

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 Efftemóá,
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.

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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. Saúls
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 swordé, 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 *b* valley, and they of *b*
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 *a* publish it in the temple of
their idoles, and among the people.

10 And they layed vp his armour in *y* 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 *a* burnt them there,

13 And toke their bones & *a* buried the vn-
der a tree at Iabesh, & *a* 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.

THIS 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 euermore.

CHAP.

The messenger is slayne. I I. Samuél. Dauid lamenteth. 136

CHAP. I.

⁴ It was tolde Dauid of Sauls death. ¹⁵ He causeth him to be slaine that brought the tydings. ¹⁹ He lamenteth the death of Saul and Ionathán.

After the death of Saúl, when Dauid was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites and had bene two dayes in Ziklag,

² Beholde, a man came the third day out of the hoste from Saúl with his clothes rēt, and earth vpon his head: & when he came to Dauid, he fel to the earth, and did obeisance.

³ Then Dauid said vnto him, Whence comest thou? And he said vnto him, Out of the hoste of Israël I am escaped.

⁴ And Dauid said vnto him, What is done? I pray thee, tel me. Thē he said, y the people is fled from the battel, and many of y people are ouerthrowen, and dead, and also Saúl and Ionathán his sonne are dead.

⁵ And Dauid said vnto the yong man, that tolde it him, How knowest thou that Saúl and Ionathán his sonne be dead?

⁶ Then the yong man that tolde him, answered, ^b As I came to mount Gilboa, beholde, Saúl leaned vpon his speare. and lo, the charrets and horsemen followed hard after him.

⁷ And whē he loked backe, he sawe me, and called me. And I answered, Here am I.

⁸ And he said vnto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an Amalekite.

⁹ Then said he vnto me, I pray thee, come vpon me, and slaye me: for anguish is come vpon me, because my life is yet whole in me.

¹⁰ So "I came vpon him, and slewe him, & because I was sure that he colde not līue, after that he had fallen, I toke the crowne that was vpon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arme, and brought thē hither vnto my lord.

¹¹ Then Dauid toke holde on his clothes, & rent them, and likewise all the men that were with him.

¹² And they mourned and wept, and fasted vntile euen, for Saúl and for Ionathán his sonne, and for the people of the Lord, and for the house of Israël, because they were slaine with the sworde.

¹³ ¶ Afterward Dauid said vnto the yong man that tolde it him, Whence art thou? And he answered, I am the sonne of a stranger an Amalekite.

¹⁴ And Dauid said vnto him, * How wast thou not afraide, to put forthe thine hand to destroy the Anoynted of the Lord?

¹⁵ Then Dauid called one of his yong mē, & said, Go nere, and fall vpon him. And he smote him that he dyed.

¹⁶ Thē said Dauid vnto him, Thy blood be vpon thine owne head: for thine owne mouth hath testified agāst thee, saying, I haue slaine the Lords Anoynted.

¹⁷ ¶ Then Dauid mourned with this lamentation ouer Saúl, and ouer Ionathán his sonne,

¹⁸ (Also he bade them teache the children of Iudā to shoote, as it is written in y booke of * Iashér)

¹⁹ O noble Israël, h he is slaine vpon thy hie places: how are the mighty ouerthrowen?

²⁰ * Tel it not in Gath, nor publish it in the stretes of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistims reioyce, lest the daughters of the vncircumcised triumphe.

²¹ Ye mountaines of Gilboa, vpon you benether dewe nor raine, nor ⁱ be there fieldes of offrings: for there the shield of the mightie is cast downe, the shield of Saúl, as though he had not bene anoynted with oyle.

²² The bowe of Ionathán neuer turned backe, nether did the sworde of Saúl returne empty from the blood of the slaine, and from the fat of the mighty.

²³ Saúl and Ionathán were louely and pleasant in their liues, and in their deathes they were not deuided: they were swifter the negles, they were strōge then lions.

²⁴ Ye daughters of Israël, wepe for Saúl, which clothed you in skarlet, ^l with pleasures, and hanged ornaments of golde vpon your apparel.

²⁵ How were the mighty slaine in the middes of the battel? o Ionathán, thou wast slaine in thine hie places.

²⁶ Wo is me for thee, my brother Ionathán: very kinde hast thou bene vnto me: thy loue to me was wonderful, pasing y loue of ^m women: how are the mighty ouerthrowen, and the weapons of warre destroyed?

