

1. Chro. 2. 4.

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k This genealogie is brought into que that Dauid by successiō came of the house of Iadáh.

- 18 ¶ These now are the generacions of Nahshón begate Salmáh,  
 \* k Phárez Phárez begate Hezrón,  
 19 And Hezrón begate Ram, & Ram begate Amminadáb,  
 20 And Amminadáb begate Nahshón, and  
 21 And Salmón begate Bóaz, and Bóaz begate Obéd,  
 22 And Obéd begate Ishái, and Ishái begate Dauid.

# THE FIRST BOKE OF Samuél.

## THE ARGUMENT.

According as God had ordeined Deut. 17. 14. that when the Israelites shoulde be in the land of Canaan, he wolde appoint them a King: so here in this first boke of Samuel is declared the state of this people vnder their first King Saúl, who not content with that orde, which God had for a time appointed for the gouernement of his Church, demanded a King, to the intent they might be as oher nations & in a greater assurance as they thought: not because they might the better thereby serue God, as being vnder the safegarde of him, which did represent Iesus Christ the true deliuerer: therefore he gaue them a tyrant and an hypocrite to rule ouer them, that they might learne, that the persone of a King is not sufficient to defend them, except God by his power preserve and kepe them. And therefore he punisheth the ingratitude of his people & sendeth the continual warres bothe at home and abroad. And because Saúl, whome of nothing God had preferred to the honour of a King, did not acknowledge Gods mercie towarde him, but rather disobeyed the wordes of God and was not zealous of his glorie, he was by the voyce of God put downe from his state, and Dauid the true figure of Messidh placed in his steade, whose patience, modestie, constancie, persecution by open enemies, fained friends, and dissembling flatterers are left to the Church and to euery member of the same, as a paterne and example to beholde their state ad vocacion.

### CHAP. I.

- 1 The genealogie of Elkanáh father of Samuél. 2 His two wiues. 3 Hannáh was barren and prayed to the Lord. 15 Her answer to Eli. 20 Samuél is borne. 24 She doeth dedicate him to the Lord.



Here was a man of one of the two<sup>a</sup> Ramatháim Zophím, of mouñ Ephráim, whose name was Elkanáh the sonne of Ierohám, the sonne of Elihú, the sonne of Tóhu, the

- sonne of Zuph, an Ephrathite:  
 2 And he had two wiues: the name of one was Hannáh, and the name of the other Peninnáh: and Peninnáh had childrē, but Hannáh had no children.

- Deut. 16. 16 3 \* And this man went vp out of his citie euery yere, to worship & to sacrifice vnto the Lord of hostes in<sup>b</sup> Shilóh, where were the two sonnes of Eli, Hophní and Phinehás Priests of the Lord.

- 4 And on a day, whē Elkanáh sacrificed, he gaue to Peninnáh his wife and to all her sonnes and daughters porcions,

- e Some read, a porcion with an heauy cheere.  
 5 But vnto Hannáh he gaue a worthy<sup>c</sup> porcion: for he loued Hannáh, and the Lord had made her barren.

- 6 ¶ And her aduersarie vexed her sore, for asmuch as she vpbraided her, because the Lord had made her barren.

- 7 (And so did he yere by yere) & as oft as she wēt vp to the house of y<sup>e</sup> Lord, thus she

vexed her, that she wept and did not eat.

- 8 Then said Elkanáh her housbād to her, Hannáh, why wepest thou? and why eatest thou not? & why is thine heart troubled? am not I better to thee then ten<sup>d</sup> sonnes?  
 9 So Hannáh rose vp after that they had eaten and dronke in Shilóh (and Eli the Priest sate vpō a stole by one of y<sup>e</sup> postes of the<sup>e</sup> Temple of the Lord)

- 10 And she was troubled in her minde, and praised vnto the Lord, and wept sore:

- 11 Also she vowed a vowe, & said, O Lord of hostes, if thou wilt lōke on the trouble of thine handmayd, and remēber me, and not forget thine handmayd, but giue vnto thine handmayd a manchild, then I will giue him vnto the Lord all the daies of his life, \* and there shal no raser come vpon his head.

- 12 And as she cōtinued praying before the Lord, Eli marked her mouth.

- 13 For Hannáh spake in her heart: her lippes did moue onely, but her voyce was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had bene dronken.

- 14 And Eli said vnto her, How long wilt thou be dronke? Put away<sup>f</sup> thy dronkenes from thee.

- 15 Then Hannáh answered and said, Nay my lord, but I am a woman<sup>g</sup> troubled in spirit: I haue drōke nether wine nor strōg drinke, but haue<sup>h</sup> powred out my soule before the Lord.

d Let this suffice thee, that I loue thee no less, then if y<sup>e</sup> hadest many children.

e That is, of y<sup>e</sup> house, where the Arke was.

Nomb 6. 9. iudg. 13. 5.

f Ebr. thy wine. hard spirit.

g Psal. 42. 5.

# The birth of Samuél.

# I. Samuél.

# The song of Hannáh.

*Elr. for a daughter of Elíah.*

16 Count not thine handmaid "for a wicked woman: for of the abundance of my complaint and my grief haue I spoken hitherto.

17 Then Elí answered, and said, Go in peace, and the God of Israël grant thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

*f That is, pray vnto the Lord for me.*

18 She said againe, Let thine handmayd finde <sup>g</sup> grace in thy sight: so the woman went her way, and did eat, and loked no more sad.

*g According to her peticio.*

19 ¶ Then they rose vp early, and worshipped before the Lord, and returned, and came to their house to Ramáh. Now Elkanáh knewe Hannáh his wife, and the Lord <sup>h</sup> remembred her.

20 For in proceſſe of time Hannáh conceiued, and bare a sonne, and she called his name Samuél, Because, *said she*, I haue asked him of the Lord.

*h This Elkanáh was a Leuite, 1. Chro. 6. 27. and as some write, once a yere they accustomed to appeare before the Lord w<sup>th</sup> their families.*

21 ¶ So the man <sup>i</sup> Elkanáh & all his house went vp to offer vnto <sup>j</sup> Lord the yerelie sacrifice, and his voue:

But Hannáh went not vp: for she said vnto her housbād, *I wil tary vntil the childe be weined*, then I wil bring him that he may appeare before the Lord, & there abide for euer.

*i Because her praier toke effect, therefore it was called <sup>j</sup> Lords promises.*

22 And Elkanáh her housband said vnto her, Do what semeth thee best: tary vntil thou hast weined him: onely the Lord accomplish his <sup>k</sup> worde. So the woman abode, and gaue her sonne sucke vntil she weined him.

*Exod. 16. 26.*

24 ¶ And whē she had weined him, she toke him with her with thre bullockes and an <sup>l</sup> Ephā of floure and a bottle of wine, and broght him vnto the house of the Lord in Shiloh, and the childe was <sup>m</sup> yong.

*Elr. a childe.*

25 And thei flewe a bullocke, and broght the childe to Elí.

*k That is, more certainly.*

26 And she said, Oh my lord, as thy <sup>n</sup> soule liueth, my lord, I am the womā that stode with thee here praying vnto the Lord.

27 I praied for this childe, and the Lord hathe giuen me my desire which I asked of him.

*Elr. leue.*

28 Therefore also I haue <sup>o</sup> giuen him vnto the Lord: as long as he liueth he shalbe giuen vnto the Lord: and he <sup>p</sup> worshipped the Lord there.

*l Meaning. Elí gaue thanks to God for her.*

## CHAP. II.

*The song of Hannáh. 12 The sonnes of Elí, wicked. 13 The newe custome of the Priests. 18 Samuél ministereth before the Lord. 20 Elí blessing Elkanáh and his wife. 23 Elí reproveth his sonnes. 27 God sendeth a Prophet to Elí. 31 Elí is menaced for not chastising his children.*

*a After that she had obtained a sonne by prayer, she gaue thanks. b I haue recovered strength & glorie by <sup>c</sup> benefite of the Lord. c I can answer them, that reprove my barrenness.*

**A**Nd Hannáh <sup>a</sup> praied, & said, Mine heart reioyceth in the Lord, mine <sup>b</sup> horne is exalted in <sup>c</sup> Lord: my mouth is <sup>d</sup> enlarged ouer mine enemies, because I reioyce in thy saluacion.

2 There is none holy as the Lord: yea, there is none besides thee, & there is no God like our God.

3 Speake <sup>d</sup> no more presumptuously: let not arrogancie come out of your mouth: for the Lord <sup>e</sup> is a God of knowledge, and by him enterprises are established.

*d In that ye condemne my barrenness, ye shewe your pride against God.*

4 The bowe & the mightie men are broken, and the weake haue girde them selues with strength.

5 Thei that were ful, are hired for the <sup>e</sup> bread, & the hongrie are no more hired, <sup>f</sup> so that the baren hathe borne <sup>g</sup> seuen: and she that had many children, is feble.

*e Thei sel their labours for necessaries food. f Or, many. g Deut. 32. 39.*

6 \* The Lord killeth and maketh aliue: bringeth downe to the graue and raiseth vp.

*Deut. 32. 39. Job. 1. 13.*

7 The Lord maketh poore and maketh riche: bringeth lowe, and exalteth.

8 \* He reifeth vp the poore out of the dust, and lifteth vp the begger from the donghil, to set <sup>h</sup> them among <sup>i</sup> princes, and to make them inherit the seat of glorie: for the pillars of the earth are the <sup>j</sup> Lords, and he hathe set the worlde vp on them.

*f He preferreth to honour and putteth downe according to his owne will, though mans iudgement be contrary. g Therefore he may dispose all things according to his will.*

9 He wil kepe the sete of his Sainctes, and the wicked shal kepe silence in darkenes: for in <sup>k</sup> his owne might shal no man be strong.

10 The Lords aduersaries shal be destroyed, and out of <sup>l</sup> heauen shal he <sup>m</sup> thunder vpon them: the Lord shal iudge the ends of the worlde, and shal giue power vnto his <sup>n</sup> King, and exalte the horne of his Anointed.

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11 And Elkanáh went to Ramáh to his house, and the childe did minister vnto the Lord <sup>o</sup> before Elí the Priest.

*h She grieved her prayer on Iesus Christ was to come.*

12 ¶ Now the sonnes of Elí were wicked men, <sup>p</sup> & knewe not the Lord.

*i In all <sup>j</sup> Elí comāded him.*

13 For the Priests custome toward the people <sup>q</sup> was this: when any mā offred sacrifice, the Priests' boy came, while the flesh was sething and a fleshoke with thre teth in his hand,

*k That is, thei neglected his ordinance.*

*Or, sonne.*

14 And thrust it into the kettle, or into the caldren, or into the pan, or into <sup>r</sup> pot: <sup>s</sup> all that <sup>t</sup> fleshoke broght vp, the Priest toke for him self: thus thei did vnto all the Israëlites, that came thether to Shiloh.

*l Transgressing the ordie appointed in the Lawe, Leui. 7. 31, for their belies sake.*

15 Yea, before they burnt the <sup>u</sup> fat, the Priests boy came and said to the man that offred, Giue me flesh to rost for <sup>v</sup> Priest: for he wil not haue sodden flesh of thee, but rawe.

*m Which was comāded first to haue bene offred to God.*

16 And if any man said vnto him, Let them burne the fat according to the <sup>w</sup> custome, then take as muche as thine heart <sup>x</sup> desireth: then he wolde answer, No, but thou shalt giue it now: and if thou wilt not, I wil take it by force.

*Or, Lawe. n Not passing for their owne profit: so that God might be serued aright.*

17 Therefore the sinne of the yong mē was very

o Seing y horrible abuse thereof.

very great before the Lord: for men o abhorred the offering of the Lord.

Exod. 28, 4.

18 ¶ Now Samuél being a yong childe ministred before the Lord, girded with a linen \* Ephód.

19 And his mother made him a litle coate, and broght it to him from yere to yere, when she came vp with her housband, to offer the yerely sacrifice.

o Or for the thing that she hathe le, is the Lords first Samuél.

20 And Eli blessed Elkanáh and his wife, & said, The Lord giue thee sede of this woman, for the peticion that she asked of the Lord: and they departed vnto their place.

21 And the Lord visited Hannáh, so that she conceiued, and bare thre sonnes, and two daughters. And the childe Samuél grewe before the Lord.

22 ¶ So Eli was very olde, & heard all that his sonnes did vnto all Israël, & how they laye with the women that p assembled at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

p. Which was (as the Ebrewes write) after their trauell, when they came to be purified, read Exod. 38, 8, Leu. 12, 6.

23 And he said vnto thé, Why doye suche things? for of all this people I heare euil reportes of you.

24 Do no more, my sonnes: for it is no good reporte that I heare, which is, that ye make the Lords people to trespasse.

q Because they detemne their due to God, ver. 17.

25 If one man sinne against an other, the iudge shal iudge it: but if a man sinne against the Lord, who wil pleade for him? Notwithstánding they obeyed not the voyce of their father, because y Lord \* wolde slaye them.

r So that to obey good admonitions is Gods mercie, & to disobey them, is his iust iudgement for sinne.

26 ¶ (Now the childe Samuél profited and grewe and was in fauour bothe with the Lord, and also with men)

27 And there came a má of God vnto Eli and said vnto him, Thus saith the Lord, Did not I plainly appeare vnto y house of thy f father, when they were in Egypt in Pharohs house?

f To wit, Aaron.

28 And I chose him out of all the tribes of Israël to be my Priest, to offer vpon mine altar, and to burne incense, and to weare an Ephód before me, and \* I gaue vnto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israël.

Leu. 10, 14.

g Why haue you cōdemned my sacrifices, and as it were trod them vnder fete.

29 Wherefore haue you \* kiked against my sacrifice and mine offering, which I cōmanded in my Tabernacle, and honorest thy children about me, to make your selues fat of the first frutes of all the offerings of Israël my people?

30 Wherefore y Lord God of Israël sayth, I said y thine house & the house of thy father shulde walke before me for euer: but nowe the Lord saith, \* It shal not be so: for them that honour me, I wil honour, and they that despise me, shal be despised.

u Gods promisses are ouerly off. dual to suche as he giueth constant vnto, to feare and obey him x Thy power and autoritie.

31 Beholde, the dayes come, that I wil cut of thine \* arme, and the arme of thy fathers

house, that there shal not be an olde man in thine house.

32 And thou y shalt se thineemie in the habitation of the Lord in all things where with God shal blesse Israël, and there shal not be an olde man in thine house for euer.

y Thy posteritie shal se the glorie of the chief Priests translated to another, whom they shal enmie, 1. King. 2, 27.

33 Neuertheles, I wil not destroy euery one of thine frō mine altar, to make thine eyes to faile, & to make thine heart sorowful: and all the multitude of thine house shal dyc when they be men.

o Or, When they come to manhood.

34 And this shal be a signe vnto thee, that shal come vpon thy two sonnes Hophnî and Phinehás: in one day they shal dyc bothe.

35 And I wil sterre me vp a \* faithful Priest, that shal do according to mine heart and according to my minde: and I wil buylde him a sure house, and he shal walke before mine Anoynted for euer.

z Meaning, Za-dok, who succeeded Abinath, and was the figure of Christ.

36 And all that are left in thine house, shal come and \* bowe downe to him for a piece of siluer and a morsel of bread, and shal say, Appoint me, I pray thee, to one of the Priests offices, that I may eat a morsel of bread.

a That is, shal be inferior vnto him.

# CHAP. III.

1 There was no manifest visio in the time of Eli. 4 The Lord calleth Samuél thre times. 11 And sheweth what shal come vpon Eli and his house. 18 The same declareth Samuél to Eli.

N Ow the childe Samuél ministred vnto the Lord \* before Eli: and the worde of the Lord was b precious in those dayes: for there was no manifest vision.

a The Chaldee text readeth, whiles Eli liued.

2 And at that time, as Eli laye in his place, his eyes began to waxe dimme that he colde not se.

b Because there were very fewe Prophetes to declare it.

3 And yer the d light of God went out, Samuél slept in the temple of the Lord, where the Aike of God was.

c In the court next to the Tabernacle.

4 Then the Lord \* called Samuél: and he said, Here I am.

d That is, the lampes which burnt in the night.

5 And he ran vnto Eli, and said, Here am I, for thou calledst me. But he said, I called thee not: go againe and slepe. And he went and slept.

e Iosephus writeth that Samuél was twelue yeres olde, when y Lord appeared to him.

6 And the Lord called once againe, Samuél. And Samuél arose, and went to Eli, & said, I am here: for thou didest call me. And he answered, I called the not, my sonne: go againe and slepe.

7 Thus did Samuél, before he knewe f the Lord, and before the worde of the Lord was reueiled vnto him.

f By vision.

8 And the Lord called Samuél againe the third time: and he arose, and went to Eli, and said, I am here: for thou hast called me. Then Eli g perceiued that the Lord had called the childe.

g Suche was the corruption of those times that the chief Priest was become dull and negligent to vnderstand the Lords appearing

9 Therefore Eli said vnto Samuél, Go and slepe: and if he call thee, then say, Speake

Lord, for thy seruant heareth: So Samuël went, and slept in his place.

10 ¶ And the Lord came, & stode, and called as at other times, Samuël, Samuël. Thē Samuël answered, Speake, for thy seruant heareth.

11 ¶ Thē the Lord said to Samuël, Beholde, I wil do a thing in Israël, whereof whoso- euer shal heare, his two eares shal tingle.

<sup>h</sup> God decla-  
reth what so-  
den feare shal  
come vpon me  
whē they shal  
heare that the  
Arke is taken  
and also se E-  
lis house de-  
stroyed.

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

13 And I haue tolde him that I wil iudge his house for euer, for the iniquitie which he knoweth, because his sonnes ran into a slander, and he stayed them not.

14 Now therefore I haue sworne vnto the house of Eli, that the wickednes of Elis house, shal not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for euer.

<sup>i</sup> Meaning, that  
his posteritie  
shulde neuer  
enioye <sup>h</sup> chief  
Priests office.

15 Afterwarde Samuël slept vntil the morn- ing, and opened the doores of the house of the Lord, and Samuël feared to shewe Eli the vision.

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

17 Thē he said, What is it, that the Lord said vnto thee? I pray thee, hide it not from me. God <sup>k</sup> do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide anie thing from me, of all that he said vnto thee.

<sup>k</sup> God punishē  
thee after this  
and that sort,  
except thou  
tell me truth,  
Ruth 2, 17.

18 So Samuël tolde him euerie whit, & hid nothing from him. Then he said, It is the Lord: let him do what semeth him good.

<sup>l</sup> The Lord as  
complished  
what heuer he  
had said.

19 ¶ And Samuël grewe, and the Lord was with him, and let none of his wordes fall to the ground.

<sup>m</sup> Or, that Samu-  
ël was the fai-  
thful Prophet  
of the Lord.

20 And all Israël from Dan to Beer sheba knewe that faithful Samuël was the Lords Prophet.

<sup>n</sup> Ebr. by the  
worde of the  
Lord.

21 And the Lord appeared againe in Shiloh: for the Lord reueiled him selfe to Samuël in Shiloh by his wordes.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Israël is ouercome by the Philistims. 4 They do set the Arke, wherefore the Philistims do feare. 10 The Arke of the Lord is taken. 11 Eli and his childre dye. 19 The death of the wife of Phinehas the sonne of Eli.

<sup>o</sup> From the de-  
parture of the  
Israëlites out  
of Egypt, vnto  
the time of Sa-  
muël are a-  
bout 190 yere.  
<sup>p</sup> Or, none of hel-  
pe, chap. 7, 12.

¶ And Samuël spake vnto all Israël: ¶ & Israël went out against the Philistims to battel and pitched beside Eben ézer: and the Philistims pitched in Aphék.

¶ And the Philistims put them selues in array against Israël: and when they ioyned the battel, Israël was smitten downe before the Philistims: who slewe of the armie in the field about foure thousand men.

<sup>q</sup> For it may  
seme that this  
warre was vn-  
deraken by  
Samuels com-  
mandement.

¶ So when the people were come into the campe, the Elders of Israël said, Wherefore hath the Lord smitten vs this day before the Philistims? let vs bring the Arke

of the couenant of the Lord out of Shiloh vnto vs, that when it commeth among vs, it may saue vs out of the hand of our enemies.

4 Thē the people sent to Shiloh, & broght from thence the Arke of the couenant of the Lord of hostes, who dwelleth be-  
tweene the Cherubims: and there were the two sonnes of Eli, Hophni, & Phinehas, with the Arke of the couenant of God.

<sup>b</sup> For he used  
to appeare to  
the Israēlites  
betwene the  
Cherubims o-  
uer the Arke  
of the coue-  
nant, Exod 25  
vers. 17.

5 And when the Arke of the couenāt of the Lord came into the hoste, all Israël show- ted a mihty showte, so that the earth rag- againe.

6 And when the Philistims heard the noi- se of the showte, they said, What meaneth the founde of this mighty showte in the holte of the Ebrewes? & they vnderstode, that the Arke of the Lord was come into the hoste.

7 And the Philistims were afraid, and said, God is come into the hoste: therefore said thei, Wo vnto vs: for it hath not bene so heretofore.

<sup>c</sup> Before we  
fought against  
men, and now  
God is come  
to fight aga-  
inst vs.

8 Wo vnto vs, who shal deliuer vs out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

<sup>d</sup> For in the  
red Sea in the  
wildernes the  
Egyptians we-  
re destroyed,  
which was the  
last of all his  
plagues.  
Iudg. 3, 15.

9 Be strong and play the men, O Philistims, that ye be not seruāt vnto the Ebrewes, \* as they haue serued you: be valiant there- fore, and fight.

10 And the Philistims fought, and Israël was smitten downe, and fled euerie man into his tent: and there was an exceeding great slaughter: for there fel of Israël thirtie thousand fotemen.

<sup>e</sup> David allu-  
ding to this  
place Psal 77.  
63 saith they  
were consumed  
with fire: mean-  
ing they we-  
re totally de-  
stroyed.

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

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

<sup>f</sup> In token of  
forrowe and  
mourning.

13 And when he came, lo, Eli sat vpon a seate by the way side, waiting: for his heart feared for the Arke of God: and when the man came into the citie to tel it, all the citie cryed out.

