thy soul shall be required of

thee ; then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided ?

21 So is he that layeth up trëas'ure for himself, and is not rich tõ'wård God.

22 ¶ And he said unto his discip'les, Thère'fore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, wåt ye shall eat ; nèither for the body, wåt ye shall put on.

23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

24 Consider the ravens : for they nèither sow nor reap ; which nèither have store-house nor barn ; and God feedeth them : How much more àre ye better than the fowls ?

25 And which of you, with taking thought, can add to his ståt'ure¹ one cubit ?

26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is læst, why take ye thought for the rest ?

27 Consider the lilies how they grow : they toil not, they spin not ; and yet I say unto you, that Sõl'o-mõn, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these.

28 If then God so clothe the græss, which is to-day in the field, and to-morrow is cåst into the oven ; how much more will he clothe you ? O ye of little fåith !

29 And seek not ye wåt ye shall eat, or wåt ye shall drink ; nèither be ye of dõubt'fål mind.

30 For all these things do the nations of the wõrld seek åfter : and your Få'ther knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31 ¶ But råther seek ye the kingdom of God : and all these things shall be added unto you.

32 Fear not, little flock ; for it is your Få'ther's good pleås'ure to give you the kingdom.

33 Sell that ye have, and give ålms ; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a trëas'ure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thieff approacheth, nèither mõth corrupteth :

34 For where your trëas'ure is, there will your heart be also.

35 Let your loins be gir'ded² åbout', and your lights burning :

36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding ; that, when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

37 Blës'sed àre those sèrvants, whom the lord, when he cometh, shall find wåtch'ing : verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and sèrve them.

38 And if he shall come in the second wåtch,³ or come in the third wåtch, and find them so, blës'sed àre those sèrvants.

39 And this know, that if the good man of the house had known wåt hour the

thieff would come, he would have wåtch'ed, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

40 Be ye, thère'fore, rëady also : for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

41 ¶ Then Pë'tër said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all ?

42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise stëwård, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their põt'ion of meat in due season ?

43 Blës'sed is that sèrvant, whom his lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing.

44 Of a truth I say unto you, That he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

45 But and if that sèrvant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming ; and shall begin to beat the men-sèrvants, and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken ;

46 The lord of that sèrvant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not åwåre, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his põt'ion with the ün-bë-liëv'ers.

47 And that sèrvant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, nèither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

48 But he that knew not, and did commit things wõrthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required : and to whom men have committed much, of him they will åsk the more.

49 ¶ I am come to send fire on the èarth ; and wåt will I, if it be ålrëady kindled.

50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with ; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished !

51 Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on èarth ? I tell you, Nay ; but råther divi'sion :

52 For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three ågainst' two, and two ågainst' three.

53 The father shall be divided ågainst' the son, and the son ågainst' the father ; the mõther ågainst' the dåughter, and the dåughter ågainst' the mõther ; the mõther-in-law ågainst' her dåughter-in-law, and the dåughter-in-law ågainst' her mõther-in-law.

54 ¶ And he said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shõwer ; and so it is.

55 And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat ; and it cometh to pæss.

56 Ye hÿp'ocrites ! ye can dÿ'scern' the face of the sky,⁴ and of the èarth ; but

¹ ståt'tshüre.

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² gër'ded.

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how is it, that ye do not diſcern' this time ?

57 Yeā, and why even of yourselves judge ye not whāt is right ?

58 ¶ When thou goest with thine ād'vēr-sāry to the magistrate, as thou art in the way, give diligence that thou mayst be delivered from him ; læst he hale thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and the officer cāst thee into prison.

59 I tell thee, thou shalt not depart thence, till thou hast paid the very læst mite.

CHAP. XIII.

THERE wēre present at that season some that told him of the Gāl-i-lē'āns, whose blood Pī'lāte had mingled with their sāk'rifices.

2 And Jē'sūs ān'swering, said unto them, Suppose ye that these Gāl-i-lē'āns wēre sinners ābove all the Gāl-i-lē'āns, because they suffered such things ?

3 I tell you, Nay ; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

4 Or those eighteen upon whom the tower in Sil'o-ām fell, and slew them, think ye that they wēre sinners ābove all men that dwelt in Jē-rū'sa-lēm ?

5 I tell you, Nay ; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

6 ¶ He spake also this parable : A cēr'tain man had a fig-tree plānt'ed in his vineyard ; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vine'yard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig-tree, and find none : cut it down ; why cumbereth it the ground ?

8 And he ān'swering, said unto him, Lord, let it ālone this year also, till I shall dig ābout' it, and dung it.

9 And if it bear fruit, well : and if not, then āfter that thou shalt cut it down.

10 ¶ And he was teaching in one of the sŷn'agōgues on the sāk'bath.

11 And, behold, there was a wom'an which had a spirit of ĩnfir'mity¹ eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

12 And when Jē'sūs saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Wom'an, thou art lōosed from thine ĩnfir'mity.

13 And he laid his hands on her ; and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

14 And the ruler of the sŷn'agōgue ān'swered with indignation, because that Jē'sūs had healed on the sāk'bath-dāy, and said unto the people, There āre six days in which men ought to work : in them, thērē'fōre, come and be healed, and not on the sāk'bath-dāy.

15 The Lord then ān'swered him, and said, Thou hŷp'ocrite ; dōth not each one of you on the sāk'bath lōose his ox, or his āss from the stall, and lead him āway to watering ?

¹ ĩn-fēr'me-te.

² grōd.

16 And ought not this wom'an, being a dāughter of Ā'bra-hām, whom Sā'tān hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be lōosed from this bond on the sāk'bath-dāy ?

17 And when he had said these things, all his ād'vēr'sāries wēre āshamed : and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that wēre done by him.

18 ¶ Then said he, Unto whāt is the kingdom of God like ? and whereunto shall I resemble it ?

19 It is like a grain of mūstārd-seed, which a man took, and cāst into his garden ; and it grew,² and waxed a great tree ; and the fowls of the air lodged in the brānches of it.

20 ¶ And āgain' he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God ?

21 It is like leaven, which a wom'an took and hid in three mēās'ures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

22 And he went through the cities and vīllages³ teaching, and jōūr'neying tō'wārd Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

23 ¶ Then said one unto him, Lord, āre there few that be saved ? And he said unto them,

24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate : for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

25 When once the Māster of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us ; and he shall ānswer, and say unto you, I know you not whence ye āre :

26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.

27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye āre ; depart from me, all ye workers of ĩnī'quity.⁴

28 There shall be weeping and gnāsh'ing of teeth, when ye shall see Ā'bra-hām, and Ī'sāc, and Jā'cōb, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselfes thrust out.

29 And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

30 And, behold, there āre læst, which shall be first, and there āre first, which shall be læst.

31 ¶ The same day there came cēr'tain of the Phār'i-sēes, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence ; for Hēr'od will kill thee.

32 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cāst out devils, and I do cures to-dāy and to-morrow, and the third dāy I shall be pēr'fected.

33 Nevertheless, I must wālĳ to-dāy, and to-morrow, and the dāy following : for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

34 O Jē-rū'sa-lēm, Jē-rū'sa-lēm, which

³ vīllā-d-jīz.

⁴ ĩn-īk'kve-te.

killst the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen dóth gáther her brood under her wings, and ye would not!

35 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blés'sed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

CHAP. XIV.

AND it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Phār'i-sées to eat bread on the sá'b bath-dá'y, that they wá'tch'ed him.

2 And, behold, there was a cēr'táin man before him, which had the dropsy.

3 And Jē'sūs án'swering, spake unto the lawyers and Phār'i-sees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sá'b bath-dá'y?

4 And they held their peace. And he took him and healed him, and let him go:

5 And answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an áss or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sá'b bath-dá'y?

6 And they could not ánswer him ágain' to these things.

7 ¶ And he put forth a parable to those which wēre bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them,

8 When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room, lést a more hōn'ourable man than thou be bidden of him;

9 And he that báde thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.

10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that báde thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have wór'ship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

11 For whosoever exálteth himself shall be ábásed; and he that hūmbleth himself shall be exálted.

12 ¶ Then said he also to him that báde him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brēthren, néither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lést they also bid thee ágain', and a recompense be made thee.

13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:

14 And thou shalt be blés'sed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

15 ¶ And when one of them that sat at meat with him héard these things, he said unto him, Blés'sed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

16 Then said he unto him, A cēr'táin man made a great supper, and báde many:

1 ágēn'.

17 And sent his sērvant at supper-time to say to them that wēre bidden, Come, for all things are now ready.

18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piéce of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

19 And ánóther said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20 And ánóther said, I have married a wife; and thēre'fore I cannot come.

21 So that sērvant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the máster of the house, being angry, said to his sērvant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the hált, and the blind.

22 And the sērvant said, Lord, it is dóne as thou hast cōmmán'ded, and yet there is room.

23 And the lord said unto the sērvant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24 For I say unto you, that nōne of those men which wēre bidden, shall taste of my supper.

25 ¶ And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,

26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and móther, and wife, and children, and brēthren, and sisters, yēa, and his own life also, he cannot be my dīsciple.

27 And whosoever dóth not bear his cross, and come áfter me, cannot be my dīsciple.

28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

29 Lést haply, áfter he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it, begin to mock him,

30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

31 Or whát king, going to make wár ágainst' ánóther king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh ágainst' him with twenty thousand?

32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ámbásságe, and desireth conditions of peace.

33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you, that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my dīsciple.

34 ¶ Sált is good: but if the sált have lost his sávour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?

35 It is néither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cást it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

CHAP. XV.

THEN drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.

2 And the Phār'i-sēes and scribes murmured, saying, This man rēcēiveth sinners and eateth with them.

3 ¶ And he spake this parable unto them, saying,

4 Whāt man of you having a hundred sheep, if he lōse one of them, dōth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go āfter that which is lost, until he find it ?

5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me ; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

8 ¶ Eīther whāt wom'an, having ten piēces of silver, if she lōse one piēce, dōth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it ?

9 And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours togēther, saying, Rejoice with me ; for I have found the piēce which I had lost.

10 Likewise, I say unto you, There is joy in the presence of the āngels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

11 ¶ And he said, A cēr'tāin man had two sons :

12 And the younger of them said to his fāther, Fā'ther, give me the pōrtion of goods that falleth to me. And he dividēd unto them his living.

13 And not many days āfter, the younger son gāthered all togēther, and took his journey into a far country, and there wāsted his substance with riotous living.

14 And when he had spent all, there ārōse a mighty famine in that land ; and he began to be in wānt.

15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country ; and he sent him into his fiēlds to feed swine.

16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat : and no man gave unto him.

17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired sērvants of my fāther's have bread enough, and to spare, and I perish with hunger !

18 I will ārise, and go to my fāther, and will say unto him, Fā'ther, I have sinned āgainst' Heaven, and before thee,

19 And am no more wōrthy to be called thy son : make me as one of thy hired sērvants.

20 And he ārōse and came to his fāther. But, when he was yet a great way off, his fāther saw him and had compassion,

and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him, Fā'ther, I have sinned āgainst' Heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more wōrthy to be called thy son.

22 But the fāther said to his sērvants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him ; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet :

23 And bring hither the fatted cālf, and kill it ; and let us eat, and be mērry :

24 For this my son was dead, and is ālive āgain' ; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be mērry.

25 Now, his elder son was in the fiēld : and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he hēard musick and dān'cing.

26 And he called one of the sērvants, and āsked whāt these things meant.

27 And he said unto him, Thy brōther is come ; and thy fāther hath killed the fatted cālf, because he hath rēcēived him safe and sound.

28 And he was angry and would not go in : thērēfōre came his fāther out, and entreated him.

29 And he ān'swering, said to his fāther, Lo, these many years do I sērve thee, nēither transgressed I at any time thy cōm'mānd'mēnt ; and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make mērry with my friends :

30 But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted cālf.

31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

32 It was meet that we should make mērry and be glad ; for this thy brōther was dead, and is ālive āgain' ; and was lost, and is found.

CHAP. XVI.

AND he said also unto his discīples, There was a cēr'tāin rich man, which had a stēwārd ; and the same was accused unto him that he had wāsted his goods.

2 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee ? give an account of thy stēwārd-shīp ; for thou mayst be no longer stēwārd.

3 Then the stēwārd said within himself, Whāt shall I do, for my lord taketh āwāy from me the stēwārd-shīp ? I cannot dig ; to beg I am āshāmed.

4 I am resolved whāt to do, that when I am put out of the stēwārd-shīp, they may rēcēive me into their houses.

5 So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord ?

6 And he said, A hundred mēās'ures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.

7 Then said he to ānōther, And how

much mēast thou? And he said, A hundred mēasures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill and write four-score.

8 And the lord cōmmēnded the unjust stewart, because he had done wisely: for the children of this wōrld are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into ēvērlāsting habitations.

10 He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least, is unjust also in much.

11 If, thēre'fore, ye have not been¹ faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true² riches?

12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is ānōther man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

13 No sērvant can sērve two māsters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise' the other. Ye cannot sērve God and mammon.

14 ¶ And the Phār'ī-sēes also, who wēre cōv'ētōūs, hēard all these things: and they derided him.

15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly e-steem-ed āmōng men, is abomination in the sight of God.

16 The law and the prophets wēre until Jōhn; since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pās, than one tittle of the law to fail.

18 Whosoever putteth āway his wife, and marrieth ānōther, committeth ādūl'tēry: and whosoever marrieth her that is put āway from her hūsbānd, committeth ādūl'tēry.

19 ¶ There was a cēr'tain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sūmp'tuōūsly³ every day:

20 And there was a cēr'tain beggar named Láz'a-rūs, which was laid at his gate full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it came to pās, that the beggar died, and was carried by the āngels into Ā'bra-hām's bō'sóm: the rich man also died, and was buried;

23 And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Ā'bra-hām āfar off, and Láz'a-rūs in his bō'sóm.

24 And he cried, and said, Fā'ther Ā'bra-hām, have mērcy on me; and send Láz'a-rūs, that he may dip the tip of his finger in

wāter and cool my tōngue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Ā'bra-hām said, Son, remember, that thou in thy life-time receivedst thy good things, and likewise Láz'a-rūs evil things: but now he is cōm'fōrted, and thou art tormented.

26 And, besides all this, between us and you there is a great gul' fixed: so that they which would pās from hence to you cannot; neither can they pās to us, that wōuld cōme from hence.

27 Then he said, I pray thee, thēre'fore, father, that thou wōuldst send him to my father's house:

28 For I have five brēthren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 Ā'bra-hām saith unto him, They have Mō'sēs and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father Ā'bra-hām; but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Mō'sēs and the prophets, nēither will they be pērsūaded though one rose from the dead.

CHAP. XVII.

THEN said he unto his discip'les, It is impossible but that offences will come: but wo unto him through whom they come!

2 It wēre better for him that a mill-stone wēre hunged ābout' his neck, and he cāst into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

3 ¶ Take heed to yourselves: If thy brōther trēs'pās āgainst' thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

4 And if he trēs'pās āgainst' thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn āgain' to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

5 ¶ And the āpōstles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mūs'tārd seed, ye might say unto this syc'ā-mine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou plānted in the sea; and it should obey you.

7 But which of you having a sērvant ploughing, or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?

8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird⁴ thyself, and sērve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and āftērwārd thou shalt eat and drink?

9 Dōth he think that sērvant because he did the things that wēre cōmmānd'ed him? I trōw* not.

10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which āre cōmmānd'ed you, say, We āre unprofitable sērvants,

1 līn.

2 trōd.

3 sūm'tshū-ūs-le.

4 gērd.

* think.

we have done that which was our duty to do.

11 ¶ And it came to pass, as he went to Jê-rû'sa-lêm, that he passed through the midst of Sa-mâ'ri-â and Gâl'i-lêe.

12 And, as he entered into a cêr'tain vil'lage,¹ there met him ten men that wêre lëpers, which stood âfar off:

13 And they lifted up *their* voices, and said, Jê'sûs, Mâ'ster, have mërcy on us.

14 And when he saw *them*, he said unto them, Go show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they wêre cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

16 And fell down on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Sa-mâr'i-tân.

17 And Jê'sûs ân'swerîng, said, Wêre there not ten cleansed? but where *àre* the nine?

18 There *àre* not found that returned to give glory to God, save this strânger.

19 And he said unto him, Ârî'se, go thy way; thy fâith hath made thee whole.

20 ¶ And when he was demân'ded of the Phâr'i-sëes, when the kingdom of God should come, he ân'swered them, and said, the kingdom of God cometh not with shë'r-vâ'tion.

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

22 ¶ And he said unto the disciples, the days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and ye shall not see *it*.

23 And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not âfter *them*, nor follow *them*.

24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one *part* under heaven, shineth unto the other *part* under heaven; so shall also the Son of Man be in his day.

25 But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.

26 And as it was in the days of Nô'e, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man:

27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they wêre given in mâr'riage,² until the day that Nô'e entered into the ark; and the flood came and destrôy'ed them all.

28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lôt, they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they plânted, they builded:

29 But the same day that Lôt went out of Söd'om, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destrôy'ed *them* all.

30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

31 In that day, he which shall be upon the house-top, and his stuff in the house,

1 vil'lidge. 2 mâr'riage.

let him not come down to take it âway; and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.

32 Remember Lôt's wife.

33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life, shall lÛse it; and whosoever shall lÛse his life, shall præ'sërve' it.

34 I tell you, In that night there shall be two *men* in one bed; and the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

35 Two *wom'en* shall be grind'ing together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

36 Two *men* shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body *is*, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

CHAP. XVIII.

AND he spake a parable unto them, *to this end*, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, nêither regarded man:

3 And there was a widow in that city, and she came unto him, saying, Âvënge' me of mine âd'versary.

4 And he would not for a while: but âf'terwârd he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

5 Yet, because this widow troubleth me, I will âvënge' her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

6 And the Lord said, Hear whât the unjust judge saith.

7 And shall not God âvënge' his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

8 I tell you, that he will âvënge' them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

9 ¶ And he spake this parable unto cêr'tain which trusted in themselves that they wêre righteous, and despî'sed others:

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Phâr'i-sëe, and the other a publican.

11 The Phâr'i-sëe stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men *àre*, extortioners, unjust, âdûl'terér's, or even as this publican.

12 I fâst twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I pö's'së's'.

13 And the publican, standing âfar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God, be mër'ciful to me a sinner.

14 I tell you, This man went down to his house justified *râther* than the other: for every one that exâlteth himself shall be âbâsed; and he that hûmbleth himself shall be exâlted.

15 ¶ and they brought unto him also

infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

16 But Jē'sūs called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, shall in no wise enter therein.

18 ¶ And a cēr'tain ruler asked him, saying, Good Mā'ster, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

19 And Jē'sūs said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God.

20 Thou knowest the cōmmān'mēnts. Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.

21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up.

22 Now, when Jē'sūs heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.

23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.

24 And when Jē'sūs saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

26 And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved?

27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

28 ¶ Then Pē'ter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee.

29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake,

30 Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

31 ¶ Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man shall be accomplished.

32 For he shall be delivered unto the Gēn'tiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated and spitted on;

33 And they shall scourge him, and put him to death; and the third day he shall rise again.

34 And they understood none of these things; and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

35 ¶ And it came to pass, that, as he

1 stāt'tshāre.

was come nigh unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm, a cēr'tain blind man sat by the way-side begging:

36 And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant.

37 And they told him that Jē'sūs of Naz-a-rēth passeth by.

38 And he cried, saying, Jē'sūs, thou son of Dā'vid, have mercy on me.

39 And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace; but he cried so much the more, Thou son of Dā'vid, have mercy on me.

40 And Jē'sūs stood, and cōmmān'ded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him,

41 Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight.

42 And Jē'sūs said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.

43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

CHAP. XIX.

AND Jē'sūs entered and passed through Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

2 And, behold, there was a man named Zac-ché'ús, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

3 And he sought to see Jē'sūs who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stāt'ure.¹

4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a syc'amōre tree to see him; for he was to pass that way.

5 And when Jē'sūs came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zac-ché'ús, make haste, and come down; for to-day I must abide at thy house.

6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

8 And Zac-ché'ús stood, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him four-fold.

9 And Jē'sūs said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of A'bra-hām.

10 For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

11 ¶ And, as they heard these things, he added, and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.

12 He said, therefore, A cēr'tain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.

15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he comman'ded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant; because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:

21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man; thou takest up that thou aidest not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:

23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds.

25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.)

26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath, shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath, shall be taken away from him.

27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.

28 ¶ And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascen'ding up to Jê-rû'sa-lêm.

29 And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bêth'pha-gè and Bêth'a-ny, at the mount called the mount of ôl'ives, he sent two of his disciples,

30 Saying, Go ye into the vil'lage ¹ over against you; in the which, at your entering, ye shall find a colt tied, whercon yet never man sat: lòose him, and bring him hither.

31 And if any man ask you, Why do ye lòose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.

32 And they that wêre sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.

33 And, as they wêre lòd'sing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why lòose ye the colt?

¹ vil'lidje.

34 And they said, The Lord hath need of him.

35 And they brought him to Jê'sûs; and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jê'sûs thereon.

36 And, as they went, they spread their clothes in the way.

37 And when he was come nigh, even now at the descen't of the mount of ôl'ives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice, and praise God with a loud voice, for all the mighty works that they had seen;

38 Saying, Blès'sed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

39 And some of the Phãr'i-sêes from among the multitude said unto him, Mã'ster, rebuke thy disciples.

40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you, that if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

41 ¶ And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another: because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

45 ¶ And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought;

46 Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

47 And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests, and the scribes, and the chief of the people, sought to destrôy him:

48 And could not find whât they might do: for all the people wêre very attentive to hear him.

CHAP. XX.

AND it came to pass, that on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gô's'pêl, the chief priests and the scribes came upon him, with the elders,

2 And spake unto him, saying, Tell us by whât authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority?

3 And he answered and said unto them, I will also ask you one thing, and answer me:

4 The baptism of Jôhn, was it from heaven, or of men?

5 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he

will say, Why then believed ye him not?

6 But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us: for they be persuaded that John was a prophet.

7 And they answered, That they could not tell whence it was.

8 And Jesus said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

9 ¶ Then began he to speak to the people this parable; A certain man planted a vineyard,¹ and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time.

10 And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit² of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty.

11 And again³ he sent another servant: and they beat him also, and entreated him shamefully, and sent him away empty.

12 And again³ he sent a third; and they wounded him also, and cast him out.

13 Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence him when they see him.

14 But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir:³ come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.

15 So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. What, therefore, shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them?

16 He shall come and destroy⁴ these husbandmen, and shall give the vineyard to others. And, when they heard it, they said, God forbid.

17 And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?

18 Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

19 ¶ And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against⁵ them.

20 And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.

21 And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly; neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly:

22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Cæsar, or no?

23 But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me?

24 Show me a penny. Whose image

¹ vin'yerd.

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and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Cæsar's.

25 And he said unto them, Render, therefore, unto Cæsar the things which be Cæsar's, and unto God the things which be God's.

26 And they could not take hold of his words before the people; and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.

27 ¶ Then came to him certain of the Sadducees, which deny that there is any resurrection; and they asked him,

28 Saying, Master, Moses wrote unto us, If any man's brother die, having a wife and he die without children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

29 There were, therefore, seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and died without children.

30 And the second took her to wife, and he died childless.

31 And the third took her; and in like manner the seven also: and they left no children, and died.

32 Last of all the woman died also.

33 Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of them is she? for seven had her to wife.

34 And Jesus answering, said unto them, the children of this world marry, and are given in marriage:⁴

35 But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:

36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

37 Now that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

38 For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.

39 ¶ Then certain of the scribes, answering, said, Master, thou hast well said.

40 And after that they durst not ask him any question at all.

41 ¶ And he said unto them, How say they that Christ is David's son?

42 ¶ And David himself saith in the Book of Psalms, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

43 Till I make thine enemies thy footstool.

44 David, therefore, calleth him Lord, how is he then his son?

45 ¶ Then, in the audience of all the people, he said unto his disciples,

46 Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts;

47 Which devour widows' houses, and for a show make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.

³ are.

⁴ mar'riage.

CHAP. XXI.

AND he looked up, and saw the rich men cās'ting their gifts into the tréas'-
ury.

2 And he saw also a cêr'tain poor widow cās'ting in thither two mites.

3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cāst in more than they all :

4 For all these have of their äbün'dānce cāst in unto the offerings of God : but she of her penury hath cāst in all the living that she had.

5 ¶ And as me spake of the temple, how it was ädörn'ed with goodly stones and gifts, he said,

6 As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon änother, that shall not be thrown down.

7 ¶ And they äsked him, saying Mä'ster, but when shall these things be ? and wāt sign will there be when these things shall come to päss ?

8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not dëceived : for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ ; and the time draweth near : go ye not, thêrê'fore, äfter them.

9 But when ye shall hear of wārs and commotions, be not terrified : for these things must first come to päss ; but the end is not by and by.

10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise ägainst' nation, and kingdom ägainst' kingdom :

11 And great äärth'quakes shall be in di'vers' places, and famines, and pestilences ; and fêar'fûl¹ sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and pësecute you, dëivering you up to the sÿn'agögues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

13 And it shall turn to you for a tês'timöny.

14 Settle it thêrê'fore in your hëarts, not to meditate before, wāt ye shall äns-
wer :

15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your äd'vërsāries shall not be able to gainsay nor rëjist'.

16 And ye shall be betrayed both by pärents, and brêthren, and kinsfolks, and friends ; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death.

17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.

18 But there shall not a hair of your head perish.

19 In your patience pössëss' ye your souls.

20 And when ye shall see Jê-rû'sa-lêm cöm'pässed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

21 Then let them which äre in Jü-dë'a

flee to the möûn'tains ; and let them which äre in the midst of it depart out ; and let not them that äre in the countries enter thêrê'into.

22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which äre written may be fulfilled.

23 But wo unto them that äre with child, and to them that give suck in those days ! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wërāth upon this people.

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the swörd, and shall be led äway cäptive into all nations : and Jê-rû'sa-lêm shall be trodden down of the Gën'tiles, until the times of the Gën'tiles be fulfilled.

25 ¶ And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars ; and upon the äärth distress of nations, with përp'lëx'ity ; the sea and the waves roaring ;

26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking äfter those things which äre coming on the äärth : for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27 And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud, with power and great glory.

28 And when these things begin to come to päss, then look up, and lift up your heads ; for your redemption draweth nigh.

29 And he spake to them a parable : Be-
hold the fig-tree, and all the trees ;

30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to päss, know ye that the king-
dom of God is nigh at hand.

32 Verily I say unto you, This genera-
tion shall not päss äway till all be fulfilled.

33 Heaven and äärth shall päss äway ; but my words shall not päss äway.

34 ¶ And take heed to yourselves, lëst at any time your hëarts be overchärged with sÿr'feiting, and drunkenness, and cāres of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole äärth.

36 Wātch ye, thêrê'fore, and pray älw-
ays, that ye may be accounted wöthy to èscäp'e all these things that shall come to päss, and to stand before the Son of Man.

37 And in the day-time he was teaching in the temple, and at night he went out, and äböde in the mount that is called the
mount of Öl'ives.

38 And all the people came äarly in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him.

CHAP. XXII.

NOW the feast of unleavened bread drew¹ nigh, which is called the Pass-
över.

¹ fêr'fûl, timorous--fêr'fûl, terrible.

2 And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him ; for they feared the people.

3 ¶ Then entered Sa'tan into Ju'das, surnamed Is-çar'i-öt, being of the number of the twelve.

4 And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and eap'tains, how he might betray him unto them.

5 And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money.

6 And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

7 ¶ Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed.

8 And he sent Pe'ter and Jöhn, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.

9 And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare ?

10 And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in.

11 And ye shall say unto the good man of the house, The Mä'ster saith unto thee, Where is the guäst'-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples ?

12 And he shall show you a large upper-room furnished : there make ready.

13 And they went, and found as he had said unto them ; and they made ready the passover.

14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.

15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer :

16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves :

18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

19 ¶ And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body, which is given for you : this do in remembrance of me.

20 Likewise also, the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

21 ¶ But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table.

22 And truly the Son of Man goeth, as it was determined : but wo unto that man by whom he is betrayed !

23 And they began to inquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

24 ¶ And there was also a strife among

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them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

25 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gën'tiles exercise lordship over them ; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.

26 But ye shall not be so : but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger ; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

27 For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serv'eth ? Is not he that sitteth at meat ? but I am among you as he that serv'eth.

28 Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations :

29 And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Fa'ther hath appointed unto me ;

30 That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Is'ra-ël.

31 ¶ And the Lord said, Si'mön, Si'mön, behold, Sa'tan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat :

32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not : and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison and to death.

34 And he said, I tell thee, Pe'ter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

35 ¶ And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing ? And they said, Nothing.

36 Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip ; and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.

37 For I say unto you, That this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors ; for the things concerning me have an end.

38 And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.

39 ¶ And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Öl'ives ; and his disciples also followed him :

40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down and prayed,

42 Saying, Fa'ther, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me : nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done.

43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

44 And, being in an agony, he prayed more ear'nestly : and his sweat was as it

wēre great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

45 And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his dīsciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,

46 And said unto them, Why sleep ye ? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

47 ¶ And, while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Jū'dās, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew ¹ near unto Jē'sūs to kiss him.

48 But Jē'sūs said unto him, Jū'dās, betrayest thou the Son of Man with a kiss ?

49 When they which wēre about' him saw wāt would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword ?

50 ¶ And one of them smote a sērvant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.

51 And Jē'sūs answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.

52 Then Jē'sūs said unto the chief priests, and cāp'tains of the temple, and the elders, which wēre come to him, Be ye come out as āgainst' a thief, with sword and staves ?

53 When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands āgainst' me : but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

54 ¶ Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Pē'tēr followed āfar off.

55 And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and wēre set down together, Pē'tēr sat down among them.

56 But a cēr'tain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and ēar'nēstly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him.

57 And he denied him, saying, Wom'an, I know him not.

58 And, āfter a little while, ānōther saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Pē'tēr said, No, I am not.

59 And ābout' the space of one hour āfter, ānōther confidently āffirm'ed,² saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him : for he is a Gāl-i-lē'an.

60 And Pē'tēr said, Man, I know not wāt thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew.³

61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Pē'tēr : And Pē'tēr remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

62 And Pē'tēr went out, and wept bitterly.

63 ¶ And the men that held Jē'sūs, mocked him, and smote him.

64 And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and āsked him, saying, Prōph'ē-sy : Who is it that smote thee ?

¹ drōd.² āf-fērm'ed.

65 And many other things blās'phēmōusly spake they āgainst' him.

66 ¶ And, as soon as it was day, the elders of the people, and the chief priests, and the scribes, came togēther, and led him into their council,

67 Saying, Art thou the Christ ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe :

68 And if I also āsk you, ye will not answer me, nor let me go.

69 Hereāfter shall the Son of Man sit on the right hand of the power of God.

70 Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God ? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am.

71 And they said, Wāt need we any further witness ? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.

CHAP. XXIII.

AND the whole multitude of them ārōse, and led him unto Pī'lāte

2 And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow pērvērt'ing the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Cēs'sār, saying, That he himself is Christ a king.

3 And Pī'lāte āsked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews ? and he answered him and said, Thou sayest it.

4 Then said Pī'lāte to the chief priests, and to the people, I find no fault in this man.

5 And they wēre the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jew'ry, beginning from Gāl'i-lēe to this place.

6 When Pī'lāte heard of Gāl'i-lēe, he āsked whether the man wēre a Gāl-i-lē'an.

7 And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Hēr'od's jurisdiction, he sent him to Hēr'od, who himself was also at Jē-rū'sa-lēm at that time.

8 And when Hēr'od saw Jē'sūs, he was exceeding glad : for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him ; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him.

9 Then he questioned with him in many words ; but he answered him nōthing.

10 And the chief priests and scribes stood, and vē'hē-mēnt-ly accused him.

11 And Hēr'od with his men of wār set him at nōught, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gōr'geōūs⁴ robe, and sent him āgain' to Pī'lāte.

12 ¶ And the same day Pī'lāte and Hēr'od wēre made friends togēther : for before they wēre at enmity between themselves.

13 ¶ And Pī'lāte, when he had called togēther the chief priests, and the rulers, and the people,

14 Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that pērvērt'eth the people : and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man,

³ krōd.⁴ gōr'jūs.

touching those things whereof ye accuse him :

15 No, nor yet Hēr'od : for I sent you to him ; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him :

16 I will, thère'fore, chāstīse' him, and release him.

17 (For of necessity he must release one unto him at the feast.)

18 And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Ba-rāb'bās :

19 (Who for a cēr'tain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cāst into prison.)

20 Pī'lāte, thère'fore, willing to release Jē'sūs, spake āgain' to them.

21 But they cried, saying, Crū'cifī¹ him, crū'cifī him.

22 And he said unto them the third time, Why ? whāt evil hath he done ? I have found no cause of death in him : I will thère'fore chāstīse' him, and let him go.

23 And they wēre instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them, and of the chief priests prevail'ed.

24 And Pī'lāte gave sentence that it should be as they required.

25 And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cāst into prison, whom they had desired ; but he delivered Jē'sūs to their will.

26 ¶ And, as they led him āway, they laid hold upon one Sī'mōn, a Cŷ-re'ni-ān, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jē'sūs.

27 And there followed him a great cōmpany of people, and of wom'en, which also bewāil'ed and lāmēnt'ed him.

28 But Jē'sūs, turning unto them, said, Daughters of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

29 For, behold, the days āre coming, in the which they shall say, Blēs'sed āre the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.

30 Then shall they begin to say to the mōūn'tāins, Fall on us ; and to the hills, Cōver us.

31 For if they do these things in a green tree, whāt shall be done in the dry ?

32 ¶ And there wēre also two others, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

33 And when they wēre come to the place which is called Čāl'va-ry, there they crucified him, and the malefactors ; one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

34 ¶ Then said Jē'sūs, Fā'ther, forgive them ; for they know not whāt they do. And they parted his raiment, and cāst lots.

35 ¶ And the people stood beholding :

and the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others ; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

36 And the sōl'diērs also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar,

37 And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.

38 And a sūpērscrip'tion also was written over him, in letters of Greek, and Lāt'in, and He'brew,² THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

39 ¶ And one of the malefactors, which wēre hanged, rail'ed* on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

40 But the other ān'swering, rebuked him, saying, Dōst not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation ?

41 And we indeed justly ; for we receive the due reward of our deeds : but this man hath done nothing āmiss'.

42 And he said unto Jē'sūs, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43 And Jē'sūs said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

44 ¶ And it was ābout' the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the ēarth until the ninth hour.*

45 And the sun was darkened, and the vail of the temple was rent in the midst.

46 ¶ And when Jē'sūs had cried with a loud voice, he said, Fā'ther, into thy hands I cōmmēnd' my spirit : and, having said thus, he gave up the gho'st.

47 ¶ Now, when the centurion saw whāt was done, he glorified God, saying, Cēr'tainly this was a righ'teou's³ man.

48 And all the people that came togeth'er to that sight, beholding the things which wēre done, smote their breasts, and returned.

49 And all his acquaintance, and the wom'en that followed him from Gāl'i-lēe, stood āfar off beholding these things.

50 ¶ And, behold, there was a man named Jō'sēph, a counsellor ; and he was a good man, and a just :

51 (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them :) he was of Ār-i-ma-thē'ā, a city of the Jews ; who also himself waited for the kingdom of God :

52 This man went unto Pī'lāte, and begged the body of Jē'sūs.

53 And he took it down, and wrāpped it in linen, and laid it in a sēp'ulchre that was hewn in stone wherein never man before was laid.

54 And that day was the preparation, and the Sāb'bath drew on.

55 ¶ And the wom'en also, which came with him from Gāl'i-lēe, followed āfter, and beheld the sēp'ulchre, and how his body was laid.

* That is, from 12 o'clock at noon, till three o'clock in the after-noon.
 1 krōd'se-fī. 2 He'brōd. 3 ri'tshe-ūs. 77

56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointment; and rested the sabbath-day, according to the commandment.

CHAP. XXIV.

NOW, upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

7 Saying, The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

8 And they remembered his words,

9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

10 It was Mary Magdalene, and Joan, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

11 And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

12 ¶ Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

13 ¶ And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 And it came to pass, that while they communed together, and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

16 But their eyes were holden, that they should not know him.

17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleophas, answering, said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

20 And how the chief priests and our

rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and, beside all this, to-day is the third day since these things were done.

22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, That they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said; but him they saw not.

25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 And they drew nigh unto the village whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.

29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him: and he vanished out of their sight.

32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

35 And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

36 ¶ And, as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

40 And when he had thus spoken, he showed them his hands and his feet.

41 And while they yet believed not for

joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

42 And they gave him a piēce of a broiled fish, and of a hōney-comb.

43 And he took it, and did eat before them.

44 And he said unto them, These *àre* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Mō'sēs, and in the prophets, and in the Psālm, cōncerning me.

45 Then opened he their understand- ing, that they might understand the scrip- tures,

46 And said unto them, Thus it is writ- ten, and thus it behōved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day;

47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jē-rū'sa- lēm.

48 And ye *àre* witnesses of these things.

49 ¶ And, behold, I send the promise of my Fà'ther upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jē-rū'sa-lēm, until ye be endued with power from on high.

50 ¶ And he led them out as far as to Beth'a-ny, and he lifted up his hands, and blēssed them.

51 And it came to pāss, while he blēss- ed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

52 And they wor'shipped him, and re- turned to Jē-rū'sa-lēm with great joy:

53 And wēre continually in the temple, praising and blēss'ing God. *Ā'mēn*.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN.

CHAP. I.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things wēre made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

6 ¶ There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* Jōhn.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.

9 That was the true Light, which light- eth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own rēcēived him not.

12 But as many as rēcēived him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:

13 Which wēre born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 ¶ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Fà'ther,) full of grace and truth.

15 Jōhn bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me, is préfér'ed before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we rē- cēived, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Mō'sēs, but grace and truth came by Jē'sūs Christ.

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only-begotten Son, which is in the bō'som of the Fà'ther, he hath declared *him*.

19 ¶ And this is the rēc'ōrd of Jōhn, when the Jews sent priests and Lē'vites from Jē- rā'sa-lēm, to ask him, Who art thou?

20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou *Ē-li'ās*? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to² them that sent us. What sayest thou of thy- self?

23 He said, I *am* the voice of one cry- ing in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet *Ē-sā'- i-ās*.³

24 And they which wēre sent wēre of the Phā'r'i-sēes.

25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor *Ē-li'ās*, nēither that prophet?

26 Jōhn answered them, saying, I bap- tize with wāter; but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

27 He it is, who, coming after me, is préfér'ed before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not wōrthy to ũnlōōse.

28 These things wēre done in Bēth-āb'- a-rā, beyond Jōr'dān, where Jōhn was bap- tizing.

29 ¶ The next day Jōhn seeth Jē'sūs

² tōō.

³ *Ē-sā'yās*.

⁴ *ūn-tōō'*.

coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lāmb of God, which taketh āway the sin of the wōrld!

30 This is he of whom I said, Āfter me cometh a man which is prefēr'ed before me; for he was before me.

31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Īs'ra-ēl, thērē'fore am I come baptizing with wāter.

32 And Jōhn bare rēc'ōrd, saying, I saw the Spīr'it descending from heaven like a dōve, and it ābode upon him.

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with wāter, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spīr'it descending, and rēmain'ing on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Hōly Ghōst.

34 And I saw, and bare rēc'ōrd, that this is the Son of God.

35 ¶ Āgain', the next day āfter, Jōhn stood, and two of his dīscīples;

36 And looking upon Jē'sūs as he wālked, he saith, Behold the Lāmb of God!

37 And the two dīscīples heard him speak, and they followed Jē'sūs.

38 Then Jē'sūs turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, Whāt seek ye? They said unto him, Rāb'bī, (which is to say, being ĩntēr'prēted, Mā'ster,) wherē dwellest thou?

39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw wherē he dwelt, and ābōde with him that day: for it was ābout the tenth hour.†

40 One of the two which hēard Jōhn speak, and followed him, was Ān'drew, Sī'mōn Pē'tēr's brōther.

41 He first findeth his own brōther Sī'mōn, and saith unto him, We have found the Mēs-sī'ās, which is, being ĩntēr'prēted, The Christ.

42 And he brought him to Jē'sūs. And when Jē'sūs beheld him, he said, thou art Sī'mōn the son of Jō'nā: thou shalt be called Cē'phās, which is, by ĩntēr'prētā'tion, A stone.

43 ¶ The day following, Jē'sūs would go forth into Gāl'i-lēē, and findeth Phil'ip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

44 Now Phil'ip was of Bēth-sā'i-dā, the city of Ān'drew and Pē'tēr.

45 Phil'ip findeth Na-thān'a-ēl, and saith unto him, We have found him of whom Mō'sēs in the law, and the prophets did write, Jē'sūs of Nāz'a-rēth, the son of Jō'sēph.

46 And Na-thān'a-ēl said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nāz'a-rēth? Phil'ip saith unto him, Come and see.

47 Jē'sūs saw Na-thān'a-ēl coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Īs'ra-ēlite indeed, in whom is no guile!

48 Na-thān'a-ēl saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jē'sūs answered and

said unto him, Before that Phil'ip called thee, when thou wast under the fig-tree, I saw thee.

49 Na-thān'a-ēl answered and saith unto him, Rāb'bī, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Īs'ra-ēl.

50 Jē'sūs answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig-tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereāfter ye shall see heaven open, and the āngels of God āscending and dēscending upon the Son of Man.

CHAP. II.

AND the third day there was a mār'riage² in Ča'nā of Gāl'i-lēē; and the mōther of Jē'sūs was there:

2 And both Jē'sūs was called and his dīscīples to the mār'riage.

3 And when they wānted wine, the mōther of Jē'sūs saith unto him, They have no wine.

4 Jē'sūs saith unto her, Wom'an, wnāt have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.

5 His mōther saith unto the sērvants, Whātsoever he saith unto you, do it.

6 And there wēre set there six wāter-pots of stone, āfter the manner of the purifying of the Jews, cōntain'ing two or three fīrkins āpīce.

7 Jē'sūs saith unto them, Fill the wāter-pots with wāter. And they filled them up to the brim.

8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the gōvērnor of the feast. And they bare it.

9 When the ruler of the feast had tāsted the wāter that was made wine, and knew not whence it was, (but the sērvants which drew the wāter knew,) the gōvērnor of the feast called the bridegroom,

10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning dōth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is wōrse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

11 This beginning of miracles did Jē'sūs in Ča'nā of Gāl'i-lēē, and manifested forth his glory; and his dīscīples believed on him.

12 ¶ Āfter this he went down to Ča-pēr'na-ūm, he and his mōther, and his brēthren, and his dīscīples; and they continued there not many days.

13 ¶ And the Jews' pāssover was at hand; and Jē'sūs went up to Jē-rū'sa-lēm,

14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen, and sheep, and dōves, and the chāngers of mōney, sitting:

15 And, when he had made a scōurģe of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the chāngers' mōney, and overthrew³ the tables;

† Tenth hour—4 o'clock in the āfter-noon.

² mār'rijē.

³ ō-vūr-thrōd'.

16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence ; make not my Fà'ther's house a house of mēr'chān-diçe.

17 And his discip'les remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

18 ¶ Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Whāt sign showest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things ?

19 Je'sūs answered and said unto them, Dēstrōy' this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days ?

21 But he spake of the temple of his body.

22 When, thēre'fōre, he was risen from the dead, his discip'les remembered that he had said this unto them ; and they bē-lievēd the scripture, and the word which Jē'sūs had said.

23 ¶ Now, when he was in Jē-rū'sa-lēm at the pāssover, in the feast-day, many bē-lievēd in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.

24 But Jē'sūs did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men ;

25 And needed not that any should testify of man : for he knew whāt was in man.

CHAP. III.

THERE was a man of the Phār'i-sēēs, named Niç-o-de'mūs, a ruler of the Jews :

2 The same came to Jē'sūs by night, and said unto him, Rāb'bi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God ; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jē'sūs answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born āgain', he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Niç-o-dē'mūs saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old ? can he enter the second time into his mōther's womb, and be born ?

5 Je'sūs answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of wāter, and of the Spīr'it, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh ; and that which is born of the Spīr'it is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born āgain'.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth : so is every one that is born of the Spīr'it.

9 Niç-o-dē'mūs answered and said unto him, How can these things be ?

10 Jē'sūs answered and said unto him, Art thou a māster of Iŷ'ra-ēl, and knowest not these things ?

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen ; and ye receive not our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe if I tell you of heavenly things ?

13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of Man, which is in heaven.

14 ¶ And as Mō'sēs lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up ;

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have etērnal life.

16 ¶ For God so loved the wōrld, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have ēvēr-lās'ting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the wōrld to condemn the wōrld ; but that the wōrld through him might be saved.

18 ¶ He that believeth on him is not condemned : but he that believeth not is condemned ālrēady ; because he hath not bē-lievēd in the name of the only-begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the wōrld, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds wēre evil.

20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, nēither cometh to the light, lēst his deeds should be reproved.

21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they āre wrōught in God.

22 ¶ After these things came Jē'sūs and his discip'les into the land of Jū-dē'ā ; and there he tarried with them and baptized.

23 ¶ And Jōhn also was baptizing in Ē'nōn, near to Sā'lim, because there was much wāter there : and they came, and wēre baptized :

24 For Jōhn was not yet cāst into prison.

25 ¶ Then there āroze a question between some of Jōhn's discip'les and the Jews ābout' purifying.

26 And they came unto Jōhn, and said unto him, Rāb'bi, he that was with thee beyond Jōr'dān, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him.

27 Jōhn answered and said, A man can receive nōthing, except it be given him from heaven.

28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.

29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom : but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. This my joy thēre'fōre is fulfilled.

30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

31 He that cometh from ābove is ābove all : he that is of the ēarth is ēarthly, and speaketh of the ēarth : he that cometh from heaven is ābove all.

32 And wĥāt he hath seen and hēard, that he testifieth ; and no man rēcēiveth his tēs'timōny.

33 He that hath rēcēived his tēs'timōny, hath set to his seal that God is true.

34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God : for God giveth not the Spīr'it by mēas'ūre unto him.

35 The Fā'ther loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

36 He that believeth on the Son hath ēv-ērlās'ting life ; and he that bēliēveth not the Son shall not see life ; but the w'rāth of God ābideth on him.

CHAP. IV.

WHEN, thērē'fōre, the Lord knew how the Phār'i-sēēs had hēard that Jē'sūs made and baptized more disciples than Jōhn,

2 (Though Jē'sūs himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

3 He left Jū-de'ā, and departed āgain' into Gal'i-lēe.

4 And he must needs go through Sa-mā'ri-ā.

5 Then cometh he to a city of Sa-mā'ri-ā, which is called Sŷ'chār, near to the parcel of ground that Jā'cōb gave to his son Jō'sēph.

6 Now Jā'cōb's well was there. Jē'sūs, thērē'fōre, being wearied with his jōurney, sat thus on the well : and it was about' the sixth hour.*

7 There cometh a wom'an of Sa-mā'ri-ā to draw wāter : Jē'sūs saith¹ unto her, Give me to drink :

8 (For his disciples wēre gone āway unto the city to buy meat.)

9 Then saith the wom'an of Sa-mā'ri-ā unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, āskest drink of me, which am a wom'an of Sa-mā'ri-ā ? (for the Jews have no dealings with the Sa-mār'i-tāns.)

10 Jē'sūs ānsvered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink, thou wouldst have āsked of him, and he would have given thee living wāter.

11 The wom'an saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nōthing to draw with, and the well is deep : from whence then hast thou that living wāter ?

12 Art thou greater than our fāther Jā'cōb, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle ?

13 Jē'sūs ānsvered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this wāter shall thirst āgain' :

14 But whosoever drinketh of the wāter that I shall give him shall never thirst ; but the wāter that I shall give him shall be in him a well of wāter springing up into ēv-ērlās'ting life.

* sixth hour—12 o'clock, or noon.

15 The wom'an saith unto him, Sir, give me this wāter, that I thirst not, nēither come hither to draw.

16 Jē'sūs saith unto her, Go, call thy hūs'bānd, and come hither.

17 The wom'an ānsvered and said, I have no hūs'bānd. Jē'sūs said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no hūs'bānd :

18 For thou hast had five hūs'bānds, and he whom thou now hast is not thy hūs'bānd ; in that saidst thou truly.

19 The wom'an saith unto him, Sir, I pērcēivē' that thou art a prophet.

20 Our fāthers wōr'shipped in this mōū'tain ; and ye say, That in Jē-rū'salēm is the place where men ought to wōr'ship.

21 Jē'sūs saith unto her, Wom'an, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall nēither in this mōū'tain, nor yet at Jē-rū'salēm, wōr'ship the Fā'ther.

22 Ye wōr'ship ye know not wĥāt : we know wĥāt we wōr'ship ; for salvation is of the Jews.

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true wōr'shippers shall wōr'ship the Fā'ther in spirit and in truth : for the Fā'ther seeketh such to wōr'ship him.

24 God is a spirit : and they that wōr'ship him, must wōr'ship him in spirit and in truth.

25 The wom'an saith unto him, I know that Mēs-si'ās cometh, which is called Christ : when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jē'sūs saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

27 ¶ And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the wom'an ; yet no man said, Wĥāt seekest thou ? or, Why tālkest thou with her ?

28 The wom'an then left her wāter-pot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

29 Come see a man which told me all things that ever I did ; Is not this the Christ ?

30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

31 ¶ In the meanwhile his disciples prayed him, saying, Mā'ster, eat.

32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

33 Thērē'fōre said the disciples one to ānōther, Hath any man brought him āught to eat ?

34 Jē'sūs saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

35 Say not ye, There āre yet four mōnths, and then cometh harvest ? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields ; for they āre white ālrēady to harvest.

36 And he that reapeth rēcēiveth wages, and gāthereth fruit unto life eternal ; that

1 sēth.

both he that soweth, and he that reapeth, may rejoice togeth'er.

37 And herē is that saying true, One soweth, and ānōther reapeth.

38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

39 ¶ And many of the Sa-mār'i-tāns of that city believed on him for the saying of the wom'an, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

40 So when the Sa-mār'i-tāns wēre come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he ābode there two days.

41 And many more believed, because of his own word;

42 And said unto the wom'an, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard *him* ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Sav'our¹ of the wōrl.

43 ¶ Now, āfter two days, he departed thence, and went into Gāl'i-lēē:

44 For Jē'sūs himself testified, that a prophet hath no hōn'ōur in his own country.

45 Then, when he was come into Gāl'i-lēē, the Gāl'i-lēēns received him, having seen all the things that he did at Je-rū'sa-lēm at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.

46 So Jē'sūs came āgain' into Čā'nā of Gāl'i-lēē, where he made the wāter wine. And there was a cēr'tain nòblemān, whose son was sick at Ča-pēr'na-ūm.

47 When he heard that Jē'sūs was come out of Jū-dē'ā into Gāl'i-lēē, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

48 Then said Jē'sūs unto him, Except ye see signs and wōnders, ye will not believe.

49 The nòblemān saith unto him, Sir, come down ere² my child die.

50 Jē'sūs saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jē'sūs had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

51 And, as he was now going down, his sērvants met him, and told *him*, saying, Thy son liveth.

52 Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to āmēnd'. And they said unto him, Yē's'tērdāy at the seventh hour the fever left him.³

53 So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour, in the which Jē'sūs said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.

54 This is āgain' the second miracle that Jē'sūs did, when he was come out of Jo-dē'ā into Gāl'i-lēē.

CHAP. V.

AFTER this there was a feast of the Jews: and Jē'sūs went up to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

1 Sāve'yūr. 2 āre. 3 seventh hour—1 o'clock in the āfter-noon. 4 Hē'brōd. * knew

2 Now there is at Jē-rū'sa-lēm, by the sheep-market, a pool, which is called in the Hē'brew¹ tōngue, Bēth-ēs'dā, having five pōrches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, hālt, withered, waiting for the moving of the wāter.

4 For an angel went down at a cēr'tain season into the pool, and troubled the wāter; whosoever then first, āfter the troubling of the wāter, stepped in, was made whole of whātsoever disease he had.

5 And a cēr'tain man was there, which had an infir'mity thirty and eight years.

6 When Jē'sūs saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man when the wāter is troubled, to put me into the pool: but, while I am coming, ānōther steppeth down before me.

8 Jē'sūs saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed and wālk.

9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and wālked; and on the same day was the sāb'bath.

10 ¶ The Jews, thēr'fōre, said unto him that was cured, It is the sāb'bath-dāy; it is not lawful for thee to carry *thy* bed.

11 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and wālk.

12 Then asked they him, Whāt man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and wālk?

13 And he that was healed wist* not who it was: for Jē'sūs had conveyed himself āway, a multitude being *in that* place.

14 Āp'tērwārd Jē'sūs findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lēst a worse thing come unto thee.

15 The man departed and told the Jews, that it was Jē'sūs which had made him whole.

16 And thēr'fōre did the Jews pērsecute Jē'sūs, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sāb'bath-dāy.

17 ¶ But Jē'sūs answered them, My Fā'ther worketh hitherto, and I work.

18 Thēr'fōre the Jews sought' the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sāb'bath, but said also, that God was his Fā'ther, making himself equal with God.

19 ¶ Then answered Jē'sūs, and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nōthing of himself, but whāt he seeth the Fā'ther do: for whāt things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

20 For the Fā'ther loveth the Son, and showeth him all things that himself doeth: and he will show him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

21 For as the Fà'ther raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

22 For the Fà'ther judgeth no man; but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

23 That all *men* should hōn'ōūr the Son, even as they hōn'ōūr the Fà'ther. He that hōn'ōūreth not the Son, hōn'ōūreth not the Fà'ther which hath sent him.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath ēvēr-lās'ting life, and shall not come into condemnation: but is pās'sed from death unto life.