CHAP. II.

⁴ Dauid is anoynted King in Hebrón. ⁹ Abner maketh Ish-bosheth King ouer Israël. ¹⁵ The battel of the seruants of Dauid and Ish-bosheth. ³² The buryal of Asahel.

After this Dauid asked counsel of the Lord, saying, Shal I go vp into anie of the cities of Iudā? And the Lord said vnto him, Go vp. And Dauid said, Whither shal I go? He thē answered, Vnto ^b Hebrón.

² So Dauid went vp thither & his two wiues also, Ahinoam the Izreelite, and Abigail Nabals wife the Carmelite.

³ And Dauid brought vp the men that were with him, euerie man with his household, and they dwelt in the cities of Hebrón.

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1 Sam. 30. 17.

a Seming to lament y ouerthrowe of the people of Israël.

b As I fled in the chase.

c Or, captiues.

c He was an Amalekite borne, but renounced his cōtrei & ioyned with the Israe lites.

d I am sorry, because I am yet alīue.

e Ebr. I fode vpon him.

Chap. 3. 31. & 13. 31.

c After the lamentation he examined him againe.

Tsal. 105. 15.

f Thow art iustly punished for thy fault.

g That they might be able to match their enemies the Philistims in that arte.

Iosh. 10. 13.

h Meaning Saul.

Mich. 1. 10.

i Let their fertile fieldes be barren, & bring forth no fruite to offere to the Lord.

k They dyed bothe together in Gilboa.

l As riche garments, & costly iewels.

m Either towarde their houbandes, or their children.

n By the meanes of the hie Priests, as 1 Sam. 23. 3. & 2 Sam. 5. 19.

o which citie was also called Kiriat Arba, Iosh. 14. 15.

p In the time of his persecution.

4 ¶ Then the men of Iudáh came, and there they anointed Dauid King ouer the house of Iudáh. And they tolde Dauid, saying, *1 Sam. 31, 12.* that the men of Iabésh Gileád buried Saúl.

5 And Dauid sent messengers vnto the mé of Iabésh Gileád, & said vnto them, Blessed are ye of y Lord, that ye haue shewed suche kindenes vnto your lord Saúl, that you haue buried him.

6 Therefore now the Lord shewe mercie and ^d truth vnto you: and I wil recompence you this benefite, because ye haue done this thing. *d According to his pmes, & is to recompence them that are mercifull.*

7 Therefore now let your hands be strong, and be you valiant: albeit your master Saúl be dead, yet neuertheless the house of Iudáh hathe anointed me King ouer them.

e So y you shal not want a capraine & a defender.

8 ¶ But Abnér the sonne of Ner that was captaine of Sauls hoste, toke Ish-bósheth the sonne of Saúl, and brought him to Mahanáim,

9 And made him King ouer Gileád, and ouer the Ashurites, and ouer Izreél, and ouer Ephraím, and ouer Beniamín, and ouer all Israél.

f Ouer y eleuén tribes.

10 Ish-bósheth Sauls sonne was fourty yere olde when he began to reigne ouer Israél, and reigned two yere: but the house of Iudáh followed Dauid.

11 (And the time which Dauid reigned in Hebrón ouer the house of Iudáh, was seue yere and six monethes)

g After this time was expired, he reigned ouer all y countrey 33 yeres, Chap. 55.

12 ¶ And Abnér the sonne of Ner, and the seruants of Ish-bósheth the sonne of Saúl went out to Mahanáim to Gibeón.

13 And Ioáb the sonne of Zeruiáh, and the seruants of Dauid went out and met one another by the poole of Gibeón: and they sate downe, the one on the one side of the poole, and the other on the other side of the poole.

h Let vs se how they can handle their weapons.

14 Then Abnér said to Ioáb, Let the yong men now arise, and ^h playe before vs. And Ioáb said, Let them arise.

15 Then there arose and went ouer twelue of Beniamín by number, which pertained to Ish-bósheth the sonne of Saúl, and twelue of the seruants of Dauid.

i Meaning, his aduersarie.

16 And euerie one caught ⁱ his fellowe by the head, & thrust his sworde in his fellowes side, so they fel downe together: wherefore the place was called Helkath-hazzurim which is in Gibeón.

Or, the field of strong men.