<sup>g</sup> Left it shul-  
de be taken of  
the enemies.

14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What meaneth this noise of the tumult? and the mā came in hastily, and tolde Eli.

15 (Now Eli was fourescore and eightene yere olde, and his eyes were dimme that he colde not se)

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16 And the man said vnto Eli, I came from the armie, and I fled this day out of the hoste: and he said, What thing is done, my sonne?

17 Then the messenger answered and said, Israël is fled before the Philistims, and there hath bene also a great slaughter among

among the people: and moreouer thy two sonnes, Hophni and Phinehás<sup>h</sup> are dead, and the Arke of God is taken.

<sup>h</sup> According, as God had afore said.

18 ¶ And whē he had made mencion of the Arke of God, Eli fel from his seate backward by the side of the gate, & his necke was broken, and he dyed: for he was an olde mā and beauey: and he had iudged Israél fortie yeres.

<sup>o</sup> Orguerned.

<sup>o</sup> Or, so crye out.

19 And his daughter in lawe Phinehás wife was with childe nere<sup>r</sup> her trauel: and when she heard the report that the Arke of God was taken, and that her father in lawe & her housband were dead, she<sup>i</sup> bowed her selfe, and traueled: for her paines came vpon her.

<sup>i</sup> And felled her body toward her trauel

20 And about the time of her death, the women that stode about her, said vnto her, Feare not: for thou hast borne a sonne: but she answered not, nor regarded it.

<sup>o</sup> Or, No glorie, or, where is the glorie.

21 And she named the childe<sup>r</sup> Ichabód, saying, The glorie is departed from Israél, because the Arke of God was taken, & because of her father in lawe and her housband.

<sup>k</sup> She vttered her great sorrowe by repeating her wordes.

22 She said againe, <sup>k</sup> The glorie is departed frō Israél: for the Arke of God is takē.

CHAP. V.

2 The Philistims bring the Arke into the house of Dagón, which idole fel downe before it. 6 The men of Ashdód are plagued. 8 The Arke is carryed into Gath and after to Ekron.

1 THEN the Philistims toke the Arke of God and carryed it from Ebén-ézer vnto<sup>a</sup> Ashdód,

<sup>a</sup> Which was one of the five principal cities of the Philistims.

2 Euen the Philistims toke the Arke of God, and broght it into the house of<sup>b</sup> Dagón, and set it by Dagón.

<sup>b</sup> Which was their chief idole, & as some write, from y<sup>e</sup> nautl downwarde was like a filhe, and vpwarde like a man.

3 And when they of Ashdód rose the next day in the morning, beholde, Dagón was fallen vpon his face on the grounde before the Arke of the Lord, and they toke vp Dagón, and set him in his place againe.

4 Also they rose vp early in the morning the next day, & beholde, Dagón was fallē vpon his face on the grounde before the Arke of the Lord, and the head of Dagón and the two palmes of his hands were cut of vpon the threshold: onely the stumpe of Dagón was left to him.

5 Therefore the Priests of Dagón, and all that come into Dagon's house<sup>c</sup> treade not on the thresholde of Dagón in Ashdód, vnto this day.

<sup>c</sup> Thus in steade of acknowledging y<sup>e</sup> true God by this miracle, they fall to a farther superstition.

6 But the hand of the Lord was heauy vpon them of Ashdód, and destroyed them, and smote them with<sup>e</sup> emerods, bothe Ashdód, and the coastes thereof.

7 And whē the men of Ashdód sawe this, they said, Let not the Arke of the God of Israél abide with vs: for his hand is sore vpon vs and vpon Dagón our god.

8 They sent therefore and gathered all the

princes of the Philistims vnto them, and said,<sup>d</sup> What shal we do with the Arke of the God of Israél? And they answered, Let the Arke of the God of Israél be carryed about vnto Gath: & thei carryed the Arke of the God of Israél about.

<sup>d</sup> Though thei had felt Gods power & were affraied thereof, yet they wolde farther trie hi, which thing God turned to their destruction & his glorie.

9 And when they had carryed it about, the hand of the Lord was against the citie with a very great destruction, and he smote the men of the citie bothe small and great, & they had emerods in their secret partes.

10 ¶ Therefore they sent the Arke of God to Ekron: and aslone as the Arke of God came to Ekron, the Ekronites cryed out, saying, They haue broght the Arke of y<sup>e</sup> God of Israél to vs to slay vs and our people.

11 Therefore they sent, and gathered together all the princes of the Philistims and said, Send<sup>e</sup> away the Arke of the God of Israél, and let it returne to his owne place, that it slay vs not and our people: for there was a destruction & death through out all the citie, & the hād of God was very sore there.

<sup>e</sup> The wicked, when they fele the hand of God, grudge & reioyce him, where y<sup>e</sup> godly humble themselves & crye for mercie.

12 And the men that dyed not, were smittē with the emerods: and the crye of the citie went vp to heauen.

CHAP. VI.

1 The time that the Arke was with the Philistims which they sent againe with a gift. 12 It cometh to Beth-shémesh. 17 The Philistims offer golden emerods. 19 The men of Beth-shémesh are stricken for looking into the Arke.

SO the Arke of the Lord was in y<sup>e</sup> countrey of the Philistims<sup>a</sup> seuen monethes.

<sup>a</sup> Thei thought by continuance of time y<sup>e</sup> plague wolde haue ceased and so wolde haue kept y<sup>e</sup> Arke still.

2 And the Philistims called the Priestes & the sothsaies, saying, What shal we do w<sup>th</sup> the Arke of the Lord? tel vs wherewith we shal send it home againe?

3 And they said, If you send away the Arke of y<sup>e</sup> God of Israél, send it not away empty, but giue vnto it<sup>b</sup> a sinne offering: then shal ye be healed, and it shalbe knownen to you, why his hand departeth not from you.

<sup>b</sup> The idolaters confesse there is a true God, who punisheth sinne iustly.

4 Then said they, What shalbe the sinne offering, which we shal giue vnto it? And they answered, Fiue golden emerods and fiue golden mice, according to the number of y<sup>e</sup> Princes of the Philistims: for one plague was on you all, & on your princes.

5 Wherefore ye shal make the similitudes of your emerods, and the similitudes of your mice that destroye the lād: so ye shal giue glorie vnto the God of Israél, that he may take his hād from you, and from your<sup>c</sup> gods, and from your land.

<sup>c</sup> This is Gods iudgement vpon the idolaters, that knowing the true God thei worship him not aright.

6 Wherefore then shulde ye harden your heartes, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their heartes, when he wrought

Exod. 28, 31.

wonderfully among them, \* did they not let them go, and they departed?

7 Now therefore make a newe carte, and take two melche kine, on whome there hath come no yoke: & tye the kine to the carte, and bring the calves home from them.

d Meaning 3 goldē emerods and the golden mice.

8 Then take the Arke of the Lord, and set it vpon the carte, and put the <sup>d</sup> iewels of golde which ye giue it for a sinne offering in a coffer by the side thereof, and send it away, that it may go.

e The God of Israél.

9 And take hede, if it go vp by the way of his owne coast to Beth-shémesh, it is <sup>e</sup> he that did vs this great euil: but if not, we shal knowe then, that it is not his hād that smote vs, but it was a <sup>f</sup> chance that happened vs.

f The wicked attribute all thigs to fortune and chance, whereas in dede there is nothing done without Gods providence & decree.

10 And the men did so: for they toke two kine that gaue milke, and tyed them to the carte and shut the calves at home.

11 So they set the Arke of the Lord vpon the carte, and the coffer with the mice of golde, and with the similitudes of their emerods.

12 And the kine went the streight way to Beth-shémesh, & kept one path and lowed as they went, & turned nether to the right hand nor to the left: also the princes of the Philistims went after <sup>g</sup> thē, vnto the borders of Beth-shémesh.

g For the trial of the matter.

13 Now they of Beth-shémesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley, & they lift vp their eyes, and spyed the Arke, and reioyced when they sawe it.

14 ¶ And the carte came into the fiede of Ioshúa a Bethshemite, & stode stil there. there was also a great stone, and <sup>h</sup> they claue the wood of the carte and offred the kine for a burnt offering vnto the Lord.

h To wit, the men of Beth-shémesh, w were Israélites.

15 And the Leuites toke downe the Arke of the Lord, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the iewels of golde were, & put them on the great stone, and the men of Beht-shémesh offred burnt offering, and sacrificed sacrifices that same day vnto the Lord.

16 And when the fise princes of the Philistims had sene it, they returned to Ekrón the same day.

17 ¶ So these are the goldē emerods, which the Philistims gaue for a sinne offering to the Lord: for <sup>i</sup> Ashdód one, for Gazá one, for Askelón one, for Gath one, & for Ekrón one,

i These were the fise principal cities of the Philistims which were not all cōquered vnto the time of Dauid.

18 And goldē mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Pilistims, belonging to the fise princes, bothe of walled townes and of townes vnwalled, vnto the great stone of <sup>j</sup> Abél, whereon they set the Arke of the Lord: which stone remaineth vnto this day in the field of Ioshúa the Bethshemite.

j Or, the plaine, or lamentation.

19 And he smote of the men of Beth-shémesh, because they <sup>k</sup> had loked in the Arke of the Lord: he slewe euen among the people fiftie thousand men and thre score and ten men, and the people lamented, because the Lord had slaine <sup>l</sup> y people with so great a slaughter.

k For it was not lausful to anie ether to touche or to se it, saue onely to Aaron & his sonnes, Num. 4, 15 & 20.

20 Wherefore the men of Beth-shémesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God? and to whome shal he go from vs?

21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-earim, saying, The Philistims haue brought againe the Arke of the Lord: come ye downe & take it vp to you.

## CHAP. VII.

1 The Arke is brought to Kiriath-earim. 3 Samuél exhorteth the people to forsake their sinnes and turne to the Lord. 10 The Philistims fight against Israél & are ouercome. 16 Samuél iudgeth Israél.

1 Then the men of <sup>a</sup> Kiriath-earim came, and toke vp the Arke of the Lord, and brought it into the house of Abinadáb in the hill: and they sanctified Eleazar his sonne, to kepe the Arke of the Lord.

a A citie in 3 tribe of Iudá, called also Kiriath-báal, 10th. 15, 60.

2 (For while the Arke abode in Kiriath-earim, the time was long, for it was twētie yeres) and all the house of Israél lamented <sup>b</sup> after the Lord.

b Lamented for their sinnes & followed the Lord.

3 ¶ Thē Samuél spake vnto all the house of Israél, saying, If ye be come againe vnto the Lord with all your hearte, \* put away the strange gods frō among you, & \* Ashtaróth, and direct your hearts vnto the Lord, and serue him \* onely, and he shal deliuer you out of the hand of the Philistims.

10th. 24, 15. Iudg. 2, 13.

4 Then the children of Israél did put away \* Baalim and Ashtaróth, and serued the Lord onely.

Iudg. 2, 13.

5 And Samuél said, Gather all Israél to Mizpéh, and I wil pray for you vnto <sup>c</sup> y Lord.

c For Shiloh was now defolate, because the Philistims had taken thence the Arke.

6 And they gathered together to Mizpéh, and <sup>d</sup> drew water and powred it out before the Lord, and fasted the same day, & said there, We haue sinned against the Lord. And Samuél iudgeth the children of Israél in Mizpéh.

d The Chaldee text hath, 3 they drew water out of their heart: that is, wept abundantly for their sinnes.

7 When the Philistims heard that the children of Israél were gathered together to Mizpéh, the princes of the Philistims wēt vp against Israél: and when the children of Israél heard that, they were afraid of the Philistims.

8 And the children of Israél said to Samuél, Cease not to \* crye vnto the Lord our God for vs, that he may saue vs out of the hand of the Philistims.

e Signifying 3 in the prayers of the godlie there ought to be a vehement zeale.

9 Then Samuél toke a sucking lambe, and offred it all together for a burnt offering vnto

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vnto the Lord, and Samuél cryed vnto the Lord for Israël, and the Lord heard him.

10 And as Samuél offred the burnt offering, the Philistims came to fight against Israël: but the Lord <sup>f</sup> thundred with a great thundre that day vpon the Philistims, & scatred them: so they were slaine before Israël.

11 And the men of Israël went from Mizpéh and pursued the Philistims, and smote them vntil they came vnder Beth-car.

12 Then Samuél toke a Stone, and pitched it betwene Mizpéh and S Shen, and called y name thereof, Ebén ézer, and he said, Hitherto hathe the Lord holpen vs.

13 ¶ So y Philistims were broght vnder, & they came nomore againe into the coastes of Israël: and the hand of the Lord was against the Philistims all the dayes of Samuél.

14 Also the cities which the Philistims had taken from Israël, were restored to Israël, from Ekrón euen to Gath: & Israël deliuered the coastes of the same out of the hands of the Philistims: & there was peace betwene Israël & the <sup>h</sup> Amorites.

15 And Samuél iudged Israël all the dayes of his life,

16 And went about yere by yere to Beth-él, and Gilgál and Mizpéh, and iudged Israël in all those places.

17 Afterward he returned to Ramáh: for there was his house, & there he iudged Israël: also he buylt an altar there vnto the Lord.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Samuél maketh his sonnes iudges ouer Israël, who followe not his Steppes. 3 The Israelites aske a King. 11 Samuél declareth in what state they shulde be vnder the King. 19 Notwithstanding they aske one still, & the Lord willett Samuél to grant vnto them.

1 **W**HÉ Samuél was now become old, he <sup>a</sup> made his sonnes iudges ouer Israël.

2 (And the name of his eldest sonne was <sup>b</sup> Ioél, and the name of the seconde Abiáh) euen iudges in Beer-sheba.

3 And his sonnes walked not in his waies but turned aside after lucre and <sup>\*</sup> toke rewardes, and peruered the iudgement.

4 ¶ Wherefore all the Elders of Israël gathered them together, & came to Samuél vnto Ramáh,

5 And said vnto him, Beholde, thou art old, and thy sonnes walke not in thy waies: <sup>\*</sup> make vs now a King to iudge vs like all nations.

6 But the thing <sup>d</sup> displeased Samuél, when they said, Giue vs a King to iudge vs: and Samuél prayed vnto the Lord.

7 And the Lord said vnto Samuél, Heare the voice of the people in all that they shal

say vnto thee: for they haue not cast thee away, but they haue cast me away, that I shulde not reigne ouer them.

8 As thei haue euer done since I broght thé out of Egypt euen vnto this day, (and haue forsaken me, and serued other gods) euen so do they vnto thee.

9 Now therefore hearké vnto their voyce: howbeit yet <sup>e</sup> testifie vnto them & shewe thé the maner of the King that shal reigne ouer them.

10 ¶ So Samuél tolde all the wordes of the Lord vnto the people that asked a King of him.

11 And he said, This shalbe the <sup>f</sup> maner off the King that shal reigne ouer you: he wil take your sonnes, and appoint them to his charets, and to be his horsmen, and <sup>some</sup> shal runne before his charet.

12 Also he wil make them his captaines ouer thousandes and captaines ouer fifties, and to eare his grounde, and to reape his harvest, & to make instruments of warre, and the things that serue for his charets.

13 He wil also take your daughters and make them apoticaries, and cookes and bakers.

14 And he wil take your fieldes, and your vineyardes, and your best oliue trees, and giue them to his seruants.

15 And he wil take the tenth of your sede, and of your vineyardes, and giue it to his Eunuches, and to his seruants.

16 And he wil take your men seruants and your maid seruants, and the chief of your yong men, and your asses, and put them to his worke.

17 He wil take the tenth of your shepe, and ye shalbe his seruants.

18 And ye shal crye out at that day, because of your King, whome ye haue chofen you, and the Lord wil not heare you at that day.

19 But y people wolde not heare the voyce of Samuél, but did say, Nay, but there shalbe a King ouer vs.

20 And we also wil be like all other naciós, and our King shal iudge vs, & go out before vs, and fight our battels.

21 Therefore when Samuél heard all the wordes of the people, he rehearsed them in the eares of the Lord.

22 And the Lord said to Samuél, <sup>g</sup> Hearken vnto their voyce, and make them a King. And Samuél said vnto the men of Israël, Go euerie man vnto his citie.

CHAP. IX.

3 Saul seeking his fathers asses, by the counsel of his seruants goeth to Samuél. 9 The Prophets called Saars. 15 The Lord reuileth to Samuél Sauls coming, commanding him to anoint him King. 22 Samuél bringeth Saul to the feast.

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<sup>f</sup> According to the prophetic of Hannah Samuels mother. Chap. 2. 10.

<sup>g</sup> Which was a great rocke ouer against Mizpéh.

<sup>h</sup> Meaning, y Philistims.

<sup>i</sup> Which was not contrary to the Law: for as yet a ceruel ne place was not appointed.

<sup>a</sup> Because he was not able to beare the charge.

<sup>b</sup> Who was also called Vashni, 1 Chron. 6. 28.

Deut. 16. 19.

<sup>e</sup> For there his house was, Chap 7. 17.

Ose. 13. 10. alt. 13. 21.

<sup>d</sup> Because thei were not content w the ordre y God had appointed, but wolde be gouerned as wece y Gentiles.

<sup>e</sup> To proue if they wil forsake their wicked purpose.

<sup>f</sup> Not y Kings haue this authority by their office, but thei such as reigne in Gods wrath shulde usurpe this ouer their brethren contrary to the Law. Deu. 17. 20.

<sup>g</sup> Or, chief officers.

<sup>h</sup> Because ye repent not for your sinnes, but because ye sinne for your afflictions, whereinto ye cast your selues willingly.

<sup>i</sup> Or, grant their request.

# Saúl seeketh the asses. I. Samuél. Saúl reueiled to Samuél.

a That is, both the valiant & riche.  
Chap. 14. 51.  
1. chro. 8. 33.

b So that it might seme y<sup>e</sup> God approued their request in appointing out such a persone.

c All these circumstances were means to serue vnto Gods guidance, whereby Saúl (thogh not approued of God) was made King.

d Where was Ramath-Zophim y<sup>e</sup> citie of Samuél.

e Or, visitat.

f Which is about fise penes, read Gen. 23. 15.

g So called, because he foresawe things to come.

h That is, a feast after the offering, which shoulde be kept in an hie place of y<sup>e</sup> citie appointed for y<sup>e</sup> vic.

i That is, giue thanks, & distribute the meat accordig to their custo.

1 There was now a man of Beniamín a mightie in power named \*Kish the sonne of Abiél, the sonne of Zerór, y<sup>e</sup> sonne of Bechoráth, the sonne of Aphíah, the sonne of a man of Iemini.

2 And he had a sone called Saúl, a<sup>b</sup> goodly yong man and a faire: so that among the children of Israël there was none goodlier then he: from the sholders vpward he was hier then anie of the people.

3 And the asses of Kish Saules father were lost: therefore Kish said to Saúl his sonne, Take now one of the seruants with thee, and arise, go, and seke the asses.

4 So he passed through mount Ephraím & went through the land of Shalisháh, but they found them not. Then they went through the land of Shalím, and there they were not: he went also through the land of Iemini, but they found them not.

5 When they came to the land of<sup>d</sup> Zuph, Saúl said vnto his seruant that was with him, Come and let vs returne, lest my father leaue the care of asses, and take thought for vs.

6 And he said vnto him, Beholde now, in this citie is a man of God, and he is an honorable man: all that he saith commeth to passe: let vs now go thither, if so be that he can shewe vs what way we may go.

7 Then said Saúl to his seruant, Wel then, let vs go: but what shal we bring vnto the man? For the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is no present to bring to the mā of God: what haue we?

8 And the seruant answered Saúl againe, & said, Beholde, I haue found about me the fourth parte of a shekle of siluer: that wil I giue the man of God, to tel vs our way.

9 (Beforetime in Israël when a man went to seke an answer of God, thus he spake, Come, & let vs go to the<sup>f</sup> Seer: for he that is called now a Prophet, was in y<sup>e</sup> olde time called a Seer)

10 Thē said Saúl to his seruant, Wel said, come, let vs go: so they went into the citie where the man of God was.

11 ¶ And as thei were going vp the hie way to the citie, they founde maydes that came out to drawe water, and said vnto thē, Is there here a Seer?

12 And they answered them, and said, Yea: lo, he is before you. make haste now, for he came this day to the citie: for there is an offering of the people this day in the hie place.

13 When ye shal come into the citie, ye shal finde him streight way yer he come vp to the hie place to eat: for the people wil not eat vntill he come, because he wil<sup>b</sup>lesse y<sup>e</sup> sacrifice: and then eat they that be bidden to the feast: now therefore go vp: for euē now shal ye finde him.

14 Then they went vp into the citie, and when they were come into the middes of the citie, Samuél came out against them, to go vp to the hie place.

15 ¶ But the Lord had reueiled to Samuél Chap. 15. 1. secretly (a day before Saúl came) saying, Ebr. in his care.

16 Tomorowe about this time I wil send thee a man out of the land of Beniamín: him shalt thou anoint to be gouernour ouer my people Israël, y<sup>e</sup> he may saue my people out of the hands of the Philistims: for I haue looked vpon my people, & their crye is come vnto me.

17 When Samuél therefore sawe Saúl, the Lord answered him, Se, this is the man whome I spake to thee of, he shal rule my people.

18 Then went Saúl to Samuél in the middes of the gate, and said, Tel me, I pray thee, where the Seers house is.

19 And Samuél answered Saúl, and said, I am the Seer: go vp before me vnto the hie place: for ye shal eat with me to day. and tomorowe I wil let thee go, & wil tel thee all that is in thine heart.

20 And as for thine asses y<sup>e</sup> were lost thre dayes ago, care not for them: for they are founde, and on whome is set all the desire of Israël: is it not vpon thee and on all thy fathers house? k Meaning, all that y<sup>e</sup> desireth to knowe.

21 ¶ But Saúl answered, and said, Am not I the sonne of Iemini of the smalest tribe of Israël? & my familie is the least of all the families of y<sup>e</sup> tribe of Beniamín. Wherefore then speakest thou so to me?