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live.

26 For as the Fà'ther hath life in himself, so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself:

27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of Man.

28 Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

29 And shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

30 I can of mine own self do nōthing: as I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Fà'ther, which hath sent me.

31 ¶ If I bear witness of myself,² my witness is not true.

32 There is another that beareth witness of me, and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.

33 Ye sent unto Jōhn, and he bare witness unto the truth.

34 But I receive not tēs'timōny from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.

35 He was a burning and a shī'ning light; and ye wēre willing for a season to rejoice in his light.

36 ¶ But I have greater witness than *that* of Jōhn: for the works which the Fà'ther hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Fà'ther hath sent me.

37 And the Fà'ther himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

38 And ye have not his word āhī'ding in you; for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.

39 ¶ Sēarch the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have ētērnal life: and they are they which testify of me.

40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

41 ¶ I receive not hōn'ōūr from men.

1 mē-sēlf.

2 Ān'drōd

42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

43 I am come in my Fà'ther's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

44 How can ye believe, which receive hōn'ōūr one of another, and seek not the hōn'ōūr that cometh from God only?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Fà'ther: there is *one* that accuseth you, *even* Mō'sēs, in whom ye trust.

46 For had ye believed Mō'sēs, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

CHAP. VI.

AFTER these things Jē'sūs went over the sea of Gāl'i-lēē, which is *the sea of* Ti-bē'ri-ās.

2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that wēre diseased.

3 And Jē'sūs went up into a mōūn'tain, and there he sat with his disciples.

4 And the pās'sover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

5 ¶ When Jē'sūs then lifted up *his* eyes, and saw a great cōmpany come unto him, he saith unto Phil'ip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

6 (And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.)

7 Phil'ip answered him, Two hundred pēn'ny-wōrth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

8 One of his disciples, Ān'drew,¹ Sī'mōn Pē'tēr's brōther, saith unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley-loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

10 And Jē'sūs said, Makē the men sit down. (Now there was much grās's in the place.) So the men sat down, in number ābout' five thousand.

11 And Jē'sūs took the loaves: and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that wēre set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12 When they wēre filled, he said unto his disciples, Gāther up the fragments that remain, that nōthing be lost.

13 Thērē'fore they gāthered *them* togēther, and filled twelve bāskets with the fragments of the five barley-loaves, which rē-māin'ed over and ābōve unto them that had eaten.

14 Then thōse men, when they had seen the miracle that Jē'sūs did, said, This is of a truth that Prōph'et that should come into the wōrld.

15 When Jē'sūs thērē'fore pērcēived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed āgain' into a mōūn'tain himself ālōne.

16 ¶ And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea,

17 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea tōwārd Ça-pēr'na-üm. And it was now dark, and Jē'sūs was not come to them.

18 And the sea ārōse, by reason of a great wind that blew.

19 So when they had rowed ābout five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jē'sūs wālk'ing on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship : and they wēre āfrāid.

20 But he saith unto them, It is I : be not āfrāid.

21 Then they willingly rēceived him into the ship ; and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.

22 ¶ The day following, when the people, which stood on the other side of the sea, saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples wēre entered, and that Jē'sūs went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples wēre gone āway ālone ;

23 (Howbeit there came other boats from Ti-bē'ri-ās, nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, āfter that the Lord had given thanks ;))

24 When the people, thēre'fore, saw that Jē'sūs was not there, nēither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Ça-pēr'na-üm, seeking for Jē'sūs.

25 And, when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rāb/bī, when earnest thou hither ?

26 Jē'sūs ānswered them, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and wēre filled.

27 Lāboūr not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto ēvēr'lās'ting life, which the Son of Man shall give unto you : for him hath God the Fā'ther sealed.

28 Then said they unto him, Whāt shall we do, that we might work the works of God ?

29 Jē'sūs ānswered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

30 ¶ They said thēre'fore unto him, what sign showest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee ? whāt dōst thou work ?

31 Our fathers did eat manna in the dēs'ērt ; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

32 Then Jē'sūs said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Mō'sēs gave you not that bread from heaven : but my Fā'ther giveth you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the wōrld.

34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

35 And Jē'sūs said unto them, I am the bread of life : he that cometh to me shall never hunger ; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

36 But I said unto you, that ye also have seen me, and believe not.

37 All that the Fā'ther giveth me shall come to me ; and him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cāst out.

38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

39 And this is the Fā'ther's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nōthing, but should raise it up āgain' at the lāst day.

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have ēvēr'lās'ting life : and I will raise him up at the lāst day.

41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

42 And they said, Is not this Jē'sūs, the son of Jō'sēph, whose fāther and mōther we know ? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven ?

43 Jē'sūs, thēre'fore, ānswered and said unto them, Murmur not āmōng yourselves.

44 No man can come to me, except the Fā'ther, which hath sent me, draw him ; and I will raise him up at the lāst day.

45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man, thēre'fore, that hath hēard, and hath lēarn'ed of the Fā'ther, cometh unto me.

46 Not that any man hath seen the Fā'ther, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Fā'ther.

47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath ēvēr'lās'ting life.

48 I am that bread of life.

49 Your fathers did eat mǎn'nā in the wilderness, and āre dead.

50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven : if any man eat of this bread he shall live for ever ; and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the wōrld.

52 The Jews, thēre'fore, strove āmōng themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat ?

53 Then Jē'sūs said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath etērnal life ; and I will raise him up at the lāst day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him

57 As the living Fā'ther hath sent me, and I live by the Fā'ther; so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat mān'nā, and āre dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

59 These things said he in the sŷn'agōgue, as he taught in Ca-pēr'na-ūm.

60 ¶ Many thēre'fore of his disciples, when they had hēard this, said, This is a hard saying; who can hear it?

61 When Jē'sūs knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Dóth this offend you?

62 *Whāt* and if ye shall see the Son of Man ascend up where he was before?

63 It is the Spīr'it that quickeneth: the flesh profiteth nóthing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.

64 But there āre some of you that believe not. For Jē'sūs knew from the beginning who they wēre that believed not, and who should betray him.

65 And he said, Thēre'fore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it wēre given unto him of my Fā'ther.

66 ¶ From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and wālked no more with him.

67 Then said Jē'sūs unto the twelve, Will ye also go āway?

68 Then Si'mōn Pē'tēr answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

69 And we believe, and āre sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

70 Jē'sūs answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

71 He spake of Jū'dās Is-čār'i-ōt, the son of Si'mōn: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

CHAP. VII.

AFTER these things, Jē'sūs wālked in Gāl'i-lēe: for he would not wālk in Jew'ry, because the Jews sought to kill him.

2 Now the Jews' feast of tāb'ēr'nācles was at hand.

3 His brēthren, thēre'fore, said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Jū-dē'ā, that thy discīples also may see the works that thou doest.

4 For *there* is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, show thyself to the wórl'd.

5 For néither did his brēthren believe in him.

6 Then Jē'sūs said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready.

7 The wórl'd cannot hate you: but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof āre evil.

8 Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come.

9 When he had said these words unto them, he ābode *still* in Gāl'i-lēe.

10 But when his brēthren wēre gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it wēre in secret.

11 Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he?

12 And there was much murmuring āmōng the people cōncēr'ning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people.

13 Howbeit, no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.

14 ¶ Now ābout' the midst of the feast, Jē'sūs went up into the temple, and taught.

15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never lēarn'ed?

16 Jē'sūs answered them, and said, My dōc'trīne is not mine, but his that sent me.

17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the dōc'trīne, whether it be of God, or *whether* I speak of myself.¹

18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

19 Did not Mō'sēs give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye ābout' to kill me?

20 The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth ābout' to kill thee?

21 Jē'sūs answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel.

22 Mō'sēs, thēre'fore, gave unto you circumcision, (not because it is of Mō'sēs, but of the fathers,) and ye on the sǎb'bath-dāy circumcise a man.

23 If a man on the sǎb'bath-dāy receive circumcision, that the law of Mō'sēs should not be broken; āre ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sǎb'bath-dāy?

24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righ'teōūs² judgment.

25 Then said some of them of Jē-rú'salēm, Is not this he whom they seek to kill?

26 But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nóthing unto him: Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ?

27 Howbeit, we know this man whence he is; but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is.

28 Then cried Jē'sūs in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not.

29 But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.

30 ¶ Then they sought to take him: but

¹ *mē-sēlf'.*

² *rī'tshe-ūs*

no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.

31 And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done?

32 The Phāri-sēes heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Phāri-sēes and the chief priests sent officers to take him.

33 ¶ Then said Jē'sūs unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto him that sent me.

34 Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come.

35 Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among the Gēn'tiles, and teach the Gēn'tiles?

36 Whāt manner of saying is this that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me? and where I am, thither ye cannot come?

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jē'sūs stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 (But this spake he of the Spīrit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given: because that Jē'sūs was not yet glorified.)

40 ¶ Many of the people, therefore, when they had heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophēt.

41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Gal'i-lēe?

42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of Dā'vid, and out of the town of Bēth'le-hēm, where Dā'vid was?

43 So there was a division among the people because of him.

44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

45 ¶ Then came the officers to the chief priests and Phāri-sēes, and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?

46 The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

47 Then answered them the Phāri-sēes, Are ye also deceived?

48 Have any of the rulers, or of the Phāri-sēes, believed on him?

49 But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.

50 Nic-o-dē'mūs saith unto them, (he that came to Jē'sūs by night, being one of them.)

51 Dóth our law judge any man, be-

fore it hear him, and know what he doeth?

52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Gal'i-lēe? Search, and look; for out of Gal'i-lēe ariseth no prophet.

53 And every man went unto his own house.

CHAP. VIII.

JESUS went unto the mount of Olives.

2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him: and he sat down, and taught them.

3 And the scribes and Phāri-sēes brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and, when they had set her in the midst,

4 They say unto him, Mā'ster, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5 Now Mō'sēs in the law cōmmanded us, That such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jē'sūs stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

7 So, when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last; and Jē'sūs was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10 When Jē'sūs had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jē'sūs said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

12 ¶ Then spake Jē'sūs again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

13 The Phāri-sēes, therefore, said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.

14 Jē'sūs answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true; for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go.

15 Ye judge after the flesh: I judge no man.

16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Fāther that sent me.

17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.

18 I am one that bear witness of myself.

and the Fā'ther that sent me beareth witness of me.

19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Fā'ther? Je'sūs answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Fā'ther: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Fā'ther also.

20 These words spake Je'sūs in the trēa'sury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him: for his hour was not yet come.

21 Then said Je'sūs again' unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.

22 Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come.

23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.

24 I said, thēre'fore, unto you, That ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins.

25 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Je'sūs saith unto them, Even *the same* that I said unto you from the beginning.

26 I have many things to say, and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.

27 They understood not that he spake to them of the Fā'ther.

28 Then said Je'sūs unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of Man, then shall ye know that I am *he*, and that I do nothing of myself: but as my Fā'ther hath taught me, I speak these things.

29 And he that sent me is with me: the Fā'ther hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

30 As he spake these words, many believed on him.

31 ¶ Then said Je'sūs to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

33 ¶ They answered him, We be *Ā'bra-hām's* seed, and were never in bōn'dage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

34 Je'sūs answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the sērvant of sin.

35 And the sērvant abideth not in the house for ever; but the Son abideth ever.

36 If the Son, thēre'fore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

37 I know that ye are *Ā'bra-hām's* seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

38 I speak that which I have seen with my Fā'ther: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

39 They answered and said unto him, *Ā'bra-hām* is our father. Je'sūs saith unto them, If ye were *Ā'bra-hām's* children, ye would do the works of *Ā'bra-hām*.

40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not *Ā'bra-hām*.

41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Fā'ther, *even* God.

42 Je'sūs said unto them, If God were your Fā'ther, ye would love me; for I proceeded forth, and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

45 And because I tell *you* the truth, ye believe me not.

46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

47 He that is of God heareth God's words; ye, thēre'fore, hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.

48 ¶ Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Sa-mā'ri-tān, and hast a devil?

49 Je'sūs answered, I have not a devil; but I hōn'ōur my Fā'ther, and ye do dīs-hōn'ōur me.

50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.

51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

52 Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. *Ā'bra-hām* is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.

53 Art thou greater than our father *Ā'bra-hām*, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?

54 Je'sūs answered, If I hōn'ōur myself, my hōn'ōur is nothing: it is my Fā'ther that hōn'ōureth me, of whom ye say, That he is your God:

55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you; but I know him, and keep his saying.

56 Your father *Ā'bra-hām* rejoiced to see my day: and he saw *it*, and was glad.

57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen *Ā'bra-hām*?

58 Je'sūs said unto them, Verily, verily,

I say unto you, Before *Ābra-hām* was, I am.

59 Then took they up stones to cāst at him : but *Jē'sūs* hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so pāssed by.

CHAP. IX.

AND as *Jē'sūs* pāssed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth.

2 And his disciples āsked him, saying, Mā'ster, who did sin, this man, or his pā-rents, that he was born blind ?

3 *Jē'sūs* ānswēred, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his pā-rents : but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day : the night cometh, when no man can work.

5 As long as I am in the wōrld, I am the light of the wōrld.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he ānōin'ted the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7 And said unto him, Go, wāsh in the pool of *Sil'o-ām*, (which is, by ĩntēr-prē-tā-tion, Sent.) He went his way, thērē'fōre, and wāshed, and came seeing.

8 ¶ The neighbours, thērē'fōre, and they which before had seen him, that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged ?

9 Some said, This is he : others said, He is like him : but he said, I am he.

10 Thērē'fōre said they unto him, How wēre thine eyes opened ?

11 He ānswēred and said, A man that is called *Jē'sūs*, made clay, and ānōin'ted mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of *Sil'o-ām*, and wāsh : and I went and wāshed, and I rēcēived sight.

12 Then said they unto him, Where is he ? He said, I know not.

13 ¶ They brought to the *Phār'i-sēēs*, him that āfōre'time was blind.

14 And it was the sāb'bath-dāy when *Jē'sūs* made the clay, and opened his eyes.

15 Then āgain' the *Phār'i-sēēs* also āsked him how he had rēcēived his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I wāshed, and do see.

16 Thērē'fōre said some of the *Phār'i-sēēs*, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sāb'bath-dāy. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner, do such miracles ? And there was a divi'sion āmōng them.

17 They say unto the blind man āgain', Whāt sayest thou of him, that he hath rēcēived thine eyes ? He said, He is a p'rophet.

18 But thē : Jews did not beliēve cōncēr-nāng him, snat he had been blind, and rēcēived his sight, until they called the pā-rents of him that had rēcēived his sight.

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19 And they āsked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind ? how then doth he now see ?

20 His pā-rents ānswēred them, and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind :

21 But by whāt means he now seeth, we know not ; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not : he is of age, āsk him : he shall speak for himself.

22 These wōrds spake his pā-rents, because they feared the Jews : for the Jews had āgrēed ālrēady, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the s'yn'agōgue.

23 Thērē'fōre said his pā-rents, He is of age, āsk him.

24 Then āgain' called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise : we know that this man is a sinner.

25 He ānswēred and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not : one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

26 Then said they to him āgain', Whāt did he to thee ? how opened he thine eyes ?

27 He ānswēred them, I have told you ālrēady, and ye did not hear : wherefore would ye hear it āgain' ? will ye also be his disciples ?

28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his discip'le ; but we āre Mō'sēs' discip'les.

29 We know that God spake unto Mō'sēs : as for this fellow we know not from whence he is.

30 The man ānswēred and said unto them, Why, herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.

31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners : but if any man be a wōr'shipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

32 Since the wōrld began was it not hēard, that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.

33 If this man wēre not of God, he could do nōthing.

34 ¶ They ānswēred and said unto him, thou wast āltōgēther born in sins, and dost thou teach us ? And they cāst him out.

35 ¶ *Jē'sūs* hēard that they had cāst him out ; and, when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou beliēve on the Son of God ?

36 He ānswēred and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might beliēve on him ?

37 And *Jē'sūs* said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that tālketh with thee.

38 And he said, Lord, I beliēve. And he wōr'shipped him.

39 ¶ And *Jē'sūs* said, For judgment I am

come into this wōrld; that they which see not, might see; and that they which see, might be made blind.

40 And some of the Phār'i-sēēs, which wēre with him, hēard these words, and said unto him, *Are we blind also?*

41 Jē'sūs said unto them, *If ye wēre blind, ye should have no sin; but now ye say, We see; thēre'fōre your sin rē-maineth.*

CHAP. X.

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheep-fold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2 But he that entereth in by the door, is the shēp'hērd of the sheep.

3 To him the pōrter openeth: and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leādeth them out.

4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

5 And a strānger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strāngers.

6 This parāble spake Jē'sūs unto them: but they understood not wāt things they wēre which he spake unto them.

7 Then said Jē'sūs unto them āgain', *Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.*

8 All that ever came before me āre thīeves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I am the door: by me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pās'tūre.¹

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destrōy': I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more ābūn'dantly.

11 I am the good shēp'hērd: the good shēp'hērd giveth his life for the sheep.

12 But he that is a hireling, and not the shēp'hērd, whose own the sheep āre not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf cācheth hem and scattereth the sheep.

13 The hireling fleeth, because he is a hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

14 I am the good shēp'hērd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

15 As the Fā'ther knoweth me, even so know I the Fā'ther: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 And other sheep I have, which āre not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shēp'hērd.

17 Thēre'fōre dōth my Fā'ther love me, because I lay down my life, that I might tākē it āgain'.

18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself: I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it āgain'.

¹ pās'tshūre.

This cōmmand'mēt have I rēceived of my Fā'ther.

19 ¶ There was a divi'sion, thēre'fōre, āgain' āmong the Jews for these sayings.

20 And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?

21 Others said, These āre not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?

22 ¶ And it was at Jē-rū'sa-lēm the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.

23 And Jē'sūs walked in the temple in Sōl'o-mōn's pōrch.

24 Then came the Jews round ābout' him, and said unto him, *How long dōst thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.*

25 Jē'sūs answered them, *I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Fā'ther's name, they bear witness of me.*

26 But ye believe not, because ye āre not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

28 And I give unto them etērnal life, and they shall never perish, nēither shall any pluck them out of my hand.

29 My Fā'ther, which gave them me, is greater than all: and nōne is able to pluck them out of my Fā'ther's hand.

30 I and my Fā'ther āre one.

31 Then the Jews took up stones āgain' to stone him.

32 Jē'sūs answered them, *Many good works have I showed you from my Fā'ther; for which of those works do ye stone me?*

33 The Jews ānsvered him, saying, *For a good work we stone thee not, but for blās'phēmy, and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.*

34 Jē'sūs ānsvered them, *Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye āre gods?*

35 If he called them gods unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken,

36 Say ye of him, whom the Fā'ther hath sanctified, and sent into the wōrld, *Thou blās'phēmeest; because I said, I am the Son of God?*

37 If I do not the works of my Fā'ther, believe me not.

38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works; that ye may know, and believe, that the Fā'ther is in me, and I in him.

39 ¶ Thēre'fōre they sought āgain' to take him: but he escapēd out of their hand,

40 And went āway āgain' beyōnd Jōr'dān, into the place where Jōhn at first baptized; and there he ābōde.

41 And many resorted unto him, and said, *Jōhn did no miracle: but all things that Jōhn spake of this man wēre true.*

42 And many bēlieved on him there.

CHAP. XI.

NOW a cēr'tain man was sick, named Láz'a-rūs, of Bēth'a-ny, the town of Mā'ry and her sister Mār'thā.

2 (It was *that* Mā'ry which ānōin'ted the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brōther Láz'a-rūs was sick.)

3 Thēre'fōre, his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lōvest is sick.

4 When Jē'sūs hēard *that*, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

5 Now Jē'sūs lōved Mār'thā, and her sister, and Láz'a-rūs.

6 When he had hēard, thēre'fōre, that he was sick, he ābōde two days still in the same place where he was.

7 Then āfter that saith he to *his* dīsciples, Let us go into Jū-dē'ā āgain'.

8 *His* dīsciples say unto him, Mā'ster, the Jews of late sought to stone thee: and goest thou thither āgain'?

9 Jē'sūs answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this wōrld.

10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

11 These things said he: and āfter that he saith unto them, Our friend Láz'a-rūs sleepeth; but I go, that I may āwake him out of sleep.

12 Then said his dīsciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

13 Howbeit, Jē'sūs spake of his death; but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

14 Then said Jē'sūs unto them plainly, Láz'a-rūs is dead.

15 And I am glad for your sakes, that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless, let us go unto him.

16 Then said Thōm'ās, which is called Dīd'y-mūs, unto his fellow dīsciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

17 Then when Jē'sūs came, he found that he had *lain* in the grave four days ālrēady.

18 (Now Bēth'a-ny was nigh unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm, ābout' fifteen furlongs off:)

19 And many of the Jews came to Mār'thā and Mā'ry, to cōm'fōrt them cōncērnīng their brōther.

20 Then Mār'thā, as soon as she hēard that Jē'sūs was cōmīng, went and met him: but Mā'ry sat *still* in the house.

21 Then said Mār'thā unto Jē'sūs, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brōther had not died.

22 But I know, that even now, whātsoever thou wilt āsk of God, God will give it thee.

23 Jē'sūs saith unto her, Thy brōther shall rise āgain'.

24 Mār'thā saith unto him, I know that he shall rise āgain' in the resurrection at the last day.

25 Jē'sūs said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that bēliēveth in me, though he wēre dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth, and bēliēveth in me, shall never die. Bēliēvest thou this?

27 She saith unto him, Yēa, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the wōrld.

28 And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mā'ry her sister secretly, saying, the Mā'ster is come, and calleth for thee.

29 As soon as she hēard *that*, she ārōse quickly, and came unto him.

30 Nōw Jē'sūs was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Mār'thā met him.

31 The Jews then which wēre with her in the house, and cōm'fōrted her, when they saw Mā'ry, that she rose up hastily, and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

32 Then when Mā'ry was come where Jē'sūs was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brōther had not died.

33 When Jē'sūs, thēre'fōre, saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They say unto him, Lord, come and see.

35 Jē'sūs wept.

36 Then said the Jews, Behold, how he lōved him!

37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

38 Jē'sūs, thēre'fōre, āgain' groaning in himself, cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

39 Jē'sūs said, Take ye āway the stone. Mār'thā, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh; for he hath been *dead* four days.

40 Jē'sūs saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wōldst bēliēve, thou shouldst see the glory of God?

41 Then they took āway the stone *from* the place where the dead was laid. And Jē'sūs lifted up *his* eyes, and said, Fā'ther, I thank thee that thou hast hēard me.

42 And I knew that thou hearest me always; but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, that they may bēliēve that thou hast sent me.

43 And, when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Láz'a-rūs, come forth.

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hānd and foot with grāve'clōthes:

and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jē'sūs saith unto them, Lōðse him, and let him go.

45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mā'ry, and had seen the things which Jē'sūs did, believed on him.

46 But some of them went their ways to the Phār'i-sēes, and told them what things Jē'sūs had done.

47 ¶ Then gathered the chief priests and the Phār'i-sēes a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

48 If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him; and the Rō'māns shall come and take away both our place and nation.

49 And one of them, named Çai'a-phās,¹ being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all,

50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.

51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jē'sūs should die for that nation:

52 And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

53 Then, from that day forth, they took counsel together for to put him to death.

54 Jē'sūs, therefore, walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Éphra-ím, and there continued with his disciples.

55 ¶ And the Jews' pāssover was nigh at hand; and many went out of the country up to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, before the pāssover, to purify themselves.

56 Then sought they for Jē'sūs, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye? that he will not come to the feast?

57 Now both the chief priests and the Phār'i-sēes had given a cōmmānd'mēt, that if any man knew where he were, he should show it, that they might take him.

CHAP. XII.

THEN Jē'sūs, six days before the pāssover, came to Bēth'a-ny, where Lāz'a-rūs was, which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

2 There they made him a supper, and Mār'thā served; but Lāz'a-rūs was one of them that sat at the table with him.

3 Then took Mā'ry a pound of ointment of spike'nard, very costly, and anōin'ted the feet of Jē'sūs, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

4 Then saith one of his disciples, Jūdās Is-çār'i-ōt, Sī'mōn's son, which should betray him,

5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

¹ Kā'ya-fās.

² Ān'drōd.

6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

7 Then said Jē'sūs, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

9 ¶ Much people of the Jews, thēre'fore, knew that he was there: and they came, not for Jē'sūs' sake only, but that they might see Lāz'a-rūs also, whom he had raised from the dead.

10 But the chief priests consulted, that they might put Lāz'a-rūs also to death;

11 Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jē'sūs.

12 ¶ On the next day, much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jē'sūs was coming to Jē-rū'sa-lēm,

13 Took branches of palm-trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hō-šan-nā: Blēs'sed is the King of Is'ra-ēl, that cometh in the name of the Lord.

14 And Jē'sūs, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon: as it is written,

15 Fear not, daughter of Sī'on: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

16 These things understood not his disciples at the first; but when Jē'sūs was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him.

17 The people, thēre'fore, that was with him when he called Lāz'a-rūs out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare rēc'ord.

18 For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.

19 The Phār'i-sēes, thēre'fore, said among themselves, Percēive' ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

20 ¶ And there were cēr'tain Grēeks among them, that came up to wór'shīp at the feast:

21 The same came, thēre'fore, to Phil'ip, which was of Bēth-sā'i-dā of Gál'i-lēe, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jē'sūs.

22 Phil'ip cometh and telleth Ān'drew;² and again, Ān'drew and Phil'ip tell Jē'sūs.

23 ¶ And Jē'sūs answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of Man should be glorified.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

25 He that loveth his life, shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my

sêrvant he; if any man sêrve me, him will my Fà'ther hōn'our.

27 Now is my soul troubled: and what shall I say? Fà'ther, save me from this hour; but for this cause came I unto this hour.

28 Fà'ther, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again'.

29 The people, therê'fore, that stood by, and heard it, said, That it thundered: others said, An ângel spake to him.

30 Jê'sûs answered and said, This voice came not, because of me, but for your sakes.

31 Now is the judgment of this wôrld: now shall the prince of this wôrld be cast out.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the êarth, will draw all men unto me.

33 (This he said, signifying what death he should die.)

34 The people answered him, We have heard out of the law, that Christ âbideth forever; and how sayest thou, The Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?

35 Then Jê'sûs said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you: Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness, knoweth not whither he goeth.

36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jê'sûs, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

37 ¶ But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him;

38 That the saying of Ê-sâ'i-âs¹ the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

39 Therê'fore they could not believe, because that Ê-sâ'i-âs said again',

40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be convert'ed, and I should heal them.

41 These things said Ê-sâ'i-âs, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

42 ¶ Nevertheless, among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Phâr'i-sêes they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the sÿn'agogue;

43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

44 ¶ Jê'sûs cried, and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

45 And he that seeth me, seeth him that sent me.

46 I am come a light into the wôrld, that

¹ Ê-sâ'yâs.

² mē-sêlf'.

whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I cannot to judge the wôrld, but to save the wôrld.

48 He that rejecteth me, and rēcēiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

49 For I have not spoken of myself: but the Fà'ther which sent me, he gave me a cōmmand'mēt, what I should say, and what I should speak.

50 And I know that his cōmmand'mēt is lifē evêrlâs'ting: whatsoever I speak, therê'fore, even as the Fà'ther said unto me, so I speak.

CHAP. XIII.

NOW, before the feast of the pàssover, when Jê'sûs knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this wôrld unto the Fà'ther, having loved his own which wêre in the wôrld, he loved them unto the end.

1 And supper being ended, (the devil having now put into the heart of Jû'dâs Is-câr'i-ôt, Sî'mōn's son, to betray him,)

2 Jê'sûs knowing that the Fà'ther had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God,

3 He riseth from supper, and laid âside his gârments; and took a towel, and girded³ himself.

4 After that, he poureth wâter into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

5 Then cometh he to Sî'mōn Pê'ter: and Pê'ter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

6 Jê'sûs answered and said unto him, What I do, thou knowest not now: but thou shalt know hereâfter.

7 Pê'ter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jê'sûs answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

8 Sî'mōn Pê'ter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

9 Jê'sûs saith to him, He that is washed, needeth not, save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

10 For he knew who should betray him; therê'fore said he, Ye are not all clean.

11 So, after he had washed their feet, and had taken his gârments, and was set down again', he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

12 Ye call me Mâ'ster, and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

13 If I then, your Lord and Mâ'ster, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

14 For I have given you an example,

³ gîr'dêd.

that ye should do as I have done to you.

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent, greater than he that sent him.

17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

18 ¶ I speak not of you all; I know whom I have chosen: but, that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

19 Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am *he*.

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send, receiveth me; and he that receiveth me, receiveth him that sent me.

21 When Jē'sūs had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.

23 Now there was leaning on Jē'sūs' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jē'sūs loved.

24 Sī'mōn Pē'ter, therē'fore, beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake.

25 He then, lying on Jē'sūs' breast, saith unto him, Lord, who is it?

26 Jē'sūs answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Jūdās Is-car'i-ōt, the son of Sī'mōn.

27 And after the sop Sāt'an entered into him. Then said Jē'sūs unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

28 Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him.

29 For some of them thought, because Jūdās had the bag, that Jē'sūs had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast: or, that he should give something to the poor.

30 He then, having received the sop, went immediately out: and it was night.

31 ¶ Therē'fore, when he was gone out, Jē'sūs said, Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

32 If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.

33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and, as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go ye cannot come: so now I say to you.

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

36 ¶ Sī'mōn Pē'ter said unto him, Lord,

1 *seth.*

Whither goest thou? Jē'sūs answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.

37 Pē'ter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.

38 Jē'sūs answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

CHAP. XIV.

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Fā'ther's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again' and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5 Thōm'ās saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest: and how can we know the way?

6 Jē'sūs saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Fā'ther, but by me.

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Fā'ther also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8 ¶ Phīl'ip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Fā'ther, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jē'sūs saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Phīl'ip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Fā'ther: and how sayest thou then, Show us the Fā'ther?

10 Believest thou not, that I am in the Fā'ther, and the Fā'ther in me? The words that I speak unto you, I speak not of myself: but the Fā'ther, that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Fā'ther, and the Fā'ther in me; or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12 ¶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do, shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Fā'ther.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Fā'ther may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

15 ¶ If ye love me, keep my commandments:

16 And I will pray the Fā'ther, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.

17 Eren the Spīr'it of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know

him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18 I will not leave you cöm'förtless; I will come to you.

19 Yet a little while, and the wörld seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

20 At that day ye shall know, that I am in my Fä'ther, and ye in me, and I in you.

21 He that hath my cömmänd'ments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Fä'ther, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

22 Jü'das saith unto him, (not İz-car-öt,) Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the wörld?

23 Jē'sūs answered and said I unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Fä'ther will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our äbode with him.

24 He that loveth me not, keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Fä'ther's which sent me.

25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

26 But the Cöm'fört'er, which is the Höly Ghöst, whom the Fä'ther will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

27 ¶ Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the wörld giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go äway and come ägain' unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Fä'ther: for my Fä'ther is greater than I.

29 And now I have told you before it come to päss, that, when it is come to päss, ye might believe.

30 Hereäfter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this wörld cometh, and hath nöthing in me.

31 But that the wörld may know that I love the Fä'ther; and as the Fä'ther gave me cömmänd'ment, even so I do. Ärise, let us go hence.

CHAP. XV.

I AM the true vine, and my Fä'ther is the hüß'bändmän.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh äway; and every bränch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye äre clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Äbide in me, and I in you. As the bränch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it äbide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye äbide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye äre the bränch-

1 sed.

es: He that äbideh in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nöthing.

6 If a man äbide not in me, he is cäst forth as a bränch, and is withered: and men gäther them, and cäst them into the fire, and they äre burned.

7 If ye äbide in me, and my words äbide in you, ye shall äsk wäht ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Fä'ther glorified that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

9 As the Fä'ther hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10 If ye keep my cömmänd'ments, ye shall äbide in my love; even as I have kept my Fä'ther's cömmänd'ments, and äbide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you that my joy might remäin in you, and that your joy might be full.

12 ¶ This is my cömmänd'ment, That ye love one änöther, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye äre my friends, if ye do wähtsoever I cömmänd' you.

15 Henceforth I call you not särvants; for the särvant knoweth not wäht his lord doeth: but I have called you friends: for all things that I have heard of my Fä'ther, I have made known unto you.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ördäin'ed you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remäin; that whatsoever ye shall äsk of the Fä'ther in my name, he may give it you.

17 These things I cömmänd' you, that ye love one änöther.

18 ¶ If the wörld hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

19 If ye wöre of the wörld, the wörld would love his own: but because ye äre not of the wörld, but I have chosen you out of the wörld, thäre'fore the wörld hateth you.

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The särvant is not greater than his lord. If they have pärsöcuted me, they will also pärsöcute you: if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

22 If I had not come, and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin.

23 He that hateth me, hateth my Fä'ther also.

24 If I had not done ämóng them the works which nöne other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Fä'ther.

25 But this cometh to päss, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their

law, They hated me without a cause.

26 ¶ But when the Cóm'fór-tér is come, whom I will send unto you from the Fà'ther, even the Spír'it of truth, which proceedeth from the Fà'ther, he shall testify of me :

27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

CHAP. XVI.

THESSE things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.

2 They shall put you out of the sýn'agögues ; yëa, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you, will think that he doeth God sër'vice.

3 And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Fà'ther, nor me.

4 But these things have I told you, that, when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

5 ¶ But now I go my way to him that sent me ; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou ?

6 But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth : It is expedient for you that I go away ; for if I go not away, the Cóm'fór-tér will not come unto you : but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteöusness, and of judgment :

9 Of sin ; because they believe not on me :

10 Of righteousness ; because I go to my Fà'ther, and ye see me no more :

11 Of judgment ; because the prince of this world is judged.

12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

13 Howbeit, when he, the Spír'it of truth is come, he will guide² you into all truth : for he shall not speak of himself ; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak : and he will show you things to come.

14 He shall glorify me : for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.

15 All things that the Fà'ther hath are mine : thêrê'före said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you.

16 ¶ A little while, and ye shall not see me ; and ägain', a little while, and ye shall see me : because I go to the Fà'ther.

17 Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me ; and ägain', a little while, and ye shall see me : and, Because I go to the Fà'ther ?

18 They said, thêrê'före, Whât is this

1 rí'tsho-üs-nës. 2 gyíde.

that he saith, A little while ? We cannot tell what he saith.

19 Now Jê'süs knew that they wêre desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said A little while, and ye shall not see me and ägain', a little while, and ye shall see me ?

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lamënt, but the world shall rejoice : and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

21 A wom'an when she is in tráv'aíl hath sorrow, because her hour is come ; but, as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

22 And ye now, thêrê'före, have sorrow ; but I will see you ägain', and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Fà'ther in my name, he will give it you.

24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name : ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs : but the time cometh when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly of the Fà'ther.

26 At that day ye shall ask in my name : and I say not unto you, That I will pray the Father for you :

27 For the Fà'ther himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

28 I came forth from the Fà'ther, and am come into the world : ägain', I leave the world, and go to the Fà'ther.

29 ¶ His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb.

30 Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee : by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

31 Jê'süs answered them, Do ye now believe ?

32 Behold, the hour cometh, yëa, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me älöne : and yet I am not älöne, because the Fà'ther is with me.

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation : but be of good cheer ; I have overcome the world.

CHAP. XVII.

THESSE words spake Jê'süs, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Fà'ther, the hour is come : glorify thy Son that thy Son also may glorify thee :

2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jē'sūs Christ, whom thou hast sent.

4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

5 And now, O Fā'ther, glorify thou me with thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

6 ¶ I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me: and they have kept thy word.

7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee:

8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Fā'ther, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition;¹ that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 ¶ I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 ¶ Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20 ¶ Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

21 That they all may be one: as the Fā'ther, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them as thou hast loved me.

24 Fā'ther, I will that they also whom thou hast given me be with me where I am: that they may behold my glory which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

25 O righteous Fā'ther, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it; that the love wherewith thou hast loved me, may be in them, and I in them.

CHAP. XVIII.

WHEN Jē'sūs had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cē'drōn, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples.

2 And Jū'dās also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jē'sūs oft-times resorted thither with his disciples.

3 Jū'dās then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Phā'ri-sēes, cometh thither with lanterns, and torches, and wēap'ons.²

4 Jē'sūs, therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?

5 They answered him, Jē'sūs of Nāz'a-rēth. Jē'sūs saith unto them, I am he. (And Jū'dās also, which betrayed him, stood with them.)

6 As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went bāck'wārd, and fell to the ground.

7 Then asked he them āgain', Whom seek ye? And they said, Jē'sūs of Nāz'a-rēth.

8 Jē'sūs answered, I have told you, that I am he. If, thēre'fore, ye seek me, let these go their way;

9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me, have I lost none.

10 ¶ Then Sī'mōn Pē'tēr having a swōrd, drew³ it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Māl'chūs.

11 Then said Jē'sūs unto Pē'tēr, Pūt* up thy swōrd into the sheath: the cup

* Pūt. v. a. To lay or reposit in any place, &c. pūt, or pūt. v. n. To shoot or germinate, &c. Pūt. s. a clown.

¹ pēr-dīsh'ūn.

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² wēp'p'nz.

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³ drōd.

Jē'sūs examined before Čai'a-phās. ST. JOHN. Pī'lāte delivereth him to be crucified.

which my Fā'ther hath given me, shall I not drink it?

12 Then the band, and the cāp'tain and officers of the Jews, took Jē'sūs, and bound him,

13 And led him āway to Ān'nās first; (for he was father-in-law to Čai'a-phās,¹ which was the high priest that same year.)

14 Now Čai'a-phās was he which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

15 ¶ And Sī'mōn Pē'tēr followed Jē'sūs, and so did ānōther discipule. That discipule was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jē'sūs into the pāl'ace of the high priest.

16 But Pē'tēr stood at the door without. Then went out that other discipule, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Pē'tēr.

17 Then saith the damsel that kept the door, unto Pē'tēr, Art not thou also *one* of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not.

18 And the sērvants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals, (for it was cold,) and they wārmēd themselves: and Pē'tēr stood with them, and wārmēd himself.

19 ¶ The high priest then āsked Jē'sūs of his disciples, and of his dōc'trine.

20 Jē'sūs ānswēred him, I spake openly to the wōrld; I ever taught in the sŷn'agōgē, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nōthing.

21 Why āskest thou me? Āsk them which hēard me, wāt I have said unto them: behold, they know wāt I said.

22 And, when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by, struck Jē'sūs with the palm of his hand, saying, ānswērest thou the high priest so?

23 Jē'sūs ānswēred him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why smitest thou me?

24 (Now Ān'nās had sent him bound unto Čai'a-phās the high priest.)

25 ¶ And Sī'mōn Pē'tēr stood and wārmēd himself: they said, thēre'fōre, unto ² him, Art not thou also *one* of his disciples? He denied *it*, and said, I am not.

26 One of the sērvants of the high priest, (being *hīs* kinsman whose ear Pē'tēr cut off,) saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him?

27 Pē'tēr then denied āgain'; and immediately the cock crew.³

28 ¶ Then led they Jē'sūs from Čai'a-phās unto the hall of judgment: and it was ēarly; and they themselves went not into the judgment-hall, lēst they should be defiled; but that they might eat the pāssover.

29 Pī'lāte then went out unto them, and said, Wāt accusation bring ye āgainst' this man?

30 They ānswēred and said unto him, If he wēre not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

31 Then said Pī'lāte unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews, thēre'fōre, said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:

32 That the saying of Jē'sūs might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying wāt death he should die.

33 Then Pī'lāte entered into the judgment-hall āgain', and called Jē'sūs, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?

34 Jē'sūs ānswēred him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?

35 Pī'lāte ānswēred, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me. Wāt hast thou done?

36 Jē'sūs ānswēred, My kingdom is not of this wōrld. If my kingdom wēre of this wōrld, then would my sērvants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

37 Pī'lāte, thēre'fōre, said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jē'sūs ānswēred, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the wōrld, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth, hear-eth my voice.

38 Pī'lāte saith unto him, Wāt is truth? And when he had said this, he went out āgain' unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault *at all*.

39 But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the pāssover: will ye, thēre'fōre, that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

40 Then cried they all āgain', saying, Not this man, but Ba-rāb'bās. Now Ba-rāb'bās was a robber.

CHAP. XIX.

THIEN Pī'lāte, thēre'fōre, took Jē'sūs, and scourged *him*.

2 And the sōl'diērs plāt'ēd a crown of thorns, and put *it* on his head, and they put on him a purple robe,

3 And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.

4 ¶ Pī'lāte, thēre'fōre, went forth āgain', and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

5 Then came Jē'sūs forth, wear'ing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pī'lāte saith unto them, Behold the man!

6 When the chief priests, thēre'fōre, and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify ⁴ *him*, crucify *him*. Pī'lāte saith

unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.

7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

8 ¶ When Pīlāte thēre'fore heard that saying, he was the more afraid;

9 And went again into the judgment-hall, and saith unto Jē'sūs, Whence art thou? But Jē'sūs gave him no answer.

10 Then saith Pīlāte unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

11 Jē'sūs answered, Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: thēre'fore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

12 And from thenceforth Pīlāte sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Cē'sār's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king, speaketh against Cē'sār.

13 ¶ When Pīlāte, thēre'fore, heard that saying, he brought Jē'sūs forth, and sat down in the judgment-seat, in a place that is called the Pavē'mēt, but in the Hē'brew,¹ Gāb-ba-thā.

14 And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!

15 But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pīlāte saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cē'sār.

16 Then delivered he him, thēre'fore, unto them to be crucified. And they took Jē'sūs and led him away.

17 ¶ And he, bearing his cross, went forth into a place called the place of a scull, which is called in the Hē'brew, Gōl'go-thā;

18 Where they crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Jē'sūs in the midst.

19 ¶ And Pīlāte wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

20 This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jē'sūs was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hē'brew, and Grēek, and Lāt'īn.

21 Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pīlāte, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

22 Pīlāte answered, Whāt I have written, I have written.

23 ¶ Then the sōl'diērs, when they had crucified Jē'sūs, took his garments, and made four parts, to every sōl'diēr² a part, and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

24 They said, thēre'fore, among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture³ they did cast lots. These things, thēre'fore, the sōl'diērs did.

25 Now there stood by the cross of Jē'sūs, his mother, and his mother's sister, Mā'ry the wife of Clē'o-phās, and Mā'ry Māg-da-le'ne.

26 When Jē'sūs, thēre'fore, saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Wom'an, behold thy Son!

27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

28 ¶ After this, Jē'sūs knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sōuge with vinegar, and put it upon hysōp, and put it to his mouth.

30 When Jē'sūs, thēre'fore, had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghōst.

31 ¶ The Jews, thēre'fore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath-day, (for that sabbath-day was a high day,) besought Pīlāte that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

32 Then came the sōl'diērs, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him.

33 But when they came to Jē'sūs, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:

34 But one of the sōl'diērs with a spear pier'ced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

35 And he that saw it bare rēc'ord, and his rēc'ord is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

37 And again, another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pier'ced.

38 ¶ And after this, Jō'sēph of Ar-i-ma-thē'a, (being a disciple of Jē'sūs, but secretly for fear of the Jews,) besought Pīlāte that he might take away the body of Jē'sūs: and Pīlāte gave him leave. He came, thēre'fore, and took the body of Jē'sūs.

39 And there came also Nic-o-dē'mūs, (which at the first came to Jē'sūs by night,) and brought a mixture of myrrh⁴ and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight.

40 Then took they the body of Jē'sūs, and wōund⁵ it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

1 Hē'brōō. 2 sōl'jūr. 3 rēs'tshūre 4 mēr. 5 rhyiming with bōūd, fōūd, &c.

41 Now, in the place where he was crucified, there was a garden; and in the garden a new sēpulchre, wherein was never man yet laid.

42 There laid they Jē'sūs, thēre'fore, because of the Jews' preparation-day, for the sēpulchre was nigh at hand.

CHAP. XX.

THE first day of the week cometh Mā'ry Māg-da-lē'ne ēarly, when it was yet dark, unto the sēpulchre, and seeth the stone taken āway from the sēpulchre.

2 Then she runneth, and cometh to Sī'mōn Pē'tēr, and to the other discipule, whom Jē'sūs loved, and saith unto them, They have taken āway the Lord out of the sēpulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

3 Pē'tēr, thēre'fore, went forth, and that other discipule, and came to the sēpulchre.

4 So they ran both togēther; and the other discipule did outrun Pē'tēr, and came first to the sēpulchre.

5 And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clōthes lying: yet went he not in.

6 Then cometh Sī'mōn Pē'tēr following him, and went into the sēpulchre, and seeth the linen clōthes lie;

7 And the napkin that was ābout' his head, not lying with the linen clōthes, but wrāpped togēther in a place by itself.

8 Then went in also that other discipule, which came first to the sēpulchre, and he saw, and believed.

9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise āgain' from the dead.

10 Then the discipules went āway āgain' unto their own home.

11 ¶ But Mā'ry stood without at the sēpulchre weeping: and, as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sēpulchre,

12 And seeth two āngels in white, sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet where the body of Jē'sūs had lain.

13 And they say unto her, Wom'an, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have tā'ken¹ āway my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jē'sūs standing, and knew not that it was Jē'sūs.

15 Jē'sūs saith unto her, Wom'an, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener,² saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him āway.

16 Jē'sūs saith unto her, Mā'ry. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rāb-bō'nī: which is to say, Mā'ster.

17 Jē'sūs saith unto her, Toūch me not;

¹ tā'ken.

² gār'd'n-ūr

for I am not yet ascended to my Fā'ther: but go to my brēthren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Fā'ther, and your Fā'ther; and to my God, and your God.

18 Mā'ry Māg-da-lē'ne came and told the discipules that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

19 ¶ Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors wēre shut where the discipules wēre assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jē'sūs, and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20 And when he had so said, he showed unto them his hands and his side. Then wēre the discipules glad, when they saw the Lord.

21 Then said Jē'sūs to them āgain', Peace be unto you: as my Fā'ther hath sent me, even so send I you.

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Hōly Ghōst:

23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they āre remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they āre retained.

24 ¶ But Thōm'ās, one of the twelve, called Dīd'y-mūs, was not with them when Jē'sūs came.

25 The other discipules, thēre'fore, said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

26 ¶ And āfter eight days, āgain' his discipules wēre within, and Thōm'ās with them. Then came Jē'sūs, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27 Then saith he to Thōm'ās, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28 And Thōm'ās ānswered and said unto him, My Lord, and my God.

29 Jē'sūs saith unto him, Thōm'ās, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blēs'sed āre they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

30 ¶ And many other signs truly did Jē'sūs in the presence of his discipules, which āre not written in this book:

31 But these āre written, that ye might believe that Jē'sūs is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing, ye might have life through his name.

CHAP. XXI.

AFTER these things Jē'sūs showed himself āgain' to the discipules at the sea of Ti-bē'ri-ās; and on this wise showed he himself.

2 There wēre togēther Sī'mōn Pē'tēr, and Thōm'ās called Dīd'y-mūs, and Na-

thān/a-ēl of Cā'nā in Gāl'i-lēē, and the sons of Zēb'e-dēē, and two other of his disciples.

3 Sī'mōn Pē'ter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nōthing.

4 But, when the morning was now come, Jē'sūs stood on the shore: but the dīscīples knew not that it was Jē'sūs.

5 Then Jē'sūs saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.

6 And he said unto them, Cāst the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cāst, thēre'fōre, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

7 Thēre'fōre that dīscīple whom Jē'sūs loved, saith unto Pē'tēr, It is the Lord. Now, when Sī'mōn Pē'tēr hēard that it was the Lord, he girt¹ his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cāst himself into the sea.

8 And the other dīscīples came in a little ship, (for they wēre not far from land, but as it wēre two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.

9 As soon then as they wēre come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

10 Jē'sūs saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.

11 Sī'mōn Pē'tēr went up, and drew² the net to land full of great fishes, a hundred and fifty and three; and for all there wēre so many, yet was not the net broken.³

12 ¶ Jē'sūs saith unto them, Come and dine. And nōne of the dīscīples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Jē'sūs then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

14 This is now the third time that Jē'sūs showed himself to his dīscīples, āfter that he was risen from the dead.

15 ¶ So, when they had dined, Jē'sūs saith to Sī'mōn Pē'tēr, Sī'mōn, son of Jō-

nās, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

16 He saith unto him āgain' the second time, Sī'mōn, son of Jō'nās, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

17 He saith unto him the third time, Sī'mōn, son of Jō'nās, lovest thou me? Pē'tēr was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jē'sūs saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou gir'dest thyself, and wālkedst whither thou wouldst: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and ānōther shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldst not.

19 This spake he signifying by whāt death he should glorify God. And, when he had spoken⁴ this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

20 Then Pē'tēr, turning ābout', seeth the dīscīple whom Jē'sūs loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?

21 Pē'tēr seeing him, saith to Jē'sūs, Lord, and whāt shall this man do?

22 Jē'sūs saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, whāt is that to thee? Follow thou me.

23 Then went this saying ābroād āmong the brēthren, that that dīscīple should not die: yet Jē'sūs said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, whāt is that to thee?

24 ¶ This is the dīscīple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his tēs'timōny is true.

25 And there āre also many other things which Jē'sūs did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the wōrld itself could not cōntāin the books that should be written. Ā'mēn.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

CHAPTER I.

THE former treatise have I made, O Thē-ōph'i-lūs, of all that Jē'sūs began both to do and teach,

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, āfter that he through the Hōly Ghōst had given cōmmānd'mēnts unto the āpōstles whom he had chosen:

¹ gērt.

² drōd.

³ brō'k'n.

⁴ spō'k'n.

the promise of the Fā'ther, which, *saieth he*, ye have heard of me.

5 For Jōhn truly baptized with wāter; but ye shall be baptized with the Hōly Ghōst not many days hence.

6 When they, thērē'fore, wēre come to-gēther, they āsked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore āgain' the kingdom to Iṣ'ra-ēl?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Fā'ther hath put in his own power:

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Hōly Ghōst is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and in all Jū-dē'ā, and in Sa-mā'ri-ā, and unto the uttermost part of the ēārth.

9 And, when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken¹ up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 ¶ And, while they looked stēād'fāst-'y tō'wārd heaven, as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Gāl'i-lēe, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jē'sūs, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

12 ¶ Then returned they unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm from the mount called ō'f'i-vēt, which is from Jē-rū'sa-lēm a sāb'bath-dāy's journey.

13 And when they wēre come in, they went up into an upper room, where ābōde both Pē'tēr, and Jāmes, and Jōhn, and Āndrew,² Phīl'ip, and Thōm'ās, Bār-thōl'omew, and Mātthew, Jāmes the son of Āl-phē'ūs, and Sī'mōn Zē-lō'tes, and Jū'dās the brōther of Jāmes.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the wom'en, and Mā'ry the mōther of Jē'sūs, and with his brēthren.

15 ¶ And in those days Pē'tēr stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of the names to-gēther wēre ābout' a hundred and twenty,)

16 Men and brēthren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Hōly Ghōst, by the mouth of Dā'vid, spake before cōncēr'nīng Jū'dās, which was guide to them that took Jē'sūs.

17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of inīq'uity; and, falling head-long, he burst āsūn'der in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jē-rū'sa-lēm: insomuch as that field is called, in their proper tōngue, Ā-cēl'da-mā,² that is to say, The field of blood.

20 For it is wri'ten in the book of Psālmṣ, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and, His bishoprick let ānōther take.

21 Wherefore, of these men which have

cōmpanied with us all the time that the Lord Jē'sūs went in and out āmōng us,

22 Beginning from the baptism of Jōhn, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ōrdāin'ed, to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

23 And they appointed two, Jō'sēph called Bār'sa-bās, who was surnamed Jūs'tūs, and Māt-thī'ās.

24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these two thou hast chosen,

25 That he may take part of this ministry and āpōs'tle-shīp, from which Jū'dās by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

26 And they gave forth their lots: and the lot fell upon Māt-thī'ās; and he was numbered with the eleven āpōstles.

CHAP. II.

AND when the day of Pēn'te-cōst was fully come, they wēre all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they wēre sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tōngues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they wēre all filled with the Hōly Ghōst, and began to speak with other tōngues, as the Spīr'it gave them utterance.

5 And there wēre dwelling at Jē-rū'sa-lēm, Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6 Now, when this was noised ābrōād, the multitude came to-gēther, and wēre confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7 And they wēre all āmāzed, and marvelled, saying one to ānōther, Behold, āre not all these which speak, Gāl'i-lē-āns?

8 And how hear we every man in our own tōngue, wherein we wēre born?

9 Par'thi-āns, and Mēdes, and E'lām-ites, and the dwellers in Mēs-ō-pō-tā'mi-ā, and in Jū-dē'ā, and Čap-pa-dō'ci-ā,³ in Pōn'tūs, and Ā'si-ā,⁴

10 Phryg'i-ā, and Pām-phyl'i-ā, in E'gypt, and in the parts of Lyb'y-ā ābout' Čy-rē'ne, and strāngers of Rōme,⁵ Jews and prōs'ē-lytes,

11 Črētes and Ā-rā'bi-āns, we do hear them speak in our tōngues the wōn'dērfūl works of God.

12 And they wēre all āmāzed, and wēre in doubt, saying one to ānōther, What meaneth this?

13 Others, mocking, said, These men āre full of new wine.

14 ¶ But Pē'tēr, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Jū-dē'ā, and all ye that

¹ Ān'drōd.

² Ā-sēl'da-mā.

³ Čap-pa-dō'she-ā.

⁴ Ā'zhe-ā.

⁵ Rōdm.

dwell at Jē-rū'sa-lēm, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words :

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day.