17 And the battel was exceeding fore that same day: for Abnér and the men of Israél fel before the seruants of Dauid.

k After that these foure & twentie were slaine.

18 And there were three sonnes of Zeruiáh there; Ioáb, and Abishai, and Asahél. And Asahél was as light on foote as a wilde roe.

19 And Asahél followed after Abnér, & in

going he turned nether to the right hand nor to the left from Abnér.

20 Then Abnér looked behinde him, & said, Art thou Asahél? And he answered, Yea.

21 Then Abnér said, Turne thee ether to y right hand or to the left, and take one of the yong men, and take thee his weapons: *Or, spile.* but Asahél wolde not departe from him.

22 And Abnér said to Asahél, Departe from me: wherefore shulde I smite thee to the grounde? how shulde I be able to holde vp my face to Ioáb thy brother? *l Why doe I prouoke me to kill thee?*

23 And when he wolde not departe, Abnér with the hindre end of the speare smote him vnder the ^m fifth rib, that the speare came out behinde him: and he fel downe there, and dyed in his place. And as manie as came to the place where Asahél fel downe and dyed, stode stil. *m Some read, in those partes, where as the liuely partes lye: as the heart, the lungs, y liuer, the milt, and the gall.*

24 Ioáb also and Abishai pursued after Abnér: and the sunne went downe, when they were come to y hil Ammah, that lieth before Giah, by the way of the wildernes of Gibeón.

25 And the children of Beniamín gathered them selues together after Abnér, & were on an heape and stode on the top of an hil.

26 Then Abnér called to Ioáb, and said, Shal the sworde deuoure for euer? knowest thou not, that it wil be bitterness in the latter end? how long shal it be, or thou bid the people returne from following their brethren? *n Shal we not make an end of murdering?*

27 And Ioáb said, As God liueth, if thou haddest not spoken, surely euen in the morning the people had departed euerie one backe from his brother. *o If y hadst not prouoked the battel, as ver. 14.*

28 ¶ So Ioáb blewe a trumpet, and all the people stode stil, and pursued after Israél nomore, nether fought they ante more.

29 And Abnér and his men walked all that night through the plaine, & wet ouer Iordan, & past through all Bithrón til they came to Mahanáim. *Or, wildernes, Or, to the river.*

30 Ioáb also returned backe from Abnér: & whē he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of Dauids seruants ninetene men and Asahél.

31 But the seruants of Dauid had smitten of Beniamín, and of Abners men, so that three hundred and threescore men dyed.

p Thus God wolde confirme Dauid in his kingdome by the destruction of his aduersaries.

32 And they toke vp Asahél, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which was in Beth-léhem: and Ioáb and his men wet all night, and when they came to Hebrón, the daie arose.

CHAP. III.

Long warre betwene the houses of Saúl and Dauid.

1 The children of Dauid in Hebrón. 2 Abnér turneth to Dauid. 27 Ioáb killeth him.

1 There was then a long warre betwene the house of Saúl and the house of Dauid:

q That is, with out intermission, induring two yeres, which was the whole reigne of Ish-bósheth.

Dauid: but Dauid waxed stronger, & the house of Saúl waxed weaker.

2 ¶ And vnto Dauid were children borne in Hebrón: and his eldest sonne was Amnon of Ahinóam the Izreelite;

b Who is called also Dani-el, 1. Chro. 3. 1.

3 And his secōde, was ^b Chilcáb of Abigáil the wife of Nabál the Carmelite: and the third, Absalóm the sonne of Maacáh the daughter of Talmái the King of Geshúr,

4 And the fourth, Adonijáh the sonne of Aggith, and the fifth, Shephaciáh the sonne of Abitál,

c Within foure yeres and six moneths.

5 And the sixth, Ithreám by Egláh Dauids wife: these were borne to Dauid in Hebrón.

6 ¶ Now while there was warre betwene the house of Saúl and the house of Dauid, Abnér made all his power for y^e house of Saúl.

7 And Saúl had a concubine named Rizpáh, the daughter of Aijáh. And Ish-bósheth said to Abnér, Wherefore hast thou gone in to my fathers concubine?

d Doeſt thou esteeme me no more then a dog, for all my seruice done to thy fathers house?