22 And Samuél toke Saúl and his seruant, and broght them into the<sup>m</sup> chamber, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden: which were about thirtie persones.

23 And Samuél said vnto the cooke, Bring forth the portion which I gaue thee, & whereof I said vnto thee, Képe it with thee.

24 And the cooke toke vp the shoulder, & that w<sup>as</sup> vpon it, & set it before Saúl. And Samuél said, Beholde, that which is left, set it before thee & eat: for hitherto hathe it bene kept for thee, saying, Also I haue called the people. So Saúl did eat with Samuél that day.

25 And whē they were come downe frō the hie place into y<sup>e</sup> citie, he communed with Saúl vpon the top of the house: n That is, the shoulder w<sup>as</sup> y<sup>e</sup> breast, w<sup>as</sup> the Priest had for his familie in all peace offerings, 1. leu. 10. 14.

26 And whē they arose early about y<sup>e</sup> spring of y<sup>e</sup> day, Samuél called Saúl to the top of the house, saying, Vp, that I may send thee away. And Saúl arose, and they went out, both he, and Samuél. o That bothe by y<sup>e</sup> assembling of the people, & by y<sup>e</sup> meat prepared for thee, y<sup>e</sup> might ynderstande y<sup>e</sup> knewe of thy coming. p. To speake w<sup>as</sup> him secretly: for y<sup>e</sup> houses were flak about.

27 And when they were come downe to the end of the citie, Samuél said to Saúl, Bid the seruant go before vs, (and he went) but



but stand thou stil now, that I may shewe thee the worde of God.

CHAP. X.

6 Saúl is anointed King by Samuél. 9 God changeth Sauls heart and he prophetieth. 17 Samuél assembleth the people, and sheweth them their finnes. 21 Saúl is chosen King by lot. 25 Samuél writeth the Kings office.

a In the Lawe this anointing signified the gifts of y<sup>e</sup> holy Ghost, which were necessarie for them y<sup>e</sup> shulde rule.

Gen 35.20.

b Samuél confirmed him by these signes y<sup>e</sup> God hath appointed him King.

c Or, y<sup>e</sup>.

d Ebr. of peace.

e Which was an hie place in the citie Kiriaeth-earim, where the Ark was, Chap. 7.

Chap. 13.8.

f Ebr. shoulder.

g He gaue him such v<sup>e</sup> rues as were mete for a King.

h O. sang praise.

Chap. 19.24.

Then Samuél took a vial of oyle and powred it vpon his head, & kissed him, and said, Hathe not the Lord anointed thee to be gouernour ouer his inheritance?

2 When thou shalt departe from me this day, thou shalt finde two men by \* Rahels sepulchre in the border of Beniamín, eué at Zelzáh, & thei wil say vnto thee, The asses which y<sup>e</sup> wentest to seke, are fouled: & lo, thy father hathe left the care of the asses, and soroweth for you, saying, What shal I do for my sonne?

3 Then shalt thou go forth from thence and shalt come to the plaine of Tabór, and there shal mete thee thre mé going vp to God to Beth-el: one caryig thre kiddes, & another caryig thre loaves of bread, and another caryig a bottle of wine:

4 And thei wil aske thee, if all be wel, and wil giue thee the two loaves of bread, which thou shalt receiue of their hands.

5 After that shalt thou come to the hill of God, where is the garisons of the Philistims: and when thou art come thither to the citie, thou shalt mete a companie of Prophets comming downe from the hie place with a vial, and a tymbrel, and a pipe, and an harpe before them, and thei shal prophecie.

6 Then the Spirit of the Lord wil come vpon thee, and thou shalt prophecie with the, & shalt be turned into another man.

7 Therefore when these signes shal come vnto thee, do as occasion shal serue: for God is with thee.

8 And thou shalt go downe before me to Gilgál: and I also wil come downe vnto thee to offer burnt offrings, & to sacrifice sacrifices of peace. \* Tary for me seuen daies, til I come to thee and shewe thee what thou shalt do.

9 And whé he had turned his backe to go from Samuél, God gaue him another heart: & all those tokens came to passe that same day.

10 ¶ And whé thei came thether to the hil, beholde, the companie of Prophets met him, and the Spirit of God came vpon him, and he prophecied among them.

11 Therefore all the people that knewe him before, when thei sawe that he prophecied among the Prophets, said eche to other, What is come vnto the sonne of Kish? is Saúl also among the Prophets?

12 And one of the same place answered, and said, But who is their father? Therefore it was a prouerbe, Is Saúl also among the Prophets?

13 And when he had made an end of prophecying, he came to the hie place.

14 And Sauls vncle said vnto him, and to his seruât, Whether went ye? And he said, To seke the asses: and when we sawe that thei were no where, we came to Samuél.

15 And Sauls vncle said, Tel me, I pray thee, what Samuél said vnto you.

16 Then Saúl said to his vncle, He tolde vs plainly that the asses were founde: but concerning the kingdome wherof Samuél spake, tolde he him not.

17 ¶ And Samuél assembled the people vnto the Lord in Mizpéh,

18 And he said vnto the children of Israél, Thus saith the Lord God of Israél, I haue brought Israél out of Egypt, and deliuered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, & out of the hands of all kingdomes that troubled you.

19 But ye haue this day cast away your God, who onely deliuereth you out of all your aduersities and tribulacions: and ye said vnto him, No, but appoint a King ouer vs. Now therefore stand ye before the Lord according to your tribes and according to your thousands.

20 And when Samuél had gathered together all the tribes of Israél, the tribe of Beniamín was taken.

21 Afterwarde he assembled the tribe of Beniamín according to their families, & the familie of Matrí was taken. So Saúl the sonne of Kish was taken, and when thei fought him, he colde not be founde.

22 Therefore thei asked the Lord againe, if that man shulde yet come thether. And the Lord answered, Beholde, he hathe hid him selfe among the stuffe.

23 And thei ranne, and brought him thence: and when he stode among the people, he was hier then any of the people from the shoulders vpwarde.

24 And Samuél said to all the people, Se ye not him, whome the Lord hathe chofen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shewed and said, God saue the King.

25 Then Samuél tolde the people the duetie of the kingdome, and wrote it in a booke, and layed it vp before the Lord, & Samuél sent all the people away euery man to his house.

26 Saúl also went home to Gibeáh, & there followed him a band of men, whose heart God had touched,

27 But the wicked men said, How shal he saue vs: So thei despised him, and brought him no presentes: but he held his tógue.

Li.

e Meanig, that prophetic cometh not by succession, but is giuen to whome it pleaseth God. f Noting thereby him that from lowe degree cometh suddenly to honour.

g Bothe to declare vnto the their faulte in asking a King, & also to shew Gods sentence therein.

h That is, by casting of lots.

i As though he were vnworthy and vnwillig.

k As it is written in Dutemonomic Chap. 17.15.

l Bothe to auoide sedition, and also to winne them by patience.

CHAP. XI.

*1 Nahásh the Ammonite warreth against Iabésh Gileád, who asketh helpe of the Israelites. 6 Saúl promisseth helpe. 11 The Ammonites are slayne. 14 The kingdome is renued.*

*a After that Saul was chosen King: for feare of whom they asked a King, as Chap 12. 12.*

**T**hen Nahásh the Ammonite came vp, and besieged Iabésh Gileád: and all the men of Iabésh said vnto Nahásh, Make a couenant with vs, and we will be thy seruants.

*b This declarerh, that the more nere that tyrants are to their destruction, the more cruel thei are.*

**A**nd Nahásh the Ammonite answered them, On this condicion wil I make a couenant with you, that I may thruste out all your right eyes, & bring that shame vpon all Israël.

To whome y Elders of Iabésh said, Giue vs seuen daies resper, that we may send messengers vnto all the coastes of Israël: & then if no man deliuer vs, we wil come out to thee.

**T**hen came the messengers to Gibcáh of Saúl, & tolde these tidings in the eares of the people: and all the people list vp their voyces and wept.

**A**nd beholde, Saúl came following the cattel out of the field, & Saúl said, What ayleth this people, y thei wepe? And thei tolde him the tidings of the mé of Iabésh.

*c God gaue him the spirit of strength & courage to go against this tyrant.*

**T**hen the Spirit of God came vpon Saúl, when he heard those tidings, and he was exceeding angry,

**A**nd tooke a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coastes of Israël by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoeuer commeth not forthe after Saúl, and after Samuél, so shal his oxen be serued. And the feare of the Lord fel on the people, and thei came out with one consent.

*d He adderh Samuél, because Saúl was not yet approved of all.*

**A**nd when he nombred them in Bezék, the children of Israël were thre hundredth thousand men: and the men of Iudáh thirty thousand.

*e Meaning, Saúl & Samuél.*

**T**hen thei said vnto the messengers that came, So say vnto the men of Iabésh Gileád, Tomorowe by then the sunne be hote, ye shal haue helpe. And the messengers came and shewed it to the men of Iabésh, which were glad.

*f That is, to y Ammonites, dissabling that thei had hope of aide.*

**T**herefore the men of Iabésh said, Tomorowe we wil come out vnto you, & ye shal do with vs all that pleaseth you.

**A**nd when the morowe was come, Saúl put the people in thre bands, & thei came in vpon the hoste in the morning watch, & slewe the Ammonites vntil the heate of the day: and thei that remained, were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

*g By this victorie the Lord wone y hearts of the people to Saúl.*

**T**hen the people said vnto Samuél, Who is he that said, Shal Saúl reigne ouer vs? bring those mé that we may slaye them.

**B**ut Saúl said, There shal no man dyc this day: for to day the Lord hath saued Israël.

*h By shewing mercie, he thought to ouercome their malice.*

**T**hen said Samuél vnto the people, Come, that we may go to Gilgál, & reneue the kingdome there.

**S**o all the people went to Gilgál, and made Saúl King there before the Lord in Gilgál: and there thei offered peace offrings before the Lord: and there Saúl & all the mé of Israël reioyced exceedingly.

*i In signe of thanksgiving for y victorie.*

CHAP. XII.

*1 Samuél declaring to the people his integritie, reproveth their ingratitude. 19 God by miracle causeth the people to confesse their sinne. 20 Samuél exhorteth the people to followe the Lord.*

**S**amuél then said vnto all Israël, Beholde, I haue hearkened vnto your voyce in all that ye said vnto me, & haue appointed a King ouer you.

*a I haue granted your petition.*

**N**ow therefore beholde, your King walketh before you, and I am olde & graye headed, and beholde, my sonnes are with you: and I haue walked before you from my childehode vnto this day.

*b To gouerne you in peace & warre.*

**B**eholde, here I am: beare recorde of me before the Lord and before his Anointed.

*c Eccles. 46. 22.*

**W**hose oxen haue I taken? or whose asse haue I taken? or whome haue I done wrog to? or whome haue I hurte? or of whose hand haue I receiued any bribe, to blinde mine eies therewith, & I wil restore it you?

*c God wolde that this confession shulde be a patterne for all them y haue any charge or office.*

**T**hen thei said, Thou hast done vs no wrong, nor hast hurt vs, nether hast thou taken ought of any mans hand.

**A**nd he said vnto them, The Lord is witnes against you, and his Anointed is witnes this day, that ye haue founde noght in mine hands. And they answered, He is witnes.

*d Your King, who is anointed by the commandment of the Lord.*

**T**hen Samuél said vnto the people, It is the Lord that made Mosés and Aarón, & that brought your fathers out of the land of Egypt.

*e Or, exalted.*

**N**ow therefore stand stil, that I may reason with you before the Lord according to all y righteousnesses of the Lord, which he shewed to you and to your fathers.

*f Or, benefites.*

**A**fter y Iakób was come into Egypt, and your fathers cryed vnto the Lord, then y Lord sent Mosés and Aarón which brought your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.

*g Gen. 46. 34.*

**A**nd when thei forgate the Lord their God, he sold them into the hand of Sisera captaine of the hoste of Hazór and into the hand of the Philistims, and into the hand of the King of Moab, and they fought against them.

*h Indg. 4. 2.*

**A**nd thei cryed vnto the Lord, and said, We haue sinned, because we haue forsaké the Lord, and haue serued Baalim & Ashtaróth. Now therefore deliuer vs out of the

*i Captaine of Iabins hoste King of Hazór.*

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the hands of our enemies, and we will serue thee.

f That is, Samson, Iudg. 13. 25.  
Iudg. 7. 32.  
Iudg. 11. 1.  
Chap. 4. 1.

11 Therefore the Lord sent Ierubbáal f & Bedán & \*Iphitáh, & \*Samuél, & deliuered you out of the hands of your enemies on euerie side, and ye dwelled safe.

g Leaving God to take helpe of man, Chap. 35.

12 Notwithstanding when you sawe, that Nahásh the King of the children of Ammón came against you, ye said vnto me, No, but a King shal reigne ouer vs: whē yet the Lord your God was your King.

h Ye shal be preferred as they follow the Lords wil

13 Now therefore beholde y King whome ye haue chosen and whome ye haue desired: lo therefore, y Lord hath set a King ouer you.

i Meaning the go. a. c. n. o. u. s.

14 If ye wil feare the Lord and serue him, and heare his voyce, and not disobey the worde of the Lord, bothe ye, & the King that reigneth ouer you, shal h followe the Lord your God.

k In that ye haue forsaken him, who hath all power in his hand, for a mortall man.

15 But if ye wil not obey the voyce of the Lord, but disobey the Lords mouth, then shal the hand of the Lord be vpon you, & on your i fathers.

16 Now also stand and se this great thing which the Lord wil do before your eyes.

17 Is it not nowe wheate haruest? I wil call vnto the Lord, and he shal send thundre and raine, that ye may perceiue and se, how that your wickednes is k great, which ye haue done in the sight of the Lord in asking you a King.

18 Then Samuél called vnto the Lord, and the Lord sent thundre and raine the same day: and all the people feared the Lord & Samuél exceedingly.

19 And all the people said vnto Samuél, Pray for thy seruants vnto the Lord thy God, that we dye not: for we haue sinned in asking vs a King, beside l all our other finnes.

l Not onely at other times, but now chiefly.

20 ¶ And Samuél said vnto y people, Feare not. (ye haue in dede done all this wickednes, m yet departe not from following the Lord, but serue y Lord with all your heart,

m He sheweth that there is no sinne so great, but it shal be forgiven, if the sinner turne againe to God.

21 Nether turne ye backe: for that shoulde be after vaine things which can not profit you, nor deliuer you, for they are but vannie.)

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

n Of his free mercie, & not of your merites, and therefore he wil not forsake you.

23 Moreouer God forbid, that I shulde sinne against the Lord, and cease praying for you, but I wil shewe you the good and right way.

o Vnfaignedly and without hypocrisy.

24 Therefore feare you the Lord, and serue him in the trueth with all your hearts, and consider how great things he hath done for you.

25 But if ye do wickedly, ye shal perish, bothe ye, and your King.

3 The Philistims are smitten of Saul & Ionathán: 13 Saul being disobedient to Gods commandement is shewed of Samuél that he shal not reigne. 19 The great stauerie, wherein the Philistims kept the Israelites.

1 Saul now had bene King a one yere, & she reigned b two yeres ouer Israël.

a While these things were done.

2 Then Saul chose him thre thousand of Israël: & two thousand were with Saul in Michmásh, and in mount Beth-él, and a thousand were with Ionathán in Gibeá of Beniamín: and the rest of the people he sent euerie one to his tent.

b Before he roke vpon him the state of a King.

3 And Ionathán smote the garison of the Philistims, that was in the c hil: and it came to the Philistims eares: and Saul blew the d trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Heare, o ye Ebrewes.

c Of Kiriath-icarim, where the Arke was, Chap. 10. 5.

d That euerie one shulde prepare them selues to warre.

4 And all Israël heard say, Saul hath destroyed a garison of the Philistims: wherefore Israël was had in abominaciō with the Philistims: and the people gathered together after Saul to Gilgál.

5 ¶ The Philistims also gathered them selues together to fight with Israël, thirtie thousand charrets and six thousand horsemen: for the people was like the sand which is by the seas side in multitude, and came vp, and pitched in Michmásh Eastwarde from e Beth-áuen.

e Which was also called Beth-él, in the tribe of Beniamin.

6 And whē the men of Israël sawe that they were in a strait (for the people were in distresse) the people hid the selues in caues, & in holdes, & in rockes, & to wres, & in pittes.

7 And some of the Ebrewes went ouer Iordén vnto the land of f Gad & Gileád: and Saul was yet in Gilgál, and all the people for feare followed him.

f Where the two tribes & the halfe remained.

8 And he taried seue dayes, according vnto the time that Samuél had appointed: but Samuél came not to Gilgál, therefore the people were g scared from him.

g Thinking of the absence of y Prophet was a signe, that they shulde lose the victory.

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

10 And as sone as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, beholde, Samuél came: and Saul went forth to mete him, to h salute him.

h Ebr. bless him.

11 And Samuél said, What hast thou done? Then Saul said, Because I sawe that the people was i scared from me, and that thou camest not within the dayes appointed, and that the Philistims gathered the selues together to Michmásh,

i Though these causes seeme sufficient in mans iudgement yet because they had not the worde of God, they turned to his destruction.

12 Therefore said I, The Philistims will come downe now vpon me to Gilgál, and I haue not made supplicacion vnto the Lord. I was bolde therefore and offered a burnt offering.

13 And Samuél said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandement of the Lord thy i God, which

j Who willed thee to obey him and rest vpon the wordes spoken by his Prophet.

I. ii.

# Saúl is refused.

# I. Samuél.

# Ionathán & his man.

he commaded thee: for the Lord had now  
stablished thy kingdome vpon Israël for  
euer.

14 But now thy kingdome shal not conti-  
nue: the Lord hathe fought him a <sup>k</sup> man  
after his owne heart, and <sup>y</sup> Lord hathe com-  
maded him to be gouernour ouer his peo-  
ple, because thou hast not kept that which  
the Lord had commanded thee.

15 ¶ And Samuél arose, and gate him vp frō  
Gilgál in <sup>1</sup> Gibeáh of Beniamín: & Saúl  
nombred the people that were foude with  
him, about six hundreth men.

16 And Saúl and Ionathán his sonne, & the  
people that were founde with them, had  
their abiding in Gibeáh of Beniamín: but  
the Philistims pitched in Michmásh.

17 And there came out of the hoste of the  
Philistims <sup>u</sup> thre bádes to destroy, one bá-  
de turned vnto the way of Ophráh vnto  
the land of Shuál,

18 And another bande turned toward the  
way to Beth-horón, and the <sup>m</sup> thirde bá-  
de turned toward the way of the coast that  
lokethe toward the valley of Zeboím, tow-  
ard the wildernes.

19 Thêthere was no smith founde through-  
out all the land of Israël: for the Philis-  
tims said, Lest the Ebrewes make them  
swordes or speares.

20 Wherefore all the Israelites wêt downe  
to the Philistims, to sharpen euerie man  
his share, his mattocke, & his axe and his  
wedding hooke.

21 Yet they had a file for the shares, and for  
the mattockes, and for the pickeforkes, &  
for the axes and for to sharpen the goades.

22 So when the day of battel was come, there  
was nether <sup>n</sup> sworde nor speare founde  
in the hands of anie of the people that  
were with Saúl & with Ionathán: but <sup>o</sup> onely  
with Saúl and Ionathán his sonne was  
there founde.

23 And the garison of the Philistims came  
out to the passage of Michmásh.

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14 Ionathán and his armour bearer put the Philistims  
to flight. 24 Saúl bindeth the people by an othe, not to  
eat til euening. 32 The people eat with the blood.  
38 Saúl wolde put Ionathán to death. 45 The people  
deliuer him.

1 **T**Hen on a day Ionathán the sonne of  
Saúl said vnto the yong man that bare  
his armour, <sup>a</sup> Come and let vs go ouer  
toward the Philistims garison, that is  
yonder on the otherside, but he tolde not  
his father.

2 And Saúl taryed in the border of Gi-  
beáh vnder a pomegranate tre, which was  
in Migrón, and the people that were with  
him, were about six hundreth men.

3 And Ahiah the sonne of Abitúb, <sup>\*</sup> Icha-  
bods brother, the sonne of Phinehás, the

sonne of Elí, was the Lords Priest in Shi-  
lôh, and ware an Ephód: and the people  
knewe not that Ionathán was gone.

4 ¶ Now in the way whereby Ionathán  
fought to go ouer to <sup>y</sup> Philistims garison,  
there was a <sup>u</sup> sharpe rocke on the one side,  
and a sharpe rocke on the other side: the  
name of the one was called Bozéz, & the  
name of the other Sêneh.

5 The one rocke stretched frō the North  
toward Michmásh, & the other was from  
the South toward Gibeáh,

6 And Ionathán said to the yong man that  
bare his armour, Come, and let vs go ouer  
vnto the garison of these <sup>b</sup> vncircumci-  
sed: it may be that the Lord wil worke  
with vs: for it is <sup>c</sup> not hard to the Lord <sup>\*</sup> to  
saue with manie, or with fewe.

7 And he that bare his armour, said vnto  
him, do all that is in thine heart: go where  
it pleaseth thee: behold, <sup>c</sup> I am with thee  
as thine heart desireth.

8 Then said Ionathán, Beholde, we go  
ouer vnto those men, and wil shewe our  
selues vnto them.

9 <sup>d</sup> If they say on this wise to vs, Tarie vn-  
til we come to you, then we wil stand stil  
in our place, and not go vp to them.

10 But if they say, Come vp vnto vs, then  
we wil go vp: for <sup>\*</sup> the Lord hathe deliue-  
red them into our hand: and this shalbe a  
signe vnto vs.

11 So they bothe shewed them selues vnto  
the garison of the Philistims: and the Phi-  
listims said, Se, the Ebrewes come out of <sup>y</sup>  
<sup>e</sup> holes wherein they had hid thé selues.

12 And the men of the garison answered  
Ionathán, & his armour bearer, and said,  
Come vp to vs: for we wil shewe you a  
thing. Then Ionathán said vnto his ar-  
mour bearer, Come vp after me: for the  
Lord hathe deliuered them into the hand  
of Israël.