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Jō'el ;

17 And it shall come to pāss in the lāst days, (saith God.) I will pour out of my Spīr'it upon all flesh : and your sons and your daughters shall prōph'ē-sē, and your young men shall see vīsiōns, and your old men shall dream dreams :

18 And on my sērvants, and on my handmaidens, I will pour out in those days of my Spīr'it ; and they shall prōph'ē-sē ;

19 And I will show wōnders in heaven ābōve, and signs in the ēarth beneath : blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke :

20 The sun shall be turned into dārkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and nōtable day of the Lord come :

21 And it shall come to pāss, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

22 Ye men of Iṣ'ra-ēl, hear these words ; Jē'sūs of Naz'a-rēth, a man approved of God āmong you, by miracles, and wōnders, and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know :

23 Him, being delivered by the dēt'r'mīnāte counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain ;

24 Whom God hath raised up, having lōosed the pains of death ; because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

25 For Dā'vīd speaketh cōncērn'ing him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face : for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved :

26 Thēr'fōrē did my hēart rejoice, and my tōngue was glad ; moreover also, my flesh shall rest in hope :

27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell ; nēither wilt thou suffer thine Hōly One to see corruption.

28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life ; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

29 Men *and* brēthren, let me freely speak unto you of the pā'triārch Dā'vīd, that he is both dead and buried, and his sēpulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Thēr'fōrē being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne ;

31 He seeing this before, spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, nēither his flesh did see corruption.

32 This Jē'sūs hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Thēr'fōrē, being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Fā'ther the promise of the Hōly Ghōst, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

34 For Dā'vīd is not ascended into the heavens : but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

36 Thēr'fōrē let all the house of Iṣ'ra-ēl know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jē'sūs, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 ¶ Nōw, when they hēard *this*, they wēre pricked in their hēart, and said unto Pē'tēr, and to the rest of the āpōstles, Men *and* brēthren, whāt shall we do ?

38 Then Pē'tēr said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jē'sūs Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Hōly Ghōst.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are āfār off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhōrt, saying, Save yourselves from this ūntō'vārd generation.

41 ¶ Then they that gladly received his word wēre baptized : and the same day there wēre added *unto them* ābout' three thousand souls.

42 And they continued stēd'fāstly in the āpōstles' dōc trīne and fellowship, *and* in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul : and many wōnders and signs wēre done by the āpōstles.

44 And all that believed wēre togēther, and had all things common ;

45 And sold their pōssēs'sions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness, and singleness of hēart ;

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

CHAP. III.

NOW Pē'tēr and Jōhn went up togēther into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth hour.

2 And a cēr'tain man, lame from his mōth'er's womb, was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple, which is called Beau'tifūl, to āsk ālmṣ of them that entered into the temple.

3 Who, seeing Pē'tēr and Jōhn ābout' to go into the temple, āsked an ālmṣ.

4 And Pē'tēr, fāstening his eyes upon him, with Jōhn, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expect'ing to receive something of them.

6 Then Pē'tēr said, Silver and gold have I nōne; but such as I have, give I thee: In the name of Jē'sūs Christ of Nāz'a-rēth, rise up and wālk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle-bones received strength.

8 And he, leaping up, stood, and wālked, and entered with them into the temple, wālk'ing, and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him wālk'ing, and praising God:

10 And they knew that it was he which sat for almš at the Beau'tiful Gate of the temple; and they wēre filled with wōnder and āmāze'mēt at that which had happened unto him.

11 And, as the lame man which was healed, held Pē'tēr and Jōhn, all the people ran togēther unto them in the porch that is called Sōl'o-mōn's, greatly wōn'déring.

12 ¶ And when Pē'tēr saw it, he ānswered unto the people, Ye men of I's'ra-ēl, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so ēār'nēstly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to wālk?

13 The God of Ā'bra-hām, and of I'sāac, and of Jā'cōb, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jē'sūs: whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pī'lāte, when he was dētēr'mined to let him go.

14 But ye denied the Hōly One, and the Just, and desired a murderer to be grānted unto you;

15 And killed the Prince of Life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we āre witnesses.

16 And his name, through faith in his name, hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yēa, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

17 And now, brēthren, I wot* that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.

18 But those things which God before had showed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

19 ¶ Repent ye, thēre'fōre, and be cōn-vērt'ed, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

20 And he shall send Jē'sūs Christ, which before was preached unto you:

21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spōken¹ by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the wōrld began.

22 For Mō'sēs truly said unto the fathers, A Prōph'et shall the Lord your God raise up unto me of your brēthren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things, whātsoever he shall say unto you.

23 And it shall come to pās, that every

* know.

¹ spō'k'n.

soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destrōy'ed from āmōng the people.

24 Yēa, and all the prophets from Sām'-u-ēl, and those that follow āfter, as many as have spoken, have likewise fōretōld' of these days.

25 Ye āre the children of the prophets, and of the cōvenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Ā'bra-hām, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the ēārth be blēss'ed.

26 Unto you first, God, having raised up his Son Jē'sūs, sent him to bless you, in turning āway every one of you from his īnīqu'itīes.

CHAP. IV.

AND, as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the cāp'tain of the temple, and the Sād'du-cēēs, came upon them,

2 Being grīevēd that they tōught the people, and preached through Jē'sūs the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now even-tide.

4 Howbeit many of them which hēard the word, believed: and the number of the men was ābout five thousand.

5 ¶ And it came to pās on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

6 And Ān'nās the high priest, and Cāi'aphās,² and Jōhn, and Āl-ēx-ān'dēr, and as many as wēre of the kindred of the high priest, wēre gāthēred togēther at Jē-rū'salēm.

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they āsked, By whāt power, or by whāt name, have ye done this?

8 Then Pē'tēr, filled with the Hōly Ghōst, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of I's'ra-ēl,

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by whāt means he is made whole;

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of I's'ra-ēl, that by the name of Jē'sūs Christ of Nāz'a-rēth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him dōth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nōught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Nēither is there salvation in any other: for there is nōne other name under heaven given āmōng men, whereby we must be saved.

13 ¶ Now when they saw the boldness of Pē'tēr and Jōhn, and pērcēived that they wēre unlēar'ned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jē'sūs.

14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nōthing āgainst' it.

² Kā'ya-fās.

15 But when they had cōmmān'ded them to go āside out of the council, they cōnfērred āmōng themselves,

16 Saying, Whāt shall we do to these men? for that indeed a nōtable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jē-rū'sa-lēm; and we cannot deny it.

17 But, that it spread no further āmōng the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

18 And they called them, and cōmmān'ded them not to speak at all, nor teach in the name of Jē'sūs.

19 But Pē'tēr and Jōhn ānswered, and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and hēard.

21 So, when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nōthing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.

22 For the man was ābōve forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was showed.

23 ¶ And, being let go, they went to their own cōmpany, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

24 And, when they hēard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and ēarth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

25 Who by the mouth of thy sērvant Dā'vid hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?

26 The kings of the ēarth stood up, and the rulers wēre gāthered tōgethēr āgainst' the Lord, and āgainst' his Christ.

27 For, of a truth, āgainst' thy holy child Jē'sūs, whom thou hast āndōin'ted, both Hērōd and Pōn'ti-ūs¹ Pflāte, with the Gēn'tiles, and the people of Īs'ra-ēl, wēre gāthered tōgethēr,

28 For to do whātsoever thy hand and thy council dētēr'mined before to be done.

29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grānt unto thy sērvants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wōnders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jē'sūs.

31 ¶ And, when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they wēre assembled tōgethēr; and they wēre all filled with the Höly Ghöst, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

32 And the multitude of them that bēliēved wēre of one hēart, and of one soul: nēither said any of them that āught of the

things which he pōssēs'sed, was his own; but they had all things common.

33 And with great power gave the āpōstles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jē'sūs: and great grace was upon them all.

34 Nēither was there any āmōng them that lacked: for as many as wēre pōssēs'sōrs of lands or houses, sold them, and brought the prices of the things that wēre sold,

35 And laid them down at the āpōstles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

36 And Jō'sēs, who by the āpōstles was surnamed Bār'na-bās, (which is, being intēr'prētēd, The son of consolation,) a Lē'vite, and of the country of Cyp'rus,

37 Having land, sold it, and brought the mōney, and laid it at the āpōstles' feet.

CHAP. V.

BUT a cēr'tain man, named Ān-a-nī'ās, with Sāp-phi'rā, his wife, sold a pōssēs'sion,

2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being prīvy to it, and brought a cēr'tain part, and laid it at the āpōstles' feet.

3 But Pē'tēr said, Ān-a-nī'ās, why hath Sā'tān filled thine hēart to lie to the Höly Ghöst, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4 Whiles it rēmainēd, was it not thine own? and āfter it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou cōncēived this thing in thine hēart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

5 And Ān-a-nī'ās, hearing these words, fell down, and gave up the ghōst: and great fear came on all them that hēard these things.

6 And the young men ārōse, wōund him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

7 And it was ābout' the space of three hours āfter, when his wife, not knowing whāt was done, came in.

8 And Pē'tēr ānswered unto her, Tell me, whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yēa, for so much.

9 Then Pē'tēr said unto her, How is it that ye have āgrēēd tōgethēr to tempt the Spī'rīt of the Lord? Behold, the feet of them which have buried thy hūš'bānd āre at the door, and shall carry thee out.

10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yīlded up the ghōst: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her hūš'bānd.

11 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as hēard these things.

12 ¶ And by the hands of the āpōstles wēre many signs and wōnders wōdought āmōng the people: (and they wēre all with one accord in Sōl'o-mōn's pōrch.

13 And of the rest, durst no man join

¹ Pōn'tshe-ūs.

himself to them, but the people magnified them :

14 And *bēliēvers* wēre the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and 'vom'en :

15 Inasmuch, that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid *them* on beds and couches, that, at the least, the shadow of *Pē'tér* pāss'ing by, might overshadow some of them.

16 There came also a multitude *out* of the cities round ābout' unto *Jē-rū'sa-lēm*, bringing sick folks, and them which wēre vexed with unclean spirits : and they wēre healed every one.

17 ¶ Then the high priest rose up, and all they that wēre with him, (which is the sect of the *Sād'du-cēēs*,) and wēre filled with indignation,

18 And laid their hands on the *āpōstles*, and put them in the common prison.

19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

21 And when they heard *that*, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that wēre with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of *Īs'ra-ēl*, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

22 But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told,

23 Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors : but, when we had opened, we found no man within.

24 Now, when the high priest, and the cāp'tain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they dōubted of them whereunto this would grow.

25 Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.

26 Then went the cāp'tain with the officers, and brought them without violence : (for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned :)

27 And, when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council : and the high priest asked them,

28 Saying, Did not we straitly cōmmānd' you, that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled *Jē-rū'sa-lēm* with your dōc'trīne, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

29 ¶ Then *Pē'tér* and the *other* *āpōstles* answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

30 The God of our fāthers raised up *Jē'sūs*, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree :

31 Him hath God exālted with his right

hand to be a Prince and a *Sāv'ioūr*¹ for to give repentance to *Īs'ra-ēl*, and forgiveness of sins.

32 And we are his witnesses of these things ; and *so* is also the *Hōly Ghōst*, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

33 ¶ When they heard *that*, they wēre cut to the *hēart*, and took counsel to slay them.

34 Then stood there up one in the council, a *Phār'i-sēē*, named *Ga-mā'li-ēl*, a doctor of the law, had in reputation āmōng all the people, and cōmmānd'ed to put the *āpōstles* forth a little space ;

35 And said unto them, Ye men of *Īs'ra-ēl*, take heed to yourselves wāt ye intend to do as touch'ing these men.

36 For before these days rose up *Theū'dās*, boasting himself to be somebody ; to whom a number of men, ābout' four hundred, joined themselves : who was slain ; and all, as many as obeyed him, wēre scattered, and brought to nōught.

37 After this man rose up *Jū'dās* of *Gāl'i-lēē*, in the days of the taxing, and drew² āwāy much people āfter him : he also perished : and all, *even* as many as obeyed him, wēre dispērs'ed.

38 And now, I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them ālōne : for if this counsel, or this work, be of men, it will come to nōught :

39 But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it ; lest haply ye be found even to fight āgainst' God.

40 And to him they āgrēed : and when they had called the *āpōstles*, and beaten *them*, they cōmmānd'ed that they should not speak in the name of *Jē'sūs*, and let them go.

41 ¶ And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they wēre counted wōrthy to suffer shame for his name.

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach *Jē'sūs* *Chrīst*.

CHAP. VI.

AND in those days, when the number of the *dīscīples* was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the *Grē'ci-āns* āgainst' the *Hē'brews*,³ because their widows wēre neglected in the daily ministration.

2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the *dīscīples* unto *them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and sērve tables.

3 Wherefore, brēthren, look ye out āmōng you, seven men of hōn'ēst report, full of the *Hōly Ghōst* and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

5 ¶ And the saying pleased the whole multitude ; and they chose *Stē'phen*,⁴ a man full of faith and of the *Hōly Ghōst*,

¹ *Sāv'e'yūr.*

² *drōd.*

³ *Hē'brōdōz*

⁴ *Stē'v n.*

and Phil'ip, and Prōch'o-rūs, and Ni-ca'nōr, and Trīmōn, and Pār'me-nās, and Nic'o-las a prōs'e-lyte of An'ti-ōch ;

6 Whom they set before the āpōstles ; and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.

7 ¶ And the word of God increased ; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jē-rū'sa-lēm greatly ; and a great cōmpany of the priests wēre obē'dient ¹ to the fāith.

8 ¶ And Ste phen, full of fāith and power, did great wōnders and miracles āmōng the people.

9 Then there ārose cēr'tain of the sŷn'a-gōgue, which is called the *syn'agōgue* of the Lib'ēr-tines, and Cŷ-re'ni-āns, and Ā-ēx-ān'dri-āns, and of them of Ci-līc'i-ā,² and of Ā'si-ā,³ disputing with Ste phen.

10 And they wēre not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

11 Then they subrned men, which said, We have hēard him speak blās'phemōus words āgainst Mō'sēs and āgainst' God.

12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon *him*, and caught him, and brought *him* to the council.

13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blās'phē-mōus words āgainst' this holy place and the law :

14 For we have hēard him say, That this Jē'sūs of Nāz'a-rēth shall destrōy' this place, and shall chānge the customs which Mō'sēs delivered us.

15 And all that sat in the council, looking stēad'fāstly on him, saw his face, as it had been the face of an āngel.

CHAP. VII.

WHEN said the high priest, Āre these things so ?

2 And he said, Men, brēthren, and fāthers, hearken ; The God of glory appear-ed unto our fāther Ā'bra-hām, when he was in Mēs-ō-pō-tā'mi-ā, before he dwelt in Chār'rān,

3 And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall show thee.

4 Then came he out of the land of the Chāl-dē'āns, and dwelt in Chār'rān : and from thence, when his fāther was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.

5 And he gave him nōne inheritānce in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on : yet he promiŷed that he would give it to him for a pōssēs'sion, and to his seed āfter him, when as yet he had no child.

6 And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sō'journ in a strānge land ; and that they should bring them into bōn'dāge, and entreat *them* evil four hundred years.

7 And the nation to whom they shall be in bōn'dāge will I judge, said God : And

1 ō-bē'je-ēnt. 2 Sē-Itsh'e-ā. 3 Ā'zhe-ā.

āfter that shall they come forth, and sērve me in this place.

8 And he gave him the covenant of cir-cumcīōn : and so Ā'bra-hām begat Ī'sāac, and cir'cumcīsed him the eighth day ; and Ī'sāac begat Jā'cōb ; and Jā'cōb begat the twelve pā'tri-ārchs.

9 And the pā'tri-ārchs, moved with envy, sold Jō'sēph into Ē'gŷpt : but God was with him,

10 And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Phā'raōh ⁴ king of Ē'gŷpt ; and he made him gōvērnor over Ē'gŷpt, and all his house.

11 Now there came a dēarth over all the land of Ē'gŷpt and Cā'na-ān, and great affliction : and our fāthers found no sustenance.

12 But when Jā'cōb hēard that there was corn in Ē'gŷpt, he sent out our fāthers first.

13 And at the second time Jō'sēph was made knowu to his brēthren ; and Jō'sēph's kindred was made known unto Phā'raōh.

14 Then sent Jō'sēph, and called his fāther Jā'cōb to *him*, and all his kindred, threescore and fīfteen souls.

15 So Jā'cōb went down into Ē'gŷpt, and died, he and our fāthers,

16 And wēre carried over into Sŷ'chēm, and laid in the sēpulchre that Ā'bra-hām bought for a sum of mōney of the sons of Em'mōr, the fāther of Sŷ'chēm.

17 ¶ But when the time of the promiŷe drew nigh, which God had sworn to Ā'bra-hām, the people grew,⁵ and multiplied in Ē'gŷpt,

18 Till ānōther king ārose, which knew not Jō'sēph.

19 The same dēalt sūbtly with our kindred, and evil-entreated our fāthers, so that they cāst out their young children, to the end they might not live.

20 In which time Mō'sēs was born, and was exceeding fāir, and nourished up in his fāther's house three mōnths :

21 And when he was cāst out, Phā'raōh's dāughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

22 And Mō'sēs was lēarn'ed in all the wisdom of the Ē-gŷp'ti-āns,⁶ and was mighty in words and in deeds.

23 And, when he was full forty years old, it came into his hēart to visit his brēthren, the children of Iŷ'ra-ēl.

24 And seeing one of *them* suffer wērong, he defended *him*, and āvenged *him* that was oppressed, and smote the Ē-gŷp'ti-ān.

25 For he supposed his brēthren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them : but they understood not.

26 And the next day he showed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one āgain', saying, Sirs, ye

4 Fārō. 5 grōd. 6 Ē-jīp'she-ānz.

āre brēthren : why do ye wŕōng one to ānōther ?

27 But he that did his neighbour wŕōng, thrust him āwāy, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us ?

28 Wilt thou kill me as thou didst the Ē-gŕypti-ān yēs'tēr-dāy ?

29 Then fled Mō'sēs at this saying, and was a strānger in the land of Mā'di-ān, where he begat two sons.

30 And when forty years wēre expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of Mōunt Sī'nai¹ an āngel of the Lord, in a flame of fire, in a bŕshl.

31 When Mō'sēs saw *it*, he wōndered at the sight : and, as he drew near to behold *it*, the voice of the Lord came unto him,

32 *Saying*, I am the God of thy fāthers, the God of Ā'bra-hām, and the God of Ī'sāac, and the God of Ja'cōb. Then Mō'sēs trembled, and durst not behold.

33 Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet : for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

34 I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Ē-gŕypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now, come, I will send thee into Ē-gŕypt.

35 This Mō'sēs, whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler, and a judge ? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the āngel which appeared to him in the bŕsh.

36 He brought them out, āfter that he had showed wōnders and signs in the land of Ē-gŕypt, and in the Red Sēa, and in the wilderness forty years.

37 ¶ This is that Mō'sēs which said unto the children of Ī's'ra-ēl, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brēthren, like unto me : him shall ye hear.

38 This is he that was in the church in the wilderness, with the āngel which spake to him in the Mōunt Sī'nai, and with our fāthers ; who rēcēived the lively oracles to give unto us :

39 To whom our fāthers would not obey, but thrust *him* from them, and in their hēarts turned back āgain' into Ē-gŕypt,

40 *Saying* unto Ā'rōn,² Make us gods to go before us : for *as for* this Mō'sēs, which brought us out of the land of Ē-gŕypt, we wot * not wāt is becōme of him.

41 And they made a cālŕ in those days, and offered sēc'rifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

42 Then God turned, and gave them up to wŕ'shīp the host of heaven ; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye nouse of Ī's'ra-ēl, have ye offered to me

slain beasts and sēc'rificēs, by the space of forty years in the wilderness ?

43 Yea, ye took up the tāb'ēr-nā-cle of Mō'sēh, and the star of your God Rēm'phān, figures which ye made, to wŕ'shīp them ; and I will carry you āwāy beyōnd Bāb'y-lōn.

44 Our fāthers had the tāb'ēr-nā-cle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Mō'sēs, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen :

45 Which also our fāthers that came āfter, brought in with Jē'sūs † into the pŕ'sēs'sion of the Ġēn'tiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fāthers, unto the days of Dā'vīd ;

46 Who found fāvōur before God, and desired to find a tāb'ēr-nā-cle for the God of Ja'cōb.

47 But Sōl'o-mōn built him a house.

48 Howbeit the Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands ; as saith the prophet,

49 Heaven is my throne, and ēarth is my footstool : wāt house will ye build me ? saith the Lord ; or, wāt is the place of my rest ?

50 Hath not my hand made all these things ?

51 ¶ Ye stiff-necked, and uncircumcised³ in hēart and ears, ye do always resist the Hōly Ghōst : as your fāthers did, so do ye.

52 Which of the prophets have not your fāthers pērsēcuted ? and they have slain them which showed before of the coming of the Just One ; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers :

53 Who have rēcēived the law by the disposition of āngels, and have not kept *it*.

54 ¶ When they heard these things, they wēre cut to the hēart, and they gnāshed on him with *their* teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Hōly Ghōst, looked up stēd'fāstly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jē'sūs standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58 And cāst *him* out of the city, and stoned *him* : and the witnesses laid down their clōthes at a young man's feet, whose name was Sāul.

59 And they stoned Stēphen,³ calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Jē'sūs, recēive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their

¹ Sī'nay. ² Ā'a-rōn, pronounced Āy'āh-rōn, is the more analogical and classical, but not the more easy, nor the better pronunciation. * know. † for Jōsh'u-ā.

³ ūn-sēr'kūm-sī-zed. ³ Stē'v'n.

A church planted in Sa-mā'ri-ā. THE
chārgē. And when he had said this he fell
āslēēp.

CHAP. VIII.

AND Sāul was consenting unto his
death. And at that time there was a
great pērsēcu'tion āgainst' the church
which was at Jē-rū'sa-lēm; and they wēre
all scattered ābroād throughout the regions
of Jū-de'ā and Sa-mā'ri-ā, except the
āpōstles.

2 And devout men carried Stē'phen to
his burial, and made great lāmēntā'tion
over him.

3 As for Sāul, he made havoek of the
church, entering into every house, and hā'-
līng men and wom'en, committed them to
prison.

4 Thēre fōre, they that wēre scattered
ābroād, went every where preaching the
word.

5 Then Phil'ip went down to the city
of Sa-mā'ri-ā, and preached Ćhrist unto
them.

6 And the people with one accord gave
heed unto those things which Phil'ip
spake, hearing and seeing the miracles
which he did.

7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud
voice, came out of many that wēre pōssēs's-
ed with them; and many taken with pāl'-
šīēs, and that wēre lame, wēre healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

9 But there was a cēr'tain man called
Sīmōn, which beforetime in the same city
used sōr'cēry, and bewitched the people of
Sa-mā'ri-ā, giving out that himself was
some great one:

10 To whom they all gave heed, from
the lēast to the grēatest, saying, This man
is the great power of God.

11 And to him they had regard, because
that of long time he had bewitched them
with sōr'cēr-ies.

12 But when they bēliēved Phil'ip,
preaching the things concērn'ing the king-
dom of God, and the name of Jē'sūs Ćhrist,
they wēre baptized both men and wom'en.

13 Then Sīmōn himself bēliēved also;
and when he was baptized, he continued
with Phil'ip, and wondered, beholding the
miracles and signs which wēre done.

14 ¶ Now when the āpōstles, which
wēre at Jē-rū'sa-lēm, hēard that Sa-mā'ri-ā
had received the word of God, they sent
unto them Pē'tēr and Jōhn:

15 Who, when they wēre come down,
prayed for them, that they might rēcēivē
the Hōly Ghōst:

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon nōne
of them: only they wēre baptized in the
name of the Lord Jē'sūs.)

17 Then laid they their hands on them,
and they rēcēivēd the Hōly Ghōst:

18 And when Sīmōn saw that, through
laying on of the āpōstles' hands, the Hōly
Ghōst was given, he offered them mōney,

19 Saying, Give me also this power,

1 ¶ n-ik'kroe-te

2 ul'lid-jiz

3 yū'nūk.

4 Ē-sā'yās

5 gyide.

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ACTS. Ē-thi-ō'pi-ān cū'nūch baptized.
that, on whomsoever I lay hands, he may
rēcēivē the Hōly Ghōst.

20 But Pē'tēr said unto him, Thy mōney
perish with thee, because thou hast thought
that the gift of God may be purchased
with mōney.

21 Thou hast nēither part nor lot in this
matter: for thy hēart is not right in the
sight of God.

22 Repent, thēre'fōre, of this thy wick-
edness, and pray God, if pērhaps the
thought of thine hēart may be forgiven
thee.

23 For I pērcēivē' that thou art in the
gall of bitterness, and in the bond of in-
iq'uity.¹

24 Then ānswēred Sīmōn, and said,
Pray ye to the Lord for me, that nōne of
these things which ye have spoken come
upon me.

25 And they, when they had testified
and preached the word of the Lord, re-
turned to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and preached the
gōs'pēl in many vil'lages² of the Sa-mār'-
i-tāns.

26 ¶ And the āngel of the Lord spake
unto Phil'ip, saying, Arise, and go tō'wārd
the south, unto the way that goeth down
from Jē-rū'sa-lēm unto Gā'zā, which is
dēs'ērt.

27 And he ārōse and went: and, be-
hold, a man of Ē-thi-ō'pi-ā an cū'nūch³
of great authority under Ćān'da-ce, queen
of the Ē-thi-ō'pi-āns, who had the chārgē
of all her trēas'ūre, and had come to Jē-
rū'sa-lēm for to wōr'ship,

28 Was returning, and, sitting in his
chariot, rēad Ē-sā'i-ās⁴ the prophet.

29 Then the Spī'rīt said unto Phil'ip,
Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30 And Phil'ip ran thither to him, and
hēard him rēad the prophet Ē-sā'i-ās, and
said, Understandest thou whāt thou rēadest?

31 And he said, How can I, except
some man should guide⁵ me? and he
desired Phil'ip that he would come up and
sit with him.

32 The place of the scripture which he
rēad was this, He was led as a sheep to
the slāughter; and like a lamb dumb be-
fore his shearer, so opened he not his
mouth:

33 In his humiliation his judgment was
taken āwāy: and who shall declare his gen-
eration? for his life is taken from the
ēarth.

34 And the cū'nūch ānswēred Phil'ip,
and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh
the prophet this? of himself, or of some
other man?

35 Then Phil'ip opened his mouth, and
began at the same scripture, and preached
unto him Jē'sūs.

36 And, as they went on their way,
they came unto a cēr'tain wāter: and the
cū'nūch said, See, here is wāter: whāt
dōth hinder me to be baptized?

37 And Phil'ip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayst. And he answered and said, I believe that Jē'sūs Christ is the Son of God.

38 And he commānded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the wāter, both Phil'ip and the eū'nūch; and he baptized him.

39 And, when they wēre come up out of the wāter, the Spir'it of the Lord caught away Phil'ip, that the eū'nūch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Phil'ip was found at Ā-zō'tūs; and, pās'sing through, he preached in all the cities, till he came to Cēs-a-rē'ā.

CHAP. IX.

AND Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Da-mās'cūs to the sȳn'agōgues, that if he found any of this way, whether they wēre men or wom'en, he might bring them bound unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

3 And, as he journeyed, he came near Da-mās'cūs; and suddenly there shined round ābout him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the ēarth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Sāul, Sāul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jē'sūs whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he, trembling and astonished, said, Lord, wāt wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Āriše, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee wāt thou must do.

7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

8 And Sāul ārōse from the ēarth; and when his eyes wēre opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Da-mās'cūs.

9 And he was three days without sight, and nēither did eat nor drink.

10 ¶ And there was a cēr'tain discipule at Da-mās'cūs, named Ān-a-nī'ās; and to him said the Lord in a višion, Ān-a-nī'ās. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto him, Āriše, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Jū'dās, for one called Sāul of Tār'sūs: for, behold, he prayeth,

12 And hath seen in a višion a man, named Ān-a-nī'ās, coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

13 Then Ān-a-nī'ās answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jē-rū'sa-lēm:

14 And here he hath authority from

the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gēn'tiles, and kings, and the children of I's'ra-ēl.

16 For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

17 And Ān-a-nī'ās went his way, and entered into the house, and, putting his hands on him, said, Brother Sāul, the Lord, even Jē'sūs, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightst receive thy sight, and be filled with the Hōly Ghōst.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales; and he received sight forthwith, and ārōse, and was baptized.

19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Sāul cēr'tain days with the disciples which wēre at Da-mās'cūs.

20 And straightway he preached Christ in the sȳn'agōgues, that he is the Son of God.

21 But all that heard him wēre āmazed, and said, Is not this he that destrōy'ed them which called on this name in Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?

22 But Sāul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Da-mās'cūs, proving that this is very Christ.

23 ¶ And āfter that many days wēre fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:

24 But their laying wait was known of Sāul; and they watched the gates day and night to kill him.

25 Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a bāskēt.¹

26 ¶ And when Sāul was come to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they wēre all āfrāid of him, and believed not that he was a discipule.

27 But Bār'na-bās took him, and brought him to the āpōstles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Da-mās'cūs in the name of Jē'sūs.

28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jē'sūs, and disputed āgainst² the Grē'ci-āns:³ but they went ābout to slay him.

30 Which when the brēthren knew, they brought him down to Cēs-a-rē'ā, and sent him forth to Tār'sūs.

31 ¶ Then had the churches rest throughout all Jū-dē'ā and Gāl'i-lēē, and Sa-mā'ri-ā, and wēre edified: and wālk'ing

1 bās'kēt.

2 ā-gēnst'

3 Grē'she-ānz.

in the fear of the Lord, and in the cōm'fōrt of the Hōly Ghōst, wēre multiplied.

32 ¶ And it came to pāss, as Pē'tēr pāssed throughout all *quārters*, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lŷd'dā.

33 And there he found a cēr'tain man named Ē'ne-ās, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the pālsy.

34 And Pē'tēr said unto him, Ē'ne-ās, Jē'sūs Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

35 And all that dwelt in Lŷd'dā and Sa'rōn saw him, and turned to the Lord.

36 ¶ Now there was at Jōp'pā a cēr'tain disciple named Tāb'i-thā, which, by intē'p'rētā'tion, is called Dōr'cās: this wom'an was full of good works and almš-deeds which she did.

37 And it came to pāss in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had wāshed, they laid *her* in an upper chamber.

38 And forasmuch as Lŷd'dā was nigh to Jōp'pā, and the disciples had heard that Pē'tēr was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring *him* that he would not delay to come to them.

39 Then Pē'tēr arose, and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dōr'cās made, while she was with them.

40 But Pē'tēr put them all fōrth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and, turning *him* to the body, said, Tāb'i-thā. arise. And she opened her eyes: and, when she saw Pē'tēr, she sat up.

41 And he gave her *his* hand, and lifted her up; and, when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her ālive.

42 And it was known throughout ail Jōp'pā; and many believed in the Lord.

43 And it came to pāss, that he tarried many days in Jōp'pā with one Sī'mōn a tanner.

CHAP. X.

THERE was a cēr'tain man in Cēs-a-rē'ā, called Çôr-nē'li-ūs, a centurion of the band called the It-āl'i-ān ¹ *band*,

2 *A* devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much almš to the people, and prayed to God always:

3 He saw in a vī'sion evidently ābout' the ninth hour of the day, an āngel of God coming in to him, and saying' unto him, Çôr-nē'li-ūs.

4 And when he looked on him, he was āfrāid, and said, Whāt is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine almš āre come up for a memorial before God.

5 And now send men to Jōp'pā, and call for *one* Sī'mōn, whose surname is Pē'tēr;

6 He lodgeth with one Sī'mōn a tanner, whose house is by the sea-side: he shall tell thee whāt thou oughtest to do.

7 And, when the āngel which spake unto Çôr-nē'li-ūs was departed, he called two of his household sēr'vants, and a devout sōldiēr of them that waited on him continually;

8 And, when he had declared all *these* things unto them, he sent them to Jōp'pā.

9 ¶ On the morrow, as they went on their jōurney, and drew² nigh unto the city, Pē'tēr went up upon the house-top to pray, ābout' the sixth hour.³

10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten; but while they made rēady, he fell into a trānce,

11 And saw heaven opened, and a cēr'tain vessel descēn'ding unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the ēarth:

12 Wherein wēre all manner of four-footed beasts of the ēarth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Pē'tēr; kill and eat.

14 But Pē'tēr said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

15 And the voice *spake* unto him āgain' the second time, Whāt God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common.

16 'This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up āgain' into heaven.

17 ¶ Now, while Pē'tēr dōubted in himself whāt this vī'sion which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which wēre sent from Çôr-nē'li-ūs, had made inquiry for Sī'mōn's house, and stood before the gate,

18 And called, and āsked whether Sī'mōn, which was surnamed Pē'tēr, wēre lodged there.

19 ¶ While Pē'tēr thought on the vī'sion, the Spī'r'it said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

20 Arise, thēre'fōre, and get thee down, and go with them dōubt'ing nōthing; for I have sent them.

21 Then Pē'tēr went down to the men which wēre sent unto him from Çôr-nē'li-ūs; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek. whāt *is* the cause wherefore ye āre come?

22 And they said, Çôr-nē'li-ūs the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report āmong all the nation of the Jews, was wārned from God by a holy āngel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

23 Then called he them in, and lodged *them*. And on the morrow Pē'tēr went āway with them, and cēr'tain brēthren from Jōp'pā āccōmpanied him.

24 And the morrow āfter, they entered into Cēs-a-rē'ā. And Çôr-nē'li-ūs waited for them, and had called togēther his kinsmen and near friends.

1 *It-tāl'yān.*

2 *drōd.*

3 sixth hour, 12 o'clock, or noon.

25 ¶ And, as Pē'tēr was coming in, Cōr-nē'li-ūs met him, and fell down at his feet, and wōr'shipped him.

26 But Pē'tēr took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

27 And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that wēre come together.

28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep cōmpany, or come unto one of ānōther nation: but God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

29 Thēre'fōre came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask, thēre'fōre, for whāt intent ye have sent for me?

30 And Cōr-nē'li-ūs said, Four days āgō I was fast'ing until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clōth'ing,

31 And said, Cōr-nē'li-ūs, thy prayer is heard, and thine' alms āre had in remembrance in the sight of God.

32 Send, thēre'fōre, to Jōp'pā, and call hither Sīm'ōn, whose surname is Pē'tēr; he is lodged in the house of one Sīm'ōn a tanner, by the sea-side; who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

33 Immediately, thēre'fōre, I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now, thēre'fōre, āre we all here present before God, to hear all things that āre cōmmān'ded thee of God.

34 ¶ Then Pē'tēr opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth, I pērcēivē' that God is no rēspēct'ēr of pērsons:

35 But in every nation, he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is accepted with him.

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Is'ra-ēl, preaching peace by Jē'sūs Chrīst, (he is Lord of all),

37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Jū-dē'ā, and began from Gāl'ī-lēē, after the baptism which Jōhn preached;

38 How God āndōn'ted Jē'sūs of Nāz'a-rēth with the Hōly Ghōst, and with power: who went ābout' doing good, and healing all that wēre oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

39 And we āre witnesses of all things which he did, both in the land of the Jews, and in Jē-rū'sa-lēm; whom they slew, and hanged on a tree:

40 Him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly:

41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him āfter he ārōse from the dead.

42 And he cōmmān'ded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he

which was ōrdāin'ed of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that, through his name, whosoever bēliēveth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44 ¶ While Pē'tēr yet spake these words, the Hōly Ghōst fell on all them which hēard the word.

45 And they of the circumcision, which bēliēved, wēre astonished, as many as came with Pē'tēr, because that on the Gēn'tiles also was poured out the gift of the Hōly Ghōst.

46 For they hēard them speak with tōngues, and magnify God. Then ānswered Pē'tēr,

47 Can any man forbid wāter, that these should not be baptized, which have rēcēived the Hōly Ghōst as well as we?

48 And he cōmmān'ded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry cēr'tain days.

CHAP. XI.

AND the āpōst'les and brēthren that wēre in Jū-dē'ā, hēard that the Gēn'tiles had also rēcēived the word of God.

2 And when Pē'tēr was come up to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, they that wēre of the circumcision contended with him,

3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised,² and didst eat with them.

4 But Pē'tēr rēhēar'sed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying,

5 I was in the city of Jōp'pā praying: and in a trance I saw a vi'sion, a cēr'tain vessel descēnd'ing, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:

6 Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the ēarth, and wild beasts, and creeping things and fowls of the air.

7 And I hēard a voice saying unto me, Ārīse, Pē'tēr; slay and eat.

8 But I said, Not so, Lord; for nōthing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.

9 But the voice ānswered me āgain' from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

10 And this was done three times, and all wēre drawn up āgain' into heaven.

11 And, behold, immediately there wēre three men ālready come unto the house where I was, sent from Cēs-a-rē'ā unto me.

12 And the Spīr'it bāde me go with them, nōthing dōubt'ing. Moreover, these six brēthren āccōpanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

13 And he showed us how he had seen an āngel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Jōp'pā, and call for Sīm'ōn, whose surname is Pē'tēr;

14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

¹ ninth hour 3 o'clock in the āfter-noon.

² ān-sēr'kūm-sī-zed.

15 And, as I began to speak, the Hōly Ghōst fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

16 Theⁿ remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, Jōhn indeed baptized with wāter; but ye shall be baptized with the Hōly Ghōst:

17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Je'sus Christ; whāt was I, that I could withstand God?

18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Ġēn'tiles grānted repentance unto life.

19 ¶ Now they which wēre scattered ābroād upon the pērsēcution that āro'se ābout' Stēphen,¹ travelled as far as Phēnī'ce, and Cŷ'prūs, and Ān'ti-ōch, preaching the word to nōne but unto the Jews only.

20 And some of them wēre men of Cŷ'prūs and Cŷ-rē'ne, which, when they wēre come to Ān'ti-ōch, spake unto the Grē'ciāns,² preaching the Lord Je'sus.

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

22 ¶ Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jē-rū'sa-lēm; and they sent forth Bār'nā-bās, that he should go as far as Ān'ti-ōch:

23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhōrted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24 For he was a good man, and full of the Hōly Ghōst, and of fāith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

25 Then departed Bār'nā-bās to Tār'sūs, for to seek Sāul:

26 And, when he had found him, he brought him unto Ān'ti-ōch. And it came to pās, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the discip'les wēre called Christ'i-āns³ first in Ān'ti-ōch.

27 ¶ And in these days came prophets from Jē-rū'sa-lēm unto Ān'ti-ōch.

28 And there stood up one of them named Āg'a-būs, and signified, by the Spīr'it, that there should be great dēarth throughout all the wōrld; which came to pās in the days of Ġlāu'di-ūs Cē'sār.

29 Then the discip'les, every man according to his ābil'ity, dētēr'mined to send relief unto the brēthren which dwelt in Jū-dē'ā:

30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Bār'nā-bās and Sāul.

CHAP. XII.

NOW, ābout' that time, Hēr'od the king stretched forth his hands to vex cēr'tain of the church.

2 And he killed James, the brother of Jōhn, with the sword.

3 And, because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Pē'tēr also. (Then wēre the days of unleavened bread.)

4 And, when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of sōl'diērs to keep him; intending āfter Eās'ter to bring him forth to the people.

5 Pē'tēr thērē'fōre was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

6 And when Hēr'od would have brought him forth, the same night Pē'tēr was sleeping between two sōl'diērs, bound with two chains; and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

7 And, behold, the āngel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Pē'tēr on the side, and raised him up, saying, Ārī'se up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

8 And the āngel said unto him, Gird⁴ thyself, and bind^on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Čast thy garment ābout' thee, and follow me.

9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist^o not that it was true which was done by the āngel; but thought he saw a vi'sion.

10 When they wēre pās't the first and the second wārd, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and pās'sed on through one street; and forthwith the āngel departed from him.

11 And when Pē'tēr was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his āngel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Hēr'od, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

12 And, when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mā'ry, the mōther of Jōhn, whose surname was Mār'k; where many wēre gāthered together, praying.

13 And, as Pē'tēr knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named R'hō'dā.

14 And, when she knew Pē'tēr's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Pē'tēr stood before the gate.

15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly āfirm'ed⁵ that it was even so. Then said they, It is his āngel.

16 But Pē'tēr continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they wēre astonished.

17 But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go, show these things unto James, and to the brēthren.

1 Stē'ō'n. 2 Grē'she-ānz. 3 Krīst'yūnz. 4 gērd. * knew. 5 āf'fērm'ed.

And he departed, and went into another place.

18 Now, as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the sōl'diērs, whāt was become of Pē'tēr.

19 And, when Hēr'od had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and cōmmānd'ed that they should be put to death. And he went down from Jū-dē'ā to Cēs-a-rē'ā, and there abode.

20 ¶ And Hēr'od was highly displeas'd with them of Tyre and Si'dōn: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blās'tūs the king's cham'bér-lain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's country.

21 And upon a set day, Hēr'od, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.

22 And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.

23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of wōrms, and gave up the ghōst.

24 ¶ But the word of God grew ¹ and multiplied.

25 And Bàr'na-bās and Sāul returned from Jē-rú'sa-lēm, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them Jōhn, whose surname was Mār̄k.

CHAP. XIII.

NOW there wēre in the church that was at Ān'ti-ōch cēr'tain prophets and teachers; as Bàr'na-bās, and Sīm'e-ōn that was called Nī'gēr, and Lū'ci-ūs ² of Cŷ-rē'ne, and Mān'a-ēn, which had been brought up with Hēr'od the tē'trārch, and Sāul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fāsted, the Hōly Ghōst said, Separate me Bàr'na-bās and Sāul for the work wherunto I have called them.

3 And when they had fāsted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them āwāy.

4 ¶ So they, being sent forth by the Hōly Ghōst, departed unto Sēl-eū'ci-ā;³ and from thence they sailed to Cŷ'prūs.

5 And when they wēre at Sāl'a-mis, they preached the word of God in the sŷn'agōgues of the Jews: and they had also Jōhn to their minister.

6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Pā'phōs, they found a cēr'tain sōr'cērér, a fālse prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bàr-jē'sūs,

7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sēr'gi-ūs Pāu'lūs, a prudent⁴ man; who called for Bàr'na-bās and Sāul, and desired to hear the word of God.

8 But Ēl'y-mās the sōr'cērér, (for so is his name by Intērpētā'tion,) withstood them, seeking to turn āwāy the deputy from the faith.

9 Then Sāul, (who also is called Pāul),

¹ grōd. ² Lū'she-ūs. ³ Sēl-yū'se-ā.

filled with the Hōly Ghōst, set his eyes on him,

10 And said, O full of all sūbtlety and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness! wilt thou not cease to pērvērt' the right ways of the Lord?

11 And now, behold the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went ābout' seeking some to lēad him by the hand.

12 Then the deputy, when he saw whāt was done, believed, being astonished at the dōc'trine of the Lord.

13 Now when Pāul and his cōmpany lōosed from Pā'phōs, they came to Pēr'gā in Pām-phŷl'ī-ā: and Jōhn, departing from them, returned to Jē-rú'sa-lēm.

14 ¶ But, when they departed from Pēr'gā, they came to Ān'ti-ōch 'n Pi-sŷ'di-ā,⁵ and went into the sŷn'agōgue on the Sāb'bath-dāy, and sat down.

15 And āfter the rēad'ing of the law and the prophets, the rulers of the sŷn'agōgue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brēthren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

16 Then Pāul stood up, and beckoning with his hand, said, Men of Īs'ra-ēl, and ye that fear God, give audience.

17 The God of this people of Īs'ra-ēl chose our fāthers, and exālted the people when they dwelt as strāngers in the land of Ē'gŷpt, and with a high arm brought he them out of it.

18 And ābout' the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness.

19 And when he had destrōy'ed seven nations in the land of Čā'nā-ān, he divid'd their land to them by lōt.

20 And āfter that he gave unto them judges ābout' the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Sām'u-ēl the prophet.

21 And āfterwārd they desired a king: and God gave unto them Sāul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Bēn'jā-mīn, by the space of forty years.

22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them Dā'vīd to be their king; to whom also he gave tēs'timōny, and said, I have found Dā'vīd the son of Jēs'se, a man āfter mine own hēart, which shall fulfil all my will.

23 Of this man's seed hath God, according to his promise, raised unto Īs'ra-ēl a Sāv'ioūr,⁶ Jē'sūs:

24 When Jōhn had first preached, before his coming, the baptism of repentance to all the people of Īs'ra-ēl.

25 And as Jōhn fulfilled his course, he said, Who think ye that I am? I am not he. But, behold, there cometh one āfter me, whose shoes of his feet I am not wōrthy to lōose.

26 Men and brēthren, children of the

⁴ prōd'dēnt. ⁵ Pe-sŷ'de-ā. ⁶ Sāve'yūr.

stock of Ābra-hām, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

27 For they that dwell at Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every Sāb' bath-dāy, they have fulfilled *them* in condemning *him*.

28 And though they found no cause of death in *him*, yet desired they Pī'lāte that he should be slain.

29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took *him* down from the tree, and laid *him* in a sēpulchre.

30 But God raised him from the dead:

31 And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Gāl'i-lēe to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, who are his witnesses unto the people.

32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,

33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jē-šūs again': as it is also written in the second Psālm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

34 And as cōncēr'nīng that he raised him up from the dead, *now* no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mēr'cīs of Dā'vīd.

35 Wherefore he saith also in another psālm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Hōly One to see corruption.

36 For Dā'vīd, after he had sērvēd his own generation, by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption;

37 But he, whom God raised again', saw no corruption.

38 ¶ Be it known unto you, thērē'fore, men and brēthren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

39 And by him, all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Mō'sēs.

40 Beware, thērē'fore, lest that come upon you which is spoken of in the prophets;

41 Behold, ye dēspī'sērs, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.

42 ¶ And when the Jews wēre gone out of the sŷn'agōgne, the Gēn'tiles besōught that these words might be preached to them the next Sāb' bath.

43 Now, when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious prōs'ē-lŷtes, followed Pāul and Bār'na-bās; who, speaking to them, pērsuādēd them to continue in the grace of God.

44 ¶ And the next sāb' bath-dāy came almost the whole city togēthēr to hear the word of God.

45 But when the Jews saw the multi-tudes, they wēre filled with envy, and spake

against those things which wēre spoken by Pāul, contradicting and blās-phēmīng.

46 Then Pāul and Bār'na-bās waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of ēvērlās'tīng life, lo, we turn to the Gēn'tiles.

47 For so hath the Lord cōmmān'ded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gēn'tiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

48 And when the Gēn'tiles hēard this, they wēre glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as wēre ordāin'ed to eternal life believed.

49 And the word of the Lord was publish-ed throughout all the region.

50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and hōn'ōurable wom'en, and the chief men of the city, and raised pērsēcū'tion against Pāul and Bār'na-bās, and expelled them out of their coasts.

51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against' them, and came unto Ī-çō'ni-ūm.

52 And the discīples wēre filled with joy, and with the Hōly Ghōst.

CHAP. XIV.

AND it came to pāss in Ī-çō'ni-ūm, that they went both togēthēr into the sŷn'agōgne of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude, both of the Jews, and also of the Grēeks, believed.

2 But the ūn-bē-liēv'īng Jews stirred up the Gēn'tiles, and made their minds evil affected against' the brēthren.

3 Long time, thērē'fore, abōde they, speaking boldly in the Lord; which gave tēs'timōny unto the word of his grace, and grānted signs and wōnders to be done by their hands.

4 But the multitude of the city was divid-ed: and part held with the Jews, and part with the āpōstles

5 And when there was an assāult made, both of the Gēn'tiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use *them* dēspite'fūlly, and to stone them,

6 They wēre ware of *it*, and fled unto Lŷs'trā and Dēr'be, cities of Lŷc-ā-ō'ni-ā, and unto the region that lieth round ābōut:

7 And there they preached the gōs'pēl.

8 ¶ And there sat a cēr'tāin man at Lŷs'trā, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mōthēr's womb, who never had wālked:

9 The same hēard Pāul speak: who stēad'fāstly beholding him, and pērcēiv'īng that he had fāith to be healed,

10 Said, with a loud voice, Stand up-right on thy feet. And he leaped and wālked.

11 And when the people saw whāt Pāul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying, in the speech of Lŷc-ā-ō'ni-ā, The gods

are come down to us in the likeness of men.

12 And they called Bār'na-bās Jū'pi-tēr, and Pāul Mēr-çū'ri-ūs, because he was the chief speaker.

13 Then the priest of Jū'pi-tēr, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sac'ri-fice with the people;

14 Which when the āpōstles, Bār'na-bās and Pāul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,

15 And saying, Sirs, Why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you, that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

18 And with these sayings scarce restrained the people, that they had not done sac'ri-fice unto them.

19 And there came thither cēr'tain Jews from Ān'ti-ōch, and Ī-çō'ni-ūm, who persuaded the people, and having stoned Pāul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about' him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Bār'na-bās to Dēr'be.

21 ¶ And when they had preached the gōs'pēl to that city, and had taught many, they returned again' to Lys'trā, and to Ī-çō'ni-ūm, and Ān'ti-ōch,

22 Confirm'ing the souls of the disciples, and exhōrt'ing them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

23 And when they had ordain'ed them elders in every church, and had prayed with fast'ing, they commēd'ed them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

24 And after they had passed through-out Pi-sī'di-ā,¹ they came to Pām-phyl'i-ā.

25 And when they had preached the word in Pēr'gā, they went down into Āt-talī'ā:

26 And thence sailed to Ān'ti-ōch, from whence they had been recōmmēd'ed to the grace of God, for the work which they fulfilled.

27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehears'ed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gēn'tiles.

28 And there they abode long time with the disciples.

CHAP. XV.

AND cēr'tain men which came down from Jū-de'ā, taught the brēthren, and

¹Pe-si-de-ā.

said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Mō'sēs, ye cannot be saved.

2 When therē'fore Pāul and Bār'na-bās had no small dissension and disputation with them, they detēr'mined that Pāul and Bār'na-bās, and cēr'tain other of them, should go up to Jē-rū'sa-lēm unto the āpōstles and elders about' this question.

3 And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phē-nī'ce and Sa-mā'ri-ā, declaring the cōnvēr'sion of the Gēn'tiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brēthren.

4 And when they were come to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, they were received of the church, and of the āpōstles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.

5 But there rose up cēr'tain of the sect of the Phār'i-sēes which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise² them, and to cōmmānd' them to keep the law of Mō'sēs.

6 ¶ And the āpōstles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

7 And, when there had been much disputing, Pēt'ēr rose up, and said unto them, Men and brēthren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gēn'tiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gōs'pēl, and believe.

8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Hōly Ghōst, even as he did unto us;

9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

10 Now therē'fore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11 But we believe that, through the grace of the Lord Jē'sūs Christ, we shall be saved, even as they.

12 ¶ Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Bār'na-bās and Pāul, declaring whāt miracles and wōnders God had wrought among the Gēn'tiles by them.

13 ¶ And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brēthren, hearken unto me:

14 Sīm'e-ōn hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gēn'tiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

15 And to this agree' the words of the prophets; as it is written,

16 After this I will return, and will build again' the tab'ēr-nā-cle of Dā'vid, which is fallen down, and I will build again' the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gēn'tiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we

²sēr'kūm-size.

trouble not them, which from among the Gēn'tiles are turned to God:

20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

21 For Mō'sēs of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the s̄yn'agōgues every Sāb'bath-dāy.

22 Then pleased it the āpōstles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own cōmpany to Ān'ti-ōch with Pāul and Bār'na-bās; *namely*, Jū'dās surnamed Bār'sa-bās, and Sī'lās, chief men among the brēthren:

23 And they wrote *letters* by them āfter this manner: The āpōstles, and elders, and brēthren, send greeting unto the brēthren which are of the Gēn'tiles in Ān'ti-ōch, and S̄yr'i-ā, and Ci-līc'i-ā:¹

24 Forasmuch as we have hēard that cēr'tain which went out from us have troubled you with words, sūbvērt'ing your souls, saying, *Ye must be cir'cumcised*, and keep the law: to whom we gave no *such* cōmmānd'mēt:

25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our belōved Bār'na-bās and Pāul.

26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jē'sūs Christ.

27 We have sent, thēre'fore, Jū'dās and Sī'lās, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghōst, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:

29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

30 So, when they were dīsmīss'ed, they came to Ān'ti-ōch: and when they had gāthered the multitude togēther, they delivered the ēpīst'le:²

31 Which when they had rēad, they rejoiced for the consolation.

32 And Jū'dās and Sī'lās, being prophets also themselves, exhōrt'ed the brēthren with many words, and cōfirm'ed them.

33 And āfter they had tarried *there* a space, they wēre let go in peace from the brēthren unto the āpōstles.

34 Notwithstanding, it pleased Sī'lās to ābīde there still.

35 Pāul also and Bār'na-bās continued in Ān'ti-ōch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

36 ¶ And some days āfter, Pāul said unto Bār'na-bās, Let us go āgain' and visit our brēthren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

37 And Bār'na-bās dētēr'mīned to take with them Jōhn, whose surname was Mār̄k.

38 But Pāul thought not good to take

him with them, who departed from them from Pām-ph̄y'ī-ā, and went not with them to the work.

39 And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed āsūn'dei one from the other: and so Bār'na-bās took Mār̄k, and sailed unto C̄y'pr̄s;

40 And Pāul chose Sī'lās, and departed, being rēcōmmēnd'ed by the brēthren unto the grace of God.

41 And he went through S̄yr'i-ā and Ci-līc'i-ā, cōfirm'ing³ the churches.

CHAP. XVI.

THIEN came he to Dēr'be and L̄y's'trā: and, behold, a cēr'tain disciple was there, named Ti-mō'the-ūs, the son of a cēr'tain wom'an, which was a Jew'ess, and bēlieved; but his father was a Grēek:

2 Which was well reported of by the brēthren that wēre at L̄y's'trā and Ī-çō'ni-ūm.

3 Him would Pāul have to go forth with him; and took and cir'cumcised him, because of the Jews which wēre in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Grēek.