8 Thē was Abnér very wrothe for the wordes of Ish-bósheth, & said, Am I a ^d dogs head, which against Iudáh do shewe mercy this day vnto the house of Saúl thy father, to his brethren, & to his neighbours, and haue not deliuered thee into the hand of Dauid, that thou chargest me this day with a faute concerning this woman?

e We se how the wicked can not abide to be admonished of their fautes, but seke their displeasure, & go about to bring them from their wickednes.

9 ¶ So do God to Abnér, and more also, except, as the Lord hath sworn to Dauid, euen so I do to him,

10 To remoue the kingdome from the house of Saúl, that the throne of Dauid may be stablished ouer Israël, and ouer Iudáh, euen from Dan to Beer-sheba.

11 And he durst nomore answer to Abnér: for he feared him.

f secretly.

12 ¶ Then Abnér sent messengers to Dauid ^f on his behalfe, saying, Whose is the land? Who shulde also say, Make couenant with me, & beholde, mine hand shall be with thee, to bring all Israël vnto thee.

13 Who said, Wel, I wil make a couenant with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, that y^e be not my face except thou bring Michál Sauls daughter when thou comest to se me.

g Sam. 18. 27.

14 ¶ Then Dauid sent messengers to Ish-bósheth Sauls sonne, saying, Deliuer me my wife Michál, which I married for an hundredth foreskinnes of the Philistims.

h Sam. 25. 44.

15 And Ish-bósheth sent, and toke her from her housbād ^h Phaltiel the sonne of Laish.

16 And her housbād went with her, and came weping behinde her, vnto Bahurim: then said Abnér vnto him, Go, & returne. So he returned.

i Rather for malice that he bare towards Ish-bósheth, then for loue he bare to Dauid.

17 ¶ And Abnér had ⁱ communicaciō with the Elders of Israël, saying, Ye fought for

Dauid in times past, that he might be your King.

18 Now then do it: for the Lord hath spoken of Dauid, saying, By the hand of my seruant Dauid I wil saue my people Israël out of the hands of the Philistims, and out of the hands of all their enemies.

19 Also Abnér spake ^j to Beniamín, and afterwarde Abnér went to speake with Dauid in Hebrón, concerning all that Israël was content with, and the whole house of Beniamín.

k Ebr. in the eares of Beniamin.

20 So Abnér came to Dauid to Hebrón, hauing twenty men with him, and Dauid made a feast vnto Abnér, and to the men that were with him.

l Who challenged the kingdome, because of their fathers Saúl.

21 Then Abnér said vnto Dauid, I wil rise vp, and go gather all Israël vnto my lord y^e King, that they may make a couenāt with thee, & that thou maiest reigne ouer all that thine heart desireth. Then Dauid let Abnér departe, who went ^m in peace.

m Or, without harme.

22 ¶ And beholde, the seruants of Dauid and Ioáb came ⁿ from the cāpe, & brought a great pray with them (but Abnér was not with Dauid in Hebrón: for he had set him away, and he departed in peace)

n From warre against the Philistims.

23 When Ioáb, and all the holte that was with him were come, men tolde Ioáb, saying, Abnér the sonne of Ner came to the King, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace.

24 Then Ioáb came to the King, and said, What hast thou done? beholde, Abnér came vnto thee, why hast thou sent him away, and he is departed?

o Here appeareth the malicious mīde of Ioáb, who wolde haue had the King to slay Abnér for his private grudge.

25 Thou knowest Abnér the sōne of Ner: for he came to disceiue thee, & to knowe thy outgoing and ingoing, and to knowe all that thou doest.

26 ¶ And when Ioáb was gone out from Dauid, he sent messengers after Abnér, which brought him againe from the well of Siriah vnknowing to Dauid.

27 And when Abnér was come againe to Hebrón, ^p Ioáb toke him aside in the gate to speake with him ^p peaceably, and smote him vnder the fift ry^e, that he dyed, for the blood of ^q Afahél his brother.

1. King. 2. 35.

q Or, secretly.

Chap. 2. 23.

28 ¶ And when afterwarde it came to Dauids eare, he said, I and my kingdome are ^r gilty before the Lord for euer, concerning the blood of Abnér the sonne of Ner.

r The Lord knoweth that I did not consent to his death.

29 Let the blood fall on the head of Ioáb, and on all his fathers house, that the house of Ioáb be neuer without some y^e haue running yssues, or lepre, or that leaneth on a staffe, or that doeth fall on the sworde, or that lacketh bread.