13 So Ionathán went vp vpon <sup>f</sup> his hands  
and vpon his fete, and his armour bearer  
after him: and <sup>g</sup> some fel before Ionathán, &  
his armour bearer slewed others after him.

14 So the <sup>h</sup> first slaughter which Ionathán  
and his armour bearer made, was about  
twentie mé within that cōpasse, as it were  
within halfe an acre of land which two  
oxen plowe.

15 And there was a feare in the hoste, and in  
the field, and amōg all the people: the ga-  
rison also, and they that went out to spoile,  
were afrayed them selues: and the earth  
trembled: for it was <sup>h</sup> stricken with feare by  
God.

16 ¶ Thê the watchmen of Saúl in Gibeáh  
of Beniamín sawe: and beholde, the multi-  
tude was discomfited, and smitten as they  
went.

17 Therefore said Saúl vnto the people  
that

<sup>k</sup> That is, Da-  
uid.

<sup>l</sup> And went to  
his citie Ra-  
mah.

<sup>u</sup> Or, the destruc-  
tion: as wit, the  
captaine came  
out with three  
bands.

<sup>m</sup> So that to  
manie wold  
these three ar-  
mies wold ha-  
ue ouerrunne  
the whole co-  
untry.

<sup>n</sup> To declare  
that the victo-  
rie onely came  
of God &  
not by their  
force.

<sup>a</sup> By this ex-  
ample God wold  
declare to Is-  
raël that the  
victorie did  
not consist in  
multitude or  
armour, but  
onely came of  
his grace.

Chap. 4. 11.

<sup>b</sup> To wit, the  
Philistims.

<sup>c</sup> Or, none can les  
the Lord.

2. Chro. 14. 11.

<sup>c</sup> I wil follow  
thee whether-  
soeuer thou  
goest.

<sup>d</sup> This he spake  
by the Spi-  
rit of prophe-  
cie, forasmuche  
as hereby God  
gaue him assu-  
rance of the  
victorie.

1. Mac. 4. 30.

<sup>e</sup> Thus they  
spake cōtemp-  
tuously, and by  
derision.

<sup>f</sup> That is,  
he crept vp, or  
went vp with  
all hast.

<sup>g</sup> The seconde  
was whê they  
slew one ano-  
ther, and the  
third when <sup>y</sup>  
Israelites cha-  
sed them.

<sup>h</sup> In that the  
insensible crea-  
tures tremble  
for feare of  
Gods iudge-  
ment, it decla-  
reth how ter-  
rible his ven-  
gance shalbe  
against his e-  
nemies.

that were with him, Search now & se, who is gone from vs. And whē they had nombred, beholde, Ionathán and his armour bearer were not there.

18 And Saúl said vnto Ahiáh, Bring hither the Arke of God (for y<sup>e</sup> Arke of God was at that time with the children of Israél)

19 ¶ And while Saúl talked vnto the Priest, the noife, that was in the hoste of the Philistims, spred farther abroade, & encreased: therefore Saúl said vnto the Priest, Withdrawe thine hand.

20 And Saúl was assembled with all the people that were with him, and they came to the battel: & beholde, \* euerie mans sworde was against his fellowe, and there was a very great discomfiture.

21 Moreouer y<sup>e</sup> Ebrewes that were with the Philistims before time, & were come with them into all partes of the hoste, euē they also turned to be with the <sup>k</sup> Israelites that were with Saúl and Ionathán.

22 Also all the men of Israél which had hid them selues in mount Ephráim when they heard, that the Philistims were fled, they followed after them in the battel.

23 And so the Lord faued Israél that day: and the battel continued vnto Beth-áuen.

24 ¶ And at that time the men of Israél were pressed with hunger: for Saúl charged the people with an othe, saying, <sup>l</sup> Cursed be the man y<sup>e</sup> eateth <sup>m</sup> foode til nyght, that I may be auenged of mine enemies: so none of the people tasted <sup>n</sup> any sustenance.

25 And all they of the lād came to a wood, where hony lay vpon the ground.

26 And the people came into the wood, & beholde, the hony dropped, and no man moued his hād to his mouth: for the people feared the <sup>o</sup> othe.

27 But Ionathán heard not when his father charged the people with the othe: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hād, and dipt it in an hony cōbe, and put his hand to his mouth, and his <sup>n</sup> eyes receyued sight.

28 Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father made y<sup>e</sup> people to sweare, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth sustenance this day: and the people were <sup>o</sup> faint.

29 Then said Ionathán, My father hath troubled the land: se now how mine eyes are made cleare, because I haue tasted a litle of this hony:

30 How much more, if the people had eatē to day of the spoile of their enemies which they founde: for had there not bene now a greater slaughter among the Philistims?

31 ¶ And they smote y<sup>e</sup> Philistims that day, from Michmáš to Aialón: and the people were exceeding faint.

32 So the people turned to the spoyle, and

toke shepe, & oxen, and calues, & slewe thē on the ground, and the people did eat thē \* with the blood.

33 Then ment told Saúl, saying, Beholde, the people sinne against the Lord, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye haue trespassed: y<sup>e</sup> roule a great stone vnto me this day.

34 Againe Saúl said, Go abroade among y<sup>e</sup> people, & bid them bring me euerie man his ox, and euerie mā his shepe, and slaye them here, and eate and sinne not against the Lord in eating with the blood. And the people broght euerie man his ox in his hand that night and slewe them there.

35 Then Saúl made an altar vnto the Lord, & that <sup>o</sup> was the first altar that he made vnto the Lord.

36 ¶ And Saúl said, Let vs go downe after the Philistims by night, and spoyle them vntil the morning shine, and let vs not leaue a mā of them. And they said, Do whatsoeuer thou thinkest best. Then said the Priest, Let vs draw nere hither vnto God.

37 So Saúl asked of God, saying, Shal I go downe after the Philistims? wilt thou deliuer them into the hands of Israél? But he answered him not at that time.

38 ¶ And Saúl said, \* All y<sup>e</sup> chief of y<sup>e</sup> people, come ye hither, and knowe, and se by whome this sinne is done this day.

39 For as the Lord liueth, which saueth Israél, though it be <sup>o</sup> done by Ionathán my sonne, he shal dye the death. But none of all the people answered him.

40 Then he said vnto all Israél, Be ye on one side, & I and Ionathán my sonne wil be on the other side. And the people said vnto Saúl, Do what thou thinkest best.

41 Then Saúl said vnto the Lord God of Israél, Giue a perfect <sup>o</sup> lot. And Ionathán & Saúl were taken, but the people escaped.

42 And Saúl said, Cast <sup>o</sup> lot betwene me and Ionathán my sonne. And Ionathán was taken.

43 Then Saúl said to Ionathán, Tel me what thou hast done. And Ionathán told him, and said, I tasted a litle hony with y<sup>e</sup> end of the rod, that was in mine hand, & lo, I must dye.

44 Againe Saúl answered, God do so and more also, vnles y<sup>e</sup> dye y<sup>e</sup> death, Ionathán.

45 And the people said vnto Saúl, ¶ Shal Ionathán dye, who hath so mightely deliuered Israél? God forbid. As y<sup>e</sup> Lord liueth there shal not one heere of his head fall to the ground: for he hath wrought w<sup>th</sup> God this day. So the people deliuered Ionathán that he dyed not.

46 Thē Saúl came vp from the Philistims: & the Philistims wēt to their owne place.

47 ¶ So Saúl helde the kingdome ouer Israél, and foght against all his enemies on

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Leu. 7. 26. & 19. 26. deu. 12. 16.

p That the blood of the beaſts y<sup>e</sup> that be ſlaine, may be preſſed out vpon it.

o Or, if that he ſe ne began he ſhould an altar.

q To aſke counſel of him.

Judg. 20. 2. 1 Cor. 10. 21.

r Cauſe y<sup>e</sup> lot to fall on him y<sup>e</sup> hath broke the othe: but he doeth not conſider his preſumptiō in commanding the ſame othe.

s The people thought their due tie to reſcue him, who of ignorance, had but broken a ſaue law, and by whome they had receiued ſo great a benefit.

i Let the Ephod alone: for I haue no ſeaſure now to aſke counſel of God, Nomb. 27. 21. Judg. 7. 21. 1 Chron. 29. 23.

k Though before for feare of the Philistims they declared them ſelues as enemies to their brethren.

l Suche was his hypocricie & arrogancie, y<sup>e</sup> he thought to attribute to his policie y<sup>e</sup> which God had giuen by the hand of Ionathán. 1 Cor. 10. 21.

m That is, the puniſhment, if they brake their othe.

n Which were dimme before for wearines and hunger.

o Or, we tie.

o By making this cruell lawe.

<sup>Or, quere came them.</sup>  
t As the Lord had commanded, Deu. 25, 17.

u Called also Abinadab, Chap. 31, 2.

x Which was the wife of Dauid, Chap. 18, 27.

y Whome Ioab the captain of Dauid slewes, 2. Sam. 3, 27.

z As Samuél had forewarned Chap. 8, 11.

Chap. 8, 16.

a Because he had the preference to this honour, thou art bound to obey him. Exod. 17, 14. 2. Sam. 2, 4, 20.

b That this might be an example of Gods vengeance against the that dealt cruelly with his people.

c Or, quere their number by the lambs, which they brought.

d Or, fight in the valley.

e Which were the posteritie of Iethro Moyses father in lawe.

f For Iethro came to visit them and gave them good counsel, Exod. 18, 19.

euerie side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against y Kings of Zobah, & against the Philistims: & whether soeuer he went, he handled them as wicked men.

48 He gathered also an hoste & smote Amalék, & deliuered Israël out of the hâds of them that spoiled them.

49 Now the sonnes of Saúl were Jonathan, u and Ishui, and Malchishua: and the names of his two daughters, the elder was called Merab, and the yonger was named x Michai.

50 And y name of Sauls wife was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of his chief captaine was y Abner the sonne of Ner, Sauls vncl.

51 And Kish was Sauls father: and Ner the father of Abner was the sonne of Abiel.

52 And there was forewarre against the Philistims all the dayes of Saúl: & z whome soeuer Saul lawe to be a strong man, & mete for the warre, he toke him vnto him.

#### CHAP. XV.

3 Saúl is commanded to slay Amalék. 9 He spareth Agag & the best things. 19 Samuél reprobeth him. 28 Saúl is reiecte of the Lord, and his kingdom giuen to another. 32 Samuél bereth Agag in pieces.

1 A Ferwarde Samuél said vnto Saúl, \* The Lord sent me to anoint thee King ouer his people ouer Israël: nowe therefore a obey the voyce of the wordes of the Lord.

2 Thus saith the Lord of hostes, I remember what Amalék did to Israël, \* how they layed wait for them in the way, as they came vp from Egypt.

3 Nowe therefore go, and smite Amalék; & destroye ye all that pertaineth vnto them, and haue no cōpassion on them, but b slay bothe man and woman, bothe infant and suckeling, bothe ox, and shepe, bothe camel, and asse.

4 And Saúl assembled the people, and nombred them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footemen, and ten thousand men of Iudah.

5 And Saúl came to a citie of Amalék, and set watch at the riuer.

6 And Saúl said vnto the c Kenites, Go, departe, and get you downe from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed d mercy to all the children of Israël, when they came vp from Egypt: and the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7 So Saúl smote the Amalekites from Hauilah as thou comest to Shur, that is before Egypt,

8 And toke Agag the King of the Amalekites alie, and destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9 But Saúl and the people spared Agag, & the better shepe, and the oxen, and the fat

beastes, and the lambes, and all that was good, & they wolde not destroye the: but euery thing that was vile & noight worthe, that they destroyed.

10 ¶ The came the worde of the Lord vnto Samuél, saying,

11 It e repenteth me that I haue made Saúl King: for he is turned from me, & hathe not performed my commandements. And Samuél was moued, & cryed vnto the Lord all night.

12 And when Samuél arose early to mete Saúl in the morning, one tolde Samuél, saying, Saúl is gone to Carmel: and beholde, he hathe made him there a place, from whence he returned, and departed, and is gone downe to Gilgal.

13 ¶ The Samuél came to Saúl, & Saúl said vnto him, Blessed be y of the Lord, I haue fulfilled the f cōmandement of the Lord.

14 But Samuél said, What meaneth then y bleating of the shepe in mine eares, & the lowing of the oxen which I heare?

15 And Saúl answered, Thei haue brought the from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the shepe, and of the oxen to sacrifice them vnto the Lord thy God, and the remnant haue we destroyed.

16 Againe Samuél said to Saúl, Let me tel thee what the Lord hathe said to me this night. And he said vnto him, Say on.

17 Then Samuél said, When thou wast little in thine owne fight, wast y not made the head of the tribes of Israël: for the Lord anointed thee King ouer Israël.

18 And the Lord sent thee on a iourney, & said, Go, and destroye those sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them, vntill thou destroye them.

19 Now wherefore hast thou not obeyed y voyce of the Lord, but hast turned to the praye, and hast done wickedly in the sight of the Lord?

20 And Saúl said vnto Samuél, Yea, I haue obeyd y voyce of the Lord, & haue gone y way which the Lord sent me, and haue brought Agag the King of Amalék, & haue destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But y people toke of the spoyle, shepe, & oxen, & the chiefest of the things which shulde haue bene destroyed, to offer vnto the Lord thy God in Gilgal.

22 And Samuél said, Hathe y Lord as great pleasure in burnt offerings & sacrifices, as when the voyce of y Lord is obeyed? beholde, \* to obey is better then sacrifice, and to hearken is better then the fat of rammes.

23 For i rebellion is as the sinne of witchcraft, and transgression is wickednes and idolatrie. Because thou hast cast away the worde of the Lord, therefore he hathe cast away thee from being King.

24 Then Saúl said vnto Samuél, I haue sinned

e God in his eternal cōseil neuer chageth nor repenteth, as vers. 29. though he seemeth to vs to repent, when anie thing goeth contrary to his temporal election.

f This is y nature of hypocrites, so he impudētly against the truth, to condemne others, & iustifie the selues.

g Meaning of base conditio, as Chap. 9, 21.

h He standeth most spudely in his owne defence bothe against God & his owne cōscience.

i Eccles. 4, 17. ofe. 6, 7. mat. 9, 13. & 22, 7.

j God hateth nothing more then the disobedience of his cōmandement, though y intent seme neuer so good to man.

ned: for I haue transgressed the comāde-  
ment of the Lord; & thy wordes, because  
I feared the people, & obeyed their voyce.

25 Now therefore, I pray thee, take away my  
sinne, and turne againe with me, that I  
may worship the Lord.

26 But Samuél said vnto Saúl, I wil not re-  
turne with thee: for thou hast cast awaye  
the worde of the Lord, & the Lord hathe  
cast away thee, that thou shalt not be Kīg  
ouer Israél.

27 And as Samuél turned him selfe to go  
away, he caught y lap of his coat, & it rét.

28 Then Samuél said vnto him, The Lord  
hathe rent the kingdome of Israél from  
thee this day, & hathe giuen it to thy  
neighbour, that is better then thou.

29 For in dede the strength of Israél wil  
not lie nor repent: for he is not a man that  
he shulde repent.

30 Then he said, I haue sinned: but honour  
me; I pray thee, before the Elders of my  
people, & before Israél, & turne againe w  
me, that I may worship the Lord thy God.

31 ¶ So Samuél turned againe, and followed  
Saúl: and Saúl worshiped the Lord.

32 Thē said Samuél, Bring ye hither to me  
Agág y King of the Amalekites: & Agág  
came vnto him p<sup>leasantly</sup>, and Agág said,  
Truely the bitterness of death is passed.

33 And Samuél said, \* As thy sword hathe  
made women childeles, so shal thy mother  
be childeles among other womē. And Sa-  
muél hewed Agág in pieces before the  
Lord in Gilgál.

34 ¶ So Samuél departed to Ramáh, and  
Saúl went vp to his house to Gibeah of  
Saúl.

35 And Samuél came nomore to se Saúl  
vntil y day of his death: but Samuél mour-  
ned for Saúl, and the Lord repented that  
he made Saúl King ouer Israél.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Samuél is reproued of God, & is sent to anoint Dauid.  
7 God regardeth the heart. 13 The Spirit of the Lord  
commeth vpon Dauid. 14 The wicked spirit is sent  
vpon Saúl. 19 Saúl sendeth for Dauid.

1 The Lord thē said vnto Samuél, How  
long wilt y mourne for Saúl, \* seing  
I haue cast him away from reigning ouer  
Israél: fil thine horne with oyle and come,  
I wil send thee to Ishái the Bethlehemitē:  
for I haue prouided me a King among  
his sonnes.

2 And Samuél said, How can I go? for if  
Saúl shal heare it, he wil kil me. Then the  
Lord answered, Take an heifer w<sup>th</sup> thee, &  
say, I am come to do sacrifice to y Lord.

3 And call Ishái to the sacrifice, and I wil  
shewe thee what y shalt do, & y shalt anoit  
vnto me him whome I name vnto thee.

4 So Samuél did y the Lord bade him; &  
came to Beth-léhem, and the Elders of the

towne were astonied at his comming, &  
said, Comest thou peaceably?

5 And he answered, Yea: I am come to do  
sacrifice vnto the Lord: sanctifie your sel-  
ues, & come with me to the sacrifice. And  
he sanctified Ishái and his sonnes, and cal-  
led them to the sacrifice.

6 And when they were come, he loked on  
Eliáb, and said, Surely the Lords Anoin-  
ted is before him.

7 But the Lord said vnto Samuél, Loke not  
on his countenance, nor on the height of his  
 stature, because I haue refused him: for  
God seeth not as man seeth: for man loketh  
on the outward appearance, but the Lord  
beholderh the heart.

8 Then Ishái called Abinadáb, & made hi  
come before Samuél. And he said, Nether  
hathe the Lord chosen this.

9 Thē Ishái made Shámáh come. And he  
said, Nether yet hathe y Lord chosen hí.

10 Againe Ishái made his seven sonnes to  
come before Samuél: & Samuél said vnto  
Ishái, The Lord hath chose none of these.

11 Finally Samuél said vnto Ishái, " Are  
there no more children but these? And he  
said, There remaineth yet a litle one be-  
hinde, y kepeth the shepe. Then Samuél  
said vnto Ishái, \* Send and fet him: for we  
wil not sit downe, til he be come hither.

12 And he sent, and broght him in: and he  
was ruddie, and of a good countenance, &  
comelie visage. And y Lord said, Arise, &  
anooint him: for this is he.

13 Then Samuél toke the horne of oyle, &  
anoointed him in the middes of his bre-  
thren. And the Spirit of the Lord came  
vpon Dauid, from that day forward: thē  
Samuél rose vp, and went to Ramáh.

14 ¶ But the Spirit of the Lord departed  
from Saúl, and an euil spirit sent of the  
Lord vexed him.

15 And Sauls seruáts said vnto hí, Beholde  
now, y euil spirit of God vexeth thee.

16 Let our lord therefore commande thy  
seruants, that are before thee, to sēke a man,  
that is a conning player vpon the harpe:  
that when the euil spirit of God commeth  
vpon thee, he may playe with his hand, &  
thou maiest be eased.

17 Saúl then said vnto his seruáts, Prouide  
me a man, I pray you, that can play wel, &  
bring him to me.

18 Then answered one of his seruants, and  
said, Beholde, I haue sene a sonne of Ishái,  
a Bethlehemitē, that can playe, & is strōg,  
valiāt & a mā of warre & wise in matters,  
& a comely persone, & y Lord is with hí.

19 ¶ Wherefore Saúl sent messengers vnto  
Ishái, & said, Send me Dauid thy sonne,  
which is with the shepe.

20 And Ishái toke an asse laden with bread  
& a flagon of wine & a kid, & sent thē by  
Liiii.

c Fearing, lest  
some grievous  
crime had been  
committed, be-  
cause y Pro-  
phet was not  
wont to come  
thether.

d Thinking, y  
Eliáb had be-  
ne appointed  
of God to be  
made King.

1. Chro 28.29.  
ier. 11.30.  
Ez. 17.18.  
Ez. 20.12.  
psal. 78.90.

2. Ebr. are the  
children ended

2. Sam. 7.8.  
psal. 78.71.  
Ez. 89.21.

Act. 7.46.  
Ez. 13.22.  
Or, p<sup>er</sup>ferred.

e The wicked  
spirits are at  
Gods comma-  
ndement to ex-  
ecute his wil  
against y wic-  
ked.

f Though Da-  
uid was now  
anoointed  
King by y Pro-  
phet, yet God  
wolde exerci-  
se him in son-  
dry fortes be-  
fore he had  
the vse of his  
kingdome.

k This was  
not true repen-  
tance, but dis-  
simulation, fea-  
ring y losse of  
his kingdome.

l That is, to  
Dauid-  
m Meaning  
God, who  
maintaineth  
& preferreth  
his.

m In border-  
n He suspected  
nothing lesse  
then death, or  
as some write,  
he passed not  
for death.  
Exod. 17.11.  
momb. 14. 45.

o where his  
house was.

p Though Saúl  
came where  
Samuél was,  
chap. 19.22.  
q As ver. 11.

a Signifying, y  
we ought not  
to shewe our  
selues more  
pitiful then  
God, nor to la-  
met thē, who-  
me we casten  
of.

b In this  
band.  
b That is, to  
make a peace  
offering, which  
might be done  
though y Arke  
was not there.

# Goliath defieth Israél. I. Samuél.

the hand of Dauid his sonne vnto Saúl.  
<sup>Or, serued him.</sup> 21 And Dauid came to Saúl, and stode before him: and he loued him very wel, and he was his armour bearer.  
 22 And Saúl sent to Ishái, saying, Let Dauid now remaine with me: for he hath founde fauour in my fight.  
 23 And so when the *euil* spirit of God came vpon Saúl, Dauid toke an harpe and plaied with his hand, & Saúl was refreshed, & was eased: for the euil spirit departed from him.

## CHAP. XVII.

<sup>2</sup> God wolde Saúl shulde receiue this benefite as at Dauid. ad. y his cōdemnation might be the more euident, for his cruel hate towarde him.  
 1 The Philistims make warre against Israél. 10 Goliath defieth Israél. 17 Dauid is sent to his brethren. 34 The strength and b. idenes of Dauid. 47 The Lord saueh not by sword nor speare. 50 Dauid killeth Goliath and the Philistims flee.