4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep that wēre ordāin'ed of the āpōstles and elders which wēre at Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

5 And so wēre the churches estāb'lished in the faith, and increased in number daily.

6 Now, when they had gone throughout Phr̄y'g'i-ā, and the region of Ga-lā'ti-ā,⁴ and wēre forbidden of the Holy Ghōst to preach the word in Ās̄i-ā,⁵

7 āfter they wēre come to M̄y'ç'i-ā,⁶ they assayed to go into Bi-th̄y'n'i-ā: but the Spīr'it sūffered them not.

8 And they, pās'sing by M̄y'ç'i-ā, came down to Trō'ās.

9 ¶ And a vīzion appeared to Pāul in the night: There stood a man of Māc-e-dō'ni-ā,⁷ and prayed him, saying, Come over into Māc-e-dō'ni-ā, and help us.

10 And āfter he had seen the vīzion, immediately we endeavoured to go into Māc-e-dō'ni-ā, assuredly gāth'er'ing that the Lord had called us for to preach the gōs'pēl unto them.

11 Thēre'fore, lōō'sing from Trō'ās, we came with a straight course to Sām-o-thrā-ci-ā, and the next day to Nē-āp'o-līs:

12 And from thence to Phi-lip'pi, which is the chief city of that part of Māc-e-dō'ni-ā, and a colony: and we wēre in that city āb'iding cēr'tain days.

13 And on the Sāb'bath, we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the wom'en which resorted thither.

14 ¶ And a cēr'tain wom'an, named L̄y'd'i-ā, a seller of purple, of the city of Th̄y-a-tī'rā, which wór'shipped God, hēard us: whose hēart the Lord opened, that she

1 *Sē-tish'e-ā.* 2 *ē-pts'sl.* 3 *kōn-fēr'm'ing.*

4 *Gal-lā'she-ā.* 5 *Ā'zīe-ā.* 6 *Mtzh'e-ā.*

7 *Mās-e-dō'ne-ā.*

attended unto the things which wēre spoken of Pål.

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought *us*, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she cōnstrained us.

16 ¶ And it came to päss, as we went to prayer, a cēr'tain damsel, pōssēs'sed with a spirit of divination, met us, which brought her mās'ters much gain by soothsaying :

17 The same followed Pål and us, and cried, saying, These men are the sēr'vants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation.

18 And this did she many days. But Pål being grieved, turned, and said to the spirit, I cōmmand' thee in the name of Jē'sūs Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

19 ¶ And when her mās'ters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Pål and Sī'lās, and drew *them* into the market-place unto the rulers.

20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,

21 And teach customs which are not lawful for us to receīve, nēither to ob'serve, being Rō'māns.

22 And the multitude rose up togēther āgain'st them ; and the magistrates rent off their clōthes, and cōmmand'ed to beat *them*.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cāst *them* into prison, chārging the jailer to keep them safely :

24 Who, having receīved such a chārgē, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fāst in the stocks.

25 ¶ And at midnight Pål and Sī'lās prayed, and sang praises unto God : and the prisoners hēard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great ēarth'quake, so that the foundations of the prison wēre shaken ; and immediately all the doors wēre opened, and every one's bands wēre loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison āwā'king out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his swōrd, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Pål cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm ; for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Pål and Sī'lās ;

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, whāt must I do to be saved ?

31 And they said, Belieue on the Lord Jē'sūs Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that wēre in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes ; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, belie'ving in God with all his house.

35 ¶ And when it was day, the magistrates sent the ser'gēants,¹ saying, Let those men go.

36 And the keeper of the prison told this saying to Pål, The magistrates have sent to let you go : now, thēre'fore, depart, and go in peace.

37 But Pål said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Rō'māns, and have cāst *us* into prison ; and now do they thrust *us* out privily ? nay, verily ; but let them come themselves and fetch *us* out.

38 And the ser'gēants told these words unto the magistratēs ; and they feared when they hēard that they wēre Rō'māns.

39 And they came and besought them, and brought *them* out, and desired *them* to depart out of the city.

40 And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lyd'i-ä : and when they had seen the brēthren, they cōm'forted them, and departed.

CHAP. XVII.

NOW, when they had pās'sed through Ām-phīp'o-līs and Āp-ōl-lō-ni-ä, they came to Thēs-sa-lō-n'cā, where was a sȳn'agōgue of the Jews :

2 And Pål, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sāb' bath-dāys reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

3 Opening and alleging that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen āgain' from the dead ; and that this Jē'sūs, whom I preach unto you is Christ.

4 And some of them belieued and consorted with Pål and Sī'lās : and of the devout Grēeks a great multitude, and of the chief wom'en not a few.

5 ¶ But the Jews which belieued not, moved with envy, took unto them cēr'tain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gāthered a cōmpany, and set all the city on uproar, and assāulted the house of Jā'sōn, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they found them not, they drew Jā'sōn, and cēr'tain brēthren, unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the wōrld upside down, are come hither also ;

7 Whom Jā'sōn hath receīved : and these all do contrary to the decrees of Cē'sār, saying, that there is ānōther king, *one* Jē'sūs.

8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they hēard these things.

9 And when they had taken security of Jā'sōn, and of the other, they let them go.

10 ¶ And the brēthren immediately sent āway Pāul and Sīlās by night unto Bē-rē'ā: who, coming thither, went into the sŷn'agōgue of the Jews.

11 These wēre more noble than those in Thēs-sa-lō-nī-cā, in that they received the word with all rēadiness of mind, and sēarched the scriptures daily, whether those things wēre so.

12 Therēfore many of them bēlieved: also of hōn'ourable wom'en which wēre Grēeks, and of men not a few.

13 ¶ But when the Jews of Thēs-sa-lō-nī-cā had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Pāul at Bē-rē'ā, they came thither also, and stirred up the people.

14 And then immediately the brēthren sent āway Pāul, to go as it wēre, to the sea: but Sīlās and Ti-mō'the-ūs ābode there still.

15 And they that conducted Pāul, brought him unto Āth'ens: and rēcēiv'ing a cōm-mān'd'mēt unto Sīlās and Ti-mō'the-ūs for to come to him with all speed, they departed.

16 ¶ Now, while Pāul waited for them at Āth'ens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

17 Therēfore disputed he in the sŷn'agōgue with the Jews, and with the devout pērsōns, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

18 Then cēr'tain philōs'ophers of the Ēp-i-cū-rē'āns, and of the Stō'icks, encountered him: And some said, Whāt will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods; because he preached unto them Jē'sūs, and the resurrection.

19 And they took him, and brought him unto Ā-rē-ōp'a-gūs, saying, May we know whāt this new dōc'trine, whereof thou speakest, is?

20 For thou bringest cēr'tain strange things to our ears: we would know, therēfore, whāt these things mean.

21 (For all the Ā-thē'ni-āns, and strang-ers which wēre there, spent their time in nōthing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)

22 ¶ Then Pāul stood in the midst of Mār's'hill, and said, Ye men of Āth'ens, I pērcēive¹ that in all things ye āre too superstitions.¹

23 For as I pāssed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an āltar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom, therēfore, ye ignorantly wōr'ship, him declare I unto you.

24 God that made the wōrld, and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and ēarth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25 Nēither is wōr'shipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, see-

¹ sū-pēr-st'ish'ūs.

² Ā-rē-ōp'a-jile.

ing he giveth to all lifē, and breath, and all things:

26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men, for to dwell on all the face of the ēarth, and iath dētēr'mined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel āfter him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as cēr'tain also of your own poets have said, For we āre also his offspring.

29 Forasmuch then as we āre the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the God'hēad is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at: but now cōm-mān'deth all men every where to repent:

31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the wōrld in righteousness by that Man whom he hath ōr-dāin'ed; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

32 ¶ And when they hēard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked; and others said, We will hear thee āgain' of this matter.

33 So Pāul departed from āmōng them.

34 Howbeit, cēr'tain men clave unto him, and bēlieved; āmōng the which was Di-ō-nŷs'i-ūs the Ā-rē-ōp'a-gite,² and a wom'an named Dām'a-ris, and others with them.

CHAP. XVIII.

AFTER these things, Pāul departed from Āth'ens, and came to Cōr'īnth;

2 And found a cēr'tain Jew, named Āq'ui-lā,³ born in Pōn'tūs, lately come from It'a-ly, with his wife Pris-cil'ā, (because that Člāu'di-ūs had cōm-mān'ded all Jews to depart from Rōme,) and came unto them.

3 And because he was of the same crāft, he ābode with them, and wrougħt: (for by their occupation they wēre tent-makers.)

4 And he reasoned in the sŷn'agōgue every sabbath, and pērsuādēd the Jews and the Grēeks.

5 And, when Sīlās and Ti-mō'the-ūs wēre come from Māc-e-dō'ni-ā, Pāul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jē'sūs was Christ.

6 And when they opposed themselves, and blāsp'hēmed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads: I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gēn'tiles.

7 ¶ And he departed thence, and entered into a cēr'tain man's house, named Jūs-tūs, one that wōr'shipped God, whose house joined hard to the sŷn'agōgue.

8 And Cris'pūs, the chief ruler⁴ of the sŷn'agōgue, believed on the Lord with all

³ Āk'kwē-lā.

⁴ rōd'ūr.

his house; and many of the Cö-rin'thi-äns, hearing, bélièved, and wère baptized.

9 ¶ Then spake the Lord to P^{au}l in the night by a vi^{si}on, Be not äfräid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee; for I have much people in this city.

11 And he continued *there* a year and six mönth's, teaching the word of God ämöng them.

12 And when G^{äl}'li-ö was the deputy of Ä-chä'i-ä, the Jews made insurrection with one accord ägainst' P^{au}l, and brought him to the judgment-seat,

13 Saying, This *fellow* p^{er}süadeth men to wör'ship God contrary to the law.

14 And, when P^{au}l was now äbout' to open *his* mouth, G^{äl}'li-ö said unto the Jews, If it wère a matter of wröng, or wicked lewdness, O ye Jews! reason would that I should bear with you:

15 But if it be a question of words, and names, and of your law, look ye to it; for I will be no judge of such matters.

16 And he drave them from the judgment-seat.

17 Then all the Gr^{ee}k's took Sös'the-n^{es}, the chief ruler of the s^{yn}'agögue, and beat *him* before the judgment-seat: and G^{äl}'li-ö cared for nöne of those things.

18 ¶ And P^{au}l *after this* tarried *there* yet a good while, and then took his leave of the br^{eth}ren, and sailed thence into S^{yr}'i-ä, and with him, Pr^{is}-c^{il}'lä and Äq'ui-lä, having shörn *his* head in C^{en}'chre-ä; for he had a vow.

19 And he came to Äph'e-süs, and left them there: but he himself entered into the s^{yn}'agögue, and reasoned with the Jews.

20 When they desired *him* to tarry longer time with them, he consented not;

21 But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in J^e-r^u'sa-l^{em}: but I will return ägain' unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Äph'e-süs.

22 And when he had landed at C^{es}-a-r^e'ä, and gone up and saluted the church, he went down to Än'ti-öch.

23 And äfter he had spent some time *there*, he departed, and went over *all* the country of Ga-lä'ti-ä and Phryg'i-ä, in order, strengthening all the discip^{les}.

24 ¶ And a c^{er}'tain Jew, named Ä-pö'l-lös, born at Äl-^{ex}-än'dri-ä, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Äph'e-süs.

25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord, and, being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of J^{oh}n.

26 And he began to speak boldly in the s^{yn}'agögue: whom when Äq'ui-lä, and Pr^{is}-c^{il}'lä had heard, they took him unto

them, and expounded unto him the way of God more p^{er}fectly.

27 And when he was disposed to p^{as}s into Ä-chä'i-ä, the br^{eth}ren wrote, exhör'ting the discip^{les} to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had bélièved through grace:

28 For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, showing by the scriptures that J^e'süs was Christ.

CHAP. XIX.

AND it came to p^{as}s, that while Ä-pö'l-lös was at C^{or}'inth, P^{au}l, having p^{as}s-ed through the upper coasts, came to Äph'e-süs; and, finding c^{er}'tain discip^{les},

2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Höly Ghöst since ye bélièved? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Höly Ghöst.

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then w^{er}e ye baptized? And they said, Unto J^{oh}n's baptism.

4 Then said P^{au}l, J^{oh}n verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should béliève on him which should come äfter him, that is, on Christ J^e'süs.

5 When they heard *this*, they w^{er}e baptized in the name of the Lord J^e'süs.

6 And, when P^{au}l had laid *his* hands upon them, the Höly Ghöst came on them; and they spake with tongues, and p^{ro}ph^{es}ied.

7 And all the men w^{er}e äbout' twelve.

8 ¶ And he went into the s^{yn}'agögue and spake boldly for the space of three mönth's, disputing and p^{er}süäd'ing the things cönc^{er}'ning the kingdom of God.

9 But when d^{iv}ers w^{er}e hardened, and bélièved not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the discip^{les}, disputing daily in the school of one T^y-r^{an}'nüs.

10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Ä'si-ä, heard the word of the Lord J^e'süs, both Jews and Gr^{ee}k's.

11 And God w^{ro}ught special miracles by the hands of P^{au}l:

12 So that from his body w^{er}e brought unto the sick, händ'k^{er}chiefs or äprons,² and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

13 ¶ Then c^{er}'tain of the vagabond Jews, ex'orcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits, the name of the Lord J^e'süs, saying, We adjure you by J^e'süs, whom P^{au}l preacheth.

14 And there w^{er}e seven sons of one Sc^e'vä, a Jew, and chief of the p^{ri}ests, which did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, J^e'süs I know, and P^{au}l I know: but who äre ye?

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was, leaped on them, and overcame them, and p^{re}vail'ed ägainst' them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wöunded.

17 And this was known to all the Jews and Grēeks also dwelling at Eph'e-sūs; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jē'sūs was magnified.

18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds.

19 Many also of them which used curious arts, brought their books togethēr, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand *pieces* of silver.

20 So mightily grew the word of God, and prēvāil'ed.

21 ¶ After these things wēre ended, Pàul purposed in the spirit, when he had pāsseed through Māc-e-dō'ni-ā, and Ā-chā'i-ā, to go to Jē-rā'sa-lēm, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rōme.

22 So he sent into Māc-e-dō'ni-ā two of them that ministered unto him, Ti-mō'the-ūs and E-rās'tūs: but he himself stayed in Ā'si-ā for a season.

23 And the same time there ārōse no small stir about that way.

24 For a cēr'tain man, named Dē-mē'tri-ūs, a silver-smith, which made silver shrines for Dī-ā'nā, brought no small gain unto the crāftsman;

25 Whom he called togethēr, with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this crāft we have our wealth.

26 Moreover, ye see and hear, that not ālone at Eph'e-sūs, but almost throughout all Ā'si-ā, this Pàul hath pērsuādēd and turned āway much people, saying, that they be no gods which āre made with hands:

27 So that not only this our crāft is in dānger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Dī-ā'nā should be despīsed, and her magnificēce should be destrōyēd, whom all Ā'si-ā and the wōrld wōr'shippeth.

28 And when they hēard these sayings, they wēre full of wōrāth, and cried out, saying, Great is Dī-ā'nā of the E-phē'si-āns.²

29 And the whole city was filled with confusion: and, having caught Gā'i-ūs³ and Ār-is-tār'chūs, men of Māc-e-dō'ni-ā, Pàul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

30 And when Pàul would have entered in unto the people, the discīples suffered him not.

31 And cēr'tain of the chief of Ā'si-ā, which wēre his friends, sent unto him, desiring him that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.

32 Some, thērē'fore, cried one thing, and some ānōther: for the assembly was confused: and the more part knew not whērēfore they wēre come togethēr.

33 And they drew Āl-ēx-ān'dēr out of the multitude, the Jews putting him fōr-wārd. And Āl-ēx-ān'dēr beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defence unto the people.

34 But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice, ābout the space of two hours, cried out, Great is Dī-ā'nā of the E-phē'si-āns.

35 And when the tōwn clerk had appeasēd the people, he said, Ye men of Eph'e-sūs, w'hat man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the E-phē'si-āns is a wōr'shipper of the great goddess Dī-ā'nā, and of the image which fell down from Jū'pī-tēr.

36 Seeing thēn that these thungs cannot be spoken āgainst, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nōthing rashly.

37 For ye have brought hither these men, which āre neither robbers of churches, nor yet blāsp'hēmērs of your goddess.

38 Whērēfore if Dē-mē'tri-ūs, and the crāftsman which āre with him, have a matter āgainst any man, the law is open, and there āre deputies; let them implead one ānōther.

39 But if ye inquire any thing cōncērn'ing other matters, it shall be dētēr'mined in a lawful assembly.

40 For we āre in dānger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whērēby we may give an account of this concourse.

41 And when he had thus spoken, he dīsmiss'ed the assembly.

CHAP. XX.

AND āfter the uproar was ceased, Pàul called unto him the discīples, and embraced them, and departed for to go into Māc-e-dō'ni-ā.

2 And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Grēece,

3 And there ābode three mōnths; and when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was ābout to sail into Sŷr'i-ā, he purposed to return through Māc-e-dō'ni-ā.

4 And there āccōmpānied him into Ā'si-ā, Sōp'a-tēr of Bē-rē'ā; and of the Thēs-sa-lō'ni-āns, Ār-is-tār'chūs and Sē-cūn'dūs; and Gā'i-ūs of Dēr'be, and Ti-mō'the-ūs; and of Ā'si-ā, Tŷch'i-çūs and Trōph'i-mūs.

5 These, going before, tarried for us at Trō'as.

6 And we sailed āway from Phi-lip'pi āfter the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Trō'as in five days: whērē we ābode seven days.

7 ¶ And upon the first day of the week, when the discīples came togethēr to break bread, Pàul preached unto them, rēdy to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

8 And there wēre many lights in the upper chamber whērē they wēre gāthērd togethēr.

9 And there sat in a window a cēr'tain young man named Eū'ty-çhūs,⁴ being fallen into a deep sleep; and, as Pàul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep,

1 grōd.

2 E-ft'zhe-ānz.

3 Gā'yūs.

4 Yō'te-kūs.

and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.

10 And P  ul went down, and fell on him, and embracing *him*, said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

11 When he, *therefore*, was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

12 And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

13 ¶ And we went before to ship, and sailed unto   s's  s, there intending to take in P  ul: for so had he appointed, minding himself to go afoot.

14 And when he met with us at   s's  s, we took him in, and came to M  t-y-l  ne.

15 And we sailed thence, and came the next day over against' Ch  i'  s; and the next day we arrived at S  m  s, and tarried at Tr  s  yl'i-  m; and the next day we came to Mi-l  t  s.

16 For P  ul had det  rmined to sail by   ph'e-s  s, because he would not spend the time in   'si-  : for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at J  -r  'sa-l  m the day of P  n'te-  st.

17 ¶ And from Mi-l  t  s he sent to   ph'e-s  s, and called the elders of the church.

18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into   'si-  , after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

19 S  rving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations which befell me by the laying in wait of the Jews;

20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,

21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance t  ward God, and faith t  ward our Lord J  s  s Christ.

22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto J  -r  'sa-l  m, not knowing the things that shall befall me there;

23 Save that the Holy Gh  st witnesseth in every city, saying, that bonds and afflictions abide me.

24 But none of these things move me; neither count I my life dear unto my-self,¹ so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord J  s  s, to testify the g  s'p  l of the grace of God.

25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

26 Wherefore I take you to record' this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.

27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

28 ¶ Take heed, *therefore*, unto your-

¹ me-self'.

² Fe-n  sh'e-  .

³ T  l-e-m  rs.

selves, and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking p  rv  rse' things, to draw away disc  ples after them.

31 *Therefore* watch, and remember, that, by the space of three years, I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

32 And now, brethren, I commend' you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

34 Yea, ye yourselves know that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have showed you all things, how that so labouring, ye ought to support the weak; and to remember the words of the Lord J  s  s, how he said, It is more bl  s'sed to give than to receive.

36 ¶ And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

37 And they all wept sore, and fell on P  ul's neck, and kissed him;

38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

CHAP XXI.

AND it came to pass, that, after we were gotten from them, and had launched, we came with a straight course unto   '  s, and the day following unto Rh  des, and from thence unto P  t'a-r  .

2 And, finding a ship sailing over unto Ph  nic'i-  ,² we went aboard, and set forth.

3 Now, when we had discovered C  'pr  s, we left it on the left hand, and sailed into Syr'i-  , and landed at T  re: for there the ship was to unlade her burden.

4 And, finding disc  ples, we tarried there seven days; who said to P  ul, through the Sp  r'it, that he should not go up to J  -r  'sa-l  m.

5 And, when we had accomplished those days, we departed, and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city; and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.

6 And, when we had taken our leave one of another, we took ship; and they returned home again'.

7 And when we had finished our course from T  re, we came to P  t  l-e-m  'is,³ and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day.

8 And the next day, we that were of

Pàul's company, departed, and came unto Cēs-a-rè'ā; and we entered into the house of Phil'ip the evangelist, (which was one of the seven,) and ābōde with him.

9 And the same man had four daughters, vir'gins,¹ which did prōph'ē-sy.

10 ¶ And as we tarried *there* many days, there came down from Jū-dè'ā a cēr'tain prophet, named Āg a-būs.

11 And, when he was come unto us, he took Pàul's gir'dle,² and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Hōly Ghōst, So shall the Jews at Jè-rù'sa-lèm bind the man that owneth this gir'dle, and shall deliver *him* into the hands of the Ġèn'tiles.

12 And, when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besōught him not to go up to Jè-rù'sa-lèm.

13 Then Pàul answered, Whāt mean ye to weep, and to break mine hēart? for I am rēady not to be bound only, but also to die at Jè-rù'sa-lèm, for the name of the Lord Jē'sūs.

14 And when he would not be pērsādēd, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

15 And, āfter those days, we took up our cār'riages, and went up to Jè-rù'sa-lèm.

16 There went with us also cēr'tain of the discip'les of Cēs-a-rè'ā, and brought with them one Mnā'son³ of Cy'prus, an old discip'le, with whom we should lodge.

17 ¶ And when we wēre come to Jè-rù'sa-lèm, the brēthren rēcēivēd us gladly.

18 And the *day* following, Pàul went in with us unto Jāmes; and all the elders wēre present.

19 And, when he had sāluted them, he declared particularly whāt things God had wōrought āmōng the Ġèn'tiles by his ministry.

20 And when they heard *it*, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brōther, how many thousands of Jews there āre which believē; and they āre all zēal'ōus of the law:

21 And they āre informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which āre āmōng the Ġèn'tiles to forsake Mō'sēs, saying, that they ought not to cir'cumcise *their* children, nēither to wālke āfter the customs.

22 Whāt is it, thērē'fōre? the multitude must needs come tōgēther: for they will hear that thou art come.

23 Do, thērē'fōre, this that we say tō thee: We have four men which have a vow on them;

24 Them take, and purify thyself with them, and be at chārges with them, that they may shave *their* hēads: and all may know that those things, whereof they wēre informed cōncēr'nīng thee, āre nōthing; but that thou thyself also wālkest orderly, and keepest the law.

25 As tōuch'īng the Ġèn'tiles which believē, we have written and concluded, that

1 *vēr'jīnz.* 2 *gēr'dl.* 3 *Nā's'n.* 4 *Ē-fē'zhe-ān.* 5 *kās'sl.* 6 *Ē-jīp'she-ān.* 7 *Sē-īsh'e-ā.*

they observe no such thing, save only that they keep themselves from *things* offered to idols, and from blood, and from strangled, and from fornication.

26 Then Pàul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them, entered into the temple, to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered for every one of them.

27 ¶ And, when the seven days wēre almost ended, the Jews which wēre of Ā'si-ā, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him,

28 Crying out, Men of Īs'ra-ēl, help: this is the man that teacheth all *men* every where āgainst the people, and the law, and this place; and further, hath brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.

29 (For they had seen before with him in the city, Troph'i-mūs an Ē-phē'si-ān,⁴ whom they supposed that Pàul had brought into the temple.)

30 And all the city was moved, and the people ran tōgēther; and they took Pàul, and drew him out of the temple: and forthwith the doors wēre shut.

31 And, as they went ābout to kill him, tidings came unto the chief cāp'tain of the band, that all Jè-rù'sa-lèm was in uproar;

32 Who immediately took sōl'diērs and centurions, and ran down unto them: and when they saw the chief cāp'tain and the sōl'diērs, they left beating of Pàul.

33 Then the chief cāp'tain came near, and took him, and cōmmāndēd *him* to be bound with two chains; and demān'ded who he was, and whāt he had dōne?

34 And some cried one thing, some ānōther, āmōng the multitude; and, when he could not know the cēr'tainty for the tumult, he cōmmān'ded him to be carried into the cās'tle.⁵

35 And, when he came upon the stairs, so it was that he was borne of the sōl'diērs, for the violence of the people.

36 For the multitude of the people followed āfter, crying, Āway with him.

37 And as Pàul was to be led into the cās'tle, he said unto the chief cāp'tain, May I speak unto thee? Who said, Canst thou speak Grēek?

38 Art not thou that Ē-gy'p'ti-ān,⁶ which before these days madest an uproar, and leddest out into the wilderness, four thousand men that wēre murderers?

39 But Pàul said, I am a man *which* am a Jew of Tār'sūs, a city of Ci-līc'i-ā,⁷ a citizen of no mean city: and I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people.

40 And, when he had given him license, Pàul stood on the stairs, and beckoned with the hand unto the people. And, when there was made a great silence, he

spake unto them in the Hē'brew¹ tōngue, saying,

CHAP. XXII.

MEN, brēthren, and fāthers, hear ye my defence, *which I make* now unto you.

2 (And when they hēard that he spake in the Hē'brew tōngue to them, they kept the more silence : and he saith,)

3 I am, verily, a man *which am* a Jew, born in Tār'sūs, a city in Ci-līc'i-ā, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gāmā'li-ēl, and taught according to the pērfect manner of the law of the fāthers, and was zēal'ōūs tō'wārd God, as ye all āre this day.

4 And I pērsecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and wom'en.

5 As also the high priēst dōth bēar me witness, and all the ēstāte' of the elders : from whom also I rēcēived letters unto the brēthren, and went to Da-mās'cūs, to bring them which wēre there, bound unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm, for to be punished.

6 And it came to pās, that, as I made my jōurney, and was come nigh unto Da-mās'cūs, ābout' noon, suddenly there shōne from heaven a great light round ābout' me.

7 And I fell unto the ground, and hēard a voice saying unto me, Sāul, Sāul, why pērsecutest thou me ?

8 And I ānswered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jē'sūs of Nāz'a-rēth, whom thou pērsecutest.

9 And they that wēre with me saw indeed the light, and wēre āfrāid ; but they hēard not the voice of him that spake to me.

10 And I said, Whāt shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Ārīse, and go into Da-mās'cūs : and there it shall be told thee of all things which āre appointed for thee to do.

11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that wēre with me, I came into Da-mās'cūs.

12 And one Ān-a-nī'ās, a devout man, according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there,

13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brōther Sāul, rēcēive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

14 And he said, The God of our fāthers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldst know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldst hear the voice of his mouth.

15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of whāt thou hast seen and hēard.

16 And now, why tarriest thou? ārīse, and be baptized, and wāsh āway thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

17 And it came to pās, that, when I was come āgain' to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trānce ;

18 And saw him saying unto me, Make h ste, and get thee quickly out of Jē-rū'sa-

lēm : for they will not rēcēive thy tēs'timōny cōncēr'nīng me.

19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every sȳn'agōgue them that bēliēved on thee :

20 And when the blood of thy mār'tȳr Stē'phen³ was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

21 And he said unto me, Depart : for I will send thee far hence unto the Ĝēn'tiles.

22 ¶ And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Āway with such a fellow from the ēarth ; for it is not fit that he should live.

23 And, as they cried out, and cāst off their clōthes, and threw⁴ dust into the air,

24 The chief cāp'tain cōmmānded him to be brought into the cās'tle, and bāde that he should be examined by scou'rgīng, that he might know wherefore they cried so āgainst' him.

25 ¶ And, as they bound him with thongs, Pàul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scou'рге a man that is a Rō'mān, and uncondēmnēd ?

26 When the centurion hēard that, he went and told the chief cāp'tain, saying, Take heed whāt thou doest : for this man is a Rō'mān.

27 Then the chief cāp'tain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Rō'mān ? He said, Yea.

28 And the chief cāp'tain ānswered, With a great sum obtāin'ed I this freedom. And Pàul said, but I was free-born.

29 Then straightway they departed from him which should have examined him ; and the chief cāp'tain also was āfrāid, āfter he knew that he was a Rō'mān, and because he had bound him.

30 ¶ On the morrow, because he would have known the cēr'tainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he lōosed him from his bands, and cōmmānded the chief priēsts and all their council to appear, and brought Pàul down, and set him before them.

CHAP. XXIII.

AND Pàul, ēar'nēstly beholding the council, said, Men and brēthren, I have lived in all good cōn'sciēnce⁵ before God until this day.

2 And the high priēst Ān-a-nī'ās cōmmānded them that stood by him, to smite him on the mouth.

3 Then said Pàul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall : for sittest thou to judge me āfter the law, and cōmmāndest me to be smitten contrary to the law ?

4 And they that stood by, said, Revilest thou God's high priēst ?

5 Then said Pàul, I wist * not, brēthren that he was the high priēst : for it is writ-

¹ Hē'brōdō.

³ Stē'v'n.

⁴ thrōd.

⁵ kōn'shēnse. * knew.

ten, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.

6 ¶ But, when Pål përcëived that the one part wêre Såd/du-cëes, and the other Phår'i-sëes, he cried out in the council, Men and brêthren, I am a Phår'i-sëe, the son of a Phår'i-sëe : of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Phår'i-sëes and the Såd/du-cëes : and the multitude was divided.

8 For the Såd/du-cëes say that there is no resurrection, nêither ângel nor spirit; but the Phår'i-sëes confess both.

9 And there arose a great cry : and the scribes that wêre of the Phår'i-sëes' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man : but if a spirit or an ângel hath spoken to him, let us not fight âgainst' God.

10 ¶ And when there arose a great dissension, the chief cåp'tain, fearing læst Pål should have been pulled in piëces of them, cõmmån'ded the sõi'diërs to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring him into the cås'tle.

11 And the night following, the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Pål; for as thou hast testified of me in Jê-rù'sa-lêm, so must thou bear witness also at Rõme.

12 ¶ And, when it was day, cër'tain of the Jews banded togêther, and bound themselves under a curse, saying, That they would nêither eat nor drink till they had killed Pål.

13 And they wêre more than forty which had made this conspiracy.

14 And they came to the chief priësts and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Pål.

15 Now, thêrê'fõre, ye with the council signify to the chief cåp'tain, that he bring him down unto you to-morrow, as though ye would inquire something more përfëctly cõncër'ning him; and we, or ever he come near, âre rëady to kill him.

16 And when Pål's sister's son hëard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the cås'tle, and told Pål.

17 Then Pål called one of the centurions unto him, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief cåp'tain: for he hath a cër'tain thing to tell him.

18 So he took him, and brought him to the chief cåp'tain, and said, Pål the prisoner called me unto him, and prayed me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee.

19 Then the chief cåp'tain took him by the hand, and went with him aside privately, and asked him, Whât is that thou hast to tël me?

20 And he said, the Jews have âgrëed to

1 third hour of the night—9 o'clock in the evening.

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desire thee, that thou wouldest bring down Pål to-morrow into the council, as though they would inquire sõi'm'whât of him more përfëctly.

21 But do not thou yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will nêither eat nor drink till they have killed him; and now âre they rëady, looking for a promise from thee.

22 So the chief cåp'tain then let the young man depart, and chårged him, See thou tell no man that thou hast showed these things to me.

23 ¶ And he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make rëady two hundred sõi'diërs to go to Cës-a-rë'â, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night.¹

24 And provide them beasts, that they may set Pål on, and bring him safe unto Fê'lix the góvërnor.

25 And he wrote a letter âfter this manner :

26 Clåu'di-üs L.ÿ's'i-äs,² unto the most excellent góvërnor Fê'lix, sendeth greeting.

27 This man was taken of the Jews, and should have been³ killed of them: then came I with an army, and rescued him, having understood that he was a Rõ'mån.

28 And when I would have known the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him forth into their council;

29 Whom I përcëived to be accused of questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his chårgë wórthy of death, or of bonds.

30 And when it was told me, how that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent straightway to thee, and gave cõmmån'd'mënt to his accusers also, to say before thee whât they had âgainst' him. Fare well.

31 Then the sõi'diërs, as it was cõmmån'd'ed them, took Pål, and brought him by night to Än-tip'a-tris.

32 On the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the cås'tle :

33 Who, when they came to Cës-a-rë'â, and delivered the epistle to the góvërnor, presented Pål also before him.

34 And when the góvërnor had read the letter, he asked of whât province he was. And when he understood that he was of Ci-líc'i-â;

35 I will hear thee, said he, when thine accusers âre also come. And he cõmmån'd'ed him to be kept in Hêr'od's judgment-hall.

CHAP. XXIV.

AND âfter five days, Än-a-ni'äs the high priest dëscën'ded with the elders, and with a cër'tain orator, named Têr-tül'lüs, who informed the góvërnor âgainst' Pål.

2 And, when he was called forth, Têr-

2 I Izh'e-äs. 3 bñ.

tūl'lūs began to accuse *him* saying, Seeing that by thee we enjoy great quietness, and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy providence,

3 We accept *it* always, and in all places, most noble Fē'līx, with all thankfulness.

4 Notwithstanding, that I be not further tē'dioūs unto thee, I pray thee, that thou wouldst hear us of thy clemency a few words.

5 For we have found this man a pestilent *fellow*, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews, throughout the world, and a ring/leader of the sect of the Nāz-a-rēnes'.

6 Who also hath gone about to profane the temple; whom we took, and would have judged according to our law:

7 But the chief cāp'tain, Lŷs'i-ās, came upon us, and with great violence took *him* away out of our hands,

8 Cōmmā'ding his accusers to come unto thee; by examining of whom, thyself mayst take knowledge of all these things whereof we accuse him.

9 And the Jews also assented, saying, that these things were so.

10 ¶ Then Pāul, after that the gōvērnor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:

11 Because that thou mayst understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jē-rū'sa-lēm for wōr'shīp.

12 And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the sŷn'agōgues, nor in the city.

13 Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so wōr'shīp I the God of my fathers, belie'ving all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

15 And have hope tō'wārd God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence tō'wārd God, and tō'wārd men.

17 Now, after many years, I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.

18 Whereupon cēr'tain Jews from Ā'si-ā found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude nor with tumult:

19 Who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had aught against me.

20 Or else let these same *here* say, if they have found any evil-doing in me, while I stood before the council,

21 Except it be for this one voice, that I cried, standing among them, Touch'ing the

resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.

22 ¶ And when Fē'līx heard these things, having more pērfect knowledge of *that* way, he dēfēr'ed them, and said, When Lŷs'i-ās the chief cāp'tain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.

23 And he cōmmā'ded a centurion to keep Pāul, and to let *him* have liberty, and that he should forbid nōne of his acquaintance to minister, or come unto him.

24 ¶ And after cēr'tain days, when Fē'līx came with his wife Drū sil'lā, which was a Jew'ess, he sent for Pāul, and heard him cōncēr'ning the faith in Christ.

25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Fē'līx trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season I will call for thee.

26 ¶ He hoped also that mōney should have been given him of Pāul, that he might lōdse him: wherefore he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him.

27 But after two years Pōr'ci-ūs Fēs'tūs came into Fē'līx's room: and Fē'līx, willing to show the Jews a plēas'ure, left Pāul bound.

CHAP. XXV.

NOW when Fēs'tūs was come into the province, after three days, he ascēnd'ed from Cēs-a-rē'ā to Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

2 Then the high priest, and the chief of the Jews informed him against Pāul, and besought him,

3 And desired favour against him, that he would send for him to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, laying wait in the way to kill him.

4 But Fēs'tūs answered, that Pāul should be kept at Cēs-a-rē'ā, and that he himself would depart shortly *thither*.

5 Let them, thērē'fore, said he, which among you are able, go down *with me*, and accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him.

6 And when he had tarried among them more than ten days, he went down unto Cēs-a-rē'ā; and the next day, sitting on the judgment-seat, cōmmā'ded Pāul to be brought..

7 And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jē-rū'sa-lēm stood round about, and laid many and griev'ous complaints against Pāul, which they could not prove:

8 ¶ While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Cē'sār, have I offended any thing at all.

9 But Fēs'tūs, willing to do the Jews a plēas'ure, answered Pāul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and there be judged of these things before me?

10 Then said Pāul, I stand at Cē'sār's judgment-seat, where I ought to be judg-

ed: to the Jews have I done no *wrōng*, as thou very well knowest.

11 For, if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Cēs'šār.

12 Then Fēs'tūs, when he had cōnferr'ed with the council, ānswered, Hast thou appealed unto Cēs'šār? unto Cēs'šār shalt thou go.

13 ¶ And āfter cēr'tain days, king Ā-grīp'pā and Bēr-nī'ce came unto Cēs-a-rē'ā to sālute Fēs'tūs.

14 And when they had been there many days, Fēs'tūs declared Pāul's cause unto the king, saying, There is a cēr'tain man left in bonds by Fē'līx;

15 About' whom, when I was at Jē-rū'salēm, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed *me*, desiring to have judgment āgainst' him.

16 To whom I ānswered, It is not the manner of the Rō'māns to deliver any man to die before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have license to ānswer for himself, cōncēr'ning the crime laid āgainst' him.

17 Thērē'fore, when they wēre come hither, without any delay, on the morrow I sat on the judgment-seat, and cōmmān'ded the man to be brought forth:

18 Āgainst' whom, when the accusers stood up, they brought nōne accusation of such things as I supposed:

19 But had cēr'tain questions āgainst' him of his own superstition,¹ and of one Jē'sūs, which was dead, whom Pāul affirm'ed to be ālive.

20 And because I dōubted of such manner of questions, I āsked *him* whether he would go to Jē-rū'salēm, and there be judged of these matters.

21 But when Pāul had appealed to be rēsērv'ed unto the hearing of Āu-gūs'tūs, I cōmmān'ded him to be kept till I might send him to Cēs'šār.

22 Then Ā-grīp'pā said unto Fēs'tūs, I would also hear the man mysēlf.² Tomorrow, said he, thou shalt hear him.

23 ¶ And on the morrow, when Ā-grīp'pā was come, and Bēr-nī'ce, with great pomp, and was entered into the place of hearing, with the chief cāp'tains and principal men of the city, at Fēs'tūs' cōmmān'd'mēnt Pāul was brought forth.

24 And Fēs'tūs said, King Ā-grīp'pā, and all men which āre here present with us, ye see this man, ābout' whom all the multitude of the Jews have dealt with me, both at Jē-rū'salēm, and *also* here, crying, that he ought not to live any³ longer.

25 But when I found that he had committed nōthing worthy of death, and that he himself hath appealed to Āu-gūs'tūs, I have dētēr'mined to send him.

26 Of whom I have no cēr'tain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and especialy before thee, O King Ā-grīp'pā, that, āfter examination had, I might have sōme'whāt to write.

27 For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crimes laid āgainst' him.

CHAP. XXVI.

THEN Ā-grīp'pā said unto Pāul, Thou art pėrmitt'ed to speak for thyself. Then Pāul stretched forth the hand, and ānswered for himself.

¶ I think mysēlf happy, king Ā-grīp'pā, because I shall ānswer for mysēlf this day before thee, tōuch'ing all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:

3 Especially *because I know* thee to be expert in all customs and questions which āre āmong the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.

4 My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first āmong mine own nation at Jē-rū'salēm, know all the Jews;

5 Which knew me from the beginning, (if they would testify,) that āfter the most straitest sect of our religion, I lived a Phār'i-seē.

6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fāthers:

7 Unto which *promise* our twelve tribes, instāntly sēr'v'ing God day and night, hope to come: for which hope's sake, king Ā-grīp'pā, I am accused of the Jews.

8 Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you that God should raise the dead?

9 I verily thought with mysēlf, that I ought to do many⁴ things contrary to the name of Jē'sūs of Nāz'a-rēth.

10 Which thing I also did in Jē-rū'salēm: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they wēre put to death, I gave my voice āgainst' *them*.

11 And I punished them oft in every s'yn'agōgue, and compelled *them* to blāsp'hēm'e': and, being exceedingly mad āgainst' *them*, I pėrsecuted *them* even unto strange cities.

12 Whereupon as I went to Da-mās'cūs, with authority and commission from the chief priests,

13 At mid-day, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, ābove the brightness of the sun, shī'ning round ābout' me, and them which jōurneyed with me.

14 And, when we wēre all fallen to the ēarth, I hēard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hē'brew tōngue, Sāul, Sāul, why pėrsecutest thou me? *It is hard* for thee to kick āgainst' the pricks.

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jē'sūs, whom thou pėrsecutest.

1 sū-pēr-stīsh'ūn.

2 me-sēlf'.

3 ēn'ne.

4 mēn'ne.

CHAP. XXVII.

16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness, both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Ġēn'tiles, unto whom now I send thee,

18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Sā'tān unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

19 Whereupon, O king Ā-grīp'pā, I was not disōbē'diēnt unto the heavenly vision:

20 But showed first unto them of Dāmās'cūs, and at Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and throughout all the coasts of Jū-dē'ā, and then to the Ġēn'tiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

21 For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went ābout' to kill me.

22 Having, thērē'fōre, ōbtāin'ed help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Mō'sēs did say should come:

23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should show light unto the people, and to the Ġēn'tiles.

24 ¶ And as he thus spake for himself, Fēs'tūs said with a loud voice, Pàul, thou art beside thyself; much lēar'nīng dōth make thee mad.

25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble Fēs'tūs; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom I also speak freely: for I am pērsuādèd that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

27 King Ā-grīp'pā, bēliēvest thou the prophets? I know that thou bēliēvest.

28 Then Ā-grīp'pā said unto Pàul, Almost thou pērsuādèst me to be a Ġhrist'i-ān.¹

29 And Pàul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, wēre both almost and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

30 ¶ And, when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the gōvērnor, and Bēr-nī'ce, and they that sat with them.

31 And when they wēre gone āsīde, they talkèd between themselves, saying, This man doeth nōthing wōrthy of death, or of bonds.

32 Then said Ā-grīp'pā unto Fēs'tūs, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Cē'šar.

AND when it was dētēr'mīnèd that we should sail into Ī't-a-ly, they delivered Pàul, and cēr'tāin other prisoners, unto one named Jū'lī-ūs, a centurion of Āu-gūs'tūs' band.

2 And entering into a ship of Ād-rā-mŷ'tī-ūm, we lāunchèd, meaning to sail by the coast of Ā'sī-ā, one Ār-is-tār'chūs, a Māc-c-dō'nī-ān, of Thēs-sa-lō-nī'çā, being with us.

3 And the next day we tōuch'ed at Sī'dōn. And Jū'lī-ūs cōur'te-ōusly² entreated Pàul, and gave him liberty to go unto his friends to refresh himself.

4 And when we had lāunchèd from thence we sailed under Cŷ'prūs, because the winds wēre contrary.

5 And when we had sailed over the sea of Cī-līc'i-ā,³ and Pām-phŷ'l'i-ā, we came to Mŷ'rā, a city of Lŷc'i-ā.⁴

6 And there the centurion found a ship of Āl-ēx-ān'dri-ā sailing into Ī't-a-ly; and he put us therein.

7 And, when we had sailed slowly many days, and scārce wēre come over āgainst' Cnī'dūs,⁵ the wind not suffering us, we sailed under Çrēte, over āgainst' Sāl-mō'ne:

8 And, hardly pās'sīng it, came unto a place which is called, The Fair-Hā'vēns, nigh whereunto was the city of La-sē'ā.

9 ¶ Now, when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dān'gèrōus, because the fāst was now ālrēdy pāst, Pàul admonished them,

10 And said unto them, Sirs, I pērcēiv'e that this vōy'āge will be with hurt and much dām'āge,⁶ not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

11 Nevertheless the centurion bēliēved the māster and the owner of the ship more than those things which wēre spoken by Pàul.

12 ¶ And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advisèd to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phē-nī'ce, and there to winter: which is a haven of Çrēte, and lieth tō'wārd the south-west, and north-west.

13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had ōbtāin'ed their purpose, lòd'sīng thence, they sailed clōse by Çrēte.

14 But not long āfter, there ārōse āgainst' it a tempestuous wind called Eū-rōç'ly-dōn.⁷

15 And when the ship was caught, and could not bēar up into the wind, we let her drive.

16 And running under a cēr'tāin īs'lānd, which is called Clāu'dā, we had much work to come by the boat;

17 Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undèrgir'dīng⁸ the ship; and, fearing lēst they should fall into the

¹ Krīst'yūn. ² kūr'tshe-ūs-le. ³ Sē-līsh'e-ā. ⁴ Līsh'e-ā. ⁵ Nī'dūs.
⁶ dām'mādje. ⁷ Yū-rōk'le-dōn. ⁸ ūn-dūr-gēr'dīng.

quick-sands, strake sail, and so wère driven.

18 And we, being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next *day* they lightened the ship;

19 And the third *day* we cást out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.

20 And when nèither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken áway.

21 ¶ But, áfter long abstinence, Pàul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have lòosed from Crète, and to have gained this harm and loss.

22 And now I exhòrt you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of *any man's* life ámong you, but of the ship.

23 For there stood by me this night the ángel of God, whose I am, and whom I sèrve,

24 Saying, Fear not, Pàul: thou must be brought before Cè'sár: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

25 Wherefore, Sirs, be of good cheer: for I belíeve God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

26 Howbeit, we must be cást upon a cèr'tain ís'lánd.

27 But when the fourteenth night was come, as we wère driven up and down in Á'dri-á, ábout' midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew¹ near to some country;

28 And sounded and found *it* twenty fathoms; and when they had gone a little further, they sounded ágain', and found *it* fifteen fathoms.

29 Then, fearing læst they should have fallen upon rocks, they cást four án'chòrs out of the stèrn, and wished for the day.

30 And as the shipmen wère ábout' to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under colour as though they would have cást án'chòrs out of the foreship,

31 Pàul said to the centurion, and to the sòl'dièrs,² Except these ábido in the ship, ye cannot be saved.

32 Then the sòl'dièrs cut off the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off.

33 And, while the day was coming on, Pàul besòught *them* all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fást'ing, having taken nóthing.

34 Wherefore I pray you to take *some* meat; for this is for your health; for there shall not a hair fall from the head of any of you.

35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken *it*, he began to eat.

36 Then wère they all of good cheer, and they also took *some* meat.

37 And we wère in all in the ship two hundred, threescore and sixteen souls.

38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cást out the wheat into the sea.

39 And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they díscóvered a cèr'tain creek with a shore, into the which they wère minded, if it wère possible, to thrust into the ship.

40 And when they had taken up the án'chòrs, they committed *themselves* unto the sea, and lòosed the rudder-bands, and hoisted up the mán'sail to the wind and made tó'wárd shore.

41 And, falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship ágròund: and the fore part stuck fást, and remáin'ed unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves.

42 And the sòl'dièrs' counsel was to kill the prisoners, læst any of them should swim out and escape'.

43 But the centurion, willing to save Pàul, kept them from *their* purpose, and còmmàn'ded that they which could swim should cást *themselves* first into the sea, and get to land.

44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on *broken pieces* of the ship: and so it came to pàss, that they escaped all safe to land.

CHAP. XXVIII.

AND when they wère escaped, then they knew that the ís'lánd was called Mè'li-tà.

2 And the barbarous people showed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

3 ¶ And when Pàul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid *them* on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fás-tened on his hand.

4 And, when the barbarians saw the *venomous* beast hang on his hand, they said ámong themselves, No dóubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

6 Howbeit, they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but áfter they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they chánged their minds, and said that he was a god.

7 ¶ In the same quárters, wère pòsses'sions of the chief man of the ís'lánd, whose name was Púb'li-ús, who received us, and lodged us three days cour'teously.³

8 And it came to pàss, that the father of Púb'li-ús lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux; to whom Pàul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

¹ dròd.

² sòl'jürz.
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³ kúr'tshe-ús-le.
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9 So when this was done, others also which had diseases in the is'land, came, and wère healed;

10 Who also hõn'oured us with many hõn'ours; and, when we departed, they laded us with such things as wère necessary.

11 ¶ And äfter three mounths we departed in a ship of Äl-ëx-än'dri-ä, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Çäs'tör and Pöl'lux.

12 And landing at Sÿr'a-çuse, we tarried there three days.

13 And from thence we fetched a cõm'päss, and came to Rhë'gi-üm: and äfter one day the south wind blëw, and we came the next day to Pü-të'o-li;

14 Where we found brëthren, and wère desired to tarry with them seven days: and so we went tö'wärd Ròme.

15 And from thence, when the brëthren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Äp'pi i Fõ'rüm,¹ and the Thrëe-Täv'érns; whom, when Pàul saw, he thanked God, and took cõurage.²

16 And, when we came to Ròme, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the cäp'tain of the guärd: but Pàul was suffered to dwell by himself with a söl'diër that kept him.

17 ¶ And it came to päss, that, äfter three days, Pàul called the chief of the Jews togëther, and when they wère come togëther, he said unto them, Men and brëthren, though I have committed nöthing ägainst' the people or customs of our fäthers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jë-rü'sa-lëm into the hands of the Rõ'mäns;

18 Who, when they had examined me, would have let me go, because there was no cause of death in me.

19 But when the Jews spake ägainst' it, I was cõnsträin'ed to appeal unto Cë'sär; not that I had äught to accuse my nation of.

20 For this cause thëre'fõre have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you;

because that for the hope of Iÿ'ra-ël I am bound with this chain.

21 And they said unto him, We nëither rëcëived letters out of Jü-dë'ä cõncër'n'ing thee, nëither any of the brëthren that came showed or spake any harm of thee.

22 But we desire to hear of thee w'hät thou thinkest: for as cõncër'n'ing this sect, we know that every where it is spoken ägainst'.

23 ¶ And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodgings; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, përsuä'd'ing them cõncër'n'ing Jë'süs, both out of the law of Mõ'sës, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

24 And some believed the things which wère spoken, and some believed not.

25 And when they ägrëed not ämong themselves, they departed, äfter that Pàul had spoken one word, Well spake the Hö'ly Ghõst by È-sä'i-äs the prophet unto our fäthers,

26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not përcëive.'

27 For the hëärt of this people is waxed gross, and their ears äre dull of hearing, and their eyes wère closed; lëst they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hëärt, and should be cõnvërt'ed, and I should heal them.

28 Be it known, thëre'fõre, unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gën'tiles, and that they will hear it.

29 And when he had said³ these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning ämong themselves.

30 ¶ And Pàul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and rëcëived all that came in unto him,

31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which cõncër'n' the Lord Jë'süs Christ with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

THE EPIS'TLE OF PAUL, THE APOSTLE, TO THE RO'MANS.

CHAPTER I.

PAUL, a sërvant of Jë'süs Christ, called to be an äpõtste, separated unto the gös'pël of God,

2 (Which he had promised äfõre by his prophets in the holy-scriptures,)

3 Cõncër'n'ing his Son Jë'süs Christ, our Lord, which was made of the seed of Dä'vid according to the flesh,

¹ Äp'pe-i Fõ'rüm.

² kür'ridje.

³ sëd.

⁴ õ-bë'je-ense.

4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spër'it of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead;

5 By whom we have rëcëived grace and äpõtlesh'ip, for õbë'diënce⁴ to the faith ämong all nations for his name;

6 Ämong whom äre ye also the called of Jë'süs Christ.

7 To all that be in Ròme, belõved of

God, called to be saints. Grace to you, and peace from God our Fà'ther, and the Lord Je'süs Chríst.

8 First, I thank my God through Je'süs Chríst for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole wórl'd.

9 For God is my witness, whom I sërve with my spirit in the gös'pél of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers,

10 Making request, (if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous júrney by the will of God,) to come unto you.

11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be estáblished;

12 That is, that I may be cómfórted toghéther with you, by the mutual faith both of you and me.

13 Now, I would not have you ignorant, bréthren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit¹ ámong you also, even as ámong other Gën'tiles.

14 I am debtor both to the Gréeks and to the Bår-bá'ri-áns, both to the wise and to the unwise.

15 So, as much as in me is, I am réady to preach the gös'pél to you that àre at Róme also.

16 For I am not áshamed of the gös'pél of Chríst: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that bélièveth; to the Jew first, and also to the GréeK.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

18 For the wëräth of God is revealed from heaven ágainst' all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness:

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the wórl'd àre clearly seen, being understood by the things that àre made, even his etàrnal power and Gód'héad; so that they àre without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, néither wère thankfúl; but became vain in their imaginatíons, and their foolish héart was dárkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools;

23 And chánged the glory of the incorruptible God, into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own héarts, to díshón'óur their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who chánged the truth of God into a lie, and wór'shipped and sèrved the créa-

ture² more than the Çre-á tór, who is blés'sed forever. Á mén'.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their wom'en did chángé the nàt'urál³ use into that which is ágainst' nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one to'wárd ánothér; men with men, working that which is unseemly, and receív'ing in themselves that recompence of their érror which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which àre not convenient:

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covet-óus-néss; má-lièb'ús-néss;⁴ full of envy, murder, debate, decéit, má-lig'ni-ty; whispcrs,

30 Bäck'bítters, haters of God, déspitefúl, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, dísobé'diènt to párents,

31 Without understanding, covenánt-breakers, without natural affection, implá-cáble, únmér'cifál:

32 Who, knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things àre wórtly of death, not only do the same, but have pléás'ure in them that do them.

CHAP. II.

IHEREFORE, thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest ánothér, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

2 But we àre sure that the judgment of God is according to truth ágainst' them which commit such things.

3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt éscápe' the judgment of God?