30 (So Ioáb and ^s Abishái his brother slewe Abnér, because he had slayne their brother Afahél at Gibeon in battell)

s Abishái is said to slay him & Ioáb, because he consented to y^e murder.

Mi.

Dauid lamenteth.

II. Samuél.

Ish-bósheth slayne.

31 And Dauid said to Ioáb, and to all the people that were with him, Rét your clothes, and put on sackcloth, and mourne before Abnér: and King Dauid him self followed the beare.

m Meaning, before & corps.

32 And when thei had buryed Abnér in Hebrón, the King lift vp his voyce, & wept beside the sepulchre of Abnér, and all the people wept.

33 And the King lamented ouer Abnér, and said, Dyed Abnér as a foole dyeth?

n He declareth that Abnér dyed not as a wretch or vile person, but as a valiant man might do, being traiterously deceiued by & wicked.

34 Thine hands were not bounde, nor thy feete tyed in fetters of brasse: but as a mā falleth before wicked men, so didest thou fall. And all the people wept againe for him.

o According to their custom, which was to banquet at burials.

35 Afterwarde all the people came to cause Dauid eat meat while it was yet day, but Dauid sware, saying, So do God to me & more also, if I taste bread, or oght els til the sunne be downe.

p It is expedient sometime not onely to conceiue inward sorrow, but also that it may appeare to others to the intent that they may be satisfied.

36 And all the people knewe it, & it pleased them: as whatsoeuer the King did, pleased all the people.

37 For all the people and all Israël vnderstode that day, how that it was not the Kings dede that Abnér the sonne of Ner was slayne.

38 And the King said vnto his seruants, Knowe ye not, that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israël?

q Or, cruel.

39 And I am this day weake and newly anointed King: and these men the sonnes of Zeruiáh be to hard for me: y Lord reward the doer of euil according to his wickednes.

CHAP. IIII.

5 Baanáh and Recháb slaye Ish-bósheth the sonne of Saú. 12 Dauid commandeth them to be slayne.

a That is, Ish-bósheth.

And whē Saúls sonne heard y Abnér was dead in Hebrón, then his hands were feble, and all Israël was afrayed,

b Meaning, & he was discouraged.

2 And Saúls sonne had two men that were captaines of bands: the one called Baanáh, and the other called Recháb, the sonnes of Rimmón a Beerothite of the children of Beniamin. (for Beeroth was reckened to Beniamin,

c The citie Beeroth was in the tribe of Beniamin, Iosh 18, 25. d After the death of Saúl, for feare of & Philistines.

3 Because the Beerothites fled to d Gittáim, and sojourned there, vnto this day)

4 And Ionathán Saúls sonne had a sonne that was lame on his feete: he was siue yere olde when the tidings came of Saúl and Ionathán out of Israël: then his nurse toke him, and fled away. And as she made haste to flee, the childe fell, and began to halt, and his name was Mephibósheth.

5 And the sonnes of Rimmón the Beerothite, Recháb and Baanáh went and came in the heate of the day to the house of Ish-bósheth (who slept on a bed at noone)

6 And beholde, Recháb and Baanáh his

brother came into the middes of the house, as they wolde haue wheat, and they smote him vnder the fifth rib, and fled.

e Thei disguised the selues as marchants, which came to bye wheat, f There is nothing so vile & dangerous, & wicked wil nor enterprise in hope of lucre & fauour. * Or, wilderness.

7 For when they came into the house, he slept on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slewe him, and beheaded him, and toke his head, and gate them away through the plaine all the night.

8 And thei broght the head of Ish-bósheth vnto Dauid to Hebrón, and said to the King, Beholde the head of Ish-bósheth Saúls sonne thine enemy, who fought after thy life: and the Lord hath auenged my lord the King this day of Saúl and of his seed.

9 Then Dauid answered Recháb and Baanáh his brother, the sonnes of Rimmón the Beerothite, and said vnto them, As the Lord liueth, who hath deliuered my soule out of all aduersitie,

10 When one tolde me, and said that Saúl was dead, (thinking to haue broght good tidings) I toke him and slewe him in Ziklág, who thought that I wolde haue giuen him a rewarde for his tidings:

Chap. 1, 15.