<sup>Or, in Ephraim.</sup> <sup>Or, of the oke.</sup> **N**OW the Philistims gathered their armies to battel, and came together to Snochóh, which is in Iudáh, & pitched betwene Shochóh and Azekáh, in the coast of Dammim.  
 2 And Saúl, and the men of Israél assembled, and pitched in the valley of Eláh, & put them selues in battel array to mete the Philistims.  
 3 And the Philistims stode on a mountaine on the one side, and Israél stode on a mountaine on the other side: so a valley was betwene them.

<sup>a</sup> Betwene the two campe. **4** ¶ Then came a mā betwene them: bothe out of the tentes of the Philistims, named Goliath of Gath: his height was six cubits and an hand breadth,  
 5 And had an helmet of brasse vpō his head, and a brigandine vpon him: and the weight of his brigandine was siue thousand shekels of brasse.

<sup>Or, case of plate.</sup> <sup>b</sup> That is, 156 lib. 4. ounces, after halfe an ounce the shekel. & 600 shekels weight amounteth to 38 lib. 3. quarters. <sup>Or, greaves.</sup> **6** And he had bootes of brasse vpō his legges, & a shilde of brasse vpō his shoulders.  
 7 And the shafte of his speare was like a weauers beame: and his speare head weyed six hundreth shekels of yron: and one bearing a shilde went before him.  
 8 And he stode, and cryed against the hoste of Israél, and said vnto them, Why are ye come to set your battel in array? am not I a Philistim, and you seruants to Saúl: chose you a mā for you, & let him come downe to me.

<sup>Or, serise me.</sup> **9** If he be able to fight with me, and kil me, then wil we be your seruants: but if I ouercome him, and kil him, then shal ye be our seruants, and serue vs.  
 10 Also the Philistim said, I defieth the hoste of Israél this day: giue me a man, that we may fight together.  
 11 When Saúl and all Israél heard those wordes of the Philistim, they were discouraged, and greatly afrayed.

<sup>Or, had to bin.</sup> <sup>Chap. 16.</sup> **12** ¶ Now this Dauid was the sonne of an Ephrathite of Beth-léhem Iudáh, named

Ishái, which had eight sonnes: and this mā was taken for an olde man in the dayes of Saúl.  
<sup>Or, he was called among the that bare office.</sup>

**13** And the thre eldest sonnes of Ishái went and followed Saúl to the battel: and the names of his thre sonnes that wēt to battel, were Eliáb the eldest, & the next Abinadab, and the third Shammáh.

**14** So Dauid was the least: and the thre eldest went after Saúl.

**15** Dauid also went, but he returned from Saúl to fede his fathers shepe in Beth-léhem.  
<sup>c</sup> To serue Saúl, as chap. 16, ver. 19.

**16** And the Philistim drewe nere in the morning, and euening, and continued fourtie dayes.

**17** And Ishái said vnto Dauid his sonne, Take now for thy brethren an Epháh of this parched corne, and these ten cakes, and runne to the hoste to thy brethren.  
<sup>d</sup> Though Ishái ment one thing, yet Gods providence directed Dauid to another end.

**18** Also cary these ten fresh cheeses vnto the captaine, and loke how thy brethren fare, and receiue their pledge.

**19** (Then Saúl and they, and all the men of Israél were in the valley of Eláh, fighting with the Philistims).  
<sup>e</sup> If they haue laied anie thing to gage for their necessitie, redeme it out.

**20** ¶ So Dauid rose vp early in the mornig, and left the shepe with a keper, and toke and went as Ishái had commanded him, & came within the compasse of the hoste: & the hoste went out in array, and shewed in the battel.

**21** For Israél and the Philistims had put them selues in array, armie against armie.

**22** And Dauid left the things, which he bare, vnder the hands of the keper of the cariage, and ran into the hoste, & came, and asked his brethren how they did.  
<sup>Or, vessels.</sup> <sup>Or, if pease.</sup>

**23** And as he talked with them, beholde, the man that was betwene the two armies, came vp, (whose name was Goliath the Philistim of Gath) out of the armie of the Philistims, and spake suche wordes, & Dauid heard them.  
<sup>Or, valleys.</sup> <sup>f</sup> As are about rehearsed ver. 8, & 9.

**24** And all the men of Israél, when they sawe the man, ran away from him, & were fore afrayed.

**25** For euery man of Israél said, Sawe ye not this man that cometh vp: euen to reuile Israél is he come vp: and to him that killeth hī, wil the King giue great riches, and wil giue him his daughter, yea, and make his fathers house fre in Israél.  
<sup>10th. 15, 16.</sup>

**26** ¶ Then Dauid spake to the men that stode with him, and said, What shalbedone to the man that killeth this Philistim, and taketh away the shame from Israél: for who is this vncircumcised Philistim, that he shulde reuile the hoste of the liuing God?  
<sup>g</sup> From taxes, & payments.

**27** And the people answered him after this manner, saying, Thus shal it be done to the

<sup>h</sup> This dishonour y he doeth to Israél.



the man that killeth him.

28 And Eliáb his eldest brother heard whé he spake vnto the men, & Eliáb was very angry with Dauid, and said, Why camest thou downe hether: and with whome hast thou left those fewe shepe in the wildernes? I knowe thy pride and the malice of thine heart, that thou art come downe to se the battel.

29 Then Dauid said, What haue I now done? Is there not a cause?

30 And he departed from him into the presence of another, and spake of the same manner, and the people answered him according to the former wordes.

31 ¶ And thei that heard the wordes which Dauid spake, rehearsed them before Saúl, which caused him to be brought.

32 So Dauid said to Saúl, Let no más heart faile him, because of him: thy seruant wil go, and fight with this Philistim.

33 And Saúl said to Dauid, Thou art not able to go against this Philistim to fight with him: for thou art a boye, and he is a man of warre from his youth.

34 And Dauid answered vnto Saúl, Thy seruant kept his fathers shepe, and there came a lion and likewise a beare, and toke a shepe out of the flocke,

35 And I went out after him & smote him, & toke it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by the bearde, and smote him, and slewe him.

36 So thy seruant slewe bothe the lion, and the beare: therefore this vncircumcised Philistim shalbe as one of them, seing he hath railed on the hoste of the liuing God.

37 ¶ Moreouer Dauid said, The Lord that deliuered me out of the pawe of the lion, and out of the pawe of the beare, he wil deliuer me out of the hand of this Philistim. Then Saúl said vnto Dauid, Go, and the Lord be with thee.

38 And Saúl put his rayment vpon Dauid, and put an helmet of brasse vpon his head, and put a brigandine vpon him.

39 The girded Dauid his sworde vpon his rayment, and began to go: for he neuer proued it: and Dauid said vnto Saúl, I can not go with these: for I am not accustomed, wherefore Dauid put them of him.

40 Then toke he his staffe in his hand, and chose him fise smothe stones out of a brooke, and put them in his shepherdes bag or skrippe, & his sling was in his hád, and he drewe nere to the Philistim.

41 ¶ And the Philistim came & drewe nere vnto Dauid, and the man that bare the shield went before him.

42 Now when the Philistim loked about and sawe Dauid, he disdeined him: for he was but yong, ruddy & of a comely face.

43 And the Philistim said vnto Dauid, Am

I a dog, that thou comcest to me with staues? And the Philistim cursed Dauid by his gods.

44 And the Philistim said to Dauid, Come to me, and I wil giue thy flesh vnto the foules of the heauen, and to the beastes of the field.

45 ¶ The said Dauid to the Philistim, Thou comcest to me with a sworde, and with a speare, and with a shield, but I come to thee in the Name of the Lord of hostes, the God of the hoste of Israél, whom thou hast railed vpon.

46 This day shal the Lord close thee in mine hand, and I shal smite thee, and take thine head from thee, and I wil giue the carkeises of the hoste of the Philistims this day vnto the foules of the heauen, & to the beastes of the earth, all the worlde may knowe that Israél hath a God,

47 And that all this assemblie may knowe, that the Lord saueh not with sworde nor with speare (for the battel is the Lords) & he wil giue you into our hands.

48 And when the Philistim arose to come and drawe nere vnto Dauid, Dauid halted & ran to fight against the Philistim.

49 And Dauid put his hand in his bag, and toke out a stone, & slang it and smote the Philistim in his forehead, that the stone stuck in his forehead, and he fel groueling to the earth.

50 So Dauid ouercame the Philistim with a sling and with a stone, & smote the Philistim, & slewe him, when Dauid had no sworde in his hand.

51 Then Dauid ran, and stode vpon the Philistim, and toke his sworde & drewe it out of his sheath, and slewe him, & cut of his head therewith. So whé the Philistims sawe, that their champion was dead, they fled.

52 And the men of Israél and Iudáh arose, and showed, and followed after the Philistims, vntil thei came to the valley, and vnto the gates of Ekrón: and the Philistims fel downe wounded by the way of Shaaráim, euen to Gath and to Ekrón.

53 And the children of Israél returned fró pursuing the Philistims, and spoiled their tents.

54 And Dauid toke the head of the Philistim, and brought it to Ierusalém, and put his armour in his tent.

55 ¶ When Saúl sawe Dauid go forthe against the Philistim, he said vnto Abnér the captaine of his hoste, Abnér, whose sonne is this yong man? and Abnér answered, As thy soule liueth, ó King, I can not tel.

56 The King said, Enquire thou whose sonne this yong man is.

57 And when Dauid was returned from the

o He sware by his gods that he wolde destroy him.

p Dauid being assured bothe of his cause & of his calling, propheticall of the destruction of the Philistims.

q Being moued with a feruent zeale to be reuenged vpon this blasphemour of Gods Name.

Eccles. 47. 4. 1. Mac. 3. 50.

o Or, Gai, she eie.

o Or, house as Beth-lehem.

r That is, of what familie & tribe is he? or els, he had forgotten Dauid, albeit he had receiued so great a benefit by him.

i For his fathers sending was a iuste occasion, & also he felt him self inwardly moued by Gods Spirit.

k Here Satan gueth Dauids faith by the infidelitie of Saúl.

l Dauid by the experience he hath had in time past of Gods helpe, nothing doubting to ouercome this danger, seing he was zealous for Gods honour.

m For by these examples he sawe that the power of God was w him.

no, asayed.

n To the intent that by these weak means God might only be knowne to be the author of this victorie.

slaughter of <sup>g</sup> Philistim, the Abner toke him, & broght him before Saúl with the head of the Philistim in his hand.

38 And Saúl said to him, Whose sonne art thou, thou yong man? And Dauid answered, I am the sonne of thy seruant Ishái the Bethlehemite.

CHAP. XVIII.

<sup>1</sup> The amitie of Ionathán and Dauid. <sup>8</sup> Saúl enuieeth Dauid for the praise that the womē gaue him. <sup>11</sup> Saúl wolde haue slayne Dauid. <sup>17</sup> He promisseth him Meráb to wife, but giueth him Michál. <sup>27</sup> Dauid deliuereth to Saúl two hundredth foreskinnes of the Philistims. <sup>29</sup> Saúl feareth Dauid, seing that the Lord is with him.

<sup>a</sup> And when he had made an end of speaking vnto Saúl, the <sup>a</sup> soule of Ionathán was knit with the soule of Dauid, and Ionathán loued him, as his owne soule.

<sup>a</sup> His affection was fully bent toward him.

<sup>2</sup> And Saúl toke him that day, and wolde not let him returne to his fathers house.

<sup>3</sup> Then Ionathán and Dauid made a covenant: for he loued him as his owne soule.

<sup>4</sup> And Ionathán put of the robe that was vpon him, and gaue it Dauid, and his garments, euen to his sworde, & to his bowe, and to his girdle.

<sup>b</sup> That is, he prospered in all his doings.

<sup>5</sup> And Dauid went out whether soeuer Saúl sent him, & behaued him selfe <sup>b</sup> wisely: so that Saúl set him ouer the me of warre, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Sauls seruants.

<sup>c</sup> To wit, Goliath.

<sup>6</sup> ¶ When thei came againe, and Dauid returned from the slaughter of the <sup>c</sup> Philistim, the women came out of all cities of Israël, singing and dancing to mete King Saúl, with timbrels, with <sup>d</sup> instruments of ioye, and with rebeckes.

<sup>e</sup> He answered, playing. Chap. 21. 11. & 29. 5. Eccles. 47. 7.

<sup>7</sup> And the women <sup>e</sup> sang by cours in their playe, & said, \* Saúl hathe slayne his thousand, and Dauid his ten thousand.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore Saúl was exceeding wrath, and the saying displeased him, & he said, Thei haue ascribed vnto Dauid ten thousand, & to me thei haue ascribed <sup>f</sup> but a thousand, & what can he haue more saue the kigdome?

<sup>d</sup> Because he bare him enie & hatred.

<sup>9</sup> Wherefore Saúl <sup>d</sup> had an eye on Dauid from that day forward.

<sup>e</sup> That is, spake as a mā beside him selfe: for so the people abused this worde, when thei colde not vnderstand.

<sup>10</sup> ¶ And on the morowe, the euil spirit of God came vpon Saúl, & he <sup>e</sup> prophecied in the middes of the house: and Dauid played with his hand like as at other times, and there <sup>f</sup> was a speare in Sauls hand.

<sup>11</sup> And Saúl toke the speare, and said, I will smite Dauid <sup>g</sup> through to <sup>g</sup> y wall. But Dauid auoyded twise out of his presence.

<sup>12</sup> And Saúl was afraied of Dauid, because the Lord was with him, and was departed from Saúl.

<sup>f</sup> Meaning, he was captaine ouer <sup>h</sup> people.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore Saúl put him from him, and made him a captaine ouer a thousand, and he went <sup>f</sup> out and in before the people.

<sup>14</sup> And Dauid behaued him selfe wisely in all his waies: for the Lord <sup>h</sup> was with him.

<sup>15</sup> Wherefore when Saúl sawe that he was very wise, he was afraied of him.

<sup>16</sup> For all Israël and Iudáh loued Dauid, because he went out and in before them.

<sup>17</sup> ¶ The Saúl said to Dauid, Beholde mine eldest daughter Meráb, her I wil giue thee to wife: onely be a valiant sonne vnto me, and <sup>h</sup> fight the Lords battels: for Saúl thought, Mine hand shal not be vpon him, but the hand of the Philistims shalbe vpon him.

<sup>g</sup> Fight against them <sup>i</sup> warre against Gods people.

<sup>18</sup> And Dauid answered Saúl, What am I? and what is my life, or the familie of my father in Israël, that I shulde be sonne in lawe to the King?

<sup>19</sup> Howbeit when Meráb Sauls daughter shulde haue bene giue to Dauid, <sup>h</sup> she was giue vnto Adriél a Meholathite to wife.

<sup>h</sup> By whome he had hie sonnes, which Dauid put to death at the request of the Gibeonites, 2. Sam. 21. 8.

<sup>20</sup> ¶ Then Michál Sauls daughter loued Dauid: and thei shewed Saúl, & the thing pleased him.

<sup>21</sup> Therefore Saúl said, I wil giue him her, that she may be a <sup>i</sup> snare to him, and that the hád of the Philistims may be against hí. Wherefore Saúl said to Dauid, Thou shalt this day be my sonne in lawe in the one of the twaine.

<sup>i</sup> So his hypocritic appeareth: for vnder pretence of fauour he sought his destruction.

<sup>22</sup> And Saúl comanded his seruants, Speake with Dauid secretly, and say, Beholde, the King hathe a fauour to thee, and all his seruants loue thee: be now therefore the Kings sonne in lawe.

<sup>23</sup> And Sauls seruants spake these wordes in the eares of Dauid. And Dauid said, <sup>k</sup> Semeth it to you a light thing to be a Kings sonne in lawe, seing that I am a poore man and of small reputation?

<sup>k</sup> Meaning, <sup>l</sup> he was not able to endowe his wife with riches.

<sup>24</sup> And then Sauls seruants broght him worde againe, saying, Suche wordes spake Dauid.

<sup>25</sup> And Saúl said, This wise shal ye say to Dauid, The King desireth no dowrie, but an húdreth foreskinnes of the Philistims, to be auenged of the Kings enemies: for Saúl thought to make Dauid fall into the hands of the Philistims.

<sup>26</sup> And when his seruants tolde Dauid these wordes, it pleased Dauid wel, to be the <sup>l</sup> Kings sonne in lawe: and the daies were not expired.

<sup>l</sup> Because he thought him selfe able to compass the Kings request.

<sup>27</sup> Afterwarde Dauid arose with his men, and went and slewe of the Philistims two hundred men: and Dauid broght their foreskinnes, and <sup>m</sup> thei gaue them wholly to the King that he might be the Kings sonne in lawe: therefore Saúl gaue him Michál his daughter to wife.

<sup>m</sup> Meaning, Dauid and his soldiers.

<sup>28</sup> Then Saúl sawe, & vnderstode that the Lord <sup>n</sup> was with Dauid, & that Michál the daughter of Saúl loued him.

<sup>29</sup> The Saúl was more & more <sup>n</sup> afraied of

<sup>n</sup> To be depreiued of his kigdome.

Dauid, and Saúl became alway Dauids enemy.

30 And when the princes of the Philistims went forth, at their going forthe Dauid behaued him selfe more wisely then all the seruantes of Saúl, so that his name was muche set by.

## CHAP. XIX.

1 *Jonathán declareth to Dauid the wicked purpose of Saúl. 11 Michál his wife faueth him. 18 Dauid cometh to Samuél. 23 The Spirit of prophecie cometh on Saúl.*

1 **T**HEN Saúl spake to Jonathán his sonne, and to all his seruants, that they shulde kil Dauid: but Jonathán Sauls sonne had a great fauour to Dauid.

2 And Jonathán tolde Dauid, saying, Saúl my father goeth about to slaye thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take hede vnto thy selfe vnto the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thy selfe.

3 And I wil go out, and stand by my father in the field where thou art, and wil cōmune with my father of thee, and I wil se what he saith and wil tel thee.

4 ¶ And Jonathán spake good of Dauid vnto Saúl his father, and said vnto him, Let not the King sinne against his seruāt, against Dauid: for he hath not sinned against thee, but his workes haue bene to thee very good.

5 For he did put his life in danger, and slewe the Philistim, and the Lord wrought a great saluation for all Israël: thou sawest it, and thou reioycdest: wherefore then wilt thou sinne against innocent blood, & slaye Dauid without a cause?

6 Then Saúl hearkened vnto the voyce of Jonathán, and Saúl sware, As the Lord liueth, he shal not dye.

7 So Jonathán called Dauid, and Jonathán shewed him all these wordes, & Jonathán broght Dauid to Saúl, and he was in his presence as in times past.

8 ¶ Againe the warre began, and Dauid wēt out and focht with the Philistims, and slewe them with a great slaughter, & they fled from him.

9 ¶ And the euil Spirit of the Lord was vpō Saúl, as he sate in his house hauing his speare in his hand, and Dauid played with his hand.

10 And Saúl entended to smite Dauid to the wall with the speare: but he turned aside out of Sauls presence, and he smote the speare against the wall: but Dauid fled, and escaped the same night.

11 Saúl also sent messengers vnto Dauids house, to watche him, and to slaye him in the morning: & Michál Dauids wife tolde it him, saying, If thou saue not thy self this night, tomorrow thou shalt be slaine.

12 So Michál let Dauid downe through

a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.

13 Then Michál toke an image and layed it in the bed, and put a pillowe stuffed with goates heere vnder the head of it, and couered it with a cloth.

14 And when Saúl sent messengers to take Dauid, she said, He is sicke.

15 And Saúl sent the messengers againe to se Dauid, saying, Bring him to me in the bed, that I may slaye him.

16 And when the messengers were come in, beholde, an image was in the bed, with a pillowe of goates heere vnder the head of it.

17 And Saúl said vnto Michál, Why hast thou mocked me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michál answered Saúl, He said vnto me, Let me go, or els I wil kil thee.

18 ¶ So Dauid fled, and escaped, and came to Samuél to Ramáh, and tolde him all that Saúl had done to him: and he and Samuél went and dwelt in Naióth.

19 But one tolde Saúl, saying, Beholde, Dauid is at Naióth in Ramáh.

20 And Saúl sent messengers to take Dauid: and when they sawe a companie of Prophets prophecying, and Samuél standing as appointed ouer them, the Spirit of God fel vpon the messengers of Saúl, and they also prophecied.

21 And whē it was tolde Saúl, he sent other messengers, and they prophecied likewise: againe Saúl sent the third messengers, and they prophecied also.

22 Then went he him self to Ramáh, and came to a great wel that is in Sechú, and he asked, and said, Where are Samuél and Dauid? and one said, Beholde, they be at Naióth in Ramáh.

23 And he went thither, euen to Naióth in Ramáh, and the Spirit of God came vpon him also, and he went prophecying vntil he came to Naióth in Ramáh.

24 And he stript of his clothes, and he prophecied also before Samuél, and fel

downe naked all that day and all that night: therefore they say, Is Saúl also among the Prophetes?

## CHAP. XX.

1 *Jonathán comforteth Dauid. 3 They renue their league. 33 Saúl wolde haue killed Jonathán. 38 Jonathán aduerseteth Dauid by three arrowes of his fathers fury.*

1 **A**ND Dauid fled from Naióth in Ramáh, and came and said before Jonathán, What haue I done? what is mine iniquitie? and what sinne haue I committed before thy father, that he seeketh my life?

2 And he said vnto him, God forbid, thou shalt not dye: beholde, my father wil do

f Beholde, how y tyrants to accomplish their rage, whether regarde othe nor friendship, God nor man.

g Naióth was a scholl where the worde of God was studyed, nere to Ramáh.

h Being their chief instructor. i Chāged their mindes and praised God.

k With a minde to persecute them.

l His kingly apparel.

m He humbled him selfe as other did.