4 Or déspiçest thou the riches of his goodness, and forbéar'ánce, and long-suffering; not knowing that the goodness of God léad'eth thee to repentance?

5 But áfter thy hardness and ímpenitent héart, tréás'úrest up unto thyself wëräth ágainst' the day of wëräth and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds;

7 To them who, by patient continuance in well-doing, seek for glory, and hón'óur, and immortality, etàrnal life:

8 But unto them that àre contentions, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wëräth,

9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil: of the Jew first, and also of the Gën'tile;

10 But glory, hón'óur, and peace, to every man that worketh good; to the Jew first, and also to the Gën'tile.

11 For there is no respéct' of persons with God.

1 fródt.

2 kré'tshüre.

3 nàt'tshü-räl.

4 má-lísh'ús-nés.

12 For as many as have sinned without law, shall also perish without law; and as many as have sinned in the law, shall be judged by the law;

13 (For not the hearers of the law *àre* just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified :

14 For when the Ĝën'tiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things cōntain'ed in the law, these, having not the law, *àre* a law unto themselves ;

15 Which show the work of the law, written in their heàrts, their conscience also beàr'ing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing, or else excusing one ànother ;))

16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jē'sūs Ćhrīst, according to my ĝōs'pēl.

17 Behold, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God :

18 And knowest *his* will, and approvest the things that *àre* more excellent, being instructed out of the law :

19 And art confident that thou thyself art a guide ¹ of the blind, a light of them which *àre* in darkness,

20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge, and of the truth in the law.

21 Thou, *thère'fōre*, which teachest ànother, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit àdūl'téry, dost thou commit àdūl'téry? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sàc'rilege?

23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dī'shōn'ōur-est thou God?

24 For the name of God is blāsp'hēmed àmōng the Ĝën'tiles, through you, as it is written.

25 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law : but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

26 Thère'fōre if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nā'tūre,² if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who, by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?

28 For he is not a Jew, which is one òut'wàrdly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is òut'wàrd in the flesh.

29 But he *is* a Jew, which is one in'wàrdly; and circumcision *is that* of the heàrt, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.

CHAP. III.

WHAT àdvān'tāge then hath the Jew? or w'hāt profit *is there* of circumci-

2 Much every way; chiefly, because that unto them wēre committed the oracles of God.

3 For w'hāt if some did not believe? shall their ùn-bē-liēf make the faith of God without effect?

4 God forbid: yēa, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightst be justified in thy sayings, and mightst overcome when thou art judged.

5 But if our unrighteousness cōmmēnd' the righteousness of God, w'hāt shall we say? *Is* God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man;)

6 God forbid: for then how shall God judge the wōrld?

7 For if the truth of God hath more àbōundēd through my lie unto his glory, why yet am I also judged as a sinner?

8 And not *rāther* (as we be slān'dérōusly reported, and as some àffirm³ that we say;) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just.

9 What then? *àre* we better *than they*? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Ĝën'tiles, that they *àre* all under sin;

10 As it is written, There is nōne righteous, no, not one:

11 There is nōne that understandeth, there is nōne that seeketh àfter God.

12 They *àre* all gone out of the way, they *àre* together become unprofitable: there is nōne that doeth good, no, not one.

13 Their throat *is* an open sēpulchre; with their tōngues they have used decēit, the poison of àsps *is* under their lips:

14 Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness:

15 Their feet *àre* swift to shed blood:

16 Dēstrūc'tion and misery *àre* in their ways;

17 And the way of peace have they not known:

18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

19 Now we know, that w'hāt things soever the law saith, it saith to them who *àre* under the law; that every mouth may be stopped, and all the wōrld may become guilty before God.

20 Thère'fōre, by the deeds of the law, there shall no flesh be justified in his sight; for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets:

22 Even the righteousness of God, *which is* by faith of Jē'sūs Ćhrīst unto all, and upon all them that believe; for there is no difference:

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God:

24 Being justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Ćhrīst Jē'sūs:

¹ gyide.

² nā'tshūre.

³ àf-fēr'm'.

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiatioⁿ, through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness; that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jē'sūs.

27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay; but by the law of faith.

28 Therefore we conclude, that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

29 Is he the God of the Jews only? Is he not also of the Gēn'tiles? Yes,² of the Gēn'tiles also;

30 Seeing it is one God which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

CHAP. IV.

WHAT shall we then say that Ā'bra-hām, our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?

2 For if Ā'bra-hām were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory, but not before God.

3 For what saith the scripture? Ā'bra-hām believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.³

4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt;

5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

6 Even as Dāvīd also describeth the blessedness of the man unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

7 Saying, Blē'sed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

8 Blē'sed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

9 Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Ā'bra-hām for righteousness.

10 How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.

11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had, yet being uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised, that righteousness might be imputed unto them also;

12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Ā'bra-hām, which he had, being yet uncircumcised.

13 For the promise that he should be the

heir of the world, was not to Ā'bra-hām, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect.

15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Ā'bra-hām, who is the father of us all,

17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not, as though they were:

18 Who against⁵ hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

19 And, being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sārāh's womb:

20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.

21 And being fully persuaded, that what he had promised he was able also to perform.

22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

23 Now, it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jē'sūs our Lord from the dead;

25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again¹ for our justification.

CHAP. V.

THIEREFORE, being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jē'sūs Christ:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience: and experience, hope:

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us.

6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure⁶ for a good man some would even dare to die.

8 But God commēdeth his love to⁷ ward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, being now justified

¹ prō-pīsh-ē-ā'shūn. ² Yis. ³ rī'tshe-ūs-nēs. ⁴ are. ⁵ ā-gēnst'. ⁶ pēr-ād-vēn'tshūre.

by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son; much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

11 And not only so, but we also joy in God, through our Lord Jē'sūs Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

12 Wherefore, as by one man, sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned;

13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

14 Nevertheless, death reigned from Ādām to Mō'sēs, even over them that had not sinned, after the similitude of Ādām's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jē'sūs Christ, hath abounded unto many.

16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift; for the judgment was by one to condemnation; but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.

17 For if by one man's offence, death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace, and of the gift of righteousness, shall reign in life by one, Jē'sūs Christ.)

18 Therefore, as by the offence of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one, the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners; so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.³

20 Moreover, the law entered, that the offence might abound: but where sin abounded, grace did much more abound;

21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life, by Jē'sūs Christ our Lord.

CHAP. VI.

WHAT shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid: how shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jē'sūs Christ, were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that, like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

8 Now, if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

9 Knowing that Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jē'sūs Christ our Lord.

12 Let not sin, therefore, reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof:

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God:

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

15 What then? shall we sin because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin; but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

19 I speak after the manner of men, because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness, and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

21 What fruit had ye ere now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life:

23 For the wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jē'sūs Christ our Lord.

CHAP. VII.

KNOW ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

1 dīs-ō-bē-de-ēnse. 2 ō-bē'je-ēnse. 3 rī'tshe-ūs. 4 in-fēr'me-te. 5 in-ik'kwe-te.

2 For the wom'an which hath a hūs' bānd is bound by the law to her hūs'bānd so long as he liveth : but if the hūs'bānd be dead, she is lōsed from the law of her hūs'bānd.

3 So then, if while her hūs'bānd liveth, she be married to ānōther man, she shall be called an ādūl'téress : but if her hūs'bānd be dead, she is free from that law ; so that she is no ādūl'téress, though she be married to ānōther man.

4 Wherefore, my brēthren, ye also āre become dead to the law by the body of Christ ; that ye should be married to ānōther, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

5 For when we wēre in the flesh, the motions of sins, which wēre by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

6 But now we āre delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we wēre held ; that we should sērve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

7 Whāt shall we say then ? Is the law sin ? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin but by the law : for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not cōvet.

8 But sin, taking occasion by the cōmānd'mēnt, wrōught in me all manner of cōn-cū'pi-scēnce. For without the law sin was dead.

9 For I was ālive without the law once : but when the cōmānd'mēnt came, sin revived, and I died.

10 And the cōmānd'mēnt which was ordāin'ed to life, I found to be unto death.

11 For sin, taking occasion by the cōmānd'mēnt, déceived me, and by it slew me.

12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the cōmānd'mēnt holy, and just, and good.

13 Was then that which is good made death unto me ? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good ; that sin by the cōmānd'mēnt might become exceeding sinful.

14 For we know that the law is spīr'it-uāl : but I am carnal, sold under sin.

15 For that which I do, I allow not : for whāt I would, that do I not ; but whāt I hate, that do I.

16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law, that it is good.

17 Now then, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing : for to will is present with me ; but how to pērfōrm' that which is good, I find not.

19 For the good that I would, I do not ; but the evil which I would not, that I do.

1 spīr'it-tshū-ū

20 Now, if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

21 I find then a law, that when I would do good, evil is present with me :

22 For I delight in the law of God, āfter the in'ward man :

23 But I see ānōther law in my members, wār'ring āgainst' the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin, which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am ! who shall deliver me from the body of this death ?

25 I thank God, through Jē'sūs Christ our Lord. So then, with the mind I mysēlf sērve the law of God ; but with the flesh the law of sin.

CHAP. VIII.

THERE is, thēre'fōre, now no condemnation to them which āre in Christ Jē'sūs, who wālk not āfter the flesh, but āfter the Spīr'it.

2 For the law of the Spīr'it of life in Christ Jē'sūs hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For whāt the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin condemned sin in the flesh ;

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who wālk not āfter the flesh, but āfter the Spīr'it.

5 For they that āre āfter the flesh, do mind the things of the flesh : but they that āre āfter the Spīr'it, the things of the Spīr'it.

6 For, to be carnally minded is death ; but to be spīr'itually² minded is life and peace :

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity āgainst' God : for it is not subject to the law of God, néither indeed can be.

8 So then, they that āre in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But ye āre not in the flesh, but in the Spīr'it, if so be that the Spīr'it of God dwell in you. Now, if any man have not the Spīr'it of Christ, he is none of his.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin : but the Spīr'it is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spīr'it of him that raised up Jē'sūs from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spīr'it that dwelleth in you.

12 Thēre'fōre, brēthren, we āre débtor's, not to the flesh, to live āfter the flesh.

13 For if ye live āfter the flesh, ye shall die : but if ye through the Spīr'it do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as āre led by the Spīr'it of God, they āre the sons of God.

15 For ye have not réceived the spirit of bōn'dāge āgain' to fear : but ye have ré-

2 spīr'it-tshū-ū-le.

ceived the Spīr'it of ādōp'tion, whereby we cry, Āb/bā, Fā'ther.

16 The Spīr'it itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we āre the children of God :

17 And if children, then heirs ; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ : if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *āre* not wōrthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19 For the ēar'nēst expectation of the crēa'ture¹ waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

20 For the crēa'ture was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope :

21 Because the crēa'ture itself also shall be delivered from the bōn'dāge of corruption, into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and trāv'aileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spīr'it, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the ādōp'tion, to wit, the redemption of our body.

24 For we āre saved by hope. But hope that is seen is not hope : for whāt a man seeth, why dōth he yet hope for ?

25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

26 Likewise the Spīr'it also helpeth our infir'mities ;² for we know not whāt we should pray for as we ought ; but the Spīr'it itself maketh intērec'ssion for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that sēarcheth the hearts knoweth whāt is the mind of the Spīr'it, because he maketh intērec'ssion for the saints according to *the will of God*.

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that lōve God, to them who āre the called according to *his purpose*.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born āmōng many brēthren.

30 Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called : and whom he called, them he also justified ; and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

31 Whāt shall we then say to these things ? If God be for us, who can be āgainst' us ?

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things ?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect ? It is God that justifieth.

34 Who is he that condemneth ? It is

Christ that died, yea, rather that is risen āgain', who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh interces'sion for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the lōve of Christ ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or pērsēc'ution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or swōrd ?

36 (As it is written, For thy sake we āre killed all the day long ; we āre accounted as sheep for the slāughter.)

37 Nay, in all these things we āre more than conquerors, through him that lōved us.

38 For I am pērsuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor āngels, nor principāl'ities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor dēpth, nor any other crēa'ture, shall be able to separate us from the lōve of God, which is in Christ Jē'sūs our Lord.

CHAP. IX.

I SAY the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also beār'ing me witness in the Hōly Ghōst,

2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

3 For I ~~would~~ wish that myself wēre accursed from Christ, for my brēthren, my kinsmen according to the flesh :

4 Who āre I's'ra-ēl-ites ; to whom pērtāin'th the ādōp'tion, and the glory, and the cōvenants, and the giving of the law, and the sērv'ice of God, and the promīsē ;

5 Whose *āre* the fathers, and of whom, as cōcērn'ing the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, God blēs'sed, for ever. Ā'mēn'.

6 Not as though the word of God hath taken nōne effect. For they *āre* not all I's'ra-ēl which āre of I's'ra-ēl :

7 Nēither, because they āre the seed of Ābra'hām, *āre they* all children ; but, in I's'āac shall thy seed be called ;

8 That is, They which āre the children of the flesh, these *āre* not the children of God : but the children of the promīsē āre counted for the seed.

9 For this is the word of promīsē, At this time will I come, and Sā'rā shall have a son.

10 And not only *this*, but when Rē-bēc'cā also had cōncēived by one, *even* by our fāther I's'āac,

11 (For the children being not yet born, nēither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God, according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth,)

12 It was said³ unto her, The elder shall sērve the younger.

13 As it is written, Jā'çōb have I lōved, but Ē'sāu have I hated.

14 Whāt shall we say then ? Is there unrighteousness with God ? God forbid.

15 For he saith to Mō'sēs, I will have mērcy on whom I will have mērcy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

1 krē'tshāre.

2 in-fer'me-tilz.

3 sēd.

CHAP. X.

16 So then, *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mērcy.

17 For the scripture saith¹ unto Phā'ra-ōh,² Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the ěarth.

18 Thērc'fore hath he mērcy on whom he will *have mērcy*, and whom he will, he hardeneth.

19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why loth he yet find fault? for who hath rē'st'ed his will?

20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest āgainst' God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus?

21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump, to make one vessel unto hōn'ōūr, and ānōther unto dīshōn'ōūr?

22 *What* if God, willing to show his wē'rāth, and to make his power known, endured with much long-suffering the vessels of wē'rāth fitted to destrūc'tion:

23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mērcy, which he had āfōre prepared unto glory,

24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Ĝen'tiles?

25 As he saith also in ō'sēē, I will call them, My people, which wēre not my people; and her Belōved, which was not belōved.

26 And it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye āre not my people; there shall they be called, The children of the living God.

27 Ē-sā'i-ās³ also crieth cōncēr'ning Iṣ'ra-ēl, Though the number of the children of Iṣ'ra-ēl be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:

28 For he will finish the work, and cut *it* short in righteousness; because a short work will the Lord make upon the ěarth.

29 And as Ē-sā'i-ās said before, Except the Lord of Sāb'a-ōth had left us a seed, we had been as Sōd'o-mā, and been made like unto Gō-mōr'rāh.

30 Whāt shall we say then? That the Ĝen'tiles, which followed not āfter righteousness, have āttained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith:

31 But Iṣ'ra-ēl, which followed āfter the law of righteousness, hath not āttained to the law of righteousness.

32 Wherefore? Because *they sought it* not by faith, but ās it wēre by the works of the law: for they stumbled at that stumbling-stone;

33 As it is written, Behold I lay in Sī'ōn a stumbling-stone, and rock of offence; and whosoever believeth on him shall not be āshāmed.

BRETHREN, my hēart's desire and prayer to God for Iṣ'ra-ēl is, that they might be saved.

2 For I bear them rēc'ōrd, that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

3 For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going ābout' to ēstāb'lish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

4 For Ćhrist is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

5 For Mō'sēs describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth these things shall live by them.

6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine hēart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Ćhrist down *from ābōve*;) :

7 Or, Who shall descēnd' into the deep? (that is, to bring up Ćhrist āgain' from the dead;) :

8 But whāt saith *it*? The word is nigh thee, *ercn* in thy mouth, and in thy hēart; that is, the word of faith which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jē'sūs, and shalt believē in thine heart, that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the hēart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the scripture saith whosoever believeth on him shall not be āshāmed.

12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Grēek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believēd? and how shall they believē in him of whom they have not hēard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful āre the feet of them that preach the gōs'pēl of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

16 But they have not all obeyed the gōs'pēl: for Ē-sā'i-ās saith, Lord, who hath believēd our report?

17 So then, faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

18 But I say, Have they not hēard? Yes,⁴ verily, their sound went into all the ěarth, and their words unto the ends of the wōrld.

19 But I say, Did not Iṣ'ra-ēl know? First, Mō'sēs saith, I will provoke you to jēal'ōusy by *them that āre* no people, *and* by a foolish nation I will anger you.

20 But Ē-sā'i-ās is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not;

I was made manifest unto them that asked not āfter me.

21 But to Iş'ra-ël he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a dīsōbē/diēnt¹ and gainsaying people.

CHAP. XI.

ISAY then, hath God cāst āway his people? God forbid. For I also am an Iş'ra-ël-ite, of the seed of Ā'bra-hām, of the tribe of Bēn'ja-mīn.

2 God hath not cāst āway his people which he foreknew. Wot* ye not whāt the scripture saith of Ē-lī'ās? how he maketh intercēs'sion to God āgainst' Iş'ra-ël, saying,

3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine āltars; and I am left ālōne, and they seek my life.

4 But whāt saith the ānswer of God unto him? I have rēsērv'ed to mysēlf seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the *image* of Bā'āl.

5 Even so then, at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

6 And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

7 Whāt then? Iş'ra-ël hath not ōbtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath ōbtained it, and the rest wēre blind-ed.

8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear) unto this day.

9 And Dā'vīd saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling-block, and a recompense unto them:

10 Let their eyes be dārkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back āway.

11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but *rāther* through their fall salvation *is come* unto the Ĝen'tiles, for to provoke them to jēāl'ōūsy.

12 Now, if the fall of them *be* the riches of the wōrld, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Ĝen'tiles, how much more their fulness?

13 For I speak to you Ĝen'tiles; inas-much as I am the āpōstle of the Ĝen'tiles, I magnify mine office;

14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation *them which āre* my flesh, and might save some of them.

15 For if the cās'ting āway of them *be* the rēc'ōnciling of the wōrld, whāt *shall* the rēcēiving of *them be*, but life from the dead?

16 For if the first-fruit *be* holy, the lump *is also holy*: and if the root *be* holy, so *āre* the brānches.

17 And if some of the brānches be bro-

¹ dīs-ō-bē'de-ēnt.

* know.

ken off, and thou, being a wild olive-tree, wērt grāfted in āmōng them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive-tree;

18 Boast not āgainst' the brānches: but if thou boast, thou beārest not the root, but the root thee.

19 Thou wilt say then, The brānches wēre broken off, that I might be grāfted in.

20 Well; because of ūn-bē-liēf, they wēre broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high minded, but fear:

21 For if God spared not the nāt'ūrāl² brānches, *take heed* lēst he also spare not thee.

22 Behold, thērē'fōre, the goodness and severity of God; on them which fell, severity: but tō'wārd thee, goodness, if thou continue in *his* goodness; otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

23 And they also, if they ābide not still in ūn-bē-liēf, shall be grāfted in: for God is able to grāft them in āgain'.

24 For if thou wērt cut out of the olive-tree which is wild by nāt'ure,³ and wērt grāfted contrary to nature into a good olive-tree; how much more shall these which be the natural brānches be grāfted into their own olive-tree?

25 For I would not, brēthren, that ye should be ignorant of this mīs'tery, (lēst ye should be wise in your own cōncēits,) that blindness in part is happened to Iş'ra-ël, until the fulness of the Ĝen'tiles be come in.

26 And so all Iş'ra-ël shall be saved; as it is written, There shall come out of Sī'ōn the Dē-līv'ēr-ēr, and shall turn āway ungodliness from Jā'cōb.

27 For this *is* my cōvānant unto them, when I shall take āway their sins.

28 As cōncēr'nīng the gōs'pēl, *they āre* enemies for your sakes: but as tōuch'ing the election, *they āre* belōved for the fāthers' sakes.

29 For the gifts and calling of God *āre* without repentance.

30 For as ye in times pāst have not bē-liēved God, yet have now ōbtain'ed mērcy through their ūn-bē-liēf;

31 Even so have these also now not bēliēved, that through your mērcy they also may ōbtain mērcy.

32 For God hath concluded them all in ūn-bē-liēf, that he might have mērcy upon all.

33 O the dēpth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how un-sēarchable *āre* his judgments, and his ways pāst finding out!

34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsel-lor?

35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him āgain'?

36 For of him, and through him, and to

²nāt'tshū-rāl.

³nāt'tshū-re.

him, *āre* all things : to whom *be* glory for ever. *Ā'mēn'*.

CHAP. XII.

I BESEECH you, *thēre'fore*, brēthren, by the mērcies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sāc'rifice, holy, āc'cēptāble unto God, *which is* your reasonable sēr'vice.

2 And be not conformed to this wōrld : but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove wāt *is* that good, and āc'cēptāble, and pērfēct will of God.

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is āmōng you, not to think of *himsēlf* more highly than he ought to think ; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the mēas'ure of faith.

4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office ;

5 So we, *being* many, *āre* one body in Christ, and every one members one of ānōther.

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prōph'ē-cy, *let us prōph'ē-sy* according to the proportion of faith ;

7 Or ministry, *let us wait* on our ministering : or he that teacheth, on teaching ;

8 Or he that exhōr'teth, on exhortation ; he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity ; he that ruleth, with diligence ; he that showeth mērcy, with cheerfulness.

9 *Let love be* without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil ; cleave to that which is good.

10 *Be* kindly affectioned one to ānōther with brotherly love ; in hōn'ōūr prēfēr'ring one ānōther ;

11 Not slōth'fūl in business ; sēr'vent in spirit ; sēr'ving the Lord ;

12 Rejoicing in hope ; patient in tribulation ; continuing instant in prayer ;

13 Distributing to the necessity of saints ; given to hospitality.

14 Bless them which pērsecute you : bless, and curse not.

15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

16 *Be* of the same mind one tō'wārd ānōther. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low ēstāte'. *Be* not wise in your own cōncēits'.

17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things hōn'ēst in the sight of all men.

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Dearly belōved, āvēnge' not yourselves, but *rāther* give placē unto wōrāth : for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine : I will repay, saith the Lord.

20 Thēre'fore, if thine enemy hunger, feed him ; if he thirst, give him drink : for

in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

21 *Be* not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

CHAP. XIII.

LET every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God ; the powers that be, *āre* ordain'ed of God.

2 Whosoever, thēre'fore, rēšist'eth the power, rēšist'eth the ordinance of God : and they that rēšist', shall receive to themselves damnation.

3 For rulers *āre* not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then be āfrāid of the power ? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same :

4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be āfrāid : for he beareth not the swōrd in vain : for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute* wōrāth upon him that doeth evil.

5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wōrāth, but also for cōn'science's sake.

6 For, for this cause pay ye tribute also for they *āre* God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

7 Render, thēre'fore, to all their dues : tribute to whom tribute *is due* ; custom to whom custom ; fear to whom fear ; hōn'ōūr to whom hōn'ōūr.

8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one ānōther : for he that loveth ānōther hath fulfilled the law.

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit ādūltēry, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear fālse witness, Thou shalt not cōvet : and if *there be* any other cōmmand'mēt, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour : thēre'fore, love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

11 And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to āwake out of sleep : for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we belēived.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand : let us, thēre'fore, cāst off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

13 Let us wālk hōn'estly as in the day ; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chām'bēring and wān'tōunnēss, not in strife and envying :

14 But put ye on the Lord Jē'sūs Christ, and make not proviōn for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thercof*.

CHAP. XIV.

HIM that is weak in the faith, recēive ye, *but* not to dōūbt'fūl disputations.

2 For one belēieveth that he may eat all things : ānōther who is weak, eateth hērbg.

3 Let not him that eateth, despise^e him that eateth not : and let not him which eateth not, judge him that eateth : for God hath received him.

4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant ? to his own master he standeth or falleth ; yea, he shall be holden up : for God is able to make him stand.

5 One man esteemeth one day above another ; another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

6 He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord ; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks ; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

7 For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord ; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord : whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

10 But why dost thou judge thy brother ? Or why dost thou set at nought thy brother ? for we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of Christ.

11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

12 So then, every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

13 ¶ Let us not, therefore, judge one another any more : but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling-block, or an occasion to fall, in his brother's way.

14 I know, and am persuaded, by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself : but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

15 But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy^e not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of :

17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink : but righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

19 Let us, therefore, follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

20 For meat destroy^e not the work of God. All things indeed are pure : but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence.

21 It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

22 Hast thou faith ? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith : for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

CHAP. XV.

WE then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities¹ of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.

3 For even Christ pleased not himself ; but as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee, fell on me.

4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of the scriptures, might have hope.

5 Now, the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another, according to Christ Jesus ;

6 That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

8 Now I say, that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm² the promises made unto the fathers :

9 And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy : as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.

10 And again^e he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.

11 And again^e, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles, and laud him, all ye people.

12 And again^e Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse ; and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in him shall the Gentiles trust.

13 Now, the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,

16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering-up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

17 I have, therefore, whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain^e to God.

18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not

1 in-fēr-me-tiz.

2 kōn-fēr'm.

wrought by me, to make the Gēn'tiles obēdiēt,¹ by word and deed,

19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spir'it of God; so that from Jē-rū'sa-lēm, and round ābout' unto Il-lŷ-r'i-cūm, I have fully preached the gōs'pēl of Christ.

20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gōs'pēl, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon ānōther man's foundation:

21 But, as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.

22 For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.

23 But now, having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you:

24 Whensoever I take my journey into Spāin, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thith'ēr-ward by you, if first I be sōme'whāt filled with your cōmpany.

25 But now I go unto Jē-rū'sa-lēm to minister unto the saints.

26 For it hath pleased them of Māc-e-dō-ni-ā and Ā-čhā'i-ā to make a cēr'tain contribution for the poor saints which āre at Jē-rū'sa-lēm.

27 It hath pleased them *verily*, and their debtors they āre. For, if the Gēn'tiles have been made partakers of their spir'itual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.

28 When, thēr'fōre, I have pēr'fōrm'ed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spāin.

29 And I am sūre, that when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gōs'pēl of Christ.

30 Now, I beseech you, brēthren, for the Lord Jē'sūs Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spir'it, that ye strive tōgēther with me in *your* prayers to God for me;

31 That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Jū-dē'ā; and that my sēr'vice which I have for Jē-rū'sa-lēm may be accepted of the saints;

32 That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.

33 Now the God of peace be with you all. Ā'mēn'.

CHAP. XVI.

I COMMEND unto you Phē'be our sister, which is a sēr'vant of the church which is at Cēn'chre-ā:

2 That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints; and that ye assist her in whātsoever business² she hath need of: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of mysēlf also.

3 Greet Prīs-cil'lā and Āq'ui-lā,³ my helpers in Christ Jē'sūs:

4 Who have for my life laid down their

1 *ō-bē'je-ēt.* 2 *biz'nēs.* 3 *Āk'kwē-lā.*

6 *Lū'she-ūs.*

7 *Tēr'she-ūs.*

own necks; unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gēn'tiles.

5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Sālute my well-belōved Ē-pēn'e-tūs, who is the first-fruits of Ā-čhā'i-ā unto Christ.

6 Greet Mā'ry, who bestowed much labōur on us.

7 Sālute Ān-drō-ni'cūs and Jū'ni-ā my kinsmen, and my fellow-prisoners, who āre of note āmōng the āpōstles, who also wēre in Christ before me.

8 Greet Ām'pli-ās, my belōved in the Lord.

9 Sālute Ūr'ba-ne, our helper in Christ, and Stā'chys⁴ my belōved.

10 Sālute Ā-pēl'leš approved in Christ. Sālute them which āre of Ār-is-to-bū'lūs' household.

11 Sālute Hē-rō'di-ōn, my kinsman. Greet them that be of the household of Nār-cīs'sūs, which āre in the Lord.

12 Sālute Try-phi'nā and Try-phō'sā, who labōur in the Lord. Sālute the belōved Pēr'sis, which labōured much in the Lord.

13 Sālute Rū'fūs, chosen in the Lord, and his mōther and mine.

14 Sālute Ā-sŷ'n'cri-tūs, Phlē'gōn, Hēr'mās, Pāt'ro-hās, Hēr'mēs, and the brēthren which āre with them.

15 Sālute Phi-lō'o-gūs and Jū'li-ā, Nē're-ūs and his sister, and Ō-lŷm'pās, and all the saints which āre with them.

16 Sālute one ānōther with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ sālute you.

17 Now I beseech you, brēthren, mark them which cause divisions and offences, contrary to the dōc'trīne which ye have lēarned; and āvōid' them.

18 For they that āre such sēr've not our Lord Jē'sūs Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

19 For your obē'dience⁵ is come ābroād unto all men. I am glad, thēr'fōre, on your behālf; but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple cōn-cēr'ning evil.

20 And the God of peace shall bruise Sāt'an under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jē'sūs Christ be with you. Ā'mēn'.

21 Ti-mō'the-ūs, my workfellow, and Lū'ci-ūs,⁶ and Jā'sōn and Sō-sip'a-tēr, my kinsmen, sālute you.

22 (I Tēr'ti-ūs,⁷ who wrote this epistle, sālute you in the Lord.)

23 Gā'i-ūs⁸ mine host and of the whole church, sālüteth you. Ē-rās'tūs the chām'bērlāin of the city sālüteth you, and Quār'tūs a brōther.

24 The grace of our Lord Jē'sūs Christ be with you all. Ā'mēn'.

25 Now to him that is of power to sta

1 *ō-bē'je-ēt.* 2 *biz'nēs.* 3 *Āk'kwē-lā.* 4 *Stā'kees, or Stā'kŷs.* 5 *ō-bē'je-ēnse*

6 *Gā'yūs.*

lish you according to my gōs'pēl, and the preaching of Jē'sūs Christ, (according to the revelation of the mýstery, which was kept secret since the wórl'd began,

26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the cōmmānd'mēnt of the ēv'rlās'ting God,

made known to all nations for the óbē'di-
ēnce of faith,)

27 To God only wise, *be glory* through Jē'sūs Christ for ever. *Ā mēn'.*

¶ Written to the Rō'māns from Cō-rīn'thūs, and sent by Phē'be, sērvant of the church at Cēn'çhre-ā.

¶ THE FIRST EPIS'TLE OF PAUL, THE APOST'LE, TO THE CORINTHIANS.

CHAPTER I.

PAUL, called to be an apōstle of Jē'sūs Christ, through the will of God, and Sōs'the-nēs, our brother,

2 Unto the church of God which is at Çōr'inth, to them that àre sanctified in Christ Jē'sūs, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jē'sūs Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours :

3 Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Fà'ther, and from the Lord Jē'sūs Christ.

4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jē'sūs Christ ;

5 That in every thing ye àre enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowl-
edge ;

6 Even as the tēs'timóny of Christ was cōfir'm'ed¹ in you :

7 So that ye come behind in no gift : waiting for the coming of our Lord Jē'sūs Christ :

8 Who shall also cōfir'm' you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jē'sūs Christ.

9 God is faithful, by whom ye wēre called unto the fellowship of his Son Jē'sūs Christ our Lord.

10 ¶ Now I beseech you, brēthren, by the name of our Lord Jē'sūs Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisiōns among you : but that ye be pērfectly joined togethēr in the same mind, and in the same judgment.

11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brēthren, by them which àre of the house of Chlō'e, that there àre contentions among you.

12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Pàul, and I of Ā-pōl'lōs, and I of Cē'phās, and I of Christ.

13 Is Christ divided? was Pàul crū'ci-fied² for you? or wēre ye baptized in the name of Pàul?

14 I thank God that I baptized none of you but Cris'pūs and Gā'i-ūs ;³

15 Lēst any should say that I had bap-tized in mine own name.

¹ kōn-fērm'ed. ² kròd'se-f'ī'd.

16 And I baptized also the household of Stēph'a-nās; besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.

17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gōs'pēl : not with wisdom of words, lēst the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish, foolishness ; but unto us, which àre saved, it is the power of God.

19 For it is written, I will dēstrōy' the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nōth-ing the understanding of the prudent.⁴

20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this wórl'd? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this wórl'd?

21 For àfter that, in the wisdom of God, the wórl'd by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preach-ing to save them that bēlieve.

22 For the Jews require à sign, and the Grēeks seek àfter wisdom ;

23 But we preach Christ crūcified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Grēeks foolishness ;

24 But unto them which àre called, both Jews and Grēeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men : and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For ye see your calling, brēthren, how that not many wise men àfter the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, àre called ;

27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the wórl'd to confound the wise and God hath chosen the weak things of the wórl'd to confound the things which àre mighty ;

28 And base things of the wórl'd, and things which àre dēspisēd, hath God chosen, yēa, and things which àre not, to bring to nōught things that àre ;

29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

30 But of him àre ye in Christ Jē'sūs, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and

³ Gā'yūs. ⁴ pròd'dēnt.

righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

CHAP. II.

AND I, brēthren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech, or of wisdom, declaring unto you the tēs-timōny of God:

2 For I detēr'mined not to know any thing among you, save Jē'sūs Christ, and him crucified.

3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

4 And my speech, and my preaching, was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spir'it, and of power:

5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

6 Howbeit, we speak wisdom among them that are perfect; yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mýstery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordain'ed before the world, unto our glory;

8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spir'it: for the Spir'it searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For whāt man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so, the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spir'it of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spir'it which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghōst teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spir'it of God; for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually dýsçern'ed.

15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.

CHAP. III.

AND I, brēthren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

2 I have fed you with milk, and not

with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

4 For while one saith,³ I am of Pāul: and another, I am of Ā-pōl'ōs; are ye not carnal?

5 Who then is Pāul, and who is Ā-pōl'ōs, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

6 I have planted, Ā-pōl'ōs watered; but God gave the increase.

7 So then, neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward, according to his own labour.

9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's hūz'bāndry, ye are God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise māster build'er I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon:

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jē'sūs Christ.

12 Now, if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work, of whāt sort it is.

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burnt, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spir'it of God dwelleth in you?

17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destrōy': for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God: for it is written, He taketh the wise in their own crāft'iness.

20 And again', The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

21 Therē'fore let no man glory in men: for all things are yours:

22 Whether Pāul, or Ā-pōl'ōs, or Cē-phās, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;

1 spir'it-tshū-āl.

2 nāt'tshū-rāl.

3 sēth.

23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

CHAP. IV.

LET a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

2 Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment; yea, I judge not mine own self.

4 For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.

5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts; and then shall every man have praise of God.

6 And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself, and to Apollos, for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.

7 For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now, if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it?

8 Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us; and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you.

9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ: we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised.

11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling-place;

12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it;

13 Being defamed, we entreat; we are made as the filth of the world, and are the off-scouring of all things unto this day.

14 I write not these things to shame you, but, as my beloved sons, I warn you.

15 ¶ For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for, in Christ Jesus, I have begotten you through the gospel.

16 Wherefore, I beseech you, be ye followers of me.

17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways, which be

in Christ, as I teach every where, in every church.

18 Now, some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you.

19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.

20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

21 What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?

CHAP. V.

IT is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed.

4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

5 To deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

7 Purge out, therefore, the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote unto you in an epistle, not to company with fornicators:

10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

11 But now I have written unto you, not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one no not to eat.

12 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? Do not ye judge them that are within?

13 But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

CHAP. VI.

DARE any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?

CHAP. VII.

2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life?

4 If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge, who are least esteemed in the church.

5 I speak to your shame. Is it so that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?

6 But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers.

7 Now, therefore, there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another: why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?

8 Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren.

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And such were some of you; but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats; but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

15 ¶ Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of a harlot? God forbid.

16 What! know ye not, that he which is joined to a harlot is one body? for two (saith he) shall be one flesh.

17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

19 What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

NOW concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.

2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

6 But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment.

7 For I would that all men were even as I myself; but every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.

8 I say, therefore, to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I.

9 But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

10 And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:

11 But, and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband; and let not the husband put away his wife.

12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.

13 And the woman which hath a husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases; but God hath called us to peace.

16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? Or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?

17 But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk: and so ordain I in all churches.

18 Is any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? let him not become circumcised.

19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God.

20 Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

21 Art thou called *being* a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayst be made free, use it rather.

22 For he that is called in the Lord, *being* a servant, is the Lord's free man; likewise also he that is called, *being* free, is Christ's servant.

23 Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.

24 Brethren, let every man wherein he is called, therein abide with God.

25 Now, concerning virgins,¹ I have no commandment of the Lord, yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.

26 I suppose, therefore, that this is good for the present distress; I say, that it is good for a man so to be.

27 Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.

28 But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned: nevertheless, such shall have trouble in the flesh; but I spare you.

29 But this I say, brethren, the time is short. It remaineth, that both they that have wives, be as though they had none;

30 And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not: and they that buy, as though they possessed not;

31 And they that use this world, as not abusing it; for the fashion of this world passeth away.

32 But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried, careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord;

33 But he that is married, careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.

34 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy, both in body and in spirit: but she that is married, careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

35 And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.

36 But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not; let them marry.

37 Nevertheless, he that standeth steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath

so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well.

38 So then, he that giveth her in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better.

39 The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth: but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.

40 But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God.

CHAP. VIII.

NOW, as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

3 But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

4 As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.

5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many;)

6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

7 Howbeit, there is not in every man that knowledge: for some, with conscience of the idol, unto this hour, eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

8 But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.

9 But take heed, lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling-block to them that are weak.

10 For if any man see thee which hast knowledge, sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;

11 And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

12 But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.

13 Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

CHAP. IX.

AM I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?

2 If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.

3 Mine ānswer to them that do examine me is this ;

4 Have we not power to eat and to drink ?

5 Have we not power to lēād ābout' a sister, a wife, as well as other āpōstles, and as the brēthren of the Lord, and Cē-pās ?

6 Or I only and Bār'na-bas, have not we power to fōrbear' working ?

7 Who goeth a wārfare at any time at his own chārges ? who plānteth a vine-yard,¹ and eateth not of the fruit thereof ? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock ?

8 Say I these things as a man ? or saith not the law the same also ?

9 For it is written in the law of Mō'sēs, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Dōth God take care for oxen ?

10 Or saith he it āltogēther for our sakes ? For our sakes, no dōūbt, *this* is written : that he that plougheth should plough in hope ; and that he that thresheth in hope, should be partaker of his hope.

11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, *is it* a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things ?

12 If others be partakers of *this* power over you, *are* not we rāther ? nevertheless we have not used *this* power ; but suffer all things, lēst we should hinder the gōs'pēl of Ćhrist.

13 Do ye not know, that they which minister ābout' holy things live of the *things* of the temple ? and they which wait at the āltar āre partakers with the āltar ?

14 Even so hath the Lord ōrdāin'ed, that they which preach the gōs'pēl should live of the gōs'pēl.

15 But I have used nōne of these things ; nēither have I written these things that it should be so done unto me : for *it wēre* better for me to die, than that any man should make my glōrying void.

16 For though I preach the gōs'pēl, I have nōthing to glōry of : for necessity is laid upon me ; yēa, wo is unto me if I preach not the gōs'pēl.

17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a rēwārd : but if āgāinst' my will, a dispensation of the gōs'pēl is committed unto me.

18 Whāt is my rēwārd then ? *Verily* that, when I preach the gōs'pēl, I may make the gōs'pēl of Ćhrist without chārgē, that I ābuse not my power in the gōs'pēl.

19 For though I be free from all *men*, yet have I made mysēlf sērvant unto all, that I might gain' the more.

20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews ; to them that āre under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that āre under the law ;

21 To them that āre without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Ćhrist,) that I might gain them that āre without law.

22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak : I am made all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some.

23 And this I do for the gōs'pēl's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with *you*.

24 Know ye not that they which run in a race, run all, but one receiveth the prize ? So run that ye may obtain.

25 And every man that striveth for the mās'tēry is temperate in all things. Now, they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible.

26 I thērē'fore so run, not as ūncēr'tāinly ; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air :

27 But I keep under my body, and bring *it* into subjection ; lēst that by any means, when I have preached to others, I mysēlf should be a cāst'āway.

CHAP. X.

MOREOVER, brēthren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fāthers wēre under the cloud, and all pāsseed through the sea ;

2 And wēre all baptized unto Mō'sēs in the cloud, and in the sea ;

3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat ;

4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink : (for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them ; and that Rock was Ćhrist :)

5 But with many of them God was not well pleased ; for they wēre overthrown in the wilderness.

6 Now these things wēre our examples, to the intent we should not lust āfter evil things, as they also lusted.

7 Nēither be ye idolaters, as *wēre* some of them : as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

8 Nēither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

9 Nēither let us tempt Ćhrist, as some of them also tempted, and wēre dēstrōy'ed of sērpents.

10 Nēither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and wēre dēstrōy'ed of the dēstrōy'er.

11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples ; and they āre written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the wōrld āre come.

12 Wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lēst he fall.

13 There hath no temptation taken *you*, but such as is common to man ; but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer *you* to be tempted ābōve that ye āre able ; but will with the temptation also make a way to ēscāpē', that ye may be able to bear it.

14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

15 I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.

16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

17 For we, being many, are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

18 Behold Iſ'ra-ël after the flesh; are not they which eat of the sãc'ri-fiçes partakers of the åltar?

19 Whãt say I then? that the idol is any thing? or that which is offered in sãc'ri-fiçe to idols is any thing?

20 But I say, that the things which the Gën'tiles sãc'ri-fiçe, they sãc'ri-fiçe to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of devils; ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table and of the table of devils.

22 Do we provoke the Lord to jéalousy? are we stronger than he?

23 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

24 Let no man seek his own, but every man ånóther's wealth.

25 Whãtsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, åsk'ing no question for conscience' sake:

26 For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.

27 If any of them that believe not, bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whãtsoever is set before you, eat, åsk'ing no question for conscience' sake.

28 But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sãc'ri-fiçe unto idols, eat not, for his sake that showed it, and for conscience' sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.

29 Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of ånóther man's conscience?

30 For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?

31 Whether, thêr'fôre, ye eat, or drink, or whãtsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

32 Give nóne offence, nêither to the Jews, nor to the Gën'tiles, nor to the church of God.

33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

CHAP. XI.

BE ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

2 No.v I praise you, brêthren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the wom'an¹ is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

4 Every man praying or prôph'ës'ying, having his head covered, diſ'hôn'ou'reth his head.

5 But every wom'an that prayeth or prôph'esieth with her head uncovered, diſ'hôn'ou'reth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

6 For if the wom'an be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a wom'an to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.

7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the wom'an is the glory of the man.

8 For the man is not of the wom'an; but the wom'an of the man.

9 Nêither was the man created for the wom'an; but the wom'an for the man.

10 For this cause ought the wom'an to have power on her head, because of the ångels.

11 Nevertheless, nêither is the man without the wom'an, nêither the wom'an without the man, in the Lord.

12 For as the wom'an is of the man, even so is the man also by the wom'an; but all things of God.

13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a wom'an pray unto God uncovered?

14 Dóth not even nature itself teach you, that if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

15 But if a wom'an have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a ców'ering.

16 But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, nêither the churches of God.

17 Now, in this that I declare unto you, I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the wórse.

18 For, first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you: and I partly believe it.

19 For there must be also hêr'és'ies among you, that they which are approved, may be made manifest among you.

20 When ye come together, thêr'fôre, in one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper.

21 For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper; and one is hungry, and ånóther is drunken.

22 Whãt! have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? Whãt shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jê'sus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread:

¹ wãm'ün, i. e. wòdm'ün

24 And, when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

27 Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread and drink *this* cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

CHAP. XII.

NOW, concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed; and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another, the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another, the working of miracles; to another, prophecy; to another, discerning of spirits; to another, divers kinds of tongues; to another, the interpretation of tongues:

11 But all these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ.

13 For by one Spirit, are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

19 And if they were all one member, where were the body?

20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again, the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary.

23 And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

24 For our comely parts have no need; but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked:

25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular.

28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet show I unto you a more excellent way.

CHAP. XIII.

THOUGH I speak with the tóngues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *äs* sounding bräss, or a tinkling cym'bäl.

2 And though I have the *gift* of pröph'ē-ey, and understand all mys'teries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove möun'tains, and have not charity, I am nötlüng.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nöthing.

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity väumteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Dóth not behave itself unseemly; seeketh not her own; is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in inñq'uity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, beliēveth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth; but whether there be pröph'ecies, they shall fail; whether there be tóngues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9 For we know in part, and we pröph'e-sý in part,

10 But when that which is përfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a gläss, dárkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13 And now äbideth faith, hope, charity, these three: but the greatest of these is charity.

CHAP. XIV.

FOLLOW äfter charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but räthe- that ye may pröph'e-sý.

2 For he that speaketh in an *unknown* tóngue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit, in the spirit he speaketh mys'teries.

3 But he that pröph'esieith speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and cöm'fört.

4 He that speaketh in an *unknown* tóngue edifieth himself: but he that pröph'esieith edifieth the church.

5 I would that ye all spake with tóngues, but räther that ye pröph'esied: for greater is he that pröph'esieith, than he that speaketh with tóngues, except he întër'prët, that the church may recëive edifying.

6 Now, brëthren, if I come unto you speaking with tóngues, whät shall I profit

you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by pröph'ē-sý-ing, or by döc'trine?

7 And even things without life, giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known whät is piped or harped?

8 For if the trumpet give an üncër'tain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tóngue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known whät is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

10 There äre, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the wörld, and nöne of them is without signification.

11 Thère'fore, if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.

12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye äre zéal'ous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

13 Wherefore, let him that speaketh in an *unknown* tóngue, pray that he may întër'prët.

14 For if I pray in an *unknown* tóngue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15 Whät is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also; I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

16 Else, when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the ünlëar'ned say, ä'mën', at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not whät thou sayest?

17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

18 I thank my God, I speak with tóngues more than ye all:

19 Yet in the church I had räther speak five words with my understanding, than by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an *unknown* tóngue.

20 Brëthren, be not children in understanding: howbeit, in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

21 In the law it is written, With men of other tóngues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.

22 Wherefore tóngues äre for a sign, not to them that beliēve, but to them that beliēve not; but pröph'ē-sý-ing sërvez not for them that beliēve not, but for them which beliēve.

23 If, thère'fore, the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tóngues, and there come in those that äre ünlëar'ned, or ün-bë-liëv'ers, will they not say that ye äre mad?

24 But if all pröph'ē-sý, and there come in one that beliēveth not, or one ünlëar'ned

ed, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:

25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine true, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done to edifying.

27 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.

28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

30 If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.

31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

36 What! came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

40 Let all things be done decently, and in order.

CHAP. XV.

MOREOVER, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you, first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures:

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day, according to the scriptures:

5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve.

6 After that he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain unto this present: but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace, which was bestowed upon me, was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all; yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

11 Therefore, whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

12 Now, if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen.

14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God, that he raised up Christ; whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised;

17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits, afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father: when he shall have put down all rule, and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted which did put all things under him.

28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be

subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

29 Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?

30 And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?

31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

32 If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage to me if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die.

33 Be not deceived; evil communications corrupt good manners.

34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God; I speak this to your shame.

35 But some man will say, How are the dead raised up; and with what body do they come?

36 Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die:

37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat or of some other grain:

38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.

40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars, for one star differeth from another star in glory.

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead: it is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption:

43 It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul, the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterwards that which is spiritual.

47 The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven.

48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God: neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O death! where is thy sting? O grave! where is thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law:

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

59 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

CHAP. XVI.

NOW, concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

3 And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.

4 And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.

5 Now I will come unto you, when I shall pass through Macedonia: (for I do pass through Macedonia:)

6 And it may be, that I will abide, yea, and winter with you, that ye may bring me on my journey whithersoever I go.

7 For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit.

8 But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost.

9 For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

10 Now, if Timothy come, see that he may be with you without fear: for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do.

11 Let no man despise him; but conduct him forth in peace, that he may come unto me: for I look for him with the brethren.

12 As touch'ing our bróther Ā-pól'ós, I greatly desired him to come unto you with the bréthren : but his will was not at all to come at this time ; but he will come when he shall have convenient time.

13 Wáitch ye, stand fást in the fáith, quit you like men, be strong.

14 Let all your things be done with charity.

15 I beseech you, bréthren, (ye know the house of Stēph'a-nās, that it is the first-fruits of Ā-çhā'i-ā,¹ and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints.)

16 That ye submit yourselves unto such ; and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth.

17 I am glad of the coming of Stēph'a-nās, and Fòr-tū-nā'tūs,² and Ā-çhā'i-çūs ;³ for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied.

18 For they have refreshed my spirit and yours ; therefore acknowledge ye them that are such.

19 The churches of Ā'si-ā sálute you. Ā'qu'i-lā⁴ and Prís-cil-lā sálute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

20 All the bréthren greet you. Greet ye one ánother with a holy kiss.

21 The salutation of me Pául with mine own hand.

22 If any man love not the Lord Jē'sūs Christ, let him be Ā-náth'e-mā, Mār-a-náth'á.

23 The grace of our Lord Jē'sūs Christ be with you.

24 My love be with you all in Christ Jē'sūs. Ā'mén'.

† The first epístle to the Cō-rín'thi-āns was written from Phi-lip'pí, by Stēph'a-nās, and Fòr-tū-nā'tūs, and Ā-çhā'i-çūs, and Ti-mó'the-ús.

¶ THE SECOND EPIS'TLE OF PAUL, THE APOST'LE, TO THE CORINTHIANS.

CHAPTER I.

PAUL, an ápóstle of Jē'sūs Christ, by the will of God, and Tím'o-thy our bróther, unto the church of God which is at Cōr'inth, with all the saints which are in all Ā-çhā'i-ā :

2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Fà'ther, and from the Lord Jē'sūs Christ.

3 Blē'ssed be God, even the Fà'ther of our Lord Jē'sūs Christ, the Fà'ther of mē'r'-cīes, and the God of all cóm'fórt,

4 Who cóm'fórteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to cóm'fórt them which are in any trouble, by the cóm'fórt wherewith we ourselves are cóm'fórted of God.

5 For as the sufferings of Christ abóund in us, so our consolation also abóundeth by Christ.

6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer ; or whether we be cóm'fórted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

7 And our hope of you is stēad'fást, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

8 For we would not, bréthren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Ā'si-ā, that we were pressed out of mēag'-ure, abóve strength, insomuch that we despair'ed even of life :

1 Ā-kā'yá.

2 Fòr-tshū-nā'tūs.

9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God, which raiseth the dead ;

10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and dóth deliver ; in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us :

11 Ye also helping tógether by prayer for us, that, for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons, thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

12 For our rejoicing is this, the tēs'timóny of our conscience, that in simplicity, and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our cōnvērsation in the world, and more abún'dantly to you'wárd.

13 For we write nóne other things unto you than whát ye réad or acknowledge ; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end ;

14 As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also óre' ours, in the day of the Lord Jē'sūs.

15 And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit :

16 And to pās by you into Mác-e-dō-ni-ā, and to come ágain' out of Mác-e-dō-ni-ā unto you, and of you to be brought on my way tó'wárd Jū-dē'á.

17 When I, thēre'fore, was thus minded, did I use lightness ? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the

3 Ā-kā'e-kūs.

4 Āk'kwō-lā.

flesh, that with me there should be yēa, yēa, and nay, nay?

18 But as God is true, our word tō'wārd you was not yēa and nay.

19 For the Son of God, Jē'sūs Christ, who was preached āmōng you by us, even by me, and Sŷl-vā'nūs, and Ti-mō'the-us, was not yēa and nay, but in him was yēa.

20 For all the promiŷes of God in him āre yēa, and in him, ā'mén', unto the glory of God by us.

21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath ānōin'ted us, is God.

22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the ēar'nēst of the Spīr'it in our hearts.

23 Moreover, I call God for a rēc'ōrd upon my soul, that to spare you, I came not as yet unto Cōr'inth.

24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but āre helpers of your joy : for by faith ye stand.

CHAP. II.

BUT I dētēr'mined this with mysel'f, that I would not come āgain' to you in heaviness.

2 For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me?

3 And I wrote this same unto you, lēst, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice ; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all.

4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart, I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be griēved, but that ye might know the lōve which I have more āhūn'dāntly unto you.

5 But if any have caused griēf, he hath not griēved me, but in part ; that I may not overcharge you all.

6 Sufficient to such a man is this punishment which was inflicted of many.

7 So that contrariwise, ye ought rather to forgive him, and cōm'fōrt him, lēst, perhaps, such a one should be swāllowed up with overmuch sorrow.

8 Wherefore I beseech you that ye would cōnfirm¹ your lōve tō'wārd him.

9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obē'diēnt² in all things.

10 To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also : for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the pērson of Christ ;

11 Lēst Sa'tān should get an ādvān'tāge of us : for we āre not ignorant of his dēvices.

12 Furthermore, when I came to Trō'ās to preach Christ's gōs'pēl, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,

13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Ti'tūs my brōther : but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Māc-e-dō'ni-ā.

14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the sāvōur of his knowledge by us in every place.

15 For we āre unto God a sweet sāvōur of Christ in them that āre saved, and in them that perish.

16 To the one we āre the sāvōur of death unto death ; and to the other the sāvōur of life unto life : and who is sufficient for these things?

17 For we āre not as many, which corrupt the word of God : but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

CHAP. III.

DO we begin āgain' to cōmmēnd' ourselves ? or need we, as some others, ēpistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you ?

2 Ye āre our ēpistle written in our hearts, known and rēad of all men :

3 Forasmuch as ye āre manifestly declared to be the ēpistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spīr'it of the living God : not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart.

4 And such trust have we through Christ to Gōd'wārd :

5 Not that we āre sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves ; but our sufficiency is of God ;

6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament : not of the letter, but of the spirit : for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Iŷ'ra-ēl could not stēad'fāstly behold the face of Mō'sēs, for the glory of his countenance, which glory was to be done āway ;

8 How shall not the ministration of the Spīr'it be rather glorious ?

9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more dōth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.