11 How much more, when wicked men haue slayne a righteous person in his owne house, & vpon his bed: shal I not now therefore require his blood at your hand, and take you from the earth?

g Forasmuch as nether the exáple of him that slew Saúl, nor duectie to their master, nor innocencie of the person, nor reuerence of the place, nor time did moue the, they deserued most grieuous punishment.

12 Then Dauid commanded his yong men, and they slewe them, and cut of their hands and their feete, & hanged them vpon the poole in Hebrón: but they toke the head of Ish-bósheth, and buryed it in the sepulchre of Abnér in Hebrón.

Chap. 3, 32.

CHAP. V.

3 Dauid made King ouer all Israël. 7 He taketh the forte of Zión. 19 He asketh counsel of the Lord. 20 And ouercometh the Philistines twise.

1 Then came all the tribes of Israël to Dauid vnto Hebrón, & said thus, Beholde, we are thy bones and thy flesh.

a We are of thy kindred, & most nere ioyned vnto thee.

2 And in time past when Saúl was our King, thou leddest Israël in and out: and the Lord hath said to thee, Thou shalt feede my people Israël, and thou shalt be a captaine ouer Israël.

1. Chro. 11, 1.

3 So all the Elders of Israël came to the King to Hebrón: and King Dauid made a coucnant with them in Hebrón before the Lord: and they anointed Dauid King ouer Israël.

4 ¶ Dauid was thirty yere olde when he began to reigne: and he reigned forty yere.

5 In Hebrón he reigned ouer Iudáh seue yere, and six moneths: and in Ierusalém he reigned thirty and thre yeres ouer all Israël and Iudáh.

b That is, taking the Lord to witness for the Arke was as yet in Abinadabs house.

6 ¶ The King also and his men went to Ierusalém vnto the Iebusites, y inhabitants of

Chap. 2, 11.

^c The childre of God called idoles blinde and lame guides: therefore the Iebusites mene, that thei shulde proue that their gods were neither blinde nor lame.

¹ *Chro. 11.6.*

^d The idoles shulde entre no more into that place.

^e He buylt from the towne house rounde about to his owne house. *1. Chro. 11.8. Ebr. Zer.*

¹ *Chro. 3.9.*

¹ *Chro. 3.5.*

¹ *Chro. 14.6. & 11.16.*

⁹ By Abiathar the Priest.

¹ *2. Sa. 28.21.*

⁹ Or, she plaine of disition.

¹ *Chro. 14.12.*

^g Meaning, the valley of Gyzants, which Dauid called Baal perazim because of his victoria.

of the land: who spake vnto Dauid, saying, Except thou take away the ^c blinde and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking y^e Dauid colde not come thither.

7 But Dauid toke the forte of Ziön: this is the citie of Dauid.

8 Now Dauid had said y^e same day, Who-soeuer smiteth the Iebusites, & getteth vp to the gutters & smiteth the lame & blinde, which Dauids soule hateth, *I wil prefferre him:* ^e therefore they said, The blinde and the lame shal not ^d come into that house.

9 So Dauid dwelt in that forte, and called it the citie of Dauid, and Dauid buylt round about it, from ^e Milló, and inwarde.

10 And Dauid prospered and grewe: for the Lord God of hostes was with him.

11 ¶ Hiram also King of Tyrus sent messengers to Dauid, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons for walles: and thei buylt Dauid an house.

12 Then Dauid knewe, that the Lord had established him King ouer Israël, and that he had exalted his kingdome for his people Israels sake.

13 And Dauid toke him mo^e concubines & wiues out of Ierusalem, after he was come from Hebrón, and mo^e sonnes and daughters were borne to Dauid.

14 ¶ And these be the names of the sonnes that were borne vnto him in Ierusalem: Shammúa, and Shobáb, and Nathán, and Salomón,

15 And Béhár, and Elisúá, and Népeg, and Iaphía,

16 And Elishamá, & Eliadá, and Eliphálet.

17 ¶ But when the Philistims heard that they had anointed Dauid King ouer Israël, all the Philistims came vp to seke Dauid: and when Dauid heard, he wēt downe to a forte.

18 But the Philistims came, and spred them selues in the valley of Repháim.

19 Then Dauid asked counsel of the Lord, saying, Shal I go vp to the Philistims: wilt thou deliuer them into mine hands? And the Lord answered Dauid, Go vp: for I wil doutles deliuer the Philistims into thine hands.