Chap. 19, 20.

n For Saúl was rayed, & prophecied a day & a night by Gods providence, that Dauid might haue time to escape.

o That is, Dauid had better success against the Philistines then Sauls men.

a Before Saúl focht Dauid life secretly, but now his hypocrisie bursteth forth to open crueltye.

b That I may giue thee warning what to do.

c Eir. he put his fule in his hand. Iudg. 12, 3. 1 Sam. 27, 21. psal. 119, 109.

e Whatsoeuer he pretended outwardly, yet his heart was full of malice.

f He plaide on his harpe to mitigate the rage of the euil Spirit, as Chap. 16, 23.

g Thus God moued bothe the sonne and daughter of this tyrant to fauour Dauid against their fathers.

# Jonathans loue.

# I. Samuél.

# Jonathán is reuiled.

<sup>a</sup> Ebr. reuile is  
in mine care.

nothing great nor smale, but he wil shew it me: and why shulde my father hide this thing from me? he wil not do it.

3 And Dauid sware againe and said, Thy father knoweth that I haue founde grace in thine eyes: therefore he thinketh, Ionathán shal not knowe it, lest he be sory: but in dede, as the Lord liueth, and as thy soule liueth, there is but a <sup>b</sup> steppe betwene me and death.

<sup>b</sup> I am in great  
danger of  
death.

<sup>c</sup> Ebr. sayeth.

4 Then said Ionathán vnto Dauid, Whatsoeuer thy soule requireth, that I wil do vnto thee.

5 And Dauid said vnto Ionathán, Beholde, tomorrow is the <sup>c</sup> first day of the moneth, and I shulde sit with the King at meat: but let me go, that I may hide my selfe in the fields vnto the third day at euen.

<sup>c</sup> At what time there shulde be a solene sacrifice, Nób. 28, 11: to the w<sup>y</sup> they added peace offerings and feasts.

6 If thy father make mencion of me, then say, Dauid asked leaue of me, y<sup>e</sup> he might go to Beth-léhé to his owne citie: for there is a <sup>d</sup> yerele sacrifice for all that familie.

<sup>d</sup> Read Chap. 13, 21.

7 And if he say thus, It is wel, thy seruant shal haue peace: but if he be angry, be sure that wickednes is concluded of him.

8 So shalt thou shewe mercy vnto thy seruant: \* for thou hast ioyned thy seruant into a couenant of the Lord with thee, & if there be in me iniquitie, slaye thou me: for why shuldest thou bring me to thy father?

Chap. 13, 3.  
& 23, 18.

9 ¶ And Ionathán answered, God kepe y<sup>e</sup> from thee: for if I knewe that wickednes were <sup>e</sup> concluded of my father to come vpon thee, wolde not I tel it thee?

<sup>e</sup> That he were fully determined.

<sup>f</sup> If thy father do fauour me.

10 Thē said Dauid to Ionathán, Who shal tel me? how shal I knowe, if thy father answer thee cruelly?

11 And Ionathán said to Dauid, Come and let vs go out into the field: and they twaine went out into the field.

12 Then Ionathán said to Dauid, O Lord God of Israël, when I haue groped my fathers minde tomorrow at this time, or with in this thre dayes, & if it be wel with Dauid, and I then send not vnto thee, and shewe it thee,

<sup>g</sup> The Lord punish me moke grieuously.

13 The Lord <sup>g</sup> do so & muche more vnto Ionathán: but if my father haue minde to do thee euil, I wil shewe thee also, & send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the Lord be with thee as he hath bene with my father.

14 Likewise I require not whiles I liue: for I doubt not but thou wilt shewe me the mercy of the Lord, <sup>h</sup> that I dye not.

<sup>h</sup> I knowe y<sup>e</sup> if thou werest now preferred to y<sup>e</sup> kyngdome, thou woldest not destroy me, but shewe thy selfe friendly to my posteritie.

15 But I require that thou cut not of thy mercie from mine house for euer: no, not whē the Lord hath destroyed the enemies of Dauid, euerie one from the earth.

16 So Ionathán made a bonde with the house of Dauid, saying, Let the Lord require it at the hands of Dauids enemies.

17 And againe Ionathán sware vnto Dauid, because he loued him (for he loued him as his owne soule)

18 Thē said Ionathán to him, Tomorrow is y<sup>e</sup> first day of the moneth: and thou shalt be looked for, for thy place shalbe empty. <sup>i</sup> Or, meachned.

19 Therefore thou shalt hide thy selfe thre dayes, then thou shalt go downe quickly and come to the place where thou didest hide thy selfe, when this matter was in hand, & shalt remaine by the stone "Ezél."

<sup>i</sup> Ebr. of the way, because it serueth as a signe to shewe the way to thē that passed by.

20 And I wil shoote thre arrowes on the side thereof, as thogh I shot at a marke.

21 And after I wil send a boy, saying, Go, seek the arrowes. If I say vnto the boy, See, y<sup>e</sup> arrowes are on this side thee, bring them, and come thou: for it is wel with thee and no hurt, as the Lord liueth.

<sup>j</sup> Ebr. peace.

22 But if I say thus vnto the boy, Beholde, the arrowes are beyonde thee, go thy way: for the <sup>k</sup> Lord hath sent thee away.

<sup>k</sup> The Lord is the autour of thy departure.

23 As touching the thing which thou and I haue spoken of, beholde, the Lord be betwene thee and me for euer.

24 ¶ So Dauid hid him selfe in the field: & when the first day of the moneth came, the King sate to eat meat.

25 And the King sate, as at other times vpon his seat, euen vpon his seat by the wall: & Ionathán arose, and Abnér sate by Sauls side, but Dauids place was empty.

26 And Saúl said nothing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, thogh he were <sup>k</sup> cleane, or els because he was not purified.

<sup>k</sup> Yet he might haue some busines to let him.

27 But on the morowe which was the secōd day of the moneth, Dauids place was emptye againe: and Saúl said vnto Ionathán his sonne, Wherefore commeth not the sonne of <sup>l</sup> Ishái to meat, nether yesterday nor to day?

<sup>l</sup> Thus he speaketh contemptuously of Dauid.

28 And Ionathán answered vnto Saúl, Dauid required of me, that he might go to Beth-léhem.

29 For he said, Let me go, I pray thee: for our familie offreth <sup>m</sup> a sacrifice in the citie, and my brother hath sent for me: therefore now if I haue found fauour in thine eyes, let me go, I pray thee, & se my <sup>n</sup> brethrē: this is the cause that he cometh not vnto the Kings table.

<sup>m</sup> That is a peace offering.

<sup>n</sup> Meaning all his kinsfolke.

30 Then was Saúl angry with Ionathán, & said vnto him, Thou <sup>o</sup> sonne of the wicked rebellious woman, do not I knowe, that thou hast chofen the sonne of Ishái to thy confusion and to the confusion and shame of thy mother?

<sup>o</sup> Thou art euer contrary vnto me as thy mother is.

31 For as long as the sonne of Ishái liueth vpon the earth, thou shalt not be stablished, nor thy kingdome: wherefore now send and fet him vnto me, for he shal surely dye.

<sup>p</sup> Ebr. sonne of death.

32 And Ionathán answered vnto Saúl his father,

- father, and said vnto him, Wherefore shal he dye: what hath he done?
- 33 And Saúl cast a speare at him to hit him, whereby Ionathán knewe, that it was determined of his father to slaye Dauid.
- 34 ¶ So Ionathán arose from the table in a great angre, and did eat no meat the secōd day of the moneth: for he was sory for Dauid, and because his father had reuiled him.
- 35 On the next morning therefore Ionathán went out into the field, at the time appointed with Dauid, and a litle boy with him.
- 36 And he said vnto his boy, Runne now, seke the arrowes which I shoote, & as the boy ran, he shot an arrowe beyonde him.
- 37 And when the boy was come to the place where the arrowe was that Ionathán had shot, Ionathán cryed after the boy, & said, Is not the arrowe beyond thee?
- 38 And Ionathán cryed after the boy, Make spede, haste and stand not stil: and Ionathás boy gathered vp the arrowes, and came to his master,
- 39 But the boy knewe nothing: onely Ionathán and Dauid knewe the matter.
- 40 Then Ionathán gaue his bowe and arrowes vnto the boy that was with him, & said vnto him, Go, carie them into the citie.
- 41 ¶ As sone as the boy was gone, Dauid arose out of a place that was towarde the South, and fel on his face to the ground, and bowed him selfe thre times: and they kyssed one an other, and wept bothe twaine, til Dauid exceded.
- 42 Therefore Ionathán said to Dauid, Go in peace: that which we haue sworne bothe of vs in the Name of the Lord, saying, The Lord be betwene me & thee, and betwene my seede and betwene thy seede, let it stand for euer.
- 43 And he arose and departed, and Ionathán went into the citie.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Dauid fleeth to Nob to Ahimélech the Priest. 6 He getteth of him the shewbread to satisfie his hunger. 7 Doeg Sauls seruant was present. 10 Dauid fleeth to King Achish. 13 And there saineth him selfe mad.

- 1 **T**hen came Dauid to a Nob, to Ahimélech the Priest, and Ahimélech was aonyed at the meting of Dauid, and said vnto him, Why art thou alone, and no mā with thee?
- 2 And Dauid said to Ahimélech the Priest, The King hath commanded me a certeine thing, and hath said vnto me, Let no man knowe whereabout I send thee, & what I haue commanded thee, and I haue appointed my seruants to suche and suche places.

- 3 Now therefore if thou hast oght vnder thine hand, giue me fiue cakes of bread, or what commeth to hand.
- 4 And the Priest answered Dauid, & said, There is no commune bread vnder mine hand, but here is halowed bread, if yong men haue kept them selues, at least from women.
- 5 Dauid then answered the Priest, and said vnto him, Certainly women haue bene separate frō vs these two or thre dayes since I came out: and the vessels of yong men were holy, thogh the way were prophane, & how muche more then shal euery one be sanctified this day in the vessel?
- 6 So the Priest gaue him halowed bread: for there was no bread there, saue the shewbread that was takē from before the Lord, to put hote bread there, the day that it was taken away.
- 7 (And there was the same day one of the seruants of Saúl abiding before the Lord, named Doeg the Edomite, the chiefest of Sauls herdemen)
- 8 And Dauid said vnto Ahimélech, Is there not here vnder thine hand a speare or a sworde? for I haue nether brought my sworde nor mine harnes with me, because the Kings busines required haste.
- 9 And y Priest said, The sworde of Goliath the Philistim, whome thou slewest in the valley of Eláh, beholde, it is wrapt in a clothe behinde the Ephod: if thou wilt take that to thee, take it: for there is none other saue that here, & Dauid said, There is none to that, giue it me.
- 10 And Dauid arose & fled the same day from the presence of Saúl, & went to Achish the King of Gath.
- 11 And the seruants of Achish said vnto hi, Is not this Dauid the King of the land? did they not sing vnto him in dances, saying, Saúl hath slaine his thousand, & Dauid his ten thousand?
- 12 And Dauid considered these wordes, & was fore afraid of Achish the King of Gath.

- 13 And he chāged his behaiour before the, and fained him selfe mad in their hands, & scrabled on the dores of the gate, & let his spetle fall downe vpon his bearde.
- 14 Then said Achish vnto his seruants, Lo, ye se the mā is beside him selfe, wherefore haue ye brought him to me?
- 15 Haue I nede of mad men, that ye haue brought this fellowe to play the mad man in my presence? shal he come into mine house?

CHAP. XXII.

1 Dauid hideth him selfe in a cave. 2 Many that were in trouble came vnto him. 9 Doeg accuseth Ahimélech. 18 Saul causeth the Priests to be slaine. 20 Abiathár escapeth.

p For it were to great tyrannie to put one to death and not to shewe cause why.

q For this was the third day, as it was agreed vpon, vers. 5.

r By these wordes he admonished Dauid what he ought to do.

\*Ebr. i. Aru. m. 11.

s It seemeth y he had shot on the Northside of the stone, lest the boy shoulde haue cipped Dauid.

t Which othe he callet in the eight verse the couenāt of the Lord.

1 Where the Arke the was, to aske counsell of the Lord.

b These infirmities that we se in the saines of God, teach vs that none hath his iustice in his selfe, but receiue it of Gods mercie.

Exod 25, 30. leu. 24, 5.

mat. 12, 3. c If they haue not companied w their wiues.

d That is, their bodies.

e Shal be more careful to kepe his vessel holy, when he shal haue eatē of this holy food?

f Taryng to worship before the Arke. Or, master of them that kept Sauls carrel.

g Behide that place, where y hic Priests garment lay.

h That is, out of Sauls dominion.

Chap. 17, 9.

Chap. 18, 7. & 29, 5.

eccles. 47, 7. i Ebr. put these wordes in his heart.

i By making markes and toyes.

k Is he meete to be in a Kings house?

<sup>a</sup> Which was in the tribe of Iudáh and nere to Beth-léhem. **1** Dauid therefore departed thence, and sauéd him selfe in the caue <sup>a</sup> of Adullám: and when his brethren and all his fathers house heard it, they went downe thither to him.

<sup>b</sup> Or, captain. **2** And there gathered vnto him all mé that were in trouble and all men that were in det, & all those that were vexed in minde, and he was their prince, and there were with him about foure hundred men.

<sup>c</sup> For he feared the rage of Saúl against his house. <sup>d</sup> That is, in Mizpéh, which was a strong holde. **3** And Dauid went thence to Mizpéh in Moáb, and said vnto the King of Moáb, I pray thee, let my father and my mother come and abide with you, til I knowe what God wil do for me.

**4** And he broght them before the King of Moáb, and they dwelt with him all the while that Dauid kept him selfe in the holde.

**5** And the Prophet Gad said vnto Dauid, Abide not in the holde, but departe & go into the lād of Iudáh. Thē Dauid departed and came into the forest of Hāreth.

<sup>e</sup> That a great brute went on him. **6** And Saúl heard that Dauid was discovered, and the men that were with him, and Saúl remained in Gibeáh vnder a tre in Ramáh, hauing his speare in his hand, and all his men stode about him.

<sup>f</sup> For that are of my tribe & lineage. **7** And Saúl said vnto his seruāts that stode about him, Heare now, ye sonnes of Iemini, wil the sonne of Ishái giue euerie one of you fields and vineyardes? wil he make you all captaines ouer thousandes, & captaines ouer hundredes?

**8** That all ye haue cōspired against me, and there is none that telleth me that my sonne hath made a couenant with y sonne of Ishái: & there is none of you that is sory for me, or sheweth me, that my sonne hath stirred vp my seruānt to lye in wait against me, as appeareth this day.

<sup>g</sup> Hereby he wolde perswade the y this cōspiracie was made horrible, where the sonne conspired against the father, and the seruānt against his master. **9** Thē answered Doég the Edomite (who was appointed ouer the seruāts of Saúl) and said, I sawe the sonne of Ishái when he came to Nob, to Ahimélech the sonne of Ahitúb.

**10** Who asked counsel of the Lord for him, & gaue him vitails, and he gaue him also the sworde of Goliāth the Philistim.

**11** Then the King sent to call Ahimélech the Priest the sonne of Ahitúb, and all his fathers house, to wit, the Priests that were in Nob: and they came all to the King.

<sup>h</sup> Which were the remnant of the house of Eli, whose house God threatened to punish. **12** And Saúl said, Heare now thou sonne of Ahitúb. And he answered, Here I am, my lord.

**13** Then Saúl said vnto him, Why haue ye conspired against me, thou and the sonne of Ishái, in that thou hast giuen him vitails, and a sworde, and hast asked counsel of God for him, that he shulde rise against me, & lye in waite as appeareth this day?

**14** And Ahimélech answered the King, & said, Who is so faithful among all thy seruāts as Dauid, being also the Kings sonne in lawe, & goeth at thy commandement, and is honorable in thine house?

<sup>i</sup> Haue I nor at other times alfo, whē he had great affaires, consulted w the Lord for him? **15** I Haue I this day first begon to aske counsel of God for him: be it far frō me, let not the King impute any thing vnto his seruānt, nor to all the house of my father: for thy seruānt knewe nothing of all this, lesse nor more.

**16** Then the King said, Thou shalt surely dye, Ahimélech, thou, and all thy fathers house.

<sup>k</sup> For thei knowe y thei ought not to obey y wicked cōmandement of the King in slaying innocent. **17** And the King said vnto the sergents that stode about him, Turne, & slaye the Priests of the Lord, because their hand also is with Dauid, and because they knewe when he fled, and shewed it not to me. But the seruāts of the King wolde not moue their hands to fall vpon the Priests of the Lord.

**18** Thē the King said to Doég, Turne thou and fall vpon the Priests. And Doég the Edomite turned, and ran vpon the Priests, and slewe that same day foure score and siue persones that did weare a linen Ephód.

**19** Also Nob the citie of the Priests smote he with the edge of the sworde, bothe man and woman, bothe childe and suckling, bothe ox and asse, and shepe with the edge of the sworde.

**20** But one of the sonnes of Ahimélech the sonne of Ahitúb (whose name was Abiathár) escaped and fled after Dauid.

**21** And Abiathár shewed Dauid, that Saúl had slaine the Lords Priests.

<sup>l</sup> This was Gods prouidence, who according to his promises preferred some of the house of Eli, Chap. 22. **22** And Dauid said vnto Abiathár, I knewe it the same day, when Doég the Edomite was there, that he wolde tel Saúl. I am the cause of the death of all the persones of thy fathers house.

<sup>m</sup> Or, he that seeketh thy life, shal save mine also. **23** Abide thou with me, & feare not: for he that seeketh my life, shal seke thy life also: for with me thou shalt be in sauēgarde.

CHAP. XXIII.

<sup>n</sup> David chaseth the Philistims from Keilah. <sup>o</sup> David departeth from Keilah, and remaineth in the wilderness of Ziph. <sup>p</sup> Jonathan comforteth David. <sup>q</sup> Sauls enterprises broken in pursuing David.

**1** Then they tolde Dauid, saying, Beholde, the Philistims fight against Keilah, and spoyle the barnes.

<sup>r</sup> Which was a citie in the tribe of Iudáh, Iosh. 15. 44. **2** Therefore Dauid asked counsel of y Lord, saying, Shal I go and smite these Philistims? And the Lord answered Dauid, Go and smite the Philistims, and saue Keilah.

<sup>s</sup> That is, in y middes of Iudáh, muche more whē we come to y borders against our enemies. **3** And Dauids men said vnto him, Se, we be afraied here in Iudáh, how muche more if we come to Keilah against the hoste of the

the Philistims?

4 Then Dauid asked counsel of the Lord againe. And the Lord answered him, and said, Arise, go downe to Keilah: for I will deliuer the Philistims into thine hand.

5 ¶ So Dauid and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistims, and brought away theyr cattel, and smote them with a great slaughter: thus Dauid saued the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 (And whē Abiathār the sonne of Ahimélech fled to Dauid to Keilah, he brought an Ephód with him)

7 ¶ And it was tolde Saúl that Dauid was come to Keilah, and Saúl said, God hath deliuered him into mine hand: for he is shut in, seing he is come into a citie that hath gates and barres.

8 Thē Saúl called all the people together to warre, for to go downe to Keilah, and to besiege Dauid and his men.

9 ¶ And Dauid hauing knowledge that Saúl imagined mischief against him, said to Abiathār the Priest, Bring the Ephód.

10 Then said Dauid, O Lord God of Israël, thy seruant hath heard, that Saúl is about to come to Keilah to destroy the citie for my sake.

11 Wil the lords of Keilah deliuer me vp into his hand: and wil Saúl come downe, as thy seruant hath heard? O Lord God of Israël, I beseeche thee, tel thy seruant. And the Lord said, He wil come downe.

12 Thē said Dauid, Wil the lords of Keilah deliuer me vp and the men that are with me, into the hand of Saúl? And the Lord said, They wil deliuer thee vp.

13 ¶ Then Dauid and his men, which were about six hundreth, arose, and departed out of Keilah, and went whither they colde. And it was tolde Saúl, that Dauid was fled from Keilah, and he left of his iourney.

14 And Dauid abode in the wilderness in holdes, and remained in a mountaine in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saúl sought him euerie day, but God deliuered him not into his hand.

15 And Dauid sawe that Saúl was come out for to seke his life: & Dauid was in the wilderness of Ziph in the wood.

16 ¶ And Ionathán Sauls sonne arose and went to Dauid into the wood, and comforted him in God,

17 And said vnto him, Feare not: for the hand of Saúl my father shal not finde thee, and thou shalt be King ouer Israël, and I shal be next vnto thee: and also Saúl my father knoweth it.

18 So they twaine made a couenant before the Lord: and Dauid did remaine in the wood: but Ionathán went to his house.

19 ¶ Then came vp the Ziphims to Saúl to Gibeá, saying, Doeth not Dauid hide him

selfe by vs in holdes, in the wood in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the right side of Ieshimon?

20 Now therefore O King, come downe according to all that thine heart can desire, & our parte shalbe to deliuer him into the Kings hands.

21 Then Saúl said, Be ye blessed of the Lord: for ye haue had compasison on me.

22 Go, I pray you, and prepare yet better: knowe and se his place where he hatheth, and who hath sene him there: for it is said to me, He is subtil, and crafty.

23 Se therefore, and knowe all the secret places where he hideth him selfe, & come ye againe to me with the certentie, and I wil go with you: and if he be in the land, I wil searce him out throughout all the thousands of Iudáh.

24 Thē they arose and went to Ziph before Saúl, but Dauid and his men were in the wilderness of Maón, in the plaine on the right hand of Ieshimon.

25 Saúl also and his men went to seke him, and they tolde Dauid: wherefore he came downe vnto a rocke, and abode in the wilderness of Maón. And when Saúl heard that, he followed after Dauid in the wilderness of Maón.

26 And Saúl and his men went on the one side of the mountaine, and Dauid and his men on the other side of the mountaine: and Dauid made haste to get from the presence of Saúl: for Saúl and his men cōpassed Dauid & his men round about, to take them.

27 But there came a messenger to Saúl, saying, Haste thee, and come: for the Philistims haue inuaded the land.

28 Wherefore Saúl returned from pursuing Dauid, and went against the Philistims. Therefore they called that place, Sela-hammáheleth.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Dauid hid in a caue & spareth Saúl. 10 He sheweth to Saúl his innocēcie. 18 Saul acknowledgeth his faute. 22 He causeth Dauid to sweare vnto him to be fauorable to him.