11 For if that which is done āway was glorious, much more that which rēmāin'eth is glorious.

12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech ;

13 And not as Mō'sēs, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Iŷ'ra-ēl could not stēad'fāstly look to the end of that which is ābōl'ished :

14 But their minds wēre blinded : for until this day rēmāin'eth the same veil untaken āway in the rēad'ng of the old testament ; which veil is done āway in Christ.

15 But even unto this day, when Mō'sēs is rēad, the veil is upon their heart.

16 Nevertheless, when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken āway.

¹ kōn-fēr'm'.

² o-bē'je-ēnt.

17 Now, the Lord is that Spīr'it: and where the Spīr'it of the Lord is, there is liberty.

18 But we all with open face, beholding, as in a glāss, the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image, from glory to glory, even as by the Spīr'it of the Lord.

CHAP. IV.

THIEREFORE, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not.

2 But have renounced the hidden things of dīshōn'esty,¹ not wālk'ing in crāft'nēss, nor handling the word of God decēit'fully: but, by manifestation of the truth cōmēnd'ing ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

3 But if our gōs'pēl be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gōs'pēl of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jē'sūs the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jē'sūs' sake.

6 For God, who cōmmān'ded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jē'sūs Christ.

7 But we have this trēas'ure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are pērplēx'ed, but not in despair;

9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cāst down, but not dēstrōy'ed;

10 Always beār'ing ābout' in the body the dying of the Lord Jē'sūs, that the life also of Jē'sūs might be made manifest in our body.

11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jē'sūs' sake, that the life also of Jē'sūs might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I bēliēved, and thērēfōre have I spoken; we also believe, and thērēfōre speak:

14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jē'sūs, shall raise up us also by Jē'sūs, and shall present us with you.

15 For all things are for your sakes, that the ābūn'dānt grace might, through the thanksgiving of many, redound to the glory of God.

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our ōūt'wārd man perish, yet the in'wārd man is renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding, and etērnal weight of glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are etērnal.

CHAP. V.

FOR we know that if our earthly house of this tab'ēr-nā-cle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, etērnal in the heavens.

2 For in this we groan, ear'nēstly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

3 If so be that being clothed, we shall not be found naked.

4 For we that are in this tab'ēr-nā-cle do groan, being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swāllōwed up of life.

5 Now he that hath wrought us for the self-same thing is God, who also hath given unto us the ear'nēst of the Spīr'it.

6 Thērēfōre we are always confident, knowing that whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

9 Wherefore we labour, that whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

11 Knowing, thērēfōre, the terror of the Lord, we pērsuādē men; but we are made manifest unto God, and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

12 For we cōmēnd' not ourselves āgain unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have some'whāt to ānswe'r them which glory in appearance, and not in heart.

13 For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God; or whether we be sober, it is for your cause.

14 For the love of Christ cōnstrāineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then wērē all dead:

15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not hencefōrth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose āgain'.

16 Wherefore hencefōrth know we no man āfter the flesh; yēa, though we have known Christ āfter the flesh, yet now hencefōrth know we him no more.

17 Thērēfōre, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are pass'ed āway: behold, all things are become new.

18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jē'sūs Christ,

¹ dīz-ōn'nis-te

and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation ;

19 To wit, That God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their tres'passes unto them ; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then, we are ambās'sadōrs for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us : we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin ; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

CHAP. VI.

WE then, as workers together with him, beseech you also, that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee : behold, now is the accepted time ; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

3 Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed :

4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watch'ings, in fast'ings ;

6 By pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness ; by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the ar'moūr of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

8 By hōn'ōūr and dīshōnōūr, by evil report and good report ; as decēi'vērş, and yet true ;

9 As unknown, and yet well known ; as dying, and, behold, we live ; as chastened, and not killed ;

10 As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing ; as poor, yet making many rich ; as having nothing, and yet possēs'sing all things.

11 O ye Çō-rin'thi-āns ! our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged.

12 Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels.

13 Now, for a recompense in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged.

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with ūn-be-liē'vērş ; for whāt fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness ? and whāt communion hath light with darkness ?

15 And whāt cōn'cōrd hath Christ with Bē'li-āl ? or whāt part hath he that believeth, with an infidel ?

16 And whāt āgree'ment hath the temple of God with idols ? for ye are the temple of the living God ; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them ; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Wherefore, come out from among

them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing ; and I will receive you ;

18 And will be a Fa'ther unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Āl-migh'ty.

CHAP. VII.

HAVING, thēre'fore, these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, pēr'fēctīng holiness in the fear of God.

2 Receive us ; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man.

3 I speak not this to condemn you : for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die and live with you.

4 Great is my boldness of speech tō'wārd you, great is my glorying of you : I am filled with cōm'fōrt, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.

5 For when we wēre come into Māc-e-dō'ni-ā our flesh had no rest, but we wēre troubled on every side : without wēre fightings, within wēre fears.

6 Nevertheless God, that cōm'fōrteth those that are cāst down, cōm'fōrted us by the coming of Tī'tūs :

7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was cōm'fōrted in you, when he told us your ear'nēst desire, your mourning, your fervent mind tō'wārd me ; so that I rejoiced the more.

8 For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent ; for I pērcēivē' that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it wēre but for a season.

9 Now I rejoice, not that ye wēre made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance : for ye wēre made sorry āfter a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of : but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

11 For, behold, this self-same thing that ye sorrowed āfter a godly sort, whāt carefulness it wrōught in you, yēa, whāt clearing of yourselves, yēa, whāt indignation, yēa, whāt fear, yēa, whāt vē'he-mēnt desire, yēa, whāt zeal ; yēa, whāt revenge ! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

12 Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, I did it not for his cause that had done the wrōng, nor for his cause that suffered wrōng, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you.

13 Thēre'fore we wēre cōm'fōrted in your cōm'fōrt ; yēa, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Tī'tūs, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.

14 For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not āshāmed · but, as we

spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which I made before Ti'tūs, is found a truth.

15 And his in'ward affection is more ābūn'dānt tō'wārd you, whilst he remembereth the obē'diēnc¹ of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him.

16 I rejoice, therefore, that I have confidence in you in all things.

CHAP. VIII.

MOREOVER, brēthren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Māc-e-dō'ni-ā;

2 How that in a great trial of affliction, the ābūn'dānce of their joy, and their deep poverty, ābōūded unto the riches of their liberality.

3 For to *their* power, I bear rēc'ōrd, yēa, and beyond *their* power, they wēre willing of themselves;

4 Praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5 And *this they did*, not as we hoped; but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God:

6 Inasmuch, that we desired Ti'tūs, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.

7 There'fore, as ye ābōūnd in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us; see that ye ābōūnd in this grace also.

8 I speak not by cōmmānd'mēt, but by occasion of the fōr'wārdness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jē'sūs Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

10 And herein I give *my* advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be fōr'wārd a year āgō.

11 Now, there'fore, pērfōrm' the doing of it; that, as *there was* a rēadiness to will, so *there may be* a pērfōr'mānce also out of that which ye have.

12 For if there be first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

13 For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened;

14 But by an ēquāl'i-ty,² that now at this time your ābūn'dānce *may be* a supply for their wānt, that their ābūn'dānce also may be a supply for your wānt, that there may be ēquāl'i-ty:

15 As it is written, He that had gāthered much had nōthing over; and he that had gāthered little had no lack.

16 But thanks be to God, which put the same ear'nēst care into the heart of Ti'tūs for you.

17 For indeed he accepted the exhorta-

tion; but being more fōr'wārd, of his own accord he went unto you.

18 And we have sent with him the brōther, whose praise is in the gōs'pēl throughout all the churches:

19 And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind:

20 Avōid'ing this, that no man should blame us in this ābūn'dānce which is administered by us:

21 Providing for hōn'ēst things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

22 And we have sent with them our brōther, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which I have in you.

23 Whether any do inquire of Ti'tūs, he is my pārtner and fellow-helper cōncēr'n'ing you: or our brēthren be inquired of, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.

24 Wherefore show ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.

CHAP. IX.

FOR as touch'ing the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you:

2 For I know the fōr'wārdness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Māc-e-dō'ni-ā, that A-ghā'i-ā³ was ready a year āgō; and your zeal hath provoked very many.

3 Yet have I sent the brēthren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be rēady:

4 Lēst haply if they of Māc-e-dō'ni-ā come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not you) should be āshāmed in this same confident boasting.

5 There fore I thought it necessary to exhōrt the brēthren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be rēady, as a matter of bounty, and not as of cōv'ētōūsnēss.

6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace ābōūnd tō'wārd you; that ye, always having all-sufficiency in all things, may ābōūnd to every good work:

9 (As it is written, He hath dispērs'ed ābrōād; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness rēmain'eth forever.

10 Now, he that ministereth seed to the

1 ḡ-bē'je-ēnse.

2 ē-kroōl'e-te.

3 A-kā'yā.

sower, both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness :)

11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

12 For the administration of this sèr'vice, not only supplieth the wànt of the saints, but is àbun'dànt also by many thanksgivings unto God ;

13 (Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gòs'pèl of Chrìst, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men ;)

14 And by their prayer for you, which long àfter you for the exceeding grace of God in you.

15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

CHAP. X.

NOW I Pàul myself beseech you, by the meekness and gentleness of Chrìst, who in presence am base àmong you, but being absent am bold tò'wàrd you.

2 But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence wherewith I think to be bold àgainst' some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not wàr àfter the flesh :

4 (For the wèap'ons of our wàr'fàre àre not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds ;)

5 Càs'ting down imaginations, and every high thing that exàlteth itself àgainst' the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obè'diènce 1 of Chrìst ;

6 And having in a rèadiness to revenge all disòbè'diènce, 2 when your obè'diènce is fulfilled.

7 Do ye look on things àfter the òùt'wàrd appearance ? If any man trust to himself that he is Chrìst's, let him of himself think this àgain', that, as he is Chrìst's, even so àre we Chrìst's.

8 For though I should boast some'wàt more of our àuthòr'ity, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destrúct'ion, I should not be àshamed ;

9 That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters.

10 For his letters (say they) àre weighty and powerful ; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.

11 Let such a one think this, that such as we àre in word by letters when we àre absent, such will we be also in deed when we àre present.

12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that còmmènd' themselves : but they, mèas'uring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves àmong themselves, àre not wise.

1 ò-bè'je-ènse.

13 But we will not boast of things without our mèas'ure, but according to the mèas'ure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a mèas'ure to reach even unto you.

14 For we stretch not ourselves beyond our mèas'ure, as though we reached not unto you ; for we àre come as far as to you also in preaching the gòs'pèl of Chrìst :

15 Not boasting of things without our mèas'ure, that is, of other men's labòurs ; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule àbun'dàntly,

16 To preach the gòs'pèl in the regions beyond you : and not to boast in ànòther man's line of things made rèady to our hand.

17 But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

18 For not he that còmmèn'deth himself is approved, but whom the Lord còmmèn'deth.

CHAP. XI.

WOULD to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly ; and indeed bear with me.

2 For I am jèal'òüs over you with godly jèal'òüsy : for I have èspòüsed you to one lüsbànd, that I may present you as a chaste vir'gin 3 to Chrìst.

3 But I fear, lèst by any means as the sèrpent beguiled Eve through his sübt'lety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Chrìst.

4 For if he that cometh, preacheth ànòther Jè'süs whom we have not preached, or if ye receive ànòther spirit which ye have not rècèived, or ànòther gòs'pèl which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

5 For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest àpòstles.

6 But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge ; but we have been thoroughly made manifest àmong you in all things.

7 Have I committed an offence in àbàs'ing myself that ye might be exàlted, because I have preached to you the gòs'pèl of God freely ?

8 I robbed other churches, taking wages of them to do you sèr'vice.

9 And when I was present with you, and wànted, I was chàrgèable to no man : for that which was lacking to me the brèthren which came from Mác-e-dò'ní-à supplied ; and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself.

10 As the truth of Chrìst is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of À-çhà'i-à.

11 Wherefore ? because I love you not ? God knoweth.

12 But wàt I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which de-

2 dís-ò-bè'de-ènse.

3 vèr'jín.

isre occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we.

13 For such *àre* false *àp*òstles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the *àp*òstles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Sà'tàn himself is transformed into an *àngel* of light.

15 Thèrè'fòrè *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

16 I say *àgain'*, Let no man think me a fool: if otherwise, yet as a fool receive me, that I may boast myself a little.

17 That which I speak, I speak *it* not *àfter* the Lord, but as it wèrè foolishly, in this confidence of boasting.

18 Seeing that many glory *àfter* the flesh, I will glory also.

19 For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye *yourselfes* *àre* wise.

20 For ye suffer if a man bring you into bòn'dàge, if a man devour *you*, if a man take *of you*, if a man *èxàlt'* himself, if a man smite you on the face.

21 I speak as còncèr'n'ing reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit, whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly) I am bold also.

22 *Àre* they Hè'brews? so *am* I. *Àre* they Iş'ra-èl-ites? so *am* I. *Àre* they the seed of *Àbra-hàm*? so *am* I.

23 *Àre* they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool,) I *am* more: in labours more *àbùn'dànt*, in stripes *àbòve* mèàş'ùrè, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

24 *Of* the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

26 *In* jòur'ney'ings often, *in* perils of wàtèrs, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils by *mine own* countrymen, *in* perils by the heathen, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils *àmong* false brèthren;

27 *In* wèà'r'iness and painfulness, *in* wàtch'ings often, *in* hunger and thirst, *in* fàst'ings often, *in* cold and nakedness:

28 Beside those things that *àre* without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?

30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.²

31 The God and Fà'ther of our Lord Jè'sùs Christ, which is blès'sed forevermore, knoweth that I lie not.

32 *In* Da-màs'cùs the gòvèrnor under Àr-è'tàs the king kept the city of the Da-màs-cènes' with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me;

33 And through a window in a bàs'ket

¹ *ègz-dl't*.

was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

CHAP. XII.

IT is not expedient for me, dòùbt less, to glory; I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

2 I knew a man in Christ *àbòve* fourteen years *àgò*, (whether in the body, I cannot tell: or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth.) such a one caught up to the third heaven.

3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth:)

4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

5 *Of* such a one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.

6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but *now* I fòr'bear', lest any man should think of me *àbòve* that which he seeth me *to be*, or *that* he heareth of me.

7 And lest I should be exalted *àbòve* mèàş'ùrè through the *àbùn'dànce* of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Sà'tàn to buffet me, lest I should be exalted *àbòve* mèàş'ùrè.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said unto me. My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly thèrè'fòrè will I ràthèr glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Thèrè'fòrè I take plèàş'ùrè in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persècùtions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

11 I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been còmmèn'd'ed of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest *àp*òstles, though I be nothing.

12 Truly the signs of an *àp*òstle wèrè *zeròught* *àmong* you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

13 For what is it wherein ye wèrè inferior to other churches, except *it be* that I myself was not burdensome to you? Forgive me this *zeròng*.

14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you; for I seek not yours, but you; for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more *àbùn'dàntly* I love you, the less I be loved.

16 But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being cràfty, I caught you with guile.

² *in-fèr'mè-ittz*.

17 Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you?

18 I desired Ti'tūs, and with *him* I sent a brother: did Ti'tūs make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? *walked we* not in the same steps?

19 Again', think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before God in Christ: but *we do* all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying.

20 For I fear, lest when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not; lest *there be* debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:

21 And lest, when I come again', my God will hum'ble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness, and fornication, and lasciviousness, which they have committed.

CHAP. XIII.

THIS is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

2 I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present the second time; and, being absent, now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again', I will not spare:

3 Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you'ward is not weak, but is mighty in you.

4 For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of

God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God to'ward you.

5 Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves: know ye not your own selves, how that Jē'sūs Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

6 But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.

7 Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is hōn'ēst, though we be as reprobates.

8 For we can do nothing against' the truth, but for the truth.

9 For we are glad when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, *even* your pērfec'tion.

10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruc'tion.

11 Finally, brēthren, farewell: be pērfec't, be of good cōm'fōrt, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

12 Greet one another with a holy kiss.

13 All the saints salute you.

14 The grace of the Lord Jē'sūs Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghōst, be with you all. *Ā'mēn'.*

¶ The second *ēpistle* to the Cō-rin'thi-āns was written from Phi-lip'pi, a city of Māc-e-dō'ni-ā, by Ti'tūs and Lū'cās.

¶ THE EPISTLE OF PAUL, THE APOSTLE, TO THE GALA'TIANS.¹

CHAPTER I.

PAUL, an āpōstle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jē'sūs Christ, and God the Fā'ther, who raised him from the dead.)

2 And all the brēthren which are with me, unto the churches of Ga-lā'ti-ā:²

3 Grace be to you, and peace, from God the Fā'ther, and from our Lord Jē'sūs Christ,

4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Fā'ther;

5 To whom be glory forever and ever. *Ā'mēn'.*

6 I marvel, that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gōs'pēl;

7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pērvērt' the gōs'pēl of Christ.

8 But though we, or an āngel from heaven, preach any other gōs'pēl unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again', If any man preach any other gōs'pēl unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

10 For do I now pērsuāde' men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the sērvant of Christ.

11 But I cērtify you, brēthren, that the gōs'pēl which was preached of me is not after man;

12 For I neither received it of man, nei-

¹ *Ga-lā'she-ānz.*

² *Ga-lā'she-ā.*

ther was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jē'sūs Christ.

13 For ye have heard of my cōnversā'tion in time pāst in the Jews' religion, how that beyōnd mēā'sūre I pērcēuted the church of God, and wasted it ;

14 And profited in the Jews' religion ābōve many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zēāl'ous of the traditions of my fāthers.

15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mōther's womb, and called me by his grace,

16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him āmōng the heathen ; immediately I cōnferr'ed not with flesh and blood :

17 Nēither went I up to Jē-rū'sa-lēm to them which wēre āpōstles before me ; but I went into Ā-rā bi-ā, and returned āgain' unto Da-mās'cūs.

18 Then after three years I went up to Jē-rū'sa-lēm to see Pē'ter, and ābode with him fifteen days.

19 But other of the āpōstles saw I nōne, save James the Lord's brōther.

20 Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.

21 Āftērward's I came into the regions of Sŷr'i-ā and Cī-līc'i-ā :¹

22 And was unknown by face unto the churches of Jū-dē'ā which wēre in Christ :

23 But they had heard only, that he which pērcēuted us in times pāst, now preacheth the faith which once he dēstrōy'ed.

24 And they glorified God in me.

CHAP. II.

TWEN fourteen years after I went up āgain' to Jē-rū'sa-lēm with Bār-na-bās, and took Tī'tūs with me also.

2 And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gōs'pēl which I preach āmōng the Ğēn'tiles, but privately to them which wēre of reputation, lēst by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.

3 But nēither Tī'tūs, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circūcīsed :

4 And that because of fālse brēthren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jē'sūs, that they might bring us into bōn'dāge ;

5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no not for an hour, that the truth of the gōs'pēl might continue with you.

6 But of those who seemed to be sōme'whāt, (whātsoever they wēre, it maketh no matter to me : God accepteth no man's person :) for they who seemed to be sōme'whāt in cōn'fērēnce added nōthing to me :

7 But contrariwise, when they saw that the gōs'pēl of the uncircūcīsed was com-

mited unto me, as the gōs'pēl of the circūcīsed was unto Pē'ter :

8 (For he that wrōught effectually² in Pē'ter to the āpōstleshīp of the circūcīsed, the same was mighty in me tōward the Ğēn'tiles :))

9 And when James, Cēphās, and Jōhn, who seemed to be pillars, pērcēived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Bār-na-bās the right hands of fellowship, that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circūcīsed.

10 Only they would that we should remember the poor ; the same which I also was fōr'wārd to do.

11 But when Pē'ter was come to Ān'ti-ōch,³ I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.

12 For before that cērtain came from James, he did eat with the Ğēn'tiles : but when they wēre come, he withdrew, and separated himself, fearing them which wēre of the circūcīsed.

13 And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him ; insomuch that Bār-na-bās also was carried āway with their dissimulation.

14 But when I saw that they wālked not uprightly, according to the truth of the gōs'pēl, I said unto Pē'ter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest āfter the manner of Ğēn'tiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Ğēn'tiles to live as do the Jews ?

15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Ğēn'tiles,

16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jē'sūs Christ ; even we have believed in Jē'sūs Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law : for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is thēre'fore Christ the minister of sin ? God forbid.

18 For if I build āgain' the things which I dēstrōy'ed, I make mysēlf a transgressor.

19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

20 I am crucified with Christ : nevertheless I live ; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me : and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

21 I do not frustrate the grace of God ; for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

CHAP. III.

O FOOLISH Ga-lā'ti-āns, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jē'sūs Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified āmōng you ?

2 This only would I lēarn of you, Rēcēived ye the Spīr'it by the works

¹ Sē-tsh'e-ā.

² ēf-fēk'tshū-āl-e.

³ Ān'te-ōk.

of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spīr'it, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if *it be* yet in vain.

5 He, there'fore, that ministereth to you the Spīr'it, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

6 Even as Ā'bra-hām believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

7 Know ye, there'fore, that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Ā'bra-hām.

8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gōs'pēl unto Ā'bra-hām, saying, In thee shall all nations be blēss'ed.

9 So then, they which be of faith are blēss'ed with faithful Ā'bra-hām.

10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

12 And the law is not of faith: but, the man that doeth them shall live in them.

13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree;

14 That the blessing of Ā'bra-hām might come on the Gēn'tiles through Jē'sūs Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spīr'it through faith.

15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men: Though *it be* but a man's covenant, yet *if it be* confirmed, no man disannulleth or addeth thereto.

16 Now, to Ā'bra-hām and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

17 And this I say, *that* the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

18 For if the inheritance *be* of the law, *it is* no more of promise, but God gave it to Ā'bra-hām by promise.

19 Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come, to whom the promise was made; and *it was* ordain'ed by angels in the hand of a mediator.

20 Now a mediator is not a mediator of one; but God is one.

21 *Is* the law then against' the promises of God? God forbīd': for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

22 But the scripture hath concluded all

under sin, that the promise by faith of Jē'sūs Christ might be given to them that believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should after'ward be revealed.

24 Wherefore the law was our schōl'màstēr, to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schōl'màstēr.

26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jē'sūs.

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Grēek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jē'sūs.

29 And if ye be Christ's then are ye Ā'bra-hām's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

CHAP. IV.

NOW I say, *that* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all.

2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the Fà'ther.

3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bōn'dage under the elements of the world:

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a wom'an, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adōp'tion of sons.

6 And, because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spīr'it of his Son into your hearts, crying, Ā'b'bā, Fà'ther.

7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

8 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did sēr'vice unto them which by nature are no gods.

9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again' to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again' to be in bōn'dage?

10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

11 I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

12 Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am: for I am as ye are: ye have not injured me at all.

13 Ye know how, through infir'mity of the flesh, I preached the gōs'pēl unto you at the first.

14 And my temptation, which was in my flesh, ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jē'sūs.

15 Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you rēc'ōrd, that, if *it had been* possible, ye would have pluck-

ed out your own eyes, and have given them to me.

16 Am I, there'fore, become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

17 They zēal'ously affect you, but not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them.

18 But *it is* good to be zēal'ously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you.

19 My little children, of whom I trāv'ail in birth¹ āgain', until Ćhrist be formed in you,

20 I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in dōūbt of you.

21 Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

22 For it is written, that *Ā'bra-hām* had two sons; the one by a bond maid, the other by a free wom'an.

23 But he *who was* of the bond wom'an was born āfter the flesh; but he of the free wom'an *was* by promise.

24 Which things āre an āl'legōry: for these āre the two cōvenants; the one from the Mōūnt Si'nāi,² which gendereth to bōn'dāge, which is *Ā'gār*.

25 For this *Ā'gār* is Mōūnt Si'nāi in *Ā-ra'bi-ā*, and ānswereth to *Jē-rū'sa-lēm*, which now is, and is in bōn'dāge with her children.

26 But *Jē-rū'sa-lēm* which is ābōve is free, which is the mōther of us all.

27 For it is written, Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not; break forth and cry; thou that trāv'āilest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath a hūš'bānd.

28 Now we, brēthren, as *Īšāac* was, āre the children of promise.

29 But as then, he that was born āfter the flesh pērsēcuted him *that was born* āfter the Spīr'it, even so *it is* now.

30 Nevertheless, wāt saith the scripture? Cāst out the bond wom'an and her son: for the son of the bond wom'an shall not be heir with the son of the free wom'an.

31 So then, brēthren, we āre not children of the bond wom'an, but of the free.

CHAP. V.

STAND fast, there'fore, in the liberty wherewith Ćhrist hath made us free, and be not entangled āgain' with the yōke of bōn'dāge.

2 Behōld, I Pāul say unto you, that if ye be cir'cumcišed, Ćhrist shall profit you nōthing.

3 For I testify āgain' to every man that is cir'cumcišed, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

4 Ćhrist is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you āre justified by the law: ye āre fallen from grace.

5 For we, through the Spīr'it, wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

6 For in Ješus Ćhrist neither circumcišion āvail eth any thing, nor uncircumcišion; but faith, which worketh by love.

7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you, that ye should not obey the truth?

8 This pērsūā'šion cometh not of him that calleth you.

9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

10 I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be nōne otherwise minded; but he that troubleth you shall bear *his* judgment, whosoever he be.

11 And I, brēthren, if I yet preach circumcišion, why do I yet suffer pērsēcution? then is the offence of the cross ceased.

12 I would they wēre even cut off which trouble you.

13 For, brēthren, ye have been³ called unto liberty: only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love sērve one ānōther.

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

15 But if ye bite and devour one ānōther, take heed that ye be not consumed one of ānōther.

16 *This* I say then, Wālk in the Spīr'it, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusteth āgainst' the Spīr'it, and the Spīr'it āgainst' the flesh: and these āre contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18 But if ye be led by the Spīr'it, ye āre not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh āre manifest, which āre *these*: Ādūl'tery, fornication, uncleanness, lāsciv'ioūsnēss,

20 Idolatry, wīch'crāft, hatred, variance, emulations, urāth, strife, seditions, hēr'ēsīs,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time pāst, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spīr'it is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance; āgainst' such there is no law.

24 And they that āre Ćhrist's have crucified the flesh, with the affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spīr'it, let us also wālk in the Spīr'it.

26 Let us not be desirous of vain-glory, provoking one ānōther, envying one ānōther.

CHAP. VI.

BRETHREN, if a man be overtaken in a fāult, ye which āre spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness;

¹ bērth.

² Si'nay.

³ bīn.

considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

3 For if a man think himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

6 Let him that is taught in the word, communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption: but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9 And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

10 As we have, therefore, opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially¹ unto them who are of the household of faith.

11 Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.

12 As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

13 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.²

16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

17 From henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

¶ Unto the Galatians, written from Rome.

¶ THE EPIS'TLE OF PAUL, THE APOS'TLE, TO THE EPHESIANS.³

CHAPTER I.

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ;

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy, and without blame before him in love:

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children, by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the Beloved:

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

8 Wherein he hath abounded towards us, in all wisdom and prudence:

9 Having made known unto us the

mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure, which he hath purposed in himself:

10 That, in the dispensation of the fulness of times, he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth, even in him:

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will;

12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance, until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

15 Wherefore, I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto

¹ e-spesh'ul-e.

² kre'tshare.

³ E-fe'zhe-anz.

you the spirit of wisdom and revelation, in the knowledge of him :

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come ;

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

CHAP. II.

AND you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins ;

2 Wherein, in time past, ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience :

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past, in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh, and of the mind ; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ ; (by grace ye are saved :)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus ;

7 That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace, in his kindness toward us, through Christ Jesus.

8 For by grace are ye saved, through faith ; and that not of yourselves : it is the gift of God ;

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast :

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands ;

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being alien from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the

¹ natshare.

covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world :

13 But now, in Christ Jesus, ye who sometime were far off, are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us ;

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances, for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace ;

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby ;

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God :

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone ;

21 In whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord ;

22 In whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit.

CHAP. III.

FOR this cause, I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles ;

2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God, which is given me to youward ;

3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery, (as I wrote afore in few words,

4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ.)

5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit ;

6 That the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ, by the gospel ;

7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me, by the effectual working of his power.

8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ ;

9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ :

10 To the intent that now unto the principalities, and powers in heavenly places might be known, by the church, the manifold wisdom of God,

11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord :

12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man ;

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith ; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height ;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

20 Now, unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

CHAP. IV.

I THEREFORE, (the prisoner of the Lord,) beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2 With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love ;

3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling ;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth ?

10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets: and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers ;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ ;

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ ;

14 That we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive ;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ ;

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together, and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their minds ;

18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart.

19 Who, being past feeling, have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But ye have not so learned Christ ;

21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus :

22 That ye put off, concerning the former conversation, the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts ;

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind ;

24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

25 Wherefore, putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour : for we are members one of another.

26 Be ye angry and sin not ; let not the sun go down upon your wrath ;

27 Neither give place to the devil.

28 Let him that stole, steal no more. but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice :

32 And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

¹ *alē'yēn-ā-tēd.*

CHAP. V.

BE ye, thêrê'fôre, followers of God, as dear children :

2 And wâlk in lôve, as Christ also hath lôved us, and hath given himself for us, an offering and a sâc'ri-fîce to God for a sweet smelling sâvoûr.

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or còv'êtôusnêss, let it not be once named âmong you, as becometh saints ;

4 Nêither filthiness, nor foolish tâlk'ing, nor jesting, which âre not convenient : but râther giving of thanks.

5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean pèrson, nor còv'êtôus man who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

6 Let no man deêvêe you with vain words ; for because of these things cometh the w'râth of God upon the children of dis-ôbê'diênce.

7 Be not ye, thêrê'fôre, partakers with them.

8 For ye wêre sometimes dârkness, but now *âre ye* light in the Lord : wâlk as children of light ;

9 (For the fruit of the Spîr'it is in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth ;))

10 Proving wât is âc'cêp-tâ-ble unto the Lord.

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of dârkness, but râther rêprove them.

12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which âre done of them in secret.

13 But all things that âre reprovêd, âre made manifest by the light : for wâtsoever dôth make manifest is light.

14 Wherefore he saith, Awâke, thou that sleepest, and ârise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

15 See then that ye wâlk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Rêdeeming the time, because the days âre evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding wât the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess : but be filled with the Spîr'it ;

19 Speaking to yourselves in psâlmz, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hêart to the Lord ;

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Fâ'ther, in the name of our Lord Jê'sûs Christ ;

21 Submitting yourselves one to ânôther in the fear of God.

22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own hûs'bândz, as unto the Lord.

23 For the hûs'bând is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church ; and he is the Sâv'ioûr of the body.

24 Thêrê'fôre as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own hûs'bândz in every thing.

¹ nûr'tshûre.

25 Hûs'bândz, lôve your wives, even as Christ also lôved the church, and gave himself for it ;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the wâshing of wâter, by the word ;

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing ; but that it should be holy, and without blemish.

28 So ought men to lôve their wives as their own bodies : he that lôveth his wife lôveth himself.

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh ; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church :

30 For we âre members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and môther, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32 This is a great mÿstery : but I speak còncèr'nîng Christ and the church.

33 Nevertheless, let every one of you in particular so lôve his wife even as himself ; and the wife see that she reverence her hûs'bând.

CHAP. VI.

CHILDREN, obey your pârènts in the Lord : for this is right.

2 Hôn'our thy father and môther, (which is the first còmmâd'ment with promise,))

3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayst live long on the earth.

4 And, ye fâthers, provoke not your children to w'râth ; but bring them up in the nûr'ture¹ and admonition of the Lord

5 Sêrvants, be ôbê'diênt² to them that âre your màsters, according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your hêart, as unto Christ :

6 Not with eÿe'sêr'vîce, as men-pleasers ; but as the sêrvants of Christ, doing the will of God from the hêart ;

7 With good-will doing sêr'vîce, as to the Lord, and not to men,

8 Knowing that wâtsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he rêceive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

9 And, ye màsters, do the same things unto them, fôrbear'ing threatening : knowing that your Mâ'ster also is in heaven : nêither is there rêspêct of persons with him.

10 Finally, my brêthren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand âgainst' the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrêstle not âgainst' flesh and blood, but âgainst' principâl'itîes, âgainst' powers, âgainst' the rulers of the dârkness of this wôrld, âgainst' spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore, take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to

² ô-bê'je-ênt.

Paul's love to the Phi-lip/pi-ans, EPIHE'SIANS. *in his imprisonment at Rome*
withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand, *therefore*, having your loins girt¹ about with truth, and having on the breast-plate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gös'pël of peace:

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spîr'it, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spîr'it, and wâtch'ing thereunto with all përsëverance and supplication for all saints;

19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mÿstery of the gös'pël,

20 For which I am an ämbäs'sádór in bonds; that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

21 But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tÿçh'i-çûs, a beloved brother, and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:

22 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might côm'fört your hearts.

23 Peace be to the brëthren, and love with faith, from God the Fä'ther, and the Lord Jë'sûs Christ.

24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jë'sûs Christ in sincerity. Ä'mën'.

¶ Written from Rome unto the E-phë'si-anç, by Tÿçh'i-çûs.

¶ THE EPIS'TLE OF PAUL, THE APOSTLE, TO THE PHILIPPIANS.

CHAPTER I.

PAUL and Ti-mö'the-üs, the sër-vants of Jë'sûs Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jë'sûs which are at Phi-lip'pi, with the bishops and deacons:

2 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Fä'ther, and from the Lord Jë'sûs Christ.

3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all, making request with joy,

5 For your fellowship in the gös'pël, from the first day until now;

6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you, will përför'm' it until the day of Jë'sûs Christ;

7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gös'pël, ye all are partakers of my grace.

8 For God is my rëc'örd, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jë'sûs Christ.

9 And this I pray, that your love may aböünd yet more and more in knowledge, and in all judgment;

10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere, and without offence, till the day of Christ;

11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jë'sûs Christ unto the glory and praise of God.

12 But I would ye should understand, brëthren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gös'pël.

13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the päl'äce, and in all other places;

14 And many of the brëthren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

15 Some indeed preach Christ, even of envy and strife; and some also of good will.

16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds;

17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gös'pël.

18 Whät then? notwithstanding every way, whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spîr'it of Jë'sûs Christ.

20 According to my ear'nëst expectation, and my hope, that in nothing I shall be äshämèd, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also, Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life or by death.

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the

¹ gërt.

fruit of my labour: yet what I shall chòdse, I wot * not.

23 For I am in a strait betwixt two; having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is far better;

24 Nevertheless, to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.

25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all, for your furtherance and joy of faith;

26 That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jē'sūs Christ for me, by my coming to you again'.

27 Only let your cōnversā'tion be as it becometh the gōs'pēl of Christ; that, whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gōs'pēl.

28 And in nothing terrified by your adversā'ries: which is to them an evident token of perdition,¹ but to you of salvation, and that of God.

29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

30 Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

CHAP. II.

If there be, therefore, any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spīr'it, if any bowels and mercies,

2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

3 Let nothing be done through strife or vain-glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jē'sūs:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God;

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men;

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name;

10 That at the name of Jē'sūs every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess, that Jē'sūs Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Fā'ther.

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only but now much more in my absence,

work out your own salvation with fear and trembling:

13 For it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings;

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice, and service of your faith, I joy and rejoice with you all.

18 For the same cause also do ye joy and rejoice with me.

19 But I trust in the Lord Jē'sūs, to send Timothy shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort when I see your state.

20 For I have no man like-minded, who will naturally care for your state.

21 For all seek their own, not the things which are Jē'sūs Christ's.

22 But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gōs'pēl.

23 Him, therefore, I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me.

24 But I trust in the Lord, that I also myself shall come shortly.

25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and companion in labour, and fellow-soldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.

26 For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.

27 For indeed he was sick nigh unto death; but God had mercy on him: and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 I sent him, therefore, the more carefully, that when ye see him again', ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.

29 Receive him, therefore, in the Lord, with all gladness, and hold such in reputation:

30 Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life to supply your lack of service toward me.

CHAP. III.

FINALLY, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you, it is safe.

2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil-workers, beware of the concision.

3 For we are the circumciſion, which worſhip God in the Sp̄rit, and rejoice in Chriſt J̄ſus, and have no confidence in the fleſh :

4 Though I might alſo have confidence in the fleſh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might truſt in the fleſh, I more :

5 Circumciſed the eighth day, of the ſtock of Iſ'ra-ël, of the tribe of B̄n'ja-mîn, a H̄brew of the H̄brews ; as touc'ing the law, a Ph̄ri-ſee ;

6 Cōnc̄r'ning zeal, p̄secūting the church ; touc'ing the righteousneſs which is in the law, blameleſs.

7 But w̄hat things w̄ere gain to me, thoſe I counted loſs for Chriſt.

8 Ȳea, dōubt'leſs, and I count all things but loſs for the excellency of the knowledge of Chriſt J̄ſus my Lord : for whom I have ſuffered the loſs of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Chriſt,

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousneſs which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Chriſt, the righteousneſs which is of God by faith ;

10 That I may know him, and the power of his reſurrection, and the fellowſhip of his ſufferings, being made conformable unto his death ;

11 If by any means I might attain unto the reſurrection of the dead.

12 Not as though I had already attained, either w̄ere already p̄fect ; but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which alſo I am apprehended of Chriſt J̄ſus.

13 Br̄thren, I count not myſelf to have apprehended : but *this* one thing I do, forgetting thoſe things which are behind, and reaching forth unto thoſe things which are before,

14 I preſs tōw̄ard the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Chriſt J̄ſus.

15 Let us, th̄er'fore, as many as be p̄fect, be thus minded ; and if in any thing ye be otherwiſe minded, God ſhall reveal even this unto you.

16 Nevertheleſs, whereto we have already attained, let us w̄alk by the ſame rule, let us mind the ſame thing.

17 Br̄thren, be followers togeth̄er of me, and mark them which w̄alk ſo, as ye have uſe for an example.

18 (For many w̄alk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the croſs of Chriſt :

19 Whoſe end is deſtrūct̄ion, whoſe god is their belly, and whoſe glory is in their ſhame, who mind earthly things.)

20 For our cōv̄erſation is in heaven ; from whence alſo we look for the S̄aviōr, the Lord J̄ſus Chriſt ;

21 Who ſhall change our vile body, that it may be faſhioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to ſubdue all things unto himſelf.

CHAP. IV.

THEREFORE, my br̄thren, dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, ſo ſtand faſt in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

2 I beſeech Eū-ō'di-ās,¹ and beſeech S̄yn'ty-chē, that they be of the ſame mind in the Lord.

3 And I entreat thee alſo, true yoke-fellow, help thoſe women which laboured with me in the gōs'p̄l, with Cl̄m̄'ent alſo, and with other my fellow-labourers, whoſe names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord alway : and again I ſay, Rejoice.

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 Be careful for nothing : but in every thing by prayer and ſupplication, with thankſgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God which paſſeth all underſtanding, ſhall keep your hearts and minds through Chriſt J̄ſus.

8 Finally, br̄thren, whatſoever things are true, whatſoever things are hon'ēſt, whatſoever things are juſt, whatſoever things are pure, whatſoever things are lovely, whatſoever things are of good report ; if there be any virtūe,² and if there be any praiſe, think on theſe things.

9 Thoſe things which ye have both l̄ar'ned and received, and heard and ſeen in me, do : and the God of peace ſhall he with you.

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at the laſt your care of me hath flouriſhed again' ; wherein ye w̄ere alſo careful, but ye lacked opportunity.

11 Not that I ſpeak in reſp̄ct of w̄ant. For I have l̄ar'ned in whatſoever ſtate I am, therewith to be content.

12 I know both how to be ab̄aſed, and I know how to ab̄ōund ; every where, and in all things I am inſtructed, both to be full and to be hungry, both to ab̄ōund, and to ſuffer need.

13 I can do all things through Chriſt, which ſtrengtheneth me.

14 Notwithſtanding, ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.

15 Now, ye Phi-lip'pi-āns, know alſo, that in the beginning of the gōs'p̄l, when I departed from M̄c-e-dō'ni-ā, no church communicated with me, as cōnc̄r'ning giving and receiv'ing, but ye only.

16 For even in Th̄s-sa-lō-ni'çā, ye ſent once and again' unto my neceſſity.

17 Not becauſe I deſire a gift : but I deſire fruit that may ab̄ōund to your account.

Paul prayeth for grace,

COLOS/SIANS. *and describeth the true Christ*

18 But I have all, and *āhōund* : I am full, having received of *Ē-pāph-rō-dī'tūs* the things *which were sent* from you, an *ōdoūr* of a sweet smell, a *sāc'ri-fiçe āc'cēp-tā-ble*, well-pleasing to God.

19 But my God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory, by *Christ Jē'sūs*.

20 Now, unto God and our *Fā'ther be* glory forever and ever. *Ā'mēn'*.

21 *Sālūte* every saint in *Christ Jē'sūs*. The brethren which are with me greet you.

22 All the saints *sālūte* you, chiefly they that are of *Cē'sār's* household.

23 The grace of our Lord *Jē'sūs Christ* be with you all. *Ā'mēn'*.

¶ It was written to the *Phī-līp'pī-āns* from Rome, by *Ē-pāph-rō-dī'tūs*.

¶ THE EPISTLE OF PAUL, THE APOSTLE, TO THE COLOS/SIANS.¹

CHAPTER I.

PAUL, an *āpōstle* of *Jē'sūs Christ* by the will of God, and *Ti-mō'the-ūs* our brother,

2 To the saints and faithful brethren in *Christ* which are at *Cō-lōs'se* : Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our *Fā'ther*, and the Lord *Jē'sūs Christ*.

3 We give thanks to God and the *Fā'ther* of our Lord *Jē'sūs Christ*, praying always for you,

4 Since we heard of your faith in *Christ Jē'sūs*, and of the love *which ye have* to all the saints ;

5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the *gōs'pēl* :

6 Which is come unto you, as *it is* in all the world ; and bringeth forth fruit, as *it doth* also in you, since the day ye heard of *it*, and knew the grace of God in truth :

7 As ye also learned of *Ēp'a-plhrās*, our dear fellow-servant, who is for you a faithful minister in *Christ* ;

8 Who also declared unto us your love in the *Spir'it*.

9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God ;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness ;

12 Giving thanks unto the *Fā'ther* which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light ;

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son ;

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins ;

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature ;²

16 For by him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers ; all things were created by him and for him ;

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist :

18 And he is the head of the body, the church ; who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead ; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence ;

19 For it pleased *the Fā'ther*, that in him should all fulness dwell :

20 And (having made peace through the blood of his cross) by him to reconcile all things unto himself ; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth or things in heaven :

21 And you, that were sometime alienated,³ and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled,

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy, and unblameable, and unreprouvable, in his sight ;

23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the *gōs'pēl*, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven : whereof *I Paul* am made a minister :

24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of *Christ* in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church.

25 Whereof *I am* made a minister, according to the dispensation of God, which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God ;

26 *Even* the mystery, which hath been hid from ages, and from generations, but

¹ *Kō-lōsh'she-ānz.*

² *krē'tshūre.*

³ *āle'yēn-ā tēd.*

now is made manifest to his saints;

27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gēn'tiles, which is, Christ in you, the hope of glory:

28 Whom we preach, warn'ng every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jē'sūs;

29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

CHAP. II.

FOR I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Lā-ōd-i-cē'ā, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh,

2 That their hearts might be cōm'fōrted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Fā'ther, and of Christ;

3 In whom are hid all the trēa'sūres of wisdom and knowledge.

4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile¹ you with enticing words.

5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stēad'fāstnēss of your faith in Christ.

6 As ye have thērē'fōre received Christ Jē'sūs the Lord, so walk ye in him;

7 Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abōūn'ding therein with thanksgiving.

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philōs'ophy and vain decēit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ:

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Gōd'hēad bodily.

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principāl'ity and power.

11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcisiōn made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcisiōn of Christ;

12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

13 And you, being dead in your sins, and the uncircumcisiōn of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trēs'pāsses;

14 Blotting out the hand-writing of ordinances that was against¹ us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

15 And having spoiled principāl'itiēs and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

16 Let no man, thērē'fōre, judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respēct of a holy-day, or of the new-moon, or of the sāv' bath-dāys;

17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

18 Let no man beguile¹ you of your reward in a voluntary humil'ity and wōr'ship'ping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind;

19 And not holding the head, from which all the body, by joints and bands, having nourishment ministered and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

20 Wherefore, if ye be dead with Christ, from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

21 (Toūch not, taste not, handle not;

22 Which all are to perish with the using,) after the cōmmānd'mēnts and dōc'trines of men?

23 Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will-wōr'ship and humil'ity, and neglecting of the body, not in hōn'ōur to the satisfying of the flesh.

CHAP. III.

IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

5 Mortify thērē'fōre your members which are upon the earth; as fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concū'pi-señce, and cōv'ētousnēss, which is idolatry;

6 For which things' sake the wōrāth of God cometh on the children of disōbē'di-ēnce:

7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wōrāth, malice, blās'phēmy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge, after the image of him that created him:

11 Where there is neither Grēek nor Jew, circumcisiōn nor uncircumcisiōn, Bār'bā'ri-ān, Scyth'i-ān, bond nor free; but Christ is all, and in all.

12 Put on, thērē'fōre, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mē'r'ciēs, kindness, hūm'blenēss of mind, meekness, long-suffering;

13 Fōrbear'ing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against¹ any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

14 And, above all these things, put on charity, which is the bond of pēr'fēctnēss.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your

hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jē'sūs, giving thanks to God and the Fā'ther by him.

18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own hūs'bānds, as it is fit in the Lord.

19 Hūs'bānds, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord.

21 Fā'thers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

22 Sērvants, obey in all things your masters, according to the flesh: not with eȳe'sērvīce, as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

CHAP. IV.

MA'STERS, give unto your sērvants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Mā'ster in heaven.

2 Continue in prayer, and wā'tch in the same with thanksgiving;

3 Withal, praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance to speak the mȳstery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

4 That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

5 Walk in wisdom tō'wārd them that are without, redeeming the time.

6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with sālt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

7 All my state shall Tȳch'i-çūs declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister, and fellow-sērvant in the Lord;

8 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and cōm'fōrt your hearts;

9 With Ō-nēs'i-mūs, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you; they shall make known unto you all things which are done here.

10 Ar-is-tārchūs, my fellow-prisoner, sā-lūteth you, and Mār'çūs, sister's son to Bār'na-bās: (toūch'ing whom ye received cōmmānd'mēnts; if he come unto you, receive him;)

11 And Jē'sūs, which is called Jūs'tūs, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellow-workers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a cōm'fōrt unto me.

12 Ēp'a-phrās who is one of you, a sērvant of Christ, sā-lūteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

13 For I bear him rēc'ōrd, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Lā-ōd-i-cē'ā, and them in Hi-e-rāp'ō-lis.

14 Lūke, the beloved phys'ic'ian, and Dē'mās, greet you.

15 Salūte the brēthren which are in Lā-ōd-i-cē'ā, and Nȳm'phās, and the church which is in his house.

16 And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Lā-ōd-i-cē'ans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Lā-ōd-i-cē'ā.

17 And say to Ar-chip'pūs, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

18 The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. A'mēn'.

¶ Written from Rōme, to the Cō-lōs'si-āns, by Tȳch'i-çūs and Ō-nēs'i-mūs.

¶ THE FIRST EPIS'TLE OF PAUL, THE APOS'TLE, TO THE THESSALONIANS.

CHAPTER I.

PAUL, and Sil-vā'nūs, and Ti-mō'the-ūs, unto the church of the Thēs-sa-lō'ni-āns, which is in God the Fā'ther, and in the Lord Jē'sūs Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God, our Fā'ther, and the Lord Jē'sūs Christ.

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope, in our Lord Jē'sūs Christ, in the sight of God and our Fā'ther;

4 Knowing, brēthren, beloved, your election of God.

5 For our gōs'pēl came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Hōly Ghōst, and in much assurance; as ye

know w^hat manner of men we w^{er}e ámong you for your sake.

6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Hóly Ghóst:

7 So that ye w^{er}e ensamples to all that believe in Mác-e-dó'ni-á and Ā-čhá'í-á.¹

8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord, not only in Mác-e-dó'ni-á and Ā-čhá'í-á, but also in every place your faith to Góđ'wárd is spread ábroáđ; so that we need not to speak any thing.

9 For they themselves show of us w^hat manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols, to s^{er}ve the living and true God,

10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* J^hs^us, which delivered us from the w^ráth to come.

CHAP. II.

FOR yourselves, bréthren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:

2 But even áfter that we had suffered before, and w^{er}e shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Phi-líp'pi, we w^{er}e bold in our God to speak unto you the gó's'p^{el} of God with much contention.

3 For our exhortation *was* not of decéit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile;²

4 But as we w^{er}e allowed of God to be put in trust with the gó's'p^{el}, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God which trieth our héarts.

5 For néither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloak of cón'f^oúsn^{ess}: God *is* witness.

6 Nor of men sought we glory, néither of you, nor *yet* of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the ápóstles of Christ.

7 But we w^{er}e gentle ámong you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we w^{er}e willing to have imparted unto you, not the gó's'p^{el} of God only, but also our own souls, because ye w^{er}e dear unto us.

9 For ye remember, bréthren, our láboür and tráv'ail: for láboüring night and day, because we would not be chárgeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gó's'p^{el} of God.

10 Ye *are* witnesses, and God *also*, how holy, and justly, and unblameably, we behaved ourselves ámong you that believe:

11 As ye know, how we éxhórted, and cóm'fórted, and chárgeđ every one of you, (as a fáther dóth his children,)

12 That ye would wálk wóthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God, which ye héard of us, ye received *it*, not *as* the word of men,

but (as it is in truth) the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

14 For ye, bréthren, became followers of the churches of God which in J^u-d^e'á *are* in Christ J^hs^us: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they *have* of the Jews;

15 Who both killed the Lord J^hs^us and their own prophets, and have p^{er}secuted us; and they please not God, and *are* contrary to all men;

16 Forbidding us to speak to the G^{en}'t^{iles}, that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the w^ráth is come upon them to the uttermost.

17 But we, bréthren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in héart, endeavoured the more áb^{un}'dántly to see your face with great desire.

18 Wherefore we would have come unto you (even I Pául) once and ágain', but Sá'tán hindered us.

19 For w^hat *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *are* not even ye in the presence of our Lord J^hs^us Christ at his coming?

20 For ye *are* our glory and joy.

CHAP. III.

WHEREFORE, when we could no longer fórbear', we thought it good to be left at Āth'éns álone,

2 And sent Ti-mó'the-ús our bróther, and minister of God, and our fellow-láboürer in the gó's'p^{el} of Christ, to estab'lish you, and to cóm'fórt you cónc^{er}'ning your faith;

3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we *are* appointed thereunto.

4 For verily, when we w^{er}e with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation, even as it came to páss, and ye know.

5 For this cause, when I could no longer fórbear', I sent to know your faith, lést by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our láboür be in vain.

6 But now, when Ti-mó'the-ús came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also *to* see you;

7 Th^{er}e'fore, bréthren, we w^{er}e cóm'fórted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith;

8 For now we live, if ye stand fást in the Lord.

9 For w^hat thanks can we render to God ágain' for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;

10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might p^{er}fect that which is lacking in your faith?

11 Now God himself, and our F^a'ther, and our Lord J^hs^us Christ, dir^{ect} our way unto you.

¹ Ā-ká'yá.

² gyle.

12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you;

13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jē'sūs Christ with all his saints.

CHAP. IV.

FURTHERMORE, then, we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jē'sūs, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk, and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jē'sūs.

3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication :

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God :

6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter ; because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you, and testified.

7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

8 He, therefore, that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

9 But as touching brotherly love, ye need not that I write unto you ; for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia : but ye beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more ;

11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you :

12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jē'sūs died, and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jē'sūs will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive, and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God : and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

17 Then we, which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the

1 sāngk'te-ft.

air ; and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore, comfort one another with these words.

CHAP. V.

BUT of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you :

2 For yourselves know perfectly, that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child ; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day : we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6 Therefore, let us not sleep as do others ; but let us watch and be sober.

7 For they that sleep, sleep in the night, and they that be drunken, are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breast plate of faith and love ; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation :

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jē'sūs Christ,

10 Who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

11 Wherefore, comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you ;

13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their works' sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man ; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves and to all men.

16 Rejoice evermore.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In every thing give thanks ; for this is the will of God in Christ Jē'sūs concerning you.

19 Quench not the Spirit.

20 Despise not prophesings.

21 Prove all things : hold fast that which is good.

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly ; and I pray God, your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved

blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jē'sūs Chrīst.

24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

25 Brēthren, pray for us.

26 Greet all the brēthren with a holy kiss.

27 I chārgē you by the Lord, that this épistle be réad unto all the holy brēthren.

28 The grace of our Lord Jē'sūs Chrīst be with you. Ā'mén'.

¶ The first épistle unto the Thēs-sa-lō-ni-āns was written from Āth'ēns.

¶ THE SECOND EPIS'TLE OF PAUL, THE APOS'TLE, TO THE THESSALO'NIANS.

CHAPTER I.

PAUL and Sil-vā'nūs, and Ti-mō'the-ūs, unto the church of the Thēs-sa-lō-ni-āns in God our Fā'ther, and the Lord Jē'sūs Chrīst :

2 Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Fā'ther, and the Lord Jē'sūs Chrīst.

3 We àre bound to thank God always for you, brēthren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all tō'wārd each other ābōūn'deth :

4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God, for your patience and faith in all your pērsēcū'tions and tribulations that ye endure ;

5 Which is a manifest token of the rīgh'tēōūs¹ judgment of God, that ye may be counted wōrthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer :

6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you ;

7 And to you who àre troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jē'sūs shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty āngels,

8 In flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gōs'pēl of our Lord Jē'sūs Chrīst ;

9 Who shall be punished with ēvēr'lās'ting dēstrūc'tion from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power ;

10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our tēs'timōny āmōng you was believed) in that day.