1 And Dauid went thence, and dwelt in a holdes at En-gédi.

2 When Saúl was returned from the Philistims, they tolde him, saying, Beholde, Dauid is in the wilderness of En-gédi.

3 Then Saúl took thre thousand chosen men out of all Israël, and went to seke Dauid and his men vpon the rockes among the wilde goates.

4 And he came to the shepecoates by the way where there was a caue and Saúl wēt in to do his easement: and Dauid and his men sat in the inward partes of the caue.

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Chap. 22. 20.  
c By Gods providence the Ephód was preserved & kept w Dauid the true King.  
"Ebr. in his hand

d To consult w the Lord by Urim & Thummim.

"Or, gneruunt.

"Or, 1. 6. fro, ar having no certain place to go to.

"Or, strong places

e No power nor policie cā preuaile against Gods childre, but when he appointeth f time.

"Ebr. his hand.

f Ionathán assured Dauid, that God will accept his pmes & y his father knoweth against his owne conscience.

"Or, of the wilderness.

g The Lord recompence this friendship.

"Ebr. where his face hath bene.

h In your country of Ziph, w is in Iudáh.

i Which was also in y tribe of Iudáh, 10th. 15. 55.

k Thus f Lord cā pul backe the bridel of the tyrants, & deliuer his out of the lions mouth.

a That is, in strong places, w were defended by nature.

b A citie of Iudáh, 10th. 15. 62.

"Ebr. 10. vnto his feet.  
"Ebr. in the field.

<sup>c</sup> Here we see how ready we are to haſten Gods promes, if ſome occaſion ſerue neuer ſo little.

5 And the men of Dauid ſaid vnto him, Se, the day is come, whereof the Lord ſaid vnto thee, Beholde, I wil deliuer thine enemy into thine hand, and thou ſhalt do to him as it ſhal ſeme good to thee. Then Dauid aroſe and cut of the lappe of Sauls garment priuely.

<sup>d</sup> For ſeing it was his owne priuate caule, he repented y he had touched his enemy.

6 And afterward Dauid <sup>d</sup> was touched in his heart, becauſe he had cut of the lappe which was on Sauls garment.

7 And he ſaid vnto his mē, The Lord kepe me from doing that thing vnto my maſter. the Lords Anointed, to lay mine hand vpon him: for he is the Anointed of the Lord.

8 So Dauid ouercame his ſeruants w<sup>th</sup> theſe wordes, & ſuffred them not to ariſe againſt Saul: ſo Saul roſe vp out of the caue & wēt away.

9 ¶ Dauid alſo aroſe afterward, & went out of the caue, and cryed after Saul, ſaying, O my Lord y King. And when Saul looked behinde him, Dauid inclined his face to the earth, and bowed him ſelfe.

<sup>a</sup> Contrary to y falſe report of them y ſaid, Dauid was Sauls enemy, he proueth hiſ ſelfe to be his friend.

10 And Dauid ſaid to Saul, Wherefore giueſt thou an eare to mēs wordes, that ſay, Beholde, Dauid ſeketh euil againſt thee?

11 Beholde, this day thine eyes haue ſene, that the Lord had deliuered thee this day into mine hand in the caue, and ſome bad me kil thee, but I had compaſſiō on thee, and ſaid, I wil not lay mine hand on my maſter: for he is the Lords Anointed.

12 Moreouer my father, beholde: beholde, I ſay, the lappe of thy garmēt in mine hand: for whē I cut of the lappe of thy garmēt, I killed thee not. Vnderſtand and ſe, that there is nether euil nor wickednes in me, nether haue I ſinned againſt thee, yet thou hunteſt after my ſoule to take it.

13 The Lord be iudge betwene thee & me, and the Lord auenge me of thee, and let not mine hand be vpon thee.

<sup>b</sup> Or, the prouerbe of an ancient man.

14 According as the olde prouerbe ſaith, Wickednes procedeth from the wicked, but mine hand be not vpon thee.

15 After whome is the King of Iſraél come out? after whome doeſt thou purſue? after a dead dog, & after a ſlye?

<sup>c</sup> Or, iudge.

16 The Lord therefore be iudge, & iudge betwene thee and me, and ſe, and pleade my cauſe, and deliuer me out of thine hand.

17 When Dauid had made an end of ſpeaking theſe wordes to Saul, Saul ſaid, Is this thy voyce, my ſonne Dauid? and Saul liſt vp his voyce, and wept,

<sup>f</sup> Though he was a moſt cruel enemy to Dauid, yet by his great gentlenes his conſcience compelled him to yeelde.

18 And ſaid to Dauid, Thou art more righteous then I: for thou haſt rendred me good, and I haue rendred thee euil.

19 And thou haſt ſhewed this day, that thou haſt dealt wel with me: for aſmuch as whē the Lord had cloſed me in thine hands,

thou killedſt me not.

20 For who ſhal finde his enemy; and let him departe? fre: wherefore the Lord rendere thee good for that thou haſt done vnto me this day.

<sup>g</sup> Ebr. a good way.

21 For now beholde, I knowe that y ſhalt be King, and that the kingdome of Iſraél ſhal be ſtabliſhed in thine hand.

<sup>g</sup> Though this tyrant ſaw and confeſſed the fauour of God toward Dauid, yet he ceaſeth not to perſecute him againſt his owne conſcience.

22 Swear now therefore vnto me by the Lord, that y wilt not deſtroy my ſeede after me, and that thou wilt not abolish my name out of my fathers houſe.

23 So Dauid ſware vnto Saul, and Saul wēt home: but Dauid and his men went vp vnto the holde.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Samuél dyeth. 3 Nabal & Abigail. 38 The Lord killeth Nabal. 43 Abigail & Ahinoam Dauids wiues. 44 Michal is giuen to Phalti.

<sup>h</sup> Chap. 28. 3. eccleſ. 46. 23.

1 **T**HEN <sup>a</sup> Samuél dyed, and all Iſraél aſſembled, and moutned for him, & buryed him in his owne houſe at Ramah. And Dauid aroſe and went downe to the wildernes of Parán.

<sup>a</sup> That is, among his owne kindred.

2 Now in <sup>b</sup> Maón was a man, who had his poſſeſſion in Carmél, and the man was exceding mighty and had thre thouſand ſhepe, and a thouſand goates: and he was ſhering his ſhepe in Carmél.

<sup>b</sup> Maón and Carmél were cities in y tribe of Iudáh. Carmél y moune was in Galile.

3 The name alſo of the man was Nabal, & the name of his wife Abigail, and ſhe was a woman of ſingular wiſdome, and beautiful, but the man was churlifh, and euil conditioned, and was of the familie of Caleb.

4 And Dauid heard in the wildernes, that Nabal did ſhere his ſhepe.

5 Therefore Dauid ſent ten yong men, & Dauid ſaid vnto the yong men, Go vp to Carmél, and go to Nabal, and aſke him in my name how he doeth.

<sup>c</sup> Ebr. of peace.

6 And thus ſhal ye ſay c for ſalutation, Bothe y, and thine houſe, and all that thou haſt, be in peace, welth, and proſperitie.

<sup>c</sup> Some read, ſo maiest thou lue in proſperitie the next yere, bothe thou, &c.

7 Beholde, I haue heard, that thou haſt ſherers: now thy ſhepherds were with vs, and we did them no hurt, nether did they miſſe anie thing all the while they were in Carmél.

<sup>d</sup> Ebr. for liſt.

8 Aſke thy ſeruants & they wil ſhewe thee. Wherefore let theſe yōg mē finde fauour in thine eyes: ( for we come in a good ſeaſon ) giue, I praye thee, whatſoeuer d cometh to thine hand vnto thy ſeruants, & to thy ſonne Dauid.

<sup>d</sup> Whatſoeuer y haſt ready for vs.

9 ¶ And when Dauids yong men came, they tolde Nabal all theſe wordes in the name of Dauid, and helde their peace.

<sup>e</sup> Thus y courteous wretches, in ſtede of reuening y neceſſitie of Gods children, viſe to reuile their perſonnes and condēne their cauſe.

10 Then Nabal answered Dauids ſeruants, and ſaid, Who is Dauid? and who is the ſonne of Iſhai? there is manie ſeruants now a dayes, that breake awaye euery mā from his maſter.

11 Shal



11 Shal I then take my bread, & my water, & my flesh that I haue killed for my shepers, and giue it vnto mé, whome I knowe not whence they be?

12 ¶ So Dauids seruants turned their way, and went againe, and came, and tolde him all those things.

13 And Dauid said vnto his men, Girde euery man his sworde about him. And they girded euery man his sworde: Dauid also girded his sworde. And about foure hundred men went vp after Dauid, and two hundred abode by the cariage.

*¶ Ebr. vessel.*

14 Now one of the seruants tolde Abigáil Nabals wife, saying, Beholde, Dauid sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master, and he rayled on them.

*¶ Ebr. done the way.*

15 Notwithstanding the men were very good vnto vs, and we had no displeasure, nether missed we any thing as long as we were conuersant with them, when we were in the fields.

*f When we kept our shepe in the wilderness of Parán.*

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

17 Now therefore take hede, and se what thou shalt do: for euil wil surely come vpon our master, and vpon all his familie: for he is so wicked y a man can not speake to him.

*¶ Ebr. is accomplished.*

18 ¶ Then Abigáil made haste, and toke two hundred cakes, and two bottles of wine, and fise shepe ready dressed, & fise measures of parched corne, and an hundred frailes of raisins, and two hundred of figges, and laded them on asses.

*¶ Ebr. bread.*

*¶ Or, clusters.*

19 Then she said vnto her seruants, Go ye before me: beholde, I wil come after you: yet she tolde not her housband Nabál.

*g Because she knewe his crooked nature, y he wolde rather haue perished, then consented to her enterprise.*

20 And as she rode on her asse, she came downe by a secret place of the mountaine, and beholde, Dauid and his men came downe against her, and she met them.

21 And Dauid said, In dede I haue kept all in vaine that this fellowe had in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained vnto him: for he hath requited me euil for good.

22 So and more also do God vnto the enemies of Dauid: for surely I wil not leaue of all that he hath, by the dawning of the day, any that pisseth against the wall.

*h Meaning by this prouerbe, that he wolde destroye bothe female & great.*

23 And when Abigáil sawe Dauid, she hastened and lighted of her asse, & fel before Dauid on her face, and bowed her selfe to the grounde,

24 And fel at his fete, & said, Oh, my lord, I haue committed the iniquitie, and I pray thee, let thine handmaid speake to thee, & heare thou the wordes of thine handmaid.

*¶ Ebr. to be silent.*

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regarde this wicked man Nabál: for as his name is, so is he: Nabál is his name, and folly is

*¶ Or, folly.*

with him: but I thine handmayd sawe not the yong men of my lord whome y sentest.

26 Now therefore my lord, as the Lord liueth, and as thy soule liueth (the Lord, I say, that hath withholdē thee from coming to shed blood, and that thine hand shulde not saue thee) so now thine enemies shalbe as Nabál, and thei that intende to do my lord euil.

*i That is, that thou shouldest not be reuenged of thine enemies.*

27 And now, this blessing which thine handmayd hath brought vnto my lord, let it be giuen vnto the yongmē, that folowe my lord.

*¶ Or, present.*

*¶ Ebr. walke the feete.*

28 I pray thee, forgiue the trespasse of thine handmayd: for the Lord wil make my lord a sure house, because my lord fighteth the battels of the Lord and none euil hath bene founde in thee in all thy life.

*k Confirm his kingdom to his posteritie.*

*¶ Ebr. from thy dates.*

*To wit, Saúl.*

29 Yet a man hath risen vp to persecute thee, and to seke thy soule, but the soule of my lord shalbe bounde in the bundel of life with the Lord thy God: and the soule of thine enemies shal God cast out, as out of the midle of a sling.

*m God shal preferre thee log in his seruice and destroye thine enemies.*

30 And when the Lord shal haue done to my lord all the good that he hath promised thee, and shal haue made thee ruler ouer Israél,

31 Then shal it be no grief vnto thee, nor offence of minde vnto my lord, that he hath not shed blood causeles, nor that my lord hath not preserved him selfe: & whē the Lord shal haue dealt wel with my lord, remember thine handmayd.

*n That he hath not augmented him selfe, which things wolde haue tormented his conscience.*

32 Then Dauid said to Abigáil, Blessed be the Lord God of Israél, which sent thee this day to mete me.

33 And blessed be thy counsel, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from comming to shed blood, and that mine hand hath not saued me.

*¶ Read vers. 26*

34 For in dede, as the Lord God of Israél liueth, who hath kept me backe from hurting thee, except thou haddest hastened and met me, surely there had not bene left vnto Nabál by the dawning of the day, any that pisseth against the wall.

*p He attributeth it to the Lords mercie, & not to him selfe y he was aided.*

35 Then Dauid receiued of her hand that which she had brought him, & said to her, Go vp in peace to thine house: beholde, I haue heard thy voyce, and haue granted thy petition.

*¶ Ebr. received thy face.*

36 ¶ So Abigáil came to Nabál, & beholde, he made a feast in his house, like the feast of a King, and Nabals heart was mery within him, for he was very drōken: wherefore she tolde him nothing, nether lesse nor more, vntil the morning arose.

*q For he had no reason to consider, or giue thanks for this great benefite of deliverance.*

37 Then in the morning when the wine was gone out of Nabál, his wife tolde him those wordes, & his heart dyed within him, and he was like a stone.

*r For feare of y great danger.*

38 And about ten daies after, the Lord

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smote Nabál; that he dyed.

39 ¶ Now when Dauid heard, that Nabál was dead, he said, Blessed be the Lord that hath judged the cause of my rebuke of the hand of Nabál, & hath kept his servant from euil: for the Lord hath recompensed the wickednes of Nabál vpon his owne head. Also Dauid sent to commune with Abigáil to take her to his wife.

*49. reuenged.*

*f For he had experience of her great godlines, wisdom & humilitie.*

40 And when the seruants of Dauid were come to Abigáil to Carmél, they spake vnto her, saying, Dauid sent vs to thee, to take thee to his wife.

41 And she arose, and bowed her self on her face to the earth, & said, Beholde, let thy handmayd be a seruant to wash the fete of the seruants of my lord.

*¶ Ebr. went as her fit.*

42 And Abigáil hastned, and arose, and rode vpon an asse, & her five maids followed her, and she went after the messengers of Dauid, and was his wife.

*1. sh. 17. 55.*

43 Dauid also toke Ahinóam of Izreél, & thei were bothe his wiues.

*2. Sam. 3. 15.*

44 Now Saúl had giue Michál his daughter Dauids wife to Phaltí the sonne of Láish, which was of Gallím.

*2 Which was a place bordering on the country of Moabites.*

CHAP. XXVI.

Dauid was discouered vnto Saúl by the Ziphims. 12 Dauid taketh away Saúls speare, and a pot of water that stode at his head. 21 Saúl cōfesseth his sinne.

*Chap. 23. 19.*

*¶ 9. in Gibeath.*

*¶ 10. the wilderness.*

¶ Aaine the Ziphims came vnto Saúl to Gibeath, saying, \* Doeth not Dauid hide him selfe in the hil of Hachiláh before Ieshimón?

*a That is, of moste skillful and valiant soldiers.*

2 Then Saúl arose, and went downe to the wilderness of Ziph, hauing thre thousand chosen men of Israël with him, for to seke Dauid in the wilderness of Ziph.

3 And Saúl pitched in the hil of Hachiláh, which is before Ieshimón by the waye side. Now Dauid abode in the wilderness, and he sawe that Saúl came after him into the wilderness.

*¶ 10. to a certain place.*

4 (For Dauid had sent out spies, & vnderstode, that Saúl was come in very dede)

*Chap. 14. 50. & 17. 55.*

5 Then Dauid arose, and came to the place where Saúl had pitched, and when Dauid beheld the place where Saúl lay, & Abnér the sonne of Ner which was his chief captaine, (for Saúl lay in the forte, and the people pitched round about him)

*b Who was a stranger & not an Israelite. c Who afterwarde was Dauides chief captaine.*

6 Then spake Dauid, & said to Ahimélech the Hittite, and to Abisháí the sonne of Zeruiáh, brother to Ioáb, saying, Who wil go downe with me to Saúl to the hoste? Then Abisháí said, I wil go downe with thee.

*¶ 10. holffer.*

7 So Dauid & Abisháí came downe to the people by night: and beholde, Saúl laye sleeping within the forte, & his speare did sticke in the grounde at his head: and Abnér and the people lay round about him.

8 ¶ The said Abisháí to Dauid, God hath closed thine enimie into thine hand this day: now therefore, I pray thee, let me smite him once with a speare to the earth, and I wil not smite him againe.

*d Meaning, he wolde make him sure at one stroke. e To wit, in his owne private cause: for Iehú slew two Kings at Gods appointment. 2. King. 9. 24.*

9 And Dauid said to Abisháí, Destroye him not: for who can lay his hand on the Lords anointed, and be gilty?

10 Moreouer Dauid said, As the Lord liueth, ether the Lord shal smite him, or his day shal come to dye, or he shal descende into battel, and perish.

11 The Lord kepe me from laying mine hand vpo the Lords anointed: but, I pray thee, take now the speare that is at his head, and the pot of water, and let vs go hence.

12 So Dauid toke the speare and the pot of water from Saúls head, & thei gate them away, and no man sawe it, nor marked it, nether did any awake, but thei were all asleepe: for the Lord had sent a dead slepe vpon them.

*¶ Ebr. the heavy slepe of the Lord was fallen vpon them.*

13 Then Dauid went into the other side, & stode on the toppe of an hil a far of, a great space being betwene them.

14 And Dauid cryed to the people, and to Abnér the sonne of Ner, saying, Hearest thou not Abnér? Then Abnér answered, and said, Who art thou that cryest to the King?

*¶ Ebr. answerst.*

15 ¶ And Dauid said to Abnér, Art not thou a man? and who is like thee in Israël? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the King? for there came one of the folke in to destroye the King thy lord.

*f Ebr. seemed more valiant, and mete to save the King?*

16 This is not wel done of thee: as the Lord liueth, ye are worthy to dye, because ye haue not kept your master the Lords Anointed: and now se where the Kings speare is, and the pot of water that was at his head.

*¶ Ebr. sonnes of death.*

17 And Saúl knewe Dauids voyce, & said, Is this thy voyce, & my sonne Dauid? And Dauid said, It is my voyce, my lord O King.

*g Hereby se appeareth, y the hypocrite persecuted Dauid against his owne conscience, and contrary to his promises.*

18 And he said, Wherefore doeth my lord thus persecute his seruants? for what haue I done? or what euil is in mine hand?

19 Now therefore, I beseeche thee, let my lord the King heare the wordes of his seruants. If the Lord haue stirred thee vp against me, let him smel the sauour of a sacrifice: but if the children of men haue done it, cursed be thei before the Lord: for thei haue cast me out this day fro abiding in the inheritance of the Lord, saying, Go, serue other gods.

*h Let his anger towards vs be pacified by a sacrifice.*

20 Now therefore let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the Lord: for the King of Israël is come out to seke a flye, as one wolde hunt a partriche in the mountaines.

*i As muche as laye in them, they compelled him to idolatrie, because they forced him to see to the idolaters.*

21 Then

*Because thou  
suest my li-  
fe this day.*

*Thus he pro-  
tecteth his in-  
nocentie to-  
ward Saúl, not  
defending his  
iustice in the  
sight of God,  
in whose pre-  
sence none is  
righteous,  
Psál 143, and  
3303.*

*To Gibeón  
of Benjamin,*

*David dis-  
trusteth Gods  
protection, and  
therefore fleeth  
vnto the ido-  
laters, who  
were enemies  
to Gods peo-  
ple.*

*Thus God  
by his prou-  
idence chis-  
leth the ene-  
mies  
hearts & ma-  
keth them to  
fauour him,  
in  
their necessi-  
tie.*

*Let thine of-  
ficers appoint  
me a place.*

*Ere the other  
of the dayes.*

*These were  
the wicked Ca-  
naanites, who-  
me God had  
appointed to  
be destroyed.*

21 Then said Saúl, I haue sinned: come a-  
gaine, my sonne Dauid: for I wil do thee  
nomore harme, because my soule was  
precious in thine eyes this day: beholde,  
I haue done foolishly, and haue erred ex-  
ceedingly.

22 Then Dauid answered, & said, Beholde  
the Kings speare, let one of the yong me  
come ouer and fet it.

23 And let the Lord rewarde euerie man  
according to his righteousnes & faith-  
fulness: for the Lord had deliuered thee in-  
to mine háds this daie, but I wolde not lay  
mine hand vpon the Lords anointed.

24 And beholde, like as thy life was mu-  
che set by this day in mine eyes: so let my life  
be set by in the eyes of the Lord, that he  
may deliuer me out of all tribulation.

25 Then Saúl said to Dauid, Blessed art  
thou, my sonne Dauid: for thou shalt do  
great things, and also preuaile. So Dauid  
went his way, and Saúl returned to his  
place.

CHAP. XXVII.

*David fleeth to Achísh King of Gath, who giueth him  
Ziklag. 8 David destroyeth certaine of the Philis-  
tims. 10 Achísh is deceyved by David.*

1 And Dauid said in his heart, I shall  
now perish one day by the hand  
of Saúl: is it not better for me that I saue  
my selfe in the land of the Philistims, and  
that Saúl may haue no hope of me to seke  
me anie more in all the coastes of Israél,  
and so escape out of his hand?

2 Dauid therefore arose, and he, and the  
six hundred men that were with him, wēt  
vnto Achísh the sonne of Maóch King of  
Gath.

3 And Dauid dwelt with Achísh at Gath,  
he, and his men, euerie man with his hou-  
sholde, Dauid with his two wiues, Abi-  
nóm the Izreelite, and Abigáil Nabals  
wife the Carmelite.

4 And it was tolde Saúl that Dauid was  
fled to Gath: so he sought nomore for him.

5 And Dauid said vnto Achísh, If I haue  
now founde grace in thine eyes, let them  
giue me a place in some other citie of the  
country, that I may dwel there: for why  
shulde thy seruant dwel in the head citie  
of the kingdome with thee?