11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you wōrthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good plēā'sure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power ;

12 That the name of our Lord Jē'sūs Chrīst may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and of the Lord Jē'sūs Chrīst.

CHAP. II.

NOW we beseech you, brēthren, by the coming of our Lord Jē'sūs Chrīst, and by our gāth'ering togethēr unto him,

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind,

or be troubled, nēither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Chrīst is at hand.

3 Let no man decēive you by any means : for that day shall not come except there come a falling āway first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of pērdi'tion ;

4 Who opposeth and exálteth himself ābōve all that is called God, or that is wōr'shipped ; so that he, as God, sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

5 Remember ye not, that when I was yet with you, I told you these things ?

6 And now ye know whāt withholdeth, that he might be revealed in his time.

7 For the mýstery of inīquity dóth ālrēady work : only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way :

8 And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall dēstrōy' with the brightness of his coming ;

9 Even him, whose coming is āfter the working of Sā'tān, with all power, and signs, and lying wonders.

10 And with all decēi'vableness of unrighteousness in them that perish ; because they recēived not the lōve of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie ;

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had plēāsure in unrighteousness.

13 But we àre bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brēthren, belōved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spīr'it, and belief of the truth :

14 Whereunto he called you by our gōs'pēl to the óbtain'ing of the glory of our Lord Jē'sūs Chrīst.

15 Thērē'fore, brēthren, stand fāst and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word or our épistle.

16 Now, our Lord Jē'sūs Chrīst himself, and God, even our Fā'ther, which hath

¹ rī'tshe-ūs.

lôved us, and hath given us *ëvêrlás'ting* consolation and good hope through grace,

17 Cóm'fört your hearts, and establish you in every good word and work.

CHAP. III.

FINALLY, brêthren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you.

2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all *men* have not faith.

3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep *you* from evil.

4 And we have confidence in the Lord toûch'ing you, that ye both do and will do the things which we cômmand' you.

5 And the Lord dirêct your hearts into the lôve of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

6 Now we cômmand' you, brêthren in the name of our Lord Jê'süs Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brôther that wâlketh disorderly, and not âfter the tradition which he rêceived of us.

7 For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly âmong you.

8 Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrôught with labôur and tráv'ail night and day, that we might not be chârgeable to any of you:

9 Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

10 For even when we wêre with you, this we cômmand'ed you, that if any would not work, nêither should he eat.

11 For we hear that there âre some which wâlk âmong you disorderly, working not at all, but âre busy-bodies.

12 Now them that âre such, we cômmand' and exhôrt by our Lord Jê'süs Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

13 But ye, brêthren, be not weary in well-doing.

14 And if any man obey not our word by this êpistle, note that man, and have no cômpany with him, that he may be âshâmed.

15 Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brôther.

16 Now, the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord *be* with you all.

17 The salutation of Pâul with mine own hand, which is the token in every êpistle: so I write.

18 The grace of our Lord Jê'süs Christ *be* with you all. *Â'mên'.*

¶ The second *êpistle* to the Thês-sa-lô-ni-âns was written from Æth'êns.

¶ THE FIRST EPIS'TLE OF PAUL THE APOS'TLE, TO TIM'OTHY.

CHAPTER I.

PAUL, an âpôstle of Jê'süs Christ by the cômmand'ment of God our Sav'ioür, and Lord Jê'süs Christ, *which is* our hope;

2 Unto Tim'o-thy, *my* own son in the faith; Grace, mêrcy, and peace, from God our Fà'ther, and Jê'süs Christ our Lord.

3 As I besôught thee to âbide still at Êph'e-süs when I went into Mác-ê-dô-ni-â, that thou mightst chârge some that they teach no other dôc'trine;

4 Nêither give heed to fables, and endless gënëäl'ogies, which minister questions râther than godly edifying, which is in faith; *so do.*

5 Now the end of the cômmand'ment is charity, out of a pure hêart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned;

6 From which some having swêrved, have turned âside unto vain jangling;

7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding nêither wât they say, nor whereof they âffirm'.¹

8 But we know that the law *is* good, if a man use it lawfully;

¹ *âf-fêrm'.*

² *mân-kyind'*

9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disôbê'diënt, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fâthers, and murderers of môthers, for manslayers,

10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mân-kind,² for men-stealers, for liars, for pêrjured pêrsons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound dôc'trine:

11 According to the glorious gôs'pêl of the blê'sed God, which was committed to my trust.

12 And I thank Christ Jê'süs our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

13 Who was before a blâsphêmêr, and a pêrsecutor, and injurious: but I obtâin'ed mêrcy, because I did *it* ignorantly in ün-bê-liêf.

14 And the grace of our Lord was ex-ceeding âbün'dant with faith and lôve which is in Christ Jê'süs.

15 This *is* a faithful saying, and wôrthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jê'süs came

into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

16 Howbeit, for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jē'sūs Christ might show forth all long-suffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

18 This charge, I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightst war a good warfare;

19 Holding faith and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith, have made shipwreck;

20 Of whom is Hy-men-ē-us and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

CHAP. II.

I EXHORT, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty;

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour,

4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jē'sūs;

6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not,) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

8 I will, therefore, that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

14 And Adam was not deceived; but the woman, being deceived, was in the transgression.

15 Notwithstanding, she shall be saved in child-bearing, if they continue in faith and charity, and holiness with sobriety.

1 kōn/shēnse.

2 wīm/mān.

CHAP. III.

THIS is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient; not a brawler, not covetous;

4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

6 Not a novice, lest, being lifted up with pride, he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

7 Moreover, he must have a good report of them which are without: lest he fall into reproach, and the snare of the devil.

8 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubled-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

10 And let these also first be proved: then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

11 Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers; sober, faithful in all things.

12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well, purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jē'sūs.

14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:

15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayst know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

16 And, without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness; God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

CHAP. IV.

NOW the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils:

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron:

3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

4 For every creature of God is good,

3 kōōl/le-ft'd.

and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving :

5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jē'sūs Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.

8 For bodily exercise profiteth little : but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

9 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance.

10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

11 These things command and teach.

12 Let no man despise thy youth ; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

15 Meditate upon these things ; give thyself wholly to them ; that thy profiting may appear to all.

16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine ; continue in them : for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee.

CHAP. V.

REBUKE not an elder, but entreat him as a father, and the younger men as brethren ;

2 The elder women as mothers ; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

3 Honour our widows that are widows indeed.

4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to show piety at home, and to requite their parents ; for that is good and acceptable before God.

5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

6 But she that liveth in pleasures is dead while she liveth.

7 And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless.

8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

9 Let not a widow be taken into the number, under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man,

10 Well reported of for good works : if

she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

11 But the younger widows refuse : for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry :

12 Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.

13 And whilst they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house ; and not only idle, but tattlers also, and busy-bodies, speaking things which they ought not.

14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

15 For some are already turned aside after Satan.

16 If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged : that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn : and, The labourer is worthy of his reward.

19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

21 I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jē'sūs Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things, without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins, keep thyself pure.

23 Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake, and thine often infirmities.

24 Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment ; and some men they follow after.

25 Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand : and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

CHAP. VI.

LET as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine, be not blasphemed.

2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren ; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

3 If any man teach otherwise, and con-

From whom to withdraw.

H. TIMOTHY.

Rich men's duty

sent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jē'sūs Chrīst, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but boasting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content.

9 But they that will be rich, fall into temptation, and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.¹

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness,² godliness, faith, love, patience,³ meekness.

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

13 I give thee charge in the sight of God who quickeneth all things, and before

Christ Jē'sūs, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jē'sūs Christ;

15 Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlastingly. Amen.

17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.

¶ The first to Timothy was written from Laodicea, which is the chiefest city of Phrygia Paconia.

¶ THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL, THE APOSTLE, TO TIMOTHY.

CHAPTER I.

PAUL, an apostle of Jē'sūs Chrīst by the will of God, according to the promise of life, which is in Christ Jē'sūs,

2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and Christ Jē'sūs our Lord.

3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience,⁴ that without ceasing, I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

4 Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois and thy mother Eunice;⁵ and I am persuaded that in thee also.

6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance, that thou stir up the gift of God which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

7 For God hath not given us the spirit

of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

8 Be not thou, therefore, ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel, according to the power of God;

9 Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jē'sūs, before the world began;

10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jē'sūs Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel;

11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed,

1 per-dish'un.

2 ri'tshe-us-nēs.

3 pā'shēnse.

4 lōn'shēnse. 5 Yū-ni'se.

and am persúaded that he is able to keep that, which I have committed unto him, against that day.

13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love, which is in Christ Je'sús.

14 That good thing which was committed unto thee, keep by the Hóly Ghóst which dwelleth in us.

15 This thou knowest, that all they which are in Á'si-á be turned áway from me; of whom are Phy-gél'lús and Hér-móg'e-nés.¹

16 The Lord give mérey unto the house of Ón-é-síp'h'o-rús; for he oft refreshed me, and was not áshamed of my chain:

17 But, when he was in Róme, he sought me out very diligently, and found me.

18 The Lord gránt unto him that he may find mérey of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Eph'e-sús, thou knowest very well.

CHAP. II.

THOU, thère'fore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Je'sús.

2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

3 Thou, thère'fore, endure hardness, as a good sôl'dier² of Je'sús Christ.

4 No man that wárréth, entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a sôl'dier.

5 And if a man also strive for mù'stér-íeş, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

6 The hús'bándmân that láböureth must be first partaker of the fruits.³

7 Consider whát I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

8 Remember that Je'sús Christ, of the seed of Dá'víd, was raised from the dead, according to my gôs'pél:

9 Wherein I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even unto bonds: but the word of God is not bound.

10 Thère'fore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Je'sús with eternal glory.

11 *It is a faithful saying:* For if we be dead with *him*, we shall also live with *him*;

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with *him*; if we deny *him*, he also will deny us:

13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful; he cannot deny himself.

14 Of these things put *them* in remembrance, chàr'gíng *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the súbvér'ting of the hearers.

15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be áshamed, rightly diví'díng the word of truth.⁴

16 But shun profane and vain babblings; for they will increase unto more ungodliness:

17 And their word will eat as dóth a canker: of whom is Hý-mén-e'ús and Philé'tus;

18 Who, concér'ning the truth, have erred, saying, that the resurrection is pást álréady; and overthrow the faith of some.

19 Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ, depart from iníq'uítý.

20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood, and of éarth: and some to hön'óür, and some to díshón'óür.

21 If a man, thère'fore, purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto hön'óür, sanctified, and meet for the màster's use, and prepared unto every good work.

22 Flee also youthful lusts; but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure héart.

23 But foolish and unléar'ned questions ávóid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

24 And the sérvant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient;

25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God pérádvén'túre will give them repentance to the acknówledgíng of the truth;

26 And that they may recóver themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

CHAP. III.

THIS know, also, that in the lást days, perilous times shall come:

2 For men shall be lovers of their own-selves, cov'étoüs, boasters, proud, blásp'hémérş, dísbé'b'díent to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, truce-breakers, fálse accusers, incontinent, síerce, díspíserş of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pléaş'úres more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn áway.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and léad captive silly wom'en⁴ laden with sins, led áway with dívręş lusts;

7 Ever léar'níng, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 Now, as Ján'neş and Jám'bręş wíth-stóod Mó'sés, so do these also réşíst the truth; men of corrupt minds, reprobate concér'ning the faith.

9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs also was.

10 But thou hast fully known my doc-

1 Hér-mód'je-néz.

2 sôl'júr.

3 fródt's.

4 wóm'mén

trine, manner of life, purpose, faith, long-suffering, charity, patience,

11 Pèrsècú'tions, afflictions, which came unto me at Áu'ti-òch, at Í-çò'ni-ùm, at Lÿs'trà; w'hát pèrsècú'tions I endured: but out of *them* all the Lord delivered me.

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jè'süs shall suffer pèrsècú'tion.

13 But evil men, and seducers, shall wax wòrse and wòrse, dècèi'ving, and being dè-cèived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast lèar'ned, and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast lèar'ned *them*;

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith, which is in Christ Jè'süs.

16 All scripture is given by Inspirá'tion of God, and is profitable for dõc'trine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be pèrfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

CHAP. IV.

I CHARGE thee, thèrè'fòrè, before God, and the Lord Jè'süs Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing, and his kingdom;

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season: reprove, rebuke, exhòrt, with all long-suffering and dõc'trine.

3 For the time will come, when they will not endure sound dõc'trine; but áfter their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn áway *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

5 But wátech thou in all things; endure afflictions, do the work of an eván'gèlist, make full proof of thy ministry.

6 For I am now rëady to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that

day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

9 Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me:

10 For Dè'mäs hath forsaken me, having loved this present wòrld, and is departed unto Thès-sa-lò-ni'çá, Crès'cèns to Ga-lá'ti-á,¹ Tít'us unto Dál-má'ti-á.²

11 Only Luke is with me. Take Màrk and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

12 And Tÿçh'i-çüs have I sent to Èph'e-süs.

13 The cloak that I left at Trò'ás with Çàr'püs, when thou comest, bring *with thee*, and the books, but èspèc'ially the parchments.

14 Ál-èx-án'dér the coppersmith did me much evil; the Lord rëwárd him according to his works:

15 Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.

16 At my first ánsver no man stood with me, but all *men* forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their chàrge.

17 Notwithstanding, the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me: that by me the preaching might be fully known, and *that* all the Gèn'tiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will presèrve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory forever and ever. Á'mèn'.

19 Sálúte Prís'çá and Áq'ui-lá,³ and the household of Òn-è-síp'h'o-rüs.

20 È-rás'tús ábode at Çòr'inth: but Tròph'i-müs have I left at Mi-le'tüm, sick.

21 Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eü-bü'lüs⁴ greeteth thee, and Pü'dènz, and Lí'nüs, and Çláu'di-á, and all the brèthren.

22 The Lord Jè'süs Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Á'mèn'.

¶ The second *èpístle* unto Ti-mò'the-üs, òrdáin'ed the first bishop of the church of the È-phè'si-ànz, was written from Ròme, when Pául was brought before Nè'rò the second time.

¶ THE EPIS'TLE OF PAUL TO TITUS.

CHAPTER I.

PAUL, a sèrvant of God, and an ápòstle of Jè'süs Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth, which is áfter godliness:

2 In hope of ètèrnal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the wòrld began;

3 But hath in due times manifested his

word through preaching, which is committed unto me, according to the cõmmánd-mènt of God our Sáv'ioür;

4 To Tít'us, *mine* own son áfter the common faith; Grace, mèrcy, and peace, from God the Fà'ther, and the Lord Jè'süs Christ, our Sáv'ioür.

5 For this cause left I thee in Crète, that thou shouldst set in order the things that

1 Ga-lá'she-á.

2 Dál-má'she-á.

3 Ák'kwe-lá.

4 Yü-bü'lüs.

àre wànt'ing, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee.

6 If any be blameless, the hūsbānd of one wife, having faithful children, not accused of riot, or unruly :

7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God ; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre ;

8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate ;

9 Holding fast the faithful word, as he hath been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers, and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision :

11 Whose mouths must be stopped ; who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

12 One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cre'ti-ānz¹ are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.

13 This witness is true : wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith ;

14 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men that turn from the truth.

15 Unto the pure all things are pure ; but unto them that are defiled and unbēliēving, is nothing pure ; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

16 They profess that they know God ; but in works they deny him ; being abominable and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

CHAP. II.

BUT speak thou the things which become sound doctrine :

2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness ; not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things ;

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children.

5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient² to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

6 Young men likewise exhort³ to be sober-minded.

7 In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works ; in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

8 Sound speech that cannot be condemned ; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

9 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things ; not answering again :

10 Not purloining, but showing all good fidelity ; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

11 For the grace of God, that bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us, that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world ;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ :

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise⁴ thee.

CHAP. III.

PUT them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men.

3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient,⁴ deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

5 Not by works of righteousness, which we have done, but according to his mercy, he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost ;

6 Which he shed on us abundantly, through Jesus Christ our Saviour ;

7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs⁵ according to the hope of eternal life.

8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God, might be careful to maintain⁶ good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

9 But avoid foolish questions, and geneal'ogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law ; for they are unprofitable and vain.

10 A man that is a heretick, after the first and second admonition, reject ;

11 Knowing that he that is such, is subvert'ed, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

12 When I shall send Ar'te-mās unto thee, or Ty'ch'i-cūs, be diligent to come unto me to Ni-cōp'o-lis : for I have determined there to winter.

13 Bring Ze'nās the lawyer and A-pōllōs on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.

14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

1 Kr'e'she-ānz. 2 o-bē'je-ēt. 3 egz-hōrt'.

4 dīs-o-bē'de-ēt. 5 ārze. 6 mēn-tāne'.

15 All that àre with me sàlute thee. Greet them that lóve us in the faith. Grace be with you all. *Ā'mén'.*

¶ It was written to Ti'tūs, órdam'ed the first bishop of the church of the Crē'ti-ànš, from Ni-çöp'o-lis of Mác-e-dó'ni-á.

¶ THE EPIS'TLE OF PAUL TO PHILE'MON.

PAUL, a prisoner of Jē'sūs Çhrist, and Tím'o-thy *our* bróther, unto Phi-lē'mōn, our dearly belóved and fellow-lá-boúrer,

2 And to *our* belóved Ap'phi-á,¹ and Àr-çhíp'pūs our fellow-sóldier, and to the church in thy house :

3 Grace to you, and peace, from God our Fà'ther, and the Lord Jē'sūs Çhrist.

4 I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,

5 Hearing of thy lóve and faith, which thou hast tó'wárd the Lord Jē'sūs, and tó'wárd all saints ;

6 That the communication of thy faith may become efféc'tuál by the aeknowledging of every good thing, which is in you in Çhrist Jē'sūs.

7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy lóve, because the bowels of the saints àre refreshed by thee, bróther.

8 Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Çhrist, to enjoin thee that which is convenient,

9 Yet, for lóve's sake, I ráther beseech thee, being such a one as Pàul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jē'sūs Çhrist.

10 I beseech thee for my son O-nēs'i-mūs, whom I have begotten in my bonds :

11 Which in time pást was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me ;

12 Whom I have sent ágain' : thou thère'fore receive him, that is, mine own bowels ;

13 Whom I would have rétáin'ed with

me, that in thy stéad he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gós'pèl :

14 But without thy mind would I do nóthing ; that thy benefit should not be as it wére of necessity, but willingly.

15 For pèrháps' he thère'fore departed for a season, that thou shouldst receive him forever ;

16 Not now as a sèrvant, but ábove a sèrvant, a bróther belóved, spéc'ially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord ?

17 If thou count me, thère'fore, a pàrtner, receive him as myself.²

18 If he hath wrónged thee, or oweth thee áught, put that on mine account ;

19 I Pàul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it ; álhé'it I do not say to thee, how thou owest unto me even thine own self besides.

20 Yēa, bróther, let me have joy of thee in the Lord : refresh my bowels in the Lord.

21 Having confidence in thy óbē'diēce, I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.

22 But withal prepare me also a lodging, for I trust that through your prayers, I shall be given unto you.

23 There sàlute thee Èp'a-phrás, my fellow-prisoner in Çhrist Jē'sūs ;

24 Mår'çūs, Àr-ís-tàr'çhūs, Dē'más, Lu'cás, my fellow-láboúrer.

25 The grace of our Lord Jē'sūs Çhrist be with your spirit. *Ā'mén'.*

¶ Written from Róme to Phi-lē'mōn, by O-nēs'i-mūs, a sèrvant.

¶ THE EPIS'TLE OF PAUL, THE APOS'TLE, TO THE HE/BREWS. *

CHAPTER I.

GOD, who at sundry times, and in dī'vèrs manners, spake in time past unto the fàthers, by the prophets,

2 Hath in these lást days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir³ of all things, by whom also he made the wólds ;

3 Who, being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his pèrson, and upholding all things by the word of his

power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Máj'esty⁴ on high ;

4 Being made so much better than the àngels, as he hath by inheritance óbtáin'ed a more excellent name than they.

5 For unto which of the àngels said he at any time, Thou art my Són, this day have I begotten thee ? And ágain', I will be to him a Fà'ther, and he shall be to me a Són ?

¹ *Áfe-á.*

² *me-sèlf.*

* *Hé'bròðz.*

³ *àre*

⁴ *mád'jēs-te.*

Christ preferred before angels. HEBREWS. *He is more worthy than Moses.*

6 And again, when he bringeth in the first-begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever; a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom:

9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

11 They shall perish, but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old, as doth a garment;

12 And as a vesture thou shalt fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

CHAP. II.

THEREFORE we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

2 For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;

3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him:

4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him:

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour;

that he, by the grace of God, should taste death for every man.

10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11 For both he that sanctifieth, and they who are sanctified, are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren;

12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren; in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold, I, and the children which God hath given me.

14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

15 And deliver them, who, through fear of death, were all their life-time subject to bondage.

16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels: but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

17 Wherefore in all things, it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren; that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest, in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

18 For in that he himself hath suffered, being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

CHAP. III.

WHEREFORE, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

2 Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.

3 For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house, hath more honour than the house.

4 For every house is builded by some man; but he that buildeth all things, is God.

5 And Moses verily was faithful in all his house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after:

6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence, and the rejoicing of the hope, firm unto the end.

7 Wherefore, (as the Holy Ghost saith, To-day, if ye will hear his voice)

8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9 When your fathers tempted me, provoked me, and saw my works forty years.

10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation,

¹ *vës'tshüre.*

² *fürm.*

eration, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

11 So I swear in my w^rāth, They shall not enter into my rest;)

12 Take heed, brēthren, lēst there be in any of you an evil hēart of ūn-bē-lief, in departing from the living God.

13 But exhōrt one ānōther daily, while it is called To-day; lēst any of you be hardened through the dēcēt'fūlnēss of sin.

14 For we āre made partakers of Chrīst, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stēad'fāst unto the end;

15 While it is said, To-day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hēarts, as in the provocation.

16 For some when they had hēard, did provoke; howbeit, not all that came out of Ēg'yp^t, by Mō'sēs.

17 But with whom was he griēv'ed forty years? *was it* not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom swore he, that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that bēliēved not?

19 So we see that they could not enter in, because of ūn-bē-lief.

CHAP. IV.

LET us thērē'fōre fear, lēst a promi^se being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

2 For unto us was the gōs'pēl preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that hēard it.

3 For we, which have bēliēved, do enter into rest: as he said, As I have sworn in my w^rāth, if they shall enter into my rest; although the works wēre finished from the foundation of the wōrld.

4 For he spake in a cēr'tain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

5 And in this place āgain', If they shall enter into my rest.

6 Seeing, thērē'fōre, it rēmaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached, entered not in, because of ūn-bē-lief:

7 (āgain', he limiteth a cēr'tain day, saying in Dā'vid, To-day, āfter so long a time; as it is said, To-day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hēarts.

8 For if Jē'sūs,¹ had given them rest, then would he not āftērwārd have spoken of ānōther day.

9 There rēmaineth, thērē'fōre, a rest to the people of God.

10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his.)

11 Let us labōur, thērē'fōre, to enter into that rest, lēst any man fall āfter the same example of ūn-bē-lief.

12 For the word of God is quick, and

¹ Jē'sūs is here written for Jōsh'u-ā.

powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, pierc'ing even to the d'viding āsūn'der of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a dīscē'rner of the thoughts and intents of the hēart.

13 Nēither is there any crēa'ture² that is not manifest in his sight; but all things āre naked, and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priēst, that is pās^sed into the heav-ens, Jē'sūs the Son of God, let us hold fāst *our* profession.

15 For we have not a high priēst which cannot be tōuched with the feeling of our infir'mities; but was in all points tempted like as *we* āre, yet without sin.

16 Let us, thērē'fōre, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may ōbtain mērcy, and find grace to help in time of need.

CHAP. V.

FOR every high priēst taken from āmōng men, is ōrdained for men in things pērtāin'ing to God, that he may offer both gifts and sāv'rifīces for sins:

2 Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that āre out of the way; for that he himself also is cōm'pāssed with infir'mity.

3 And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.

4 And no man taketh this hōn'ōur unto himself, but he that is called of God, as *was* Aārōn;

5 So also Chrīst glorified not himself to be made a high priēst; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to-day have I begotten thee.

6 As he saith also in ānōther place, Thou art a priēst forever, āfter the order of Mēl-chīš'e-dēç:

7 Who, in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications, with strong crying and tears, unto him that was able to save him from death, and was hēard, in that he feared;

8 Though he wēre a Son, yet lēarn'ed he ōbē'diēnce by the things which he sufferēd;

9 And, being made pērfect, he became the Aū'thōr of etērnal salvation, unto all them that obey him;

10 Called of God a high priēst, āfter the order of Mēl-chīš'e-dēç:

11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered seeing ye āre dull of hearing.

12 For, when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you āgain', which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and āre become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

13 For every one that useth milk, is unskilful in the word of righteousness; for he is a babe.

² krē'tshāre.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who, by reason of use, have their senses exercised to diṣṣern' both good and evil.

CHAP. VI.

THEREFORE, leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto pērfēct'ion; not laying again' the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith tō/wārd God,

2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

3 And this will we do, if God permit.

4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again' unto repentance; seeing they crucify¹ to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

7 For the earth, which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God :

8 But that which beareth thorns and briars is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.

9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed tō/wārd his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

11 And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end;

12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them, who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

13 For when God made promise to Ā/bra-hām, because he could swear by no greater, he swāre by himself,

14 Saying, Surely blessing, I will bless thee: and multiplying, I will multiply thee.

15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation, is to them an end of all strife.

17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his council, confirmed it by an oath:

18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

19 Which hope we have as an anchor

¹ krōd'se-ft.

of the soul, both sure and stéad/fást, and which entereth into that within the vail,

20 Whether the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jē'sus, made a high priest forever after the order of Mēl-chiṣ'e-dēc.

CHAP. VII.

FOR this Mēl-chiṣ'e-dēc, king of Sa'lēm, priest of the most high God, who met Ā bra-hām returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

2 To whom also Ā bra-hām gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation, King of righteousness, and after that also, King of Sa'lēm, which is, King of peace;

3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life: but, made like unto the Son of God, abideth a priest continually.

4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Ā/bra-hām gave the tenth of the spoils.

5 And verily they that are of the sons of Lē'vī, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people, according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Ā bra-hām:

6 But he whose descent is not counted from them, received tithes of Ā/bra-hām, and blessed him that had the promises.

7 And, without all contradiction, the less is blessed of the better.

8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.

9 And, as I may so say, Lē'vī also, who receiveth tithes, paid tithes in Ā/bra-hām.

10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Mēl-chiṣ'e-dēc met him.

11 If, therefore, pērfēct'ion were by the Lē'vī'cāl priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Mēl-chiṣ'e-dēc, and not be called after the order of Ā/rōn?

12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

13 For he, of whom these things are spoken, pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar.

14 For it is evident, that our Lord sprang out of Jūdā; of which tribe Mō'sēs spake nothing concerning priesthood.

15 And it is yet far more evident; for that after the similitude of Mēl-chiṣ'e-dēc, there ariseth another priest,

16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

17 For he testifieth, Thou art a priest

forever, after the order of Mēl-chiſſe-dec.

18 For there is verily a disannulling of the cōmmandmēt going before, for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.

19 For the law made nōthing pērfect, but the bringing in of a better hope *did*; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

20 And inasmuch as not without an oath *he was made priest* ;

21 (For those priests wēre made without an oath; but this with an oath, by him that said unto him, The Lord swāre, and will not repent, *Thou art a priest forever after the order of Mēl-chiſſe-dec*;))

22 By so much was Jēſūs made a surety of a better testament.

23 And they truly wēre many priests, because they wēre not suffered to continue by reason of death :

24 But this *man*, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priest'hood.

25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost, that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercēs'sion for them.

26 For such a high priest became us, *who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens*;

27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sār'rifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

28 For the law maketh men high priests, which have infir'mity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, *maketh the Son, who is consecrated forevermore.*

CHAP. VIII.

NOW of the things which we have spoken, *this is the sum*: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Māj'ēsty¹ in the heavens :

2 A minister of the sār'c'tuāry² and of the true tāb'ēr-nā-cle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

3 For every high priest is ordāined to offer gifts and sār'rifices: wherefore, *it is of necessity* that this man have sōme'whāt also to offer.

4 For if he wēre on ēarth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there āre priests that offer gifts according to the law :

5 Who sērve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Mō'sēs was admonished of God, when he was ābout to make the tāb'ēr-nā-cle: for, See, saith he, *that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount.*

6 But now hath he obtāined a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better cōvenant, which was estāb'lished upon better pōmises.

7 For if that first cōvenant had been

fāultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

8 For finding fāult with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new cōvenant with the house of Īſ'ra-ēl, and with the house of Jūdāh ;

9 Not according to the cōvenant that I made with their fathers, in the day when I took them by the hand to lēad them out of the land of Ē'g'gypt; because they continued not in my cōvenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

10 For this *is the cōvenant that I will make with the house of Īſ'ra-ēl*, After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hēarts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people :

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brōther, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

12 For I will be mērcifūl to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquitiēs will I remember no more.

13 In that he saith, A new *cōvenant*, he hath made the first old. Now, that which decayeth and waxeth old, *is ready to vanish away.*

CHAP. IX.

THEN verily the first *cōvenant* had also ordinances of divine sēr'vice, and a wōrldly sār'c'tuāry.

2 For there was a tāb'ēr-nā-cle made; the first, wherein *was* the candlestick, and the table, and the show-bread; which is called, The sār'c'tuāry.

3 And after the second vail, the tāb'ēr-nā-cle, which is called The Hō'li-ēt of all;

4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the cōvenant overlaid round ābout with gold, wherein *was* the golden pot that had manna, and Aārōn's rod that budded, and the tables of the cōvenant;

5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mērcy-seat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

6 Now, when these things wēre thus ordāined, the priests went always into the first tāb'ēr-nā-cle, accomplishing the sēr'vice of God :

7 But into the second *went* the high priest ālōne once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the ērrors of the people :

8 The Hōly Ghōst this signifying, That the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tāb'ēr-nā-cle was yet standing :

9 Which *was* a figure for the time then present, in which wēre offered both gifts and sār'rifices, that could not make him that did the sēr'vice pērfect, as pērtāin'ing to the conscience:

10 Which stood only in meats and

¹ Mād'jēs-te.

² sāngk'tshū-ā-re.

³ trōd.

drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

11 But Christ being come a high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building.

12 Neither by his own blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood, he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

13 For if the blood of bulls, and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh;

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

15 And for this cause he is the Mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called, might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

17 For a testament is of force after men are dead; otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

18 Whereupon, neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.

19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people, according to the law, he took the blood of calves, and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book and all the people,

20 Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.

21 Moreover, he sprinkled likewise with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

23 It was, therefore, necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

26 (For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world;) but now once, in the end of the world, hath he appeared to put away sin, by the sacrifice of himself.

27 And as it is appointed unto men

once to die, but after this the judgment;

28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time, without sin, unto salvation.

CHAP. X.

FOR the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices, which they offered year by year continually, make the comers thereunto perfect;

2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers, once purged, should have had no more conscience of sins.

3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.

4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

6 In burnt-offerings and sacrifices for sin, thou hast had no pleasure:

7 Then said I, Lo, I come, (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do thy will, O God.

8 Above, when he said, Sacrifice, and offering, and burnt offerings, and offering for sin, thou wouldst not, neither hadst pleasure therein; (which are offered by the law);

9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

10 By the which will we are sanctified, through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

11 And every priest standeth daily ministering, and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins;

12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins, forever sat down on the right hand of God;

13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

14 For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified;

15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

16 This is the covenant that I will make with them, After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

18 Now, where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

19 Having, therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

20 By a new and living way, which he

hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh ;

21 And *having* a high priēst over the house of God,

22 Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies wāsh'ed with pure wāter.

23 Let us hold fāst the profession of *our* faith without wavering ; for he *is* faithful that promiſed ;

24 And let us consider one ānōther, to provoke unto lōve, and to good works :

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is* ; but exhōrtīng *one ānōther* : and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

26 For if we sin wilfully āfter that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remāineth no more sēc'rifiçe for sins,

27 But a cēr'tain fēar'fūl looking for of judgment, and fiery indignation which shall devour the ād'vērsāriçe.

28 He that dēspīçed Mō'sēs' law, died without mērcy, under two or three witnesses :

29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought wōrthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the cōvėnant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done dēspīte' unto the Spīr'it of grace ?

30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And āgain', the Lord shall judge his people.

31 *It is* a fēar'fūl thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, āfter ye wēre illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions ;

33 Partly, whiilst ye wēre made a gazing-stock, both by reproaches and afflictions ; and partly, whiilst ye became companions of them that wēre so used.

34 For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

35 Cāst not āwāy, thēre'fōre, your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward.

36 For ye have need of patience ; that, āfter ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the'promiſe.

37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come, will come, and will not tarry.

38 Now, the just shall live by faith : but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no plēas'ure in him.

39 But we āre not of them who draw back unto perdition ; but of them that believe, to the saving of the soul.

1 āre.

2 I'zāk.

3 sket.

NOW faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

3 Through faith we understand that the wōrlds wēre framed by the word of God ; so that things which āre seen wēre not made of things which do appear.

4 By faith Ā'bēl offered unto God a more excellent sēc'rifiçe than Čain, by which he obtained witness, that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts ; and by it he, being dead, yet speaketh.

5 By faith Ē'nōçh was translated, that he should not see death ; and was not found, because God had translated him : for before his translation he had this tēs'timōny, that he pleased God.

6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him* : for he that cometh to God, must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

7 By faith No'āh, being warned of God of things not seen, as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house ; by the which he condemned the wōrld, and became heir¹ of the righteousness which is by faith.

8 By faith Ā'bra-hām, when he was called to go out into a place which he should āfter receive for an inheritance, obeyed ; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

9 By faith he sō'journed in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tīb'ēr-nā-cles with I'šāaç² and Ja'çōb, the heir³ with him of the same promise.

10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose build'er and maker is God.

11 Through faith also Sā'rā herself received strength to cōncēive' seed, and was delivered of a child when she was pāst age, because she judged him faithful who had promiſed.

12 Thēre'fōre sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, *so many* as the stars of the sky³ in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea-shore innumerable.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promiſes, but having seen them āfar off, and wēre pērsuāded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they wēre strāngers and pilgrims on the ēarth.

14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country*, from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned :

16 But now they desire a better *country*, that is, a heavenly : wherefore God is not

āshamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

17 By faith Ā'bra-hām, when he was tried, offered up Īšāac: and he that had received the promises, offered up his only-begotten son.

18 Of whom it was said, That in Īšāac shall thy seed be called:

19 Accounting that God *was* able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

20 By faith Īšāac bles'sed Ja'cōb and Ē'sāu concerning things to come.

21 By faith Ja'cōb, when he was a dying, bles'sed both the sons of Jō'seph; and worshipped, *leaning* upon the top of his staff.

22 By faith Jō'seph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Īš'ra-ēl; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

23 By faith Mō'sēs, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw *he was* a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

24 By faith Mō'sēs, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pha'ra-ōh's¹ daughter;

25 Chōō'sing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Ē'g'yp't: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.

27 By faith he forsook Ē'g'yp't, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

28 Through faith he kept the p̄ssover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the first-born should touch them.

29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea, as by dry land; which the Ē'g'yp'ti-ān's² assaying to do, were drowned.

30 By faith the walls of Jer'i'chō fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.

31 By faith the harlot Rā'hāb perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gīd'e-ōn, and of Bā'rāk, and of Sām'sōn, and of Jēph'tha-e; of Dā'vīd also, and Sām'u-ēl, and of the prophets:

33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the ā'l'iēn's.³

35 Wom'en⁴ received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

36 And others had trial of cruel mockings, and scour'gings, and moreover, of bonds and imprisonment:

37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword; they wandered about in sheepskins and goat-skins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented:

38 (Of whom the world was not worthy;) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens, and caves of the earth.

39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

CHAP. XII.

WHEREFORE, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Je'sūs the author and finisher of our faith; who, for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation, which speaketh unto you, as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him;

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scour'geth every son whom he receiveth.

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

9 Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh, which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

10 For they, verily, for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure: but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

11 Now no chastening, for the present, seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby;

12 Wherefore, lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned

¹ Fā'rōz.

² Ē-jīp'she-ānz.

³ āle'yēnz.

⁴ wīm'mīn

out of the way ; but let it rätter be healed.

14 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord :

15 Looking diligently, læst any man fail of the grace of God ; læst any root of bitterness springing up, trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled :

16 Læst there be any fornicator, or profane përson, as Ê'sâu, who for one morsel of meat sold his birth/right.²

17 For ye know how that äftërwärd, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected : for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

18 For ye äre not come unto the mount that might be töuched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and dárkness, and tempest,

19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words : which *voicc* they that hëard, untreated, that the word should not be spoken to them any more :

20 (For they could not endure that which was cömmänded, And if so much as a beast töuch the möùn'tain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart ;

21 And so terrible was the sight, *that* Mō'sës said, I exceedingly fear and quake.)

22 But ye äre come unto mount S'ï'on, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jë-rü'sa-lë'm, and to an innumerable cömpany of ängels,

23 To the general assembly and church of the first-born, which äre written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made përfect,

24 And to Jë'süs the Më-di-ä'tör of the new cövenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that* of Ä'bël.

25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh ; for if they e-scaped not who refused him that spake on ëäth, much more *shall* not we e-scape, if we turn äwäy from him that *speaketh* from heaven ;

26 Whose voice then shook the ëäth : but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more, I shake not the ëäth only, but also heaven

27 And this *word*, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that äre shaken, as of things that äre made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remäin.

28 Wherefore, we rëcëiv'ing a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may sërve God äc'cëp-täbly with reverence and godly fear.

29 For our God *is* a consuming fire.

CHAP. XIII.

LET brötherly löve continue.

2 Be not forgetful to ëntërtäin' strängers : for thereby some have ëntërtäin'ed ängels unawares

3 Remember them that äre in bonds,

1 *mör'sil.*

bërth'rite.

as bound with them ; and them which suffer ädvër'sity, as being yourselves also in the body.

4 Mär'riage *is* hön'öurable in all, and the bed undefiled : but whoremongers and ädültërés God will judge.

5 *Let your cönvërsätion be* without cöv'ëtöusness ; and be content with such things as ye have : for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord *is* my helper, and I will not fear whät man shall do unto me.

7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God : whose faith follow, considering the end of *their* cönvërsätion ;

8 Jë'süs Christ, the same yës'tërdäy, and to-day, and forever.

9 Be not carried äbout' with dī vërṣ and stränge döc'trines : for *it is* a good thing that the hëärt be ëstäb'lished with grace. not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

10 We have an ältar, whereof they have no right to eat which sërve the täb'ër-nä-cle.

11 For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sänc'tüäry by the high priëst for sin, äre burnt without the camp.

12 Wherefore Jë'süs also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

13 Let us go forth, thërë'fore, unto him without the camp, beärf'ing his reproach.

14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

15 By him, thërë'fore, let us offer the säc'rif'ice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to his name.

16 But to do good, and to communicate, forget not : for with such säc'rif'icës God is well pleased.

17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves : for they wätch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief ; for that *is* unprofitable for you.

18 Pray for us : for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live hön'ëstly.

19 But I beseech *you* the rätter to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

20 Now, the God, of peace, that brought ägain' from the dead our Lord Jë'süs, that great Shëp'hërd of the sheep, through the blood of the ëvërläs'ting cövenant,

21 Make you përfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jë'süs Christ : to whom be glory forever and ever Ä'mën'.

22 And I beseech you, brëthren, suffer

the word of exhortation: for I have written a letter unto you in few words.

23 Know ye, that *our* bróther Tím'o-*thy* is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.

24 Sálute all them that have the rule

over you, and all the saints. They of It'a-ly sálute you.

25 Grace *be* with you all. *Ā'mén'.*

¶ Written to the Hé'brews, from It'a-ly, by Tím'o-*thy*.

¶ THE GENERAL EPISTLE OF JAMES.

CHAPTER I.

JJAMES, a sérvant of God, and of the Lord Jē'sūs Christ, to the twelve tribes which àre scattered ábroád, greeting.

2 My bréthren, count it all joy when ye fall into di'vērş temptations:

3 Knowing *this*, that the trying of your fáith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have *her* pèrfect work, that ye may be pèrfect and entire, wánt'ing nóthing.

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ásk of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and úpbráideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ásk in fáith, nóthing wávering: for he that wávereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind, and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A dóuble minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

9 Let the bróther of low degree rejoice in that he is exálted;

10 But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the gráss he shall páss áway.

11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the gráss, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade áway in his ways.

12 Blés'sed *is* the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, néither tempteth he any man:

14 But every man is tempted, when he *is* drawn áway of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then, when lust hath concéived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

16 Do not érr, my belóved bréthren.

17 Evéry good gift, and every pèrfect gift, is from ábóve, and cometh down from the Fä'ther of lights, with whom is no váibleness, néither shadow of turning.

18 Óf¹ his own will begat he us with the

word of tráth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures.

19 Wherefore, my belóved bréthren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wéráth:

20 For the wéráth of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

21 Wherefore lay ápárt all filthiness, and superfluity of náughtiness, and receive with meekness the ingrafted word, which is able to save your souls:

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceíving your own selves.

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a gláss:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth wát manner of man he was.

25 But whoso looketh into the pèrfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blés'sed in his deed.

26 If any man ámong you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tóngue, but deceíveth his own héárt, this man's religion *is* vain.

27 Pure religion, and undefiled before God and the Fä'ther, is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the wórl'd.

CHAP. II.

MY bréthren, have not the fáith of our Lord Jē'sūs Christ, *the* Lord of glory, with respèct of pèrsons.

2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly appárel, and there come in also a poor man, in vile raiment;

3 And ye have respèct to him that wear'eth the gay clóth'ing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool;

4 Àre ye not then partial in yourselves, and àre become judges of evil thoughts?

5 Hearken, my belóved bréthren, hath not God chosen the poor of this wórl'd, rich in fáith, and heirş² of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

6 But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and

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draw you before the judgment-seats?

7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy name, by the which ye are called?

8 If ye fulfil the royal law, according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now, if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath showed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food;

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled: notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well; the devils also believe, and tremble.

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man! that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

23 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the friend of God.

24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

25 Likewise also, was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

CHAP. III.

MY brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a

perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren these things ought not so to be.

11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

12 Can the fig-tree, my brethren, bear olive-berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show, out of a good conversation, his works with meekness of wisdom.

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

17 But the wisdom that is from above, is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality¹ and without hypocrisy.

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

CHAP. IV.

FROM whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts, that war in your members?

2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not:

3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

4 Ye adulterers, and adulteresses, know

¹ *pàr-she-äl'e-te.*

ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosever, thêre'fore, will be a friend of the world, is the enemy of God

5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

6 But he giveth more grace: wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the hūm'ble.

7 Submit yourselves thêre'fore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double-minded.

9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep; let your laugh'ter¹ be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness.

10 Hūm'ble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

11 Speak not evil one of another, brêthren. He that speaketh evil of *his* brôther, and judgeth *his* brôther, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

12 There is one Law'giver, who is able to save, and to destrôy'; who art thou hat judgest another?

13 Go to now, ye that say, To-day, or to-morrow, we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy, and sell, and get gain:

14 Whereas ye know not whât *shall be* on the morrow. For whât *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

15 For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

16 But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.

17 Thêre'fore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

CHAP. V.

GO to now, *ye* rich men, weep and howl, for your miseries that shall come upon *you*.

2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten.

3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire: ye have heaped trêas'ure together for the last days.

4 Behold, the hire of the labourers, which have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth; and the cries of them which have reaped are

¹ læftür.

entered into the ears of the Lord of Sáb'a-ôth.

5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts as in the day of slaughter.

6 Ye have condemned *and* killed the just; *and* he doth not resist you.

7 Be patient, thêre fore, brêthren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the hūsbânduân waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

9 Grudge not one against another, brêthren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

10 Take, my brêthren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

12 But, above all things, my brêthren, sweär not; neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea, be yea; and *your* nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anôint'ing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

17 Ê-l'ias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed ear'nestly that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again', and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

19 Brêthren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert' him;

20 Let him know, that he which convert'eth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

¶ THE FIRST EPIS'TLE GENERAL OF PE'TER.

CHAPTER I.

PETER, an äpö'stle of Jē'sūs Chrīst, to the strangers scattered throughout Pōn'tūs, Ga-la'ti-ā, Cäp-pa-dō'ci-ā, A'si-ā,¹ and Bi-thŷn'i-ā,

2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Fä'ther, through sanctification of the Spir'it, unto öbe'diēnce² and sprinkling of the blood of Jē'sūs Chrīst: Grace unto you, and peace be multiplied.

3 Blē'ssed be the God and Fä'ther of our Lord Jē'sūs Chrīst, which, according to his äbün'dänt mërcy, hath begotten us ägain' unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jē'sūs Chrīst from the dead,

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not äway, re'served in heaven for you,

5 Who äre kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the läst time;

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season (if need be,) ye äre in heaviness through manifold temptations;

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise, and hon'our, and glory, at the appearing of Jē'sūs Chrīst:

8 Whom having not seen, ye löve; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believ'ing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory:

9 Rēcēiv'ing the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

10 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired, and sēarched diligently, who proph'e-sied of the grace that should come unto you:

11 Sēarching whät, or whät manner of time, the spirit of Chrīst which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Chrīst, and the glory that should follow.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things which äre now reported unto you, by them that have preached the gös'pël unto you, with the Höly Ghö'st sent down from heaven: which things the ängels desire to look into.

13 Wherefore gird³ up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end, for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jē'sūs Chrīst:

14 As öbe'diēnt⁴ children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts, in your ignorance:

15 But as he, which hath called you, is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of cönvërsätion;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holv.

17 And if ye call on the Fä'ther, who without respect of përsöns, judgeth according to every man's work, päss the time of your sö'journing here in fear:

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye wëre not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain cönvërsätion rēcēived by tradition from your fä'thers;

19 But with the precious blood of Chrīst, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreördäin'ed before the foundation of the wörl'd, but was manifest in these läst times for you:

21 Who by him do believe in God that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spër'it, unto unfeigned löve of the brëthren, see that ye löve one änöther with a pure häert fervently:

23 Being born ägain', not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and äbideth forever.

24 For all flesh is as gräss, and all the glory of man as the flower of gräss. The gräss withereth, and the flower thereof falleth äway:

25 But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gös'pël is preached unto you.

CHAP. II.

WHEREFORE, laying ä'side all malice, and all guile,⁵ and hypöc'risēs, and envies, and all evil speakings,

2 As new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious:

4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and präc'ioüs;⁶

5 Ye also, as lively stones, äre built up a spiritual house, a holy präst'hood, to offer up spiritual säc'rif'ices, äc'cëp-tä-ble to God by Jē'sūs Chrīst.

6 Wherefore also it is cöntained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sī'on a chief corner-stone, elect, präc'ious; and he that believeth on him, shall not be confounded.

7 Unto you, thë're fö're, which believe, he is präc'ious: but unto them which be dis-öbe'diēnt, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disöbe'diēnt: whereunto also they wëre appointed.

1 A'zhe-ä. 2 ö-be'je-ēnse. 3 gërd. 4 ö-be'je-ënt. 5 gyile. 6 präsh'üs.

9 But ye *āre* a chosen generation, a royal priest'hood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 Which in time *pāst wēre* not a people, but *āre* now the people of God: which had not obtained mērcy, but now have *ōbtāin'ed* mērcy.

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you*, as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which wār āgainst' the soul;

12 Having your cōnvērsātion hōn'ēst āmōng the Ğēntiles; that, whereas they speak āgainst' you as evil-doers, they may, by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as supreme;

14 Or unto gōvērners, as unto them that *āre* sent by him for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well.

15 For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

16 As free, and not using *your* liberty for a cloak of malīc'iousnēss, but as the sērvants of God.

17 Hōn'ōūr all *mēn*. Lōve the brōtherhood. Fear God. Hōn'ōūr the king.

18 Sērvants, *be* subject to *your* masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the frōwārd.

19 For this *is* thānk'wōrthy, if a man for conscience tō'wārd God endure griēf, suffering wōng'fully.

20 For wāt glory *is* it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? But if, when ye do well, and suffer *for* it, ye take it patiently; this *is* āc'cēp-tā-ble with God.

21 For even hereunto wēre ye called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example,¹ that ye should follow his steps:

22 Who did no sin, nēither was guile found in his mouth:

23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not āgain'; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himsel'f* to him that judgeth righteously:

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye wēre healed.

25 For ye wēre as sheep going āstrāy; but *āre* now returned unto the Shēp'hērd and Bish'op of your souls.

CHAP. III.

LIKewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own hūsbānds; that if any obey not the word, they also may, without the word, be won by the cōnvērsā'tion of the wives;

2 While they behold your chaste cōnvērsā'tion *cōupled* with fear:

3 Whose ādōrning, let it not be that *ōūt'wārd ādōrning* of plait'ing the hair and of wear'ing of gold, or of putting on of apparel.

4 But *let* it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

5 For āfter this manner, in the old time, the holy womēn also, who trusted in God, ādōrn'ed themselves, being in subjection unto their own hūsbānds;

6 Even as Sa'rā obeyed Ā'bra-hām, calling him lord: whose dāughters ye *āre* as long as ye do well, and *āre* not āfrāid with any āmāze'ment.

7 Likewise, ye hūsbānds, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving hōn'ōūr unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirš tōgēther of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

8 Finally, *be* ye all of one mind, having compassion one of ānōther: lōve as brēthren, *be* pitiful, *be* cōūrteous;²

9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing; but contrariwise, blessing knowing that ye *āre* thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

10 For he that will lōve life, and see good days, let him refrāin his tōngue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

12 For the eyes of the Lord *āre* over the righteous, and his ears *āre* open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* āgainst' them that do evil.

13 And who *is* he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy *āre* ye: and be not āfrāid' of their terror, nēither be troubled:

15 But sānc'tify³ the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* rēady always to *give* an ānswer to every man that āsketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear:

16 Having a good conscience: that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evil-doers, they may be āshāmed that falsly accuse your good cōnvērsā'tion in Christ.

17 For *it* *is* better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well-doing, than for evil-doing.

18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spīr'it:

19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison:

20 Which sometime wēre dīsōbē'diēnt, when once the long-suffering of God

¹ ġz-ām'pl.² kūr'tshe-ūs.³ sāngk'te-fi.

waited in the days of Nō'e, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls, wēre saved by wāter.

21 The like figure whereunto *exu* baptism, dōth also now save us, (not the putting āwāy of the filth of the flesh, but the ānswer of a good conscience tō'wārd God) by the resurrection of Jē'sūs Christ :

22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels, and authorities, and powers, being made subject unto him.

CHAP. IV.

FORASMUCH then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh, to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

3 For the time pāst of our life may sūf'rice' us to have wroug't the will of the Gēn'tiles, when we wālked in lāsciv'ious'nēss, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries :

4 Wherein they think it strānge that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you ;

5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

6 For, for this cause was the gōs'pēl preached also to them that āre dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

7 But the end of all things is at hand ; be ye thēre'fōre sober, and wātch unto prayer.

8 And ābōve all things have fērvent charity āmōng yourselves: for charity shall cōver the multitude of sins.

9 Use hospitality one to ānōther without grudging.

10 As every man hath rēcēived the gift, even so minister the same one to ānōther, as good stēwārd's of the manifold grace of God.

11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God ; if any man minister, let him do it, as of the ābil'ity which God giveth ; that God in all things may be glorified through Jē'sūs Christ ; to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Ā'mēn'.

12 Belōved, think it not strānge cōncērn'ing the fiery trial, which is tō try you, as though some strānge thing happened unto you :

13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye āre partakers of Christ's sufferings ; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy āre ye ; for the Spīr'it of glory, and of God, resteth upon you : on

¹ *Krīst'yūn.*

their part he is evil spoken of ; but on your part he is glorified.

15 But let nōne of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thīef, or as an evil-doer, or as a busy-body in other men's matters.

16 Yet, if any man suffer as a Christ'ian,¹ let him not be āshāmed ; but let him glorify God on this behālf.

17 For the time is come, that judgment must begin at the house of God ; and if it first *begin* at us, whāt shall the end be of them that obey not the gōs'pēl of God ?

18 And if the righteous scārcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear ?

19 Wherefore, let them that suffer according to the will of God, commit the keeping of their souls to him in well-doing, as unto a faithful Chē-ā'tōr.

CHAP. V.

THE elders which are āmōng you I exhört, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed :

2 Feed the flock of God, which is āmōng you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly ; not for filthy lucre, but of a rēady mind ;

3 Nēither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock :

4 And when the chief Shēp'hērd shall appear, ye shall rēcēive a crown of glory that fadeth not āwāy.

5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder ; yēa, all of you be subject one to ānōther, and be cōlothed with humility : for God rējisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the hūm'ble.

6 Hūn'ble yourselves, thēre'fōre, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exālt you in due time :

7 Cās'ting all your care upon him ; for he careth for you.

8 Be sober, be vigilant ; because your ād'vērsāry the devil, as a roaring lion, wālketh ābout', seeking whom he may devour ;

9 Whom rējist stēād'fāst in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions āre accomplished in your brēthren that āre in the wōrld.

10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his etērnal glory by Christ Jē'sūs, āfter that ye have suffered a while, make you pērfect, stāblish, strengthen, settle you :

11 To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Ā'mēn'.

12 By Syl-va'nūs, a faithful brōther unto you, (as I suppose,) I have written brīefly, exhōr'ting and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.

13 The church that is at Bāb'y-lōn, elected togēth̄er with you, sālūteth you; and so dōth Mār'çūs my son.

14 Greet ye one ānōth̄er with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that āre in Christ Jē'çūs. Ā'mēn'.

¶ THE SECOND EPIS'TLE GENERAL OF PE'TER.

CHAPTER I.

SIMON PE'TER, a s̄rvant and an āpōstle of Jē'çūs Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us, through the righteousness of God, and our Sāv'ioūr Jē'çūs Christ :

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you, through the knowledge of God, and of Jē'çūs our Lord.

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that p̄rtain' unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virt'ue.¹

4 Whereby āre given unto us exceeding great and precious promiſes ; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having e-scaped the corruption that is in the wōrld through lust.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith, virtue ; and to virt'ue, knowledge ;

6 And to knowledge, temperance ; and to temperance, patience ; and to patience, godliness ;

7 And to godliness, brōth̄erly kindness ; and to brōth̄erly kindness, charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and ābōund, they make you, that ye shall nēither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jē'çūs Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see āfār off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

10 Wherefore the rāther, brēthren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure ; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall :

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you ābūn'dantly, into the ēv̄rlās'ting kingdom of our Lord and Sāv'ioūr Jē'çūs Christ.

12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be ēstāb'lished in the present truth.

13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tāb'ēr-nā-cle, to stir you up, by putting you in remembrance ;

14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tāb'ēr-nā-cle, even as our Lord Jē'çūs Christ hath showed me.

15 Moreover, I will endeavour that ye may be able, āfter my decease, to have these things always in remembrance.

16 For we have not followed cunningly-

devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jē'çūs Christ, but wēre eye-witnesses of his māj'esty.²

17 For he rēcēived from God the Fā'ther hōn'ōūr and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my belōved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18 And this voice which came from heaven we hēard, when we wēre with him in the Hōly Mōūt.

19 We have also a more sure word of prōph'ecy ; wherunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star ārise in your hearts :

20 Knowing this first, that no prōph'ecy of the scripture is of any private int̄rprētā'tion.

21 For the prōph'ecy came not in old time by the will of man ; but holy men of God spake as they wēre moved by the Hōly Ghōst.

CHAP. II.

BUT there wēre false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable hēr'es'ies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destrūc'tion.

2 And many shall follow their pernicious³ ways : by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

3 And through cōv'ētōūsness shall they with feigned words make mē'r'chāndiſe of you : whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

4 For if God spared not the āngels that sinned, but cāst them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be resērvēd unto judgment ;

5 And spared not the old wōrld, but saved Nō'e, the eighth p̄rson, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the wōrld of the ungodly ;

6 And turning the cities of Sōd'om and Gō-mōr'rāh into ashes, condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that āfter should live ungodly ;

7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy cōnvērsā'tion of the wicked ;

8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed

¹ p̄r'tshū.

² mūd'jēs-te.

³ p̄r-nish'ūs.

his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds :)

9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reſerve the unjuſt unto the day of judgment to be puniſhed.

10 But chiefly them that walk after the fleſh in the luſt of uncleanness, and deſpiſe government. Presumptuous are they, ſelf-willed, they are not afraid to ſpeak evil of dignities :

11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accuſation againſt them before the Lord.

12 But theſe, as natural brute beaſts, made to be taken and deſtroyed, ſpeak evil of the things that they underſtand not, and ſhall utterly periſh in their own corruption ;

13 And ſhall receive the reward of unrighteousneſs, as they that count it pleaſure to riot in the day-time. Spots they are and blemiſhes, ſporting themſelves with their own deceivings while they feaſt with you ;

14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot ceaſe from ſin : beguiling unſtable ſouls : a heart they have exerciſed with covetous practices ; cursed children :

15 Which have forſaken the right way, and have gone aſtray, following the way of Baalam, the ſon of Beſor, who loved the wages of unrighteousneſs ;

16 But was rebuked for his iniquity : the dumb aſs, ſpeaking with man's voice, forbade the madneſs of the prophet.

17 Theſe are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempeſt ; to whom the miſt of darkneſs is reſerved forever.

18 For when they ſpeak great ſwelling words of vanity, they allure through the luſts of the fleſh, through much wantonneſs, thoſe that were clean eſcaped from them who live in error.

19 While they promiſe them liberty, they themſelves are the ſervants of corruption : for of whom a man is overcome, of the ſame is he brought in bondage.

20 For if, after they have eſcaped the pollutions of the world, through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worſe with them than the beginning.

21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteouſneſs, than after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again ; and, The ſow that was waſhed, to her wallowing in the mire.

CHAP. III.

THIS ſecond epiſtle, beloved, I now write unto you ; in both which I ſtir

¹ per-diſh'un.

up your pure minds by way of remembrance ;

2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were ſpoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apoſtles of the Lord and Saviour :

3 Knowing theſe firſt, that there ſhall come in the laſt days ſcoffers, walking after their own luſts,

4 And ſaying, Where is the promiſe of his coming ? for ſince the fathers fell aſleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

5 For theſe they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth ſtanding out of the water, and in the water :

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, periſhed :

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the ſame word are kept in ſtore, reſerved unto fire, againſt the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of theſe one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thouſand years, and a thouſand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not ſlack concerning his promiſe, as ſome men count ſlackneſs ; but is long-ſuffering to usward, not willing that any ſhould periſh, but that all ſhould come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night ; in the which the heavens ſhall paſs away with a great noiſe, and the elements ſhall melt with fervent heat, the earth alſo, and the works that are therein, ſhall be burnt up.

11 Seeing then that all theſe things ſhall be diſſolved, what manner of perſons ought ye to be in all holy converſation and godlineſs,

12 Looking for and haſting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire ſhall be diſſolved, and the elements ſhall melt with fervent heat ?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promiſe, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteouſneſs.

14 Wherefore, beloved, ſeeing that ye look for ſuch things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without ſpot, and blameleſs :

15 And account that the long-ſuffering of our Lord is ſalvation ; even as our beloved brother Paul alſo, according to the wiſdom given unto him, hath written unto you ;

16 As alſo in all his epiſtles, ſpeaking in them of theſe things ; in which are ſome things hard to be underſtood, which they that are unlearned and unſtable, wreſt, as they do alſo the other ſcriptures, unto their own deſtruction.

17 Ye, thère'fóre, belóved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led áway with the érror of the wick-ed, fall from your own stéad'fástnëss :

18 But grow in grace, and in the knowl-edge of our Lord and Sav'ioür Jē'sūs Chrīst. To him be glory, both now and forever. Ā'mēn'.

¶ THE FIRST EPIS'TLE GENERAL OF JOHN.

CHAPTER I.

THAT which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life ;

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and beár witness, and show unto you that etérnal Life which was with the Fà'ther, and was manifested unto us.)

3 That which we have seen and heard, declare we unto you, that ye also may have feilowship with us : and truly our fellowship is with the Fà'ther, and with his Son Jē'sūs Chrīst.

4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no dárknëss at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and wálk in dárknëss, we lie, and do not the truth ;

7 But if we wálk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with ánothér ; and the blood of Jē'sūs Chrīst his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we de-céive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us

CHAP. II.

MY little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Ād'vō-çate with the Fà'ther, Jē'sūs Chrīst, the rīgh'teóus : 1

2 And he is the propitiation for our sins ; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole wórl'd.

3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his cōmmānd'mēnts.

4 He that saith, I know him, and keep-eth not his cōmmānd'mēnts, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the lóve of God përfected : here-by know we that we àre in him.

6 He that saith, he ábideth in him, ought himself also so to wálk even as he wálked.

7 Bréthren, I write no new cōmmānd'mēnt unto you, but an old cōmmānd'mēnt which ye had from the beginning. The old cōmmānd'mēnt is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.

8 Ágain', a new cōmmānd'mēnt I write unto you, which thing is true in him, and in you ; because the dárknëss is pást, and the true light now shíneth.

9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his bróther, is in dárknëss even until now.

10 He that lóveth his bróther ábideth in the light, and there is nóne occasion of stumbling in him :

11 But he that hateth his bróther is in dárknëss, and wálketh in dárknëss, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that dárknëss hath blinded his eyes.

12 I write unto you, little children, be-cause your sins àre forgiven you for his name's sake.

13 I write unto you, fàthers, because ye have known him that is from the begin-ning. I write unto you, young men, be-cause ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Fà'ther.

14 I have written unto you, fàthers, be-cause ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye àre strong, and the word of God ábideth in you, and ye have over-come the wicked one.

15 Lóve not the wórl'd, néither the things that àre in the wórl'd. If any man lóve the wórl'd, the lóve of the Fà'ther is not in him.

16 For all that is in the wórl'd, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Fà'ther, but is of the wórl'd.

17 And the wórl'd pásseth áway, and the lust thereof : but he that doeth the will of God ábideth forever.

18 Little children, it is the lást time ; and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now àre there many anti-christs ; whereby we know that it is the lást time.

19 They went out from us, but they wëre not of us ; for if they had been of us, they would no dóubt have continued with us ; but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they wëre not all of us.

20 But ye have an unction from the Ho-ly One, and ye know all things.

21 I have not written unto you, because ye know not the truth; but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is a liar, but he that denieth that Jē'sūs is the Christ? He is antichrist that denieth the Fa'ther and the Son.

23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Fa'ther: [but he that acknowledgeth the Son, hath the Fa'ther also.]

24 Let that thère'fore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Fa'ther.

25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

26 These things have I written unto you cōncér'ning them that seduce you.

27 But the ānōin'ting, which ye have received of him, ābideth in you; and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same ānōin'ting teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall ābide in him.

28 And now, little children, ābide in him; that when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be āshamed before him at his coming.

29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

CHAP. III.

BEHOLD, whāt manner of love the Fa'ther hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God! thère'fore the wórld knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 Belóved, now are we the sons of God; and it dóth not yet appear whāt we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

4 Whosoever committeth sin, transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

6 Whosoever ābideth in him, sinneth not: whosoever sinneth, hath not seen him, nēither known him.

7 Little children, let no man decēive you; he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous:

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might dēstróy' the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is born of God dóth not commit sin; for his seed rēmaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

10 In this, the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: who-

soever doeth not righteousness is not of God, nēither he that loveth not his bróther.

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his bróther. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works wēre evil, and his bróther's righteous.

13 Marvel not, my brēthren, if the wórld hate you.

14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brēthren. He that loveth not his bróther ābideth in death.

15 Whosoever hateth his bróther is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life ābiding in him.

16 Hereby pērcēivē' we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brēthren.

17 But whoso hath this wórld's good, and seeth his bróther have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word, nēither in tóngue; but in deed, and in truth.

19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

21 Belóved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence tōw'ard God.

22 And whátsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his cōmmānd'mēnts, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

23 And this is his cōmmānd'mēt, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jē'sūs Christ, and love one another, as he gave us cōmmānd'mēt.

24 And he that keepeth his cōmmānd'mēnts dwelleth in him, and he in him: and hereby we know that he ābideth in us, by the Spír'it which he hath given us.

CHAP. IV.

BELOVED, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the wórld.

2 Hereby know ye the Spír'it of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jē'sūs Christ is come in the flesh, is of God:

3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jē'sūs Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God: and this is that spír'it of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come, and even now already is it in the wórld.

4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the wórld.

5 They are of the world; therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

6 We are of God: he that knoweth God, heareth us; he that is not of God, heareth not us. Hereby know we the Spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth, is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not, knoweth not God: for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God to us, because, that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

14 And we have seen, and do testify, that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love, and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love: but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth, is not made perfect in love.

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God, love his brother also.

CHAP. V.

WHOSOEVER believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat, loveth him also that is begotten of him.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood: and it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God, which he hath testified of his Son.

10 He that believeth on the Son of God, hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God, hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life; and this life is in his Son.

12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God: that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not: but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true; and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

¶ THE SECOND EPIS'TLE OF JOHN.

THE elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;

2 For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us forever.

3 Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Fa'ther, and from the Lord Je'sus Christ, the Son of the Fa'ther, in truth and love.

4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walk'ing in truth, as we have received a command'ment from the Fa'ther.

5 And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new command'ment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, That we love one another.

6 And this is love, that we walk after his command'ments. This is the command'ment, That as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Je'sus

Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver, and an antichrist.

8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

9 Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Fa'ther and the Son.

10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

11 For he that biddeth him God speed, is partaker of his evil deeds.

12 Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.

13 The children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen.

¶ THE THIRD EPIS'TLE OF JOHN.

THE elder unto the well beloved Gai'us, whom I love in the truth.

2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayst prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

3 For I rejoiced greatly when the brethren came, and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers:

6 Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church; whom if thou bring forward on their journey, after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:

7 Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.

8 We, therefore, ought to receive such, that we might be fellow-helpers to the truth.

9 I wrote unto the church: but Di-

ot're-phes, who loveth to have the pre-eminence among them, receiveth us not.

10 Wherefore if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.

11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God; but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

12 Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself; yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

13 I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee:

14 But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

¶ THE GENERAL EPIS'TLE OF JUDE.

JUDE, the servant of Je'sus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Fa'ther, and preserved in Je'sus Christ, and called;

2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation,

it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you, that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation; ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lascivious-

False teachers described.

REVELA'TION. *Godly p̄rseverance encouraged*

nēss, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jē'sūs Christ.

5 I will thēre'fore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Ē'g̃ypt, aft̄erwārd destrōyed them that believed not.

6 And the āngels which kept not their first estate', but left their own habitation, he hath res̄erved in ēv̄rlās'ting chains under darkness, unto the judgment of the great day.

7 Even as Sōd'om and Gō-mōr'rah, and the cities ābout' them, in like manner giving themselves over to fornication, and going āfter strānge flesh, āre set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of ēt̄rnl fire.

8 Likewise also these *filthy* dreamers defile the flesh, despise' dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

9 Yet Mī'cha-ēl the ārchān'g̃ēl, when contending with the devil, (he' disputed ābout' the body of Mō'sēs,) durst' not bring āgainst' him a railing accusātion, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but wāt they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

11 Wo unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily āfter the ērror of Bā'lāam, for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Čō're.

12 These āre spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds *they āre* without wāter, carried ābout' of winds; trees, whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame: wān'd̄ering stars, to

whom is res̄erved the blackness of darkness forever.

14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Ād'ām, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints,

15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that āre ungodly āmōng them, of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches*, which ungodly sinners have spoken āgainst him.

16 These āre murmurers, complainers, walk'ing āfter their own lusts, and their mouth speaketh great swelling *words*, having men's p̄rsons in admiration, because of ādvānt'age.

17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which w̄ere spoken before of the āp̄stles of our Lord Jē'sūs Christ;

18 How that they told you, there should be mockers in the lāst time, who should walk āfter their own ungodly lusts.

19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Sp̄ir'it.

20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghōst,

21 Keep yourselves in the lōve of God, looking for the m̄ercy of our Lord Jē'sūs Christ unto ēt̄rnl life.

22 And of some have compassion, making a difference:

23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the ḡarment spotted by the flesh.

24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory, with exceeding joy,

25 To the only wise God our Sāv'ioūr, be glory and māj'ēs-ty,¹ dominion and power, both now and ever. Ā'mēn'.

THE REVELA'TION OF ST. JOHN THE DI-VINE.

CHAPTER I.

THE Rēv̄lā'tion of Jē'sūs Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his s̄rvants things which must shortly come to p̄ss; and he sent and signified it by his āngel unto his s̄rvant Jōhn:

2 Who bare rē'ōrd of the word of God, and of the tēs'timōny of Jē'sūs Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3 Blēs'sed is he that rēadeth, and they that hear the words of this prōph'ēcy, and keep those things which āre written therein; for the time is at hand.

4 **J**OHŃ, to the seven churches which āre in Ā'si-ā:¹ Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come: and from the seven spirits which āre before his throne;

5 And from Jē'sūs Christ, *who is the*

faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the ēarth: Unto him that lōved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Fā'ther: to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Ā'mēn'.

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the ēarth shall wail because of him. Even so, Ā'mēn'.

8 I am Āl-phā and Ō-mē'gā, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Āl-migh'ty.

9 I Jōhn, who also am your brōther, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jē'sūs Christ, was in

¹ mā'd'jēs-te.

one isle that is called Pát'mös, for the word of God, and for the tēs'timóny of Jē'sūs Chrīst.

10 I was in the Spīr'it on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice as of a trumpet,

11 Saying, I am A'phā and ō-mē'gā, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in A'si-ā; unto Ēph'e-sūs, and unto Smyr'nā,² and unto Pēr'ga-mös, and unto Thy-a-ti'rā, and unto Sār'dis, and unto Phīl-a-dēl'phi-ā, and unto Lā-ōd-i-cē'ā.

12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And, being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks, one like unto the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt³ about' the paps with a golden gir'dle.⁴

14 His head and his hairs wēre white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes wēre as a flame of fire;

15 And his feet like unto fine brāss, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many wāters.

16 And he had in his right hand seven stars; and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged swōrd; and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead: and he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not: I am the first and the last:

18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, A'mēn'; and have the keys of hell, and of death.

19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

20 The mýstery of the seven stars, which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the ángels of the seven churches; and the seven candlesticks, which thou sawest, are the seven churches.

CHAP. II.

UNTO the ángel of the church of Ēph'e-sūs write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who wālketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

2 I know thy works, and thy lāboūr, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil; and thou hast tried them which say they are apóstles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast lāboūred, and hast not fainted.

4 Nevertheless I have some'what against' thee, because thou hast left thy first lóve.

5 Remember, thēre'fore, from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the

first works: or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Niç-o-lá'i-tānş, which I also hate.

7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spīr'it saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

8 And unto the ángel of the church in Smyr'nā write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich,) and I know the blās'phēmy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the sýn'agōgue of Sā'tān.

10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cāst some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days.* Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spīr'it saith unto the churches; He that overcometh, shall not be hurt of the second death.

12 And to the ángel of the church in Pēr'ga-mös write: These things saith he which hath the sharp swōrd with two edges;

13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest even where Sā'tān's seat is: and thou holdest fāst my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein A'n'ti-pās was my faithful mār'týr, who was slain among you, where Sā'tān dwelleth.

14 But I have a few things against' thee, because thou hast there them that hold the dōc'trīne of Bā'lāam, who taught Bā'lāk to cāst a stumbling-block before the children of Īş'ra-ēl, to eat things sēc'rificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

15 So hast thou also them that hold the dōc'trīne of the Niç-o-lá'i-tānş, which thing I hate.

16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against' them with the swōrd of my mouth.

17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spīr'it saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden mǎn'nā, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth, saving he that receiveth it.

18 And unto the ángel of the church in Thy-a-ti'rā write: These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brāss:

19 I know thy works, and charity, and sēr'vice, and faith, and thy patience, and

1 A'zhe-ā.

2 Smēr'nā.

3 gēri.

4 gēr'dl.

thy works, and the last to be more than the first :

20 Notwithstanding, I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jēz'a-bēl, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication ; and she repented not.

22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

23 And I will kill her children with death ; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts : and I will give unto every one of you, according to your works.

24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thī-a-ti-rā, (as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Sā tān, as they speak,) I will put upon you none other burden ;

25 But that which ye have already, hold fast till I come.

26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations :

27 (And he shall rule them with a rod of iron ; as the vessels of a potter, shall they be broken to shivers ;) even as I received of my Fāther.

28 And I will give him the morning star.

29 He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spīr'it saith unto the churches.

CHAP. III.

AND unto the angel of the church in Sār'dis write ; These things saith he that hath the seven Spīr'its of God, and the seven stars : I know thy works, that thou hast a name, that thou livest, and art dead.

2 Be wātch'fūl, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die : for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

3 Remember, thēre'fore, how thou hast received, and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If thēre'fore thou shalt not wātch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

4 Thou hast a few names even in Sār'dis which have not defiled their garments ; and they shall walk with me in white : for they are worthy.

5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment : and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Fāther, and before his angels.

6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spīr'it saith unto the churches.

7 And to the angel of the church in Phīl-a-dēl'phi-ā write ; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath

the key of Dā'vīd, he that openeth, and no man shutteth ; and shutteth, and no man openeth ;

8 I know thy works : behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it ; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

9 Behold, I will make them of the sūn-agōgue of Sā tān, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie ; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

11 Behold, I come quickly : hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out : and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jē-rū'sa-lēm, which cometh down out of heaven from my God : and I will write upon him my new name.

13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spīr'it saith unto the churches.

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Lā-ōd-i-cē-ānṣ, write ; These things saith the Ā'mēn', the faithful and true Wit'nēss, the beginning of the creation of God ;

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot : I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot : I will spue thee out of my mouth.

17 Because thou sayest I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing ; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked :

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayst be rich ; and white raiment, that thou mayst be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear ; and anōint' thine eyes with ēye-salve, that thou mayst see.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten : be zēal'ōūs, thēre'fore, and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock ; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

21 To him that overcometh, will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Fāther in his throne.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spīr'it saith unto the churches.

CHAP. IV.

AFTER this I looked, and behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard, was as it were of a trumpet talk'ing with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.

2 And immediately I was in the spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jās'per and a sār'dīne stone: and there was a rainbow round about' the throne, in sight like unto an ěm'ērāld.

4 And round about' the throne wĕre four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings, and thunderings, and voices. And there wĕre seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spīr'its of God.

6 And before the throne there was a sea of glāss like unto crŷ's'tāl; and in the midst of the throne, and round about' the throne, wĕre four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about' him, and they wĕre full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Hōly, hōly, hōly, Lord God Āl-migh'ty, which was, and is, and is to come.

9 And when those beasts give glory, and hōn'ōūr, and thanks, to him that sat on the throne, who liveth forever and ever,

10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and wōr'ship him that liveth forever and ever, and cāst their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 Thou art wōrthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and hōn'ōūr, and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy plēas'ure they are, and wĕre created.

CHAP. V.

AND I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne, a book written within and on the back side, sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is wōrthy to open the book, and to lōōse the seals thereof?

3 And no man in heaven, nor in ěarth, neither under the ěarth, was able to open the book, nĕither to look thereon.

4 And I wept much, because no man was found wōrthy to open, and to rĕad the book, nĕither to look thereon.

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not; behold, the Lī'ōn of the tribe of Jū'dā, the Root of Da'vīd, hath prĕvail'

ed to open the book, and to lōōse the seven seals thereof.

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne, and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lāmb, as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spīr'its of God sent forth unto all the ěarth.

7 And he came, and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

8 And, when he had taken the book, the four beasts, and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lāmb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of ōdōūrs, which are the prayers of saints.

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art wōrthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred, and tōngue, and people, and nation;

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the ěarth.

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many āngels round about' the throne, and the beasts, and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

12 Saying with a loud voice, Wōrthy is the Lāmb that was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and hōn'ōūr, and glory, and blessing.

13 And every crĕā'ture which is in heaven, and on the ěarth, and under the ěarth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I, saying, Blessing, and hōn'ōūr, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lāmb, forever and ever.

14 And the four beasts said, Ā'mĕn'. And the four and twenty elders fell down and wōr'shipped him that liveth forever and ever.

CHAP. VI.

AND I saw when the Lāmb opened one of the seals; and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts, saying, Come and see.

2 And I saw, and, behold, a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bōw; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

4 And there went out ānōther horse that was red; and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the ěarth, and that they should kill one ānōther; and there was given unto him a great swōrd.

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo, a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of bāl'-ances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

8 And I looked, and behold, a pale horse; and his name that sat on him was Death, and hell followed with him: and power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar, the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also, and their brethren, that should be killed, as they were, should be fulfilled.

12 And I beheld, when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black, as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig-tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind:

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places;

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens, and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

CHAP. VII.

AND after these things, I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed a hundred and forty and four thousand, of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

5 Of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

6 Of the tribe of Asher were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasse were sealed twelve thousand.

7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders, and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat:

17 For the Lamb, which is in the midst of the throne, shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

CHAP. VIII.

AND when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar, which was before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incense which camewith the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God, out of the angel's hand.

5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

6 And the seven angels, which had the seven trumpets, prepared themselves to sound.

7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail, and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea; and the third part of the sea became blood:

9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters:

11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying, with a loud voice, Wo, wo, wo, to the inhabitants of the earth, by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

CHAP. IX.

AND the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth; and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace: and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth; and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it: and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

9 And they had breast-plates, as it were breast-plates of iron: and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

10 And they had tails like unto scorpions; and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is A-bad'don, but in the Greek tongue, he hath his name Apollyon.³

12 One wo is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar, which is before God,

14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.⁴

15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breast-plates of fire, and of brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire, and smoke, and brimstone.

18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues, yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they

should not wór'ship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and bráss, and stone, and of wood; which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sórcéres, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

CHAP. X.

AND I saw another mighty ángel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow *was* upon his head, and his face *was* as it wére the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the éarth,

3 And cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about' to write: and I héard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

5 And the ángel, which I saw stand upon the sea, and upon the éarth, lifted up his hand to heaven,

6 And sware by him that liveth forever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the éarth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh ángel, when he shall begin to sound, the mýstery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his sérvants the prophets.

8 And the voice which I héard from heaven spake unto me ágain', and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the ángel which standeth upon the sea and upon the éarth.

9 And I went unto the ángel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as hóney.

10 And I took the little book out of the ángel's hand, and ate¹ it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as hóney: and as soon as I had eaten² it, my belly was bitter.

11 And he said unto me, Thou must próph'ésý ágain' before many peoples, and nations, and tóngues, and kings.

CHAP. XI.

AND there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the ángel stood, saying, Rise, and méasúre the temple of God, and the áltar, and them that wór'ship therein.

2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and méasúre it not; for it is given unto the Gén'tiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two mónth's.

3 And I will give *power* unto my two

1 Pronounced *ét*. 2 *ét'e't'n*.

witnesses, and they shall próph-esý a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth:

4 These are the two olive-trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their próph'e-cy: and have power over wát'ers to turn them to blood, and to smite the éarth with all pláignes, as often as they will.

7 And when they shall have finished their tés timóný, the beast that áscén'deth out of the bottomless pit, shall make wár ágainst' them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sód'om and E'gýpt, where also our Lord was crucified.

9 And they of the people, and kindreds, and tóngues, and nations, shall see their dead bodies three days and a hálf, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

10 And they that dwell upon the éarth shall rejoice over them, and make mérry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two próphets tormented them that dwelt on the éarth.

11 And áfter three days and a hálf, the Spír'it of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

12 And they héard a great voice from heaven, saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud: and their enemies beheld them.

13 And the same hour was there a great éarth'quake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the éarth'quake wére slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant wére affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second wo is pást; and, behold, the third wo cometh quickly.

15 And the seventh ángel sounded: and there wére great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this wórld are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God, on their seats, fell upon their faces, and wór'shipped God,

17 Saying, we give thee thanks, O Lord God Ál-migh'ty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

18 And the nations wére angry, and thy wór'ath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give rewárd unto thy sér-

wants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destrôy' them which destrôy' the ěarth.

19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there wĕre lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an ěarth'quake, and great hail.

CHAP. XII.

AND there appeared a great wónder in heaven, a wom'an clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

2 And she, being with child, cried, trāv'ailing in birth,¹ and pained to be delivered.

3 And there appeared another wónder in heaven, and, behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads, and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cást them to the ěarth: and the dragon stood before the wom'an which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 And she brought forth a manchild, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

6 And the wom'an fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

7 And there was wár in heaven; Mí-cha-él² and nis angels fought against' the dragon; and the dragon fought, and his angels,

8 And převail'ed not; nĕither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cást out, that old sĕrpent, called the Dĕv'il,³ and Sā'tān, which decĕiveth the whole world: he was cást out into the ěarth, and his angels wĕre cást out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ; for the accuser of our brĕthren is cást down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lāmb, and by the word of their tĕs'timóny: and they lóved not their lives unto the death.

12 Thĕrĕ'fĕre rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Wo to the inhabitants of the ěarth, and of the sea! for the devíl is come down unto you, having great wráth, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cást unto the ěarth, he přĕsecuted the wom'an, which brought forth the manchild.

14 And to the wom'an wĕre given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place; where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the sĕr-pent.

15 And the sĕrpent cást out of his mouth, wáter as a flood, after the wom'an, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the ěarth helped the wom'an, and the ěarth opened her mouth, and swálowed up the flood which the dragon cást out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was wróth with the wom'an, and went to make wár with the remnant of her seed, which keep the cōm-mānd'mĕnts of God, and have the tĕs'timóny of Jĕ'sus Christ.

CHAP. XIII

AND I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blās'phĕmy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a lĕop'árd,⁴ and his feet wĕre as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion; and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as it wĕre wóunded to death; and his deadly wóund was healed: and all the wórd wondered after the beast.

4 And they wór'shipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast; and they wór'shipped the beast, saying, who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make wár with him?

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things, and blās'phĕ-mĕs; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two mónths.

6 And he opened his mouth in blās'phĕ-my against' God, to blās'phĕme' his name, and his táb'ĕr-nā-cle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to make wár with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tóngues, and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the ěarth shall wór'ship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lāmb slain from the foundation of the wórd.

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

10 He that leádeth into captivity, shall go into captivity; he that killeth with the swórd, must be killed with the swórd. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the ěarth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the ěarth and them which dwell therein, to

1 bĕrth.

2 In familiar discourse, M'kĕl.

3 Dĕv'v'l.

4 lĕp'párd.

wōr'ship the first beast, whose deadly wōund was healed.

13 And he doeth great wōnders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the ěarth, in the sight of men,

14 And dēcēiveth them that dwell on the ěarth, by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the ěarth, that they should make an image to the beast which had the wōund by a sƵeord, and did live.

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not wōr'ship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he caused all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their fōre'hēads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man: and his number is six hundred threescore and six.

CHAP. XIV.

AND I looked, and, lo, a Lāmb stood on the Mōunt Sī'ōn, and with him a hundred forty and four thousand, having his Fā'ther's name written in their fōre'hēads.

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many wāters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

3 And they sung as it wēre a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could lēarn that song, but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which wēre redeemed from the ěarth.

4 These āre they which wēre not defiled with wom'en; for they āre vir'gīns. These āre they which follow the Lāmb whithersoever he goeth. These wēre redeemed from āmōng men, being the first fruits unto God, and to the Lāmb.

5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they āre without fāult before the throne of God.

6 And I saw ānōther āngel fly in the midst of heaven, having the ēvēr'lās'tīng gōs'pēl to preach unto them that dwell on the ěarth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tōngue, and people,

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and wōr'ship him that made heaven, and ěarth, and the sea, and the fōūn'tāins of wāters.

8 And there followed ānōther āngel, saying, Bāb'y-lōn is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wōrāth of her fornication.

9 And the third āngel followed them, saying, with a loud voice, If any man wōr'ship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his fōre'hēad, or in his hand,

10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wōrāth of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy āngels, and in the presence of the Lāmb:

11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who wōr'ship the beast and his image, and whosoever rēcēiveth the mark of his name.

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here āre they that keep the cōmmand'mēnts of God, and the faith of Jē'sūs.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blē'sed āre the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth: Yēa, saith the Spīrīt, that they may rest from their lāboūrs: and their works do follow them.

14 And I looked, and, behold, a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of Man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

15 And ānōther āngel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap; for the time is come for thee to reap: for the harvest of the ěarth is ripe.

16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the ěarth; and the ěarth was reaped.

17 And ānōther āngel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

18 And ānōther āngel came out from the āltar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the ěarth; for her grapes āre fully ripe.

19 And the āngel thrust in his sickle into the ěarth, and gathered the vine of the ěarth, and cāst it into the great wine-press of the wōrāth of God.

20 And the wine-press was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the wine-press even unto the horse-bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

CHAP. XV.

AND I saw ānōther sign in heaven, a great and marvellous, seven āngels having the seven lāst plāgues; for in them is filled up the wōrāth of God.

2 And I saw as it wēre a sea of glāss mingled with fire; and them that had gotten the vic'tōry over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and

over the number of his name, stand on the sea of gläss, having the harps of God.

3 And they sing the song of Mō'sēs the sērvant of God, and the song of the Lāmb, saying, Great and marvellous *āre* thy works, Lord God Āl-mīgh'ty; just and true *āre* thy ways, thou King of saints!

4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for *thou* only *art* holy: for all nations shall come and wōr'shīp before thee; for thy judgments *āre* made manifest.

5 And āfter that I looked, and behold, the temple of the tāb'ēr-nā-cle of the tēs-timōny in heaven was opened:

6 And the seven āngels came out of the temple, having the seven plāgues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts gir'ded¹ with golden gir'dles.²

7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven āngels seven golden vials full of the wērāth of God, who liveth forever and ever.

8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power, and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plāgues of the seven āngels wēre fulfilled.

CHAP. XVI.

AND I hēard a great voice out of the temple, saying to the seven āngels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wērāth of God upon the ēārth.

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the ēārth; and there fell a noisome and griēv'ōūs sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which wōr'shīpped his image.

3 And the second āngel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

4 And the third āngel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fōūn'tāins of wāters; and they became blood.

5 And I hēard the āngel of the wāters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus;

6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they *āre* worthy.

7 And I hēard ānōther out of the āltar say, Even so, Lord God Āl-mīgh'ty, true and righteous *āre* thy judgments.

8 And the fourth āngel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9 And men wēre scorched with great heat, and blāsp'hēmed the name of God, which hath power over these plāgues; and they repented not to give him glory.

10 And the fifth āngel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnāwed their tōngues for pain,

11 And blāsp'hēmed the God of heaven,

¹ gēr'ded.

² gēr'dlz.

³ Yū-frātēz.

because of their pains and ſcūr sores, and repented not of their deeds.

12 And the sixth āngel poured out his vial upon the great river Eū-phrā'tēs:³ and the wāter thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits, like frogs, come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they *āre* the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the ēārth, and of the whole wōrld, to gāther them to the battle of that great day of God Āl-mīgh'ty.

15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blēs'sed *is* he that wātcheth, and keepeth his gārments, lest he wālk naked, and they see his shame.

16 And he gāthered them togēther into a place, called in the Hē'brew tōngue, Arma-gēd'dōn.

17 And the seventh āngel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

18 And there wēre voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great ēārth'quāke, such as was not since men wēre upon the ēārth, so mighty an ēārth'quāke, and so great.

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell; and great Bāb'y-lōn came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierce'nēss of his wērāth.

20 And every īs'lānd fled āwāy, and the mōūn'tāins wēre not found.

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone ābout the weight of a talent; and men blāsp'hēmed God because of the plāgue of the hail; for the plāgue thereof was exceeding great.

CHAP. XVII.

AND there came one of the seven āngels, which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore, that sitteth upon many wāters:

2 With whom the kings of the ēārth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the ēārth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

3 So he carried me āwāy in the spirit into the wilderness; and I saw a wom'an sit upon a scarlet-coloured beast, full of names of blāsp'hēmy, having seven heads, and ten horns.

4 And the wom'an was arrayed in purple and scarlet-colour, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pēarls, having a golden cup in her hand, full of abominations, and filthiness of her fornication.

5 And upon her fore head *was* a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS, AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6 And I saw the wom'an drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the mār'týrs of Je'sus: and when I saw her, I wō'nd'ered with great admiration.

7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mý's't'ery of the wom'an, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

8 The beast that thou sawest, was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder (whose names w'ere not written in the book of life from the foundation of the w'orld,) when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven g'ró'u'n'táins, on which the wom'an sitteth.

10 And there are seven k'ings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings; which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

14 These shall make wār with the Lāmb, and the Lāmb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

15 And he saith unto me, The wāt'ers which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tōngues.

16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the whore, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate, and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

18 And the wom'an which thou sawest, is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

CHAP. XVIII.

AND after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Bāb'y-lōn the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit,

¹ the wine-wood.

and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the w'rāth of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the m'ē'r'chānts of the earth are waxed rich through the abūn'dānce of her delicacies.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues:

5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double, according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled, fill to her double.

7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burnt with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

10 Standing afar off, for the fear of her torment, saying, A-lās', a-lās'! that great city Bāb'y-lōn, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

11 And the m'ē'r'chānts of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their m'ē'r'chāndīse any more.

12 The m'ē'r'chāndīse of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thy'ne-wood,¹ and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

15 The m'ē'r'chānts of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off, for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

16 And saying, A-lās', a-lās'! that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every ship'mast'er,

and all the cōmpany in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood āfār off,

18 And cried, when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, *Whāt city is like unto this great city!*

19 And they cāst dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, *Ā-lās', ā-lās'!* that great city, wherein wēre made rich all that had ships in the sea, by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

20 Rejoice over her, *thou* heaven, and *ye* holy āpōstles and prophets; for God hath āvēn'ged you on her.

21 And a mighty āngel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cāst it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Bāb'y-lōn be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be hēard no more at all in thee; and no crāfts'mān, of whātsoever crāft *he* be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be hēard no more at all in thee;

23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be hēard no more at all in thee: for thy mēr'chānts wēre the great men of the ěarth; for by thy sōr'cēries wēre all nations dēceived.

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all that wēre slain upon the ěarth.

CHAP. XIX.

AND āfter these things, I hēard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, *Āl-le-lū'i-ā!*¹ Sālvā'tion, and glory, and hōn'ōūr, and power, unto the Lord our God:

2 For true and righteous *āre* his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the ěarth with her fornication, and hath āvēn'ged the blood of his sērvants at her hand.

3 And āgain' they said, *Āl-le-lū'i-ā.* And her smoke rose up forever and ever.

4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and wór'shípped God that sat on the throne, saying, *Ā'mēn'*; *Āl-le-lū'i-ā.*

5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his sērvants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

6 **A**nd I hēard, as it wēre the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many wāters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, *Āl-le-lū'i-ā:* for the Lord God ōm-níp'ō-tent reigneth.

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give hōn'ōūr to him; for the mār'riage of the Lāmb is come, and his wife hath made herself rēady.

8 And to her was grān'ted, that she
1 *Āl-le-lū'i-āh.* 2 *Trōd.* 3 *vēs'tshūre.*

should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white; for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

9 And he saith unto me, Write, *Blessed āre they* which *āre* called unto the mār'riage-supper of the Lāmb. And he saith unto me, *These āre* the true sayings of God.

10 And I fell at his feet to wór'shípp him. And he said unto me, *See thou do it not; I am thy fēl'lōw-sēr'vant, and of thy brēthren* that have the tēs'timōny of Jē'gūs. Wór'shípp God: for the tēs'timōny of Jē'gūs is the spirit of prōph'ēcy.

11 And I saw heaven opened, and, behold, a white horse: and he that sat upon him *was* called Fāith'fūl and True:² and in righteousness he dōth judge and make wār.

12 His eyes wēre as a flame of fire, and on his head wēre many crowns: and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he *was* clōthed with a vēs'tūre³ dipped in blood; and his name is called, The Wórd of God.

14 And the armies *which wēre* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and elean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp swōrd, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the wine-press of the fierceness and wērāth of Āl-migh'ty God.

16 And he hath on *his* vēs'tūre, and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 And I saw an āngel standing in the sun: and he eried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gāther yourselves togēther unto the supper of the great God;

18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of cāp'tains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men*, both free and bond, both small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the ěarth, and their armies, gāthered togēther to make wār āgainst' him that sat on the horse, and āgainst' his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the fālse prophet that wrougth miracles before him, with which he dēceived them that had rēceived the mark of the beast, and them that wór'shípped his image. These both wēre cāst ālive into a lake of fire, burning with brimstone.

21 And the remnant wēre slain with the swōrd of him that sat upon the horse, which swōrd proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls wēre filled with their flesh.

CHAP. XX.

AND I saw an āngel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit, and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that

old sērpent, which is the devil, and Sa'tān, and bound him a thousand years.

3 And cāst him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and āfter that, he must be lōosed a little season.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that wēre beheaded for the witness of Jē'sūs, and for the word of God, and which had not wōrshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their fōre'hēads, or in their hands: and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead lived not āgain' until the thousand years wēre finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blēs'sed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

7 And when the thousand years āre expired, Sa'tān shall be lōosed out of his prison,

8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which āre in the four quarters of the ēarth, Gog and Mā'gōg, to gāther them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went up on the breadth of the ēarth, and cōm'pāssed the camp of the saints ābout', and the belōved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

10 And the devil that dēceived them was cāst into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet āre, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the ēarth and the heaven fled āway; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God: and the books wēre opened; and ānōther book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead wēre judged out of those things which wēre written in the books according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which wēre in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which wēre in them: and they wēre judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and hell wēre cāst into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cāst into the lake of fire.

CHAP. XXI.

AND I saw a new heaven and a new ēarth: for the first heaven and the

first ēarth wēre pās'sed āway; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jē-rū'sa-lēm, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride ādōrned for her hū'sband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tab'er-nā-cle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe āway all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things āre pās'sed āway.

5 And he that sat upon the throne, said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words āre true and faithful.

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Ā'phā and Ō-mē'gā, the beginning and the end: I will give unto him that is āthirst', of the fōun'tain of the wāter of life freely.

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things: and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

8 But the fear'ful and ūn-bē-liēv'ing, and the abominable, and murderers, and whomongers, and sōr'cēers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake, which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven lāst plāgues, and tāk'd with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lāmb's wife.

10 And he carried me āway in the spirit to a great and high mōun'tāin, and showed me that great city, the holy Jē-rū'sa-lēm, descending out of heaven from God,

11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jā's'pēr-stōne, clear as crēs'tāl;

12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which āre the names of the twelve tribes of the children of I's'ra-ēl.

13 On the east, three gates; on the north, three gates; on the south, three gates; and on the west, three gates.

14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve āpōstles of the Lāmb.

15 And he that tāk'd with me had a golden reed to mēās'ure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

16 And the city lieth four square, and the length is as large as the breadth. And he mēās'ured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs: the length, and the breadth, and the height of it āre equal.

17 And he mēās'ured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, accord-

ing to the meas'ure of a man, that is, of the angel.

18 And the building of the wall of it was of jās'pér: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear gläss:

19 And the foundations of the wall of the city wère garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jās'pér; the second, sǎp'plūrc;¹ the third chāl'cē-dōn-y;² the fourth, an ēn'ē-raid;

20 The fifth, sār'dōn-y; the sixth, sār'di-ūs; the seventh, chrÿs'ōlite; the eighth, bē'ryl; the ninth, a tō'pāz; the tenth, a chrÿ-sō'pra-sūs;³ the eleventh, a jā'cīnth; the twelfth, an ām'ē-thÿst.

21 And the twelve gates wère twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it wère transparent gläss.

22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Āl-migh'ty, and the Lāmb, āre the temple of it.

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lāmb is the light thereof.

24 And the nations of them which āre saved shall wālk in the light of it; and the kings of the ēarth do bring their glory and hōn'ōūr unto it.

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day; for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the glory and hōn'ōūr of the nations into it.

27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which āre written in the Lāmb's book of life.

CHAP. XXII.

AND he showed me a pure river of wāter of life, clear as crÿs'tal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lāmb.

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree wère for the healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lāmb shall be in it; and his sērvants shall sērve him.

4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their fōre'hēads.

5 And there shall be no night there: and they need no candle, neither light of the sun: for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign forever and ever.

6 And he said unto me, these sayings

¹ sǎp'fīr.

² tshāl'sē-dōn-e.

³ kris-sō'prā-sūs.

āre faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his āngel to show unto his sērvants the things which must shortly be done.

7 Behold, I come quickly; blēs'sed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prōph'ēcy of this book.

8 And I Jōhn saw these things, and heard them. And when I had hēard and seen, I fell down to wōr'shīp before the feet of the āngel, wltich showed me these things.

9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fēl'lōw-sēr'vant, and of thy brēthren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: wōr'shīp God.

10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prōph'ēcy of this book: for the time is at hand.

11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

13 I am Āl'phā and Ō-mē'gā, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

14 Blēs'sed āre they that do his cōm-mānd'mēnts, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

15 For without āre dogs, and sōr'cērerz, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever lōveth and maketh a lie.

16 I Jē'sūs have sent mine āngel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of Dā'vīd, and the bright and morning star.

17 And the spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth, say, Come. And let him that is āthirst', come. And whosoever will, let him take the wāter of life freely.

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prōph'ēcy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plāgues that āre written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take āway from the words of the book of this prōph'ēcy, God shall take āway his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which āre written in this book.

20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly: Ā'mēn'. Even so, come, Lord Jē'sūs.

21 The grace of our Lord Jē'sūs Christ be with you all. Ā'MEN'.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

From *Rev. Mr. Pierpont, Pastor of the Church in Hollis Street, Boston, to the publishers.*

Boston, Sept. 2, 1824.

Next in value to those things that help us to a correct understanding of the documents of our religion, are those which help us to a correct reading of them. Inaccuracy in the pronunciation of many words in the Sacred Volume, especially of proper names, is an evil that is not confined to families, at their domestic devotions: it finds its way into our school-houses, and even intrudes itself into too many of our pulpits: producing in the church a diversity of tongues, that is a proof of any thing but apostolical gifts. Every judicious effort to remedy this evil deserves, and will meet, the approbation and patronage of an enlightened christian community;—and I am gratified to find that Mr. Alger's edition of the New Testament, in which Walker's pronunciation has been indicated in the text, has so far succeeded, as to encourage you to publish the whole Bible upon the same plan.

In the pronunciation of the Hebrew names that occur in the holy scriptures, I should not, indeed, consider myself bound by the authority of Walker so implicitly as when it is applied to the pronunciation of the English language generally, or of Greek and Latin proper names. In the pronunciation of the Hebrew names, however, I should very infrequently depart from his authority; and, so long as there is no higher standard than his, accessible to the great proportion even of well educated christians, much will be done when readers of all classes shall be enabled readily to refer to that; and still more, when his pronunciation of our vernacular tongue shall be obtruded upon their notice whenever they consult the oracles of life.

From Mr. Alger's industry, and his well known accuracy in preparing works of this kind, I am persuaded that the publick will be furnished with as correct an edition of the work which you have in hand, as could reasonably be expected from any man; and I most heartily wish you success in your laudable enterprise.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN PIERPONT.

From *Mr. Bailey, Principal of the Franklin English Grammar School in Nassau Street.*

Boston, March 23, 1825.

Messrs. Lincoln & Edmands.

Having examined attentively and with much satisfaction, the *Pronouncing Introduction, Reader and Testament*, I am pleased to learn that you contemplate publishing an Edition of the whole Bible on the same plan. Objections have indeed been made, and with reason, to furnishing school books, generally, with artificial helps to the correct pronunciation of words; but in first books, and especially in the Bible, they must be highly useful. It is of great importance that children be early accustomed to conform to a correct standard of orthoepy; and we cannot conceal the fact, if we would, that almost a total disregard to accuracy and system, in this particular, prevails, not only in families and common schools, but also in too many of our academies and colleges. Believing that the *Pronouncing Bible* may do much to remedy this evil, and, especially, to fix a correct and uniform pronunciation of the Hebrew names, I hope you may receive a liberal patronage in your undertaking.

Respectfully yours, &c.

EBENEZER BAILEY.

From *Rev. J. L. Blake, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, and Preceptor of a Young Ladies' Seminary, in Boston, to the publishers.*

I am much pleased in learning that you contemplate an edition of the whole Bible on the plan of the "*Pronouncing Testament*." If the critical accentuation of school books generally would be objectionable,

from its tendency to hinder the proper exercise of judgment and memory, with the young, in acquiring a classical and polite pronunciation of the English language, it cannot be objectionable in regard to the Bible and Testament, which, in Schools, are used chiefly, not as class-books, but in connection with devotional exercises, and in families, and by individuals, under circumstances that do not admit of regular instruction to the reader. And, moreover, it is believed, that if each of the younger members of a family should be furnished with a Bible on the plan of the *Pronouncing Testament*, and should read daily, after having been duly instructed in the Key, in reading by turns the chapters preparatory to morning and evening prayers, they would soon acquire an accuracy and elegance of pronunciation not usually witnessed—and, judging from my own experience, I should have no hesitation in saying, that the elder members of most families might find a benefit in like manner from the habitual use of such a Bible. The *Pronouncing Testament* will be a sufficient guarantee to all who have seen it, of Mr. Alger's qualifications for the work in which he is engaged; and, those who have seen the neat style of typography, and the good paper and binding of your late publications, will have full confidence, I am well persuaded, that your contemplated edition of the Bible, will be throughout what it should be.

Very respectfully yours,

J. L. BLAKE.

From *Mr. Gould, Principal of the Latin School, and Mr. Emerson, the late Principal, and Mr. Miles, the present Principal of the English High School in Boston.*

Messrs. Lincoln & Edmands,

We received notice of your intended edition of the Bible, and are very glad that you have undertaken it. An edition for common use, with the pronunciation of proper names and of difficult English words correctly marked, has long been wanted. It cannot fail to be highly useful. Without such a work, a knowledge of the right pronunciation of the Hebrew names can be acquired only by a reference to dictionaries which most readers have neither time nor opportunity to consult. We have no doubt, judging from the *New Testament* on the same plan which you published, that it will be well executed.

Yours, &c. R. A. GOULD.

G. B. EMERSON.

S. P. MILES.

Boston, Aug. 18th, 1824.

Recommendation to the Testament from the Associated Instructors of Youth in the city of Boston.

The committee appointed at the last monthly meeting of the Association, to examine and report their opinion of the merits of an edition of the *New Testament*, entitled "*The Pronouncing Testament*," have attended to the service assigned them; and have great pleasure in expressing to the Association, that they consider this attempt of Mr. Alger to apply the principles of Mr. Walker, and the marks and characters used by Mr. Perry, and other Lexicographers, for designating the various sounds of the vowels and consonants to the proper names, and many other words in the sacred Scriptures, as highly laudable, and calculated greatly to aid children and others in acquiring a correct pronunciation of such words; and that his success has been much greater than could reasonably have been expected in a first edition.

Respectfully submitted by your Committee,

THOMAS PAYSON, Chairman.

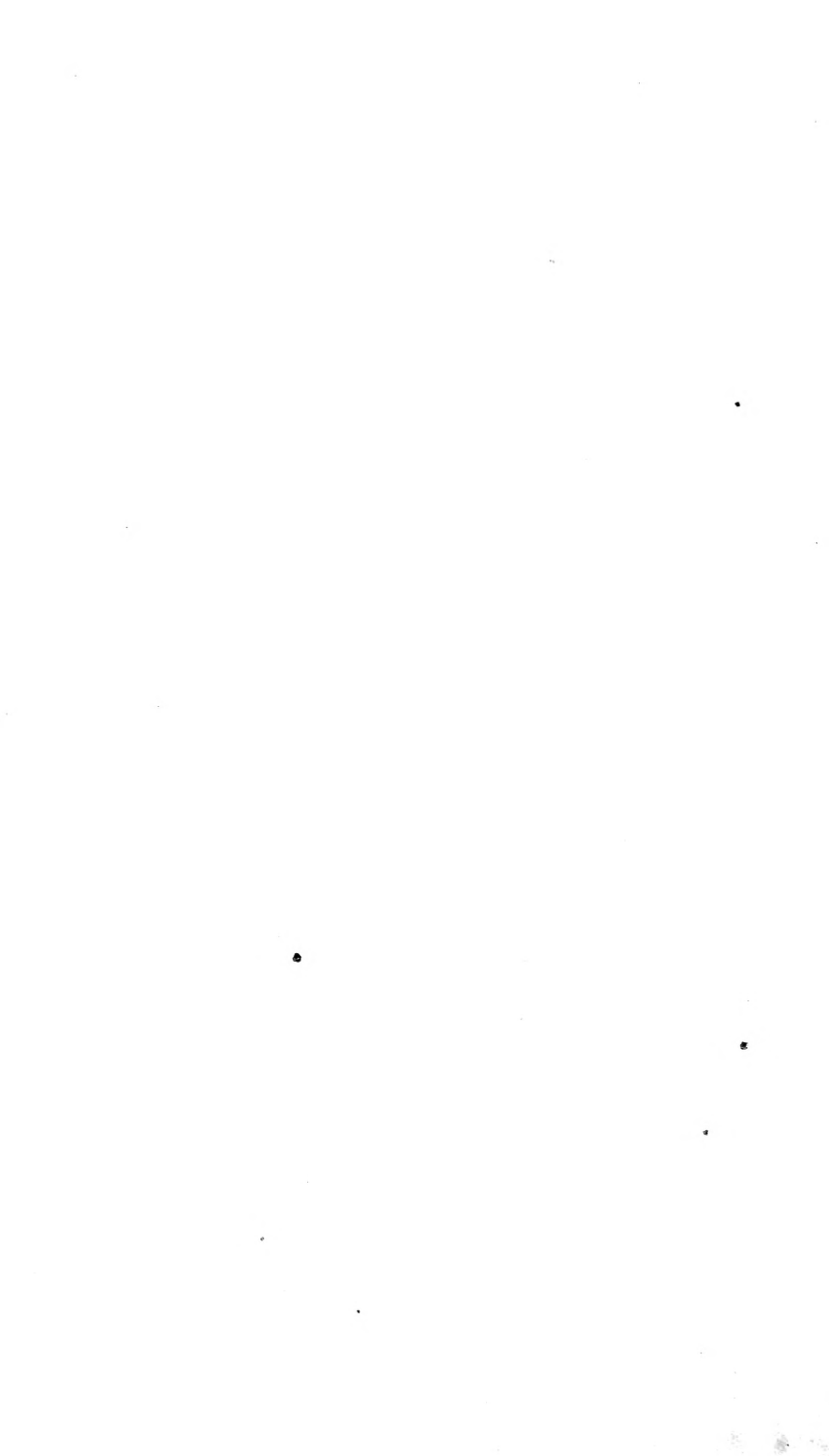
Boston, Aug. 21, 1822.

At a regular meeting of "*The Associated Instructors of Youth in the city of Boston and elsewhere*," holden Sept. 25, 1822, the preceding Report was read and accepted.

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Attest. JAMES ROBINSON, Sec'y A. I. Y.











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