6 Then Achísh gaue him Ziklag that sa-  
me day: therefore Ziklag pertaineth vnto  
the Kings of Iudáh vnto this day.

7 And the time that Dauid dwelt in the  
country of the Philistims, was foure mo-  
neths and certaine dayes.

8 Then Dauid and his men went vp, and  
inuaied the Geshurites, and the Girzi-  
tes and the Amalekites: for they inhabi-  
ted the land from the beginning, from the  
way, as thou goest to Shur, euen vnto the  
land of Egypt.

9 And Dauid smote the land, & left nether  
man nor woman aliue, and toke shepe, &  
oxen, and asses, and camels, and apparel,  
and returned and came to Achísh.

10 And Achísh said, Where haue ye bene  
a rousing this day? And Dauid answered,  
Against the Southe of Iudáh, and against  
the Southe of the Irameelites, & against  
the Southe of the Kenites.

11 And Dauid saued nether man nor wo-  
man aliue, to bring them to Gath, saying,  
Lest they shulde tel on vs, and say, So did  
Dauid, and so wil be his maner all the whi-  
le that he dwelleth in the country of the  
Philistims.

12 And Achísh beleued Dauid, saying, He  
hathe made his people of Israél vtterly to  
abhorre him: therefore he shalbe my ser-  
uant for euer.

CHAP. XXVIII.

*David hathe the chief charge promised about Achísh.  
8 Saul consulteth with a witch, and she causeth him  
to speake with Samuél, 10 Who declareth his ruine.*

1 Now at that time the Philistims as-  
sembled their bandes and armie to  
fight with Israél: therefore Achísh said to  
Dauid, Be sure, thou shalt go out with  
me to the battel, thou, and thy men.

2 And Dauid said to Achísh, Surely thou  
shalt knowe what thy seruant can do. And  
Achísh said to Dauid, Surely I wil make  
thee keper of mine head for euer.

3 \* (Samuél was then dead, and all Israél  
had lamented him, and buryed him in Ra-  
máh his owne citie: and Saúl had put  
away the forcerers, and the sothesayers  
out of the land.)

4 Then the Philistims assembled them-  
selues, and came, and pitched in Shuném:  
and Saúl assembled all Israél, & they pit-  
ched in Gíllóá.

5 And when Saúl sawe the hoste of the Phi-  
listims, he was afrayed, and his heart was  
fore astonied.

6 Therefore Saúl asked counsell of the Lord,  
& the Lord answered him not, nether by  
dreames, nor by Vrim, nor yet by Pro-  
phetes.

7 ¶ Then said Saúl vnto his seruants, Seke  
me a woman that hathe a familiar spirit,  
that I may go to her, and aske of her. And  
his seruants said to him, Beholde, there is  
a woman at En-dor that hathe a familiar  
spirit.

8 Then Saúl changed him selfe, and put  
on other raiment, and he went, and two me-  
n with him, and they came to the woman by  
night: and he said, I pray thee, coniecture  
vnto me by the familiar spirit, and bring  
me him vp whom I shall name vnto thee.  
9 And the woman said vnto him, Beholde,  
thou knowest what Saúl hathe done, how  
he hathe destroyed the forcerers, and the

*Or, against  
whome.*

*Which were  
a familie of  
tribe of Iudáh,  
1. Chro. 2, 9.*

*Or, he death  
surely abhorre  
his people.*

*Albeit it was  
a great grief to  
Dauid to fight  
against the peo-  
ple of God,  
yet such was  
his infirmite,  
he durst not  
deny him.*

*Chap. 25, 1.*

*b According  
to the comma-  
ndment of God,  
Exod. 22, 18. &  
Leuit. 19, 10.*

*c Meaning  
his Priests,  
Exod. 22, 10.*

*d He seeth  
not to God in  
his miserie, but  
is led by Sarā  
to vniu-  
meanes, which  
in his confu-  
ce he condem-  
neth.*

# Saúl with the witch.

# I. Samuël.

# Dauid suspected.

so the sayers out of the land: wherefore thou  
sekest thou to take me in a snare to cause  
me to dye?

10 And Saúl sware to her by the Lord,  
saying, As the Lord liueth, no harme shal  
come to thee for this thing.

11 Then said the womā, Whome shal I  
bring vp vnto thee? And he answered,  
Bring me vp \* Samuël.

12 And when the woman sawe Samuël, she  
cryed with a loude voyce, and the woman  
spake to Saúl, saying, Why hast thou de-  
ceiued me? for thou art Saúl.

13 And the King said vnto her, Be not a-  
fraid: for what sawest thou? And the wo-  
man said vnto Saúl, I sawe gods ascēding  
vp out of the earth.

14 Then he said vnto her, What facion  
is he of? And she answered, An olde man  
cometh vp lapped in a mantel: and Saúl  
knewe that it was <sup>f</sup> Samuël, and he enclined  
his face to the ground, & bowed him  
selfe.

15 ¶ And Samuël said to Saúl, Why hast  
thou disquieted me, to bring me vp? Then Saúl  
answered, I am in great distresse: for the  
Philistims make warre against me, & God  
is departed frō me, and answereth me no-  
more, nether by Prophetes nether by  
dreames: therefore I haue called thee, that  
thou mayest tel me, what I shal do.

16 Then said Samuël, Wherefore dost  
thou aske of me, seeing the Lord is gone  
from thee, and is thine enemy?

17 Euen the Lord hath done to <sup>g</sup> him, as  
he spake \* by mine hand: for the Lord wil  
rent the kingdome out of thine hand, and  
giue it thy neighbour Dauid.

18 Because thou obeydest not the voyce of  
the Lord, nor executedst his feare: wrath  
vpon the Amalekites, therefore hath the  
Lord done this vnto thee this day.

19 Moreover the Lord wil deliuer Israël  
with thee into the hāds of the Philistims:  
and tomorrow shalt thou and thy sonnes  
be with me, & the Lord shal giue the hoste  
of Israël into the hands of the Philistims.

20 Then Saúl fel streyght way all along on  
the earth, and was sore <sup>i</sup> afraid: because  
of the wordes of Samuël, so that there was  
no strength in him: for he had eaten no  
bread all the day nor all the night.

21 Then the woman came vnto Saúl, and  
sawe that he was sore troubled, and said  
vnto him, Se, thine handmaid hath o-  
beyed thy voyce, & I <sup>k</sup> haue put my soule  
in mine hand, and haue obeyed thy wor-  
des which thou saidest vnto me.

22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken  
thou also vnto the voyce of thine hand-  
maid, and let me set a morsel of bread be-  
fore thee, that thou mayest eat & get thee  
strength, and go on thy journey.

23 But he refused, and said, I wil not eat: but  
his seruants and the woman together com-  
pelled him, & he obeyed their voyce: so he  
arose from the earth, and sate on the bed.

24 Now the woman had a fat calfe in the  
house, and she hasted, and killed it, and  
toke floure and kneaded it, and baked of it  
<sup>l</sup> vnleavened bread.

25 Then she broght them before Saúl, and  
before his seruants: and when they had  
eaten, they stode vp, and went away the  
same night.

## CHAP. XXIX.

4 The princes of the Philistims cause Dauid to be sent  
backe from the battel against Israël, because they dis-  
trusted him.

1 SO the Philistims were gathered toge-  
ther with all their armies in Aphék: &  
the Israelites pitched <sup>o</sup> by the founteine, <sup>o</sup> in Aze-  
which is in Izreël.

2 And the <sup>p</sup> princes of the Philistims went  
forthe by <sup>a</sup> hundreths and thousands, but  
Dauid and his men came behinde with  
Achish.

3 Then said the princes of the Philistims,  
What do these Ebrewes here? And Achish  
said vnto the princes of the Philistims, Is  
not this Dauid <sup>y</sup> seruant of Saúl the King  
of Israël, who hath bene with me these  
dayes, <sup>b</sup> or these yerres, and I haue founde  
nothing in him, since he <sup>z</sup> dwelt with me  
vnto this day?

4 But the princes of the Philistims were  
wrothe with him, & the princes of the Phi-  
listims said vnto him, \* Send this fellowe  
backe, that he may go againe to his place  
which thou hast appointed him, & let him  
not go downe with vs to battel, lest that in  
the battel he be an aduersarie to vs: for  
wherewith shulde he obtaine the fauour  
of his master? shulde it not be with the  
heads of these men?

5 Is not this Dauid, of whome they sang in  
dances, saying, \* Saúl slawe his thousand,  
and Dauid his ten thousand?

6 ¶ The Achish called Dauid, & said vnto  
him, As the Lord liueth, thou hast bene  
vpright and good in my sight, when thou  
wentest out and in with me in the hoste,  
nether haue I founde euil with thee, since  
thou camest to me vnto this daye, but <sup>z</sup> the  
princes do not fauour thee.

7 Wherefore now returne, and go in pea-  
ce, that thou displeasest not the princes of  
the Philistims.

8 ¶ And Dauid said vnto Achish, But what  
haue I done? and what hast thou founde  
in thy seruant as long as I haue bene with  
thee vnto this daye, that I may <sup>e</sup> not go &  
fight against the enemies of my lord the  
King?

9 Achish the answered, and said to Dauid,  
I knowe thou pleasest me, as an Angel of  
God:

<sup>10</sup> Or, punishment.

<sup>g</sup> He speaketh according to his grosse ignorance, not considering the state of the Saints after this life, and howe Satan hath no power ouer the.

<sup>10</sup> Or, an excellent person.

<sup>f</sup> To his imaginaciō, albeit it was Satan, who to blinde his eyes toke vpon him the forme of Samuël, as he cā do of an Angel of light.

<sup>15</sup> Ebr. by the hād of Prophet.

<sup>g</sup> That is, to Dauid. Chap. 15. 28. <sup>10</sup> Or, ministerie.

<sup>a</sup> Ye shal be dead, Chap. 31. 6.

<sup>i</sup> The wicked, whē they heare Gods iudgements, tremble and dispaire, but can not feke for mercie by repentance.

<sup>k</sup> I haue ventured my life.

<sup>l</sup> Because is required ha-  
ste.

<sup>o</sup> Or, captaines.  
<sup>a</sup> According to their bandes, or ensignes.

<sup>b</sup> Meaning, a long tyme, y<sup>e</sup> is foure monethes and certeyne dayes. Chap. 27. 7. <sup>10</sup> Ebr. fēh, as Gen. chap. 25. 18. 1. Chron. 12. 11.

<sup>c</sup> Wolde not Saúl receiue him to fauour, if he coulde betraye vs? Chap. 18. 7. & 21. 11.

<sup>d</sup> That is, w<sup>th</sup> conuersant w<sup>th</sup> me. <sup>10</sup> Ebr. thou art not good in the eyes of the princes.

<sup>e</sup> This dissimulation can not be excused; for it grieued him to go against the people of God.

God: but the princes of the Philistims haue said, Let him not go vp w<sup>th</sup> vs to battel.

10 Wherefore now rise vp early in y<sup>e</sup> morning with thy <sup>f</sup> masters seruants that are come with thee: and when ye be vp early, affone as ye haue light, departe.

11 So Dauid and his men rose vp early to departe in the morning, and to returne into the land of the Philistims: & the Philistims went vp to Izreél.

CHAP. XXX.

1 The Amalekites burne Ziklág. 5 Dauids two wiues are taken prisoners. 6 The people wolde stone him. 8 He asketh counsel of the Lord and pursuing his enemies recouereth the praye. 24 He deuiceth it equally. 26 And sendeth parte to his friends.

1 **B**Vt when Dauid and his men were come to Ziklág <sup>a</sup> the third day, the Amalekites had inuaded vpon the South, euen vnto Ziklág, and had <sup>b</sup> smitten Ziklág, and burnt it with fire,

2 And had taken the women that were therein prisoners, bothe small and great, and slewe not a man, but caryed them away, and went their wayes.

3 ¶ So Dauid and his men came to the citie, and beholde, it was burnt with fire, and their <sup>c</sup> wiues, and their sonnes, and their daughters were taken prisoners.

4 Then Dauid & the people that was with him, lift vp their voyces and wept, vntill they colde wepe nomore.

5 Dauids two wiues were taken prisoners also, Ahinóam the Izreelite, and Abigáil the wife of Nabál the Carmelite.

6 And Dauid was in great sorowe: for the people <sup>d</sup> entended to stone him, because the heartes of all the people were vexed euerie mā for his sonnes and for his daughters: but Dauid comforted him selfe in the Lord his God.

7 ¶ And Dauid said to Abiathár the Priest Ahimelechs sonne, I pray thee, bring me the Ephód. And Abiathár brought the Ephód to Dauid.

8 Then Dauid asked counsel at the Lord, saying, Shal I followe after this companie? shal I ouertake them? And he answered him, Followe: for thou shalt surely ouertake them, and <sup>e</sup> recouer all.

9 ¶ So Dauid and the six hundred mé that were with him, wét, and came to the riuer Besór, where a parte of them abode:

10 But Dauid and foure hundred men followed (for two hundred abode behinde, being to wearye to go ouer y<sup>e</sup> riuer Besór)

11 And they founde an Egyptiá in the field, and brought him to Dauid, and gaue him <sup>f</sup> bread and he did eat, and they gaue him water to drinke.

12 Also they gaue him a fewe figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came againe to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor dronke anie water in

thre dayes, and thre nights.

13 ¶ And Dauid said vnto him, To whome belondest thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a yong mā of Egypt, and seruuant to an Amalekite: and my master left me thre daies ago, because I fellicke.

14 We roued vpon the South of Chéréth, & vpon the <sup>g</sup> coast belonging to Iudáh, and vpon the South of Caléb, and we burnt Ziklág with fire.

15 And Dauid said vnto him, Canst thou bring me to this companie? And he said, I Swear vnto me by God, that thou wilt nether kil me, nor deliuer me into the hands of my master, and I wil bring thee to this companie.

16 ¶ And when he had broght him thither, beholde, they lay scatered abroad vpon all the earth, <sup>h</sup> eating and drinking, & dancing, because of all y<sup>e</sup> great pray that thei had taken out of the land of y<sup>e</sup> Philistims, and out of the land of Iudáh.

17 And Dauid smote them from the twilight, euen vnto the euening <sup>i</sup> of the next morowe, so that there escaped not a man of them, saue foure hundred yong men, which rode vpon camels, and fled.

18 And Dauid recouered all that y<sup>e</sup> Amalekites had takē: also Dauid rescued his two wiues.

19 And thei lacked nothing, small or great, sonne or daughter, or of the spoyle of all that they had taken away: Dauid recouered them all.

20 Dauid also toke all the shepe, and the oxē, & they draue them before his cattel, and said, This is Dauids <sup>k</sup> praye.

21 ¶ And Dauid came to the two hundred mé that were to wearie for to followe Dauid: whome they had made also to abide at the riuer Besór: and they came to mete Dauid, and to mete the people that were with him: so when Dauid came nere to the people, he saluted them.

22 Then answered all the euil and wicked of the mé that went with Dauid, and said, Because they went not with vs, therefore wil we giue them none of the praye, that we haue recouered, saue to euery man his <sup>l</sup> wife and his children: therefore let them cary them away and departe.

23 Then said Dauid, Ye shal not do so, my brethren, with that which the Lord hath giuen vs, who hath preferred vs, and deliuered the companie that came against vs, into our handes.

24 For who wil obey you in this matter? but as his parte <sup>m</sup> is that goeth downe to the battel, so shal his parte be, that tarieth by the stuffer: they shal parte alike.

25 <sup>n</sup> So from that day forward hee made it a statute and a lawe in Israél, vntill this day.

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<sup>f</sup> With them that fled vnto eue fro Saul.

<sup>a</sup> After that he departed from Achish.

<sup>b</sup> That is, destroyed & c.

<sup>c</sup> For these onely remained in the citie, when the mé were gone to warre.

<sup>d</sup> Thus we see, y<sup>e</sup> troubles & aduersities we do not consider Gods prouidence, but like raging beastes forget bothe our owne ductie and comēne Gods appointment ouer vs.

<sup>e</sup> Though God some to leaue vs for a time, yet if we trust in him, we shal be sure to finde comforte.

<sup>f</sup> God by his prouidence bothe provided for the necessitie of this poore strager, and made him a guide to Dauid to accomplishe his enterprise.

<sup>g</sup> For othes were in all ages had in moste reuerence euen among the heathen.

<sup>h</sup> The wicked in their poyes and pleasures consider not y<sup>e</sup> judgement of God, which is the at hand to smite them.   
 <sup>i</sup> Some reade, & vnto y<sup>e</sup> morowe of y<sup>e</sup> euening: that is, thre daies.

<sup>k</sup> Which the Amalekites had taken of others, & Dauid from the besides the goods of Ziklág.

<sup>l</sup> Under these are comprehended the cattel and goods, & appertained to euery man.

<sup>m</sup> Some referre these wordes to Dauid, that he alleged an olde custome & lawe, as if it were writ, It is bothe now and hath bene euer.

26 ¶ When Dauid therefore came to Zik-  
lág, he sent of the pray vnto the Elders  
of Iudáh & to his friends, saying, *Se, there*  
*is a blessing for you of the spoyle of the*  
*enemies of the Lord.*  
27 He sent to them of Beth-él, and to them  
of South Ramóth, and to them of Iattír,  
28 And to them of Aroér, and to them of  
Siphmóth, and to them of Effhemóá,  
29 And to them of Rachál, and to them of  
the cities of the Ierahmeelites, and to the  
of the cities of the Kenites,  
30 And to them of Hormáh, & to them of  
Chor-ahán, and to them of Athách,  
31 And to them of Hebrón, and *to all the*  
*places where Dauid and his men had*  
*hanted,*

*a. Shewing  
him selfe min-  
deful of their  
benefites to-  
wards him.*

CHAP. XXXI.

*a. Saul killeth him selfe. 6 His children are slaine in  
the battel. 12 The men of Iabesh toke downe his bo-  
dy, which was hanged on the wall.*

*3. Chap. 10. 1.*

*Or, slaine.*

*a. So we see that  
his cruel life  
hath a despe-  
rate end, at is  
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1 **N**OW \* the Philistims fought against  
Israel, and the men of Israel fled a-  
way from the Philistims, & thei fel downe  
wounded in mount Gilbóa.  
2 And the Philistims preassed fore vpon  
Saúl and his sonnes, and slawe Ionathán,  
and Abinadáb, and Malchishúa. Sauls  
sonnes.  
3 And when the battel went fore against  
Saúl, the archers and bowemen hit him,  
and he was fore wounded of the archers.  
4 Then said Saúl vnto his armour bearer,  
a Drawe out thy sword, and thrust me  
through therewith, lest the vncircumcised  
come and thrust me through and mocke  
me: but his armour bearer wolde not, for

he was fore afrayed. Therefore Saúl toke  
a sworde and fel vpon it.

5 And when his armour bearer sawe that  
Saúl was dead, he fel likewise vpon his  
sworde, and dyed with him.

6 So Saúl dyed, and his thre sonnes, and his  
armour bearer, and all his men that same  
day together.

7 ¶ And when the mé of Israel that were on  
the other side of the <sup>b</sup> valley, and they of <sup>b</sup>  
the other side of Iordén sawe that the men  
of Israel were put to flight, and that Saúl  
and his sonnes were dead, thei left the  
cities, and ran away: & the Philistims ca-  
me and dwelt in them.

8 ¶ And on the morowe when the Philis-  
tims were come to spoyle them that were  
slaine, they founde Saúl and his thre son-  
nes lying in mount Gilbóa.

9 And they cut of his head, and stripped  
him out of his armour, and sent into the  
land of the Philistims on euerie side, that  
they shulde <sup>a</sup> publish it in the temple of  
their idoles, and among the people.

10 And they layed vp his armour in <sup>c</sup> house  
of Ashtaróth, but they háged vp his body  
on the wall of Beth-shan.

11 ¶ When the inhabitants of Iabesh Gil-  
leád heard, what the Philistims had donc  
to Saúl,

12 Thei they arose (as manie as were strong  
men) & went all night and toke the body  
of Saúl, & the bodies of his sonnes, from  
the wall of Beth-shan, & came to Iabesh,  
and <sup>a</sup> burnt them there,

13 And toke their bones & <sup>a</sup> buried the vn-  
der a tree at Iabesh, & <sup>a</sup> fasted seuen dayes.

*b. Nere to  
Gilbóa.  
c. The tribes  
of Reuben and  
Gad, and halfe  
the tribe of  
Manasséh.*

*d. In token of  
victorie, and  
triumphe.*

*a. Whome he  
had deliuered  
from their e-  
nemies, Chap.  
11. 11.*

*1. Jer. 34. 5.  
2. Sam. 2. 4.  
f. Accordig to  
the custome of  
mourners.*

# THE SECONDE BOKE of Samuél.

## THE ARGUMENT.

**T**HIS boke and the former beare the title of Samuel, because they containe the conception, nati-  
tie and the whole course of his life, and also the liues and actes of two Kings, to wit, of Saúl and  
Dauid, whome he anointed and consecrated Kings by the ordinance of God. And as the first boke con-  
teineth those things, which God broght to passe among this people vnder the gouernement of Samuel and  
Saúl: so this seconde boke declareth the noble actes of Dauid, after the death of Saúl, when he be-  
gan to reigne, vnto the end of his kingdom: and how the same by him was wonderfully augmented:  
also his great troubles & dangers, which he sustained both within his house and without: what horrible  
& dangerous insurrections, reproves, & treasons were wrought against him, partly by false counselors,  
fained friends & flatterers, and partly by some of his owne children and people: and how by Gods assi-  
stance he ouercame all difficulties, and enioyed his kingdom in rest and peace. In the person of Dauid,  
the Scripture setteth forth Christ Iesus the chief King, who came of Dauid according to the flesh, and  
was persecuted on euery side with outward and inward enemies, as wel in his owne persone, as in his  
members: but at length he ouercometh all his enemies and giueth his Church victorie against all power  
be he spiritual & temporal: and so reigneth with them, King for euer more.

CHAP.