20 ¶ Then Dauid came to Baal-perazim, and smote them there, & said, The Lord hath deuided mine enemies asondre before me, as waters be deuided asondre: therefore he called the name of that place, "Baal-perazim."

21 And there they left their images, & Dauid and his men burnt them.

22 Again the Philistims came vp, & spred them selues in the valley of ^g Repháim.

23 And when Dauid asked counsel of the Lord, He answered, Thou shalt not go vp, but turne about behinde the, & come vpon them ouer against the mulberry trees.

24 And whē thou hearest the noyse of one going in the toppes of the mulberry trees, then remoue: for then shal the Lord go out before thee, to smite the hoste of the Philistims.

25 Then Dauid did so as the Lord had commanded him, and smote the Philistims fro^e Géba, vntil thou come to ^h Gázér.

CHAP. VI.

3 The Arke is broght forth of the house of Abinadáb. 7 Vzzáh is striken, & dyeth. 14 Dauid danceth before it. 16 And is therefore despised of his wife Michál.

1 A Gainē Dauid gathered together all the chosen men of Israël, *even thirtie thousand,*

2 ¶ And Dauid arose & went wth all the people that were with him: ^a fro^e Baalé of Ludáh to bring vp from thence the Arke of God, whose name is called by the Name of the Lord of hostes, that dwelleth vpon it betwene the Cherubims.

3 And they put the Arke of God vpon a newe carte, and broght it out of the house of Abinadáb that was in ^b Gibeáh. And Vzzáh and Ahío the sonnes of Abinadáb did driue the newe carte.

4 And when they broght the Arke of God out of the house of Abinadáb, that was at

5 Gibeáh, Ahío went before the Arke, and Dauid and all the house of Israël

6 played before the Lord on all instruments made of firre, and on harpes, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

7 ¶ And whē they came to Nachons threshing floore, Vzzáh put his hād to the Arke of God, & helde it: for y^e oxē did shake it.

8 And the Lord was very wrothe wth Vzzáh, & God smote him in y^e same place for his faute, & there he dyed by y^e Arke of God.

9 And Dauid was displeased, because the Lord had smitten Vzzáh: and he called the name of the place "Pérez Vzzáh vntil this day."

10 Therefore Dauid that day feared the Lord, and said, How shal the Arke of the Lord come to me?

11 So Dauid wolde not bring the Arke of the Lord vnto him into the citie of Dauid, but Dauid caryed it into the house of Obed-edóm ^c a Gittite.

12 And the Arke of the Lord continued in the house of Obed-edóm the Gittite, thre moneths, and the Lord blessed Obed-edóm, and all his household.

13 ¶ And one tolde King Dauid, saying, The Lord hath blessed the house of Obed-edóm, and all that he hath, because of the Arke of God: therefore Dauid went and broght the Arke of God from the house of Obed-edóm, into the citie of Dauid with gladnes.

14 And when they that bare the Arke of the

^h Which was in the tribe of Benjamin, but the Philistims did possesse it.

¹ *Chro. 13.5.* This was a citie in Iudáh called also Kiath-icarium, *1oth. 15.9.*

^b Which was an hie place of the citie of Baalé.

¹ *Sam. 7.2.*

^c Praised God, and sang psalms.

¹ *Chro. 13.10.*

^d Here we se what danger it is to followe good intentions, or to do any thing in Gods seruice without his expresse worde.

^e Ebr. made a breache. *"On the disition of Vzzáh."*

^f Who was a Leuite, & had dwelt in Gittaim, *1. Chro. 15.21.*

¹ *Chro. 15.25.*

^g Meaning, he caused y^e Leuites to beare it, according to the Lawe.

Michál mocketh Dauid: I I. Samuél. Nathán sent to Dauid.

Lord had gone six spaces, he offered an ox, and a fat beast.

14 And Dauid danced before the Lord with all his might, and was girded with a linen ^g Ephód.

^g With a garment like to ^h Priests garment.

15 So Dauid and all the house of Israël, brought the Arke of the Lord with shouting, and sounde of trumpet.

16 And as the Arke of the Lord came into the citie of Dauid, Michál Sauls daughter looked through a window, and sawe King Dauid leape, and dance before the Lord, and she ^h despised him in her heart.

^h The worldlings are not able to comprehend the motions that moue the childre of God.

17 And when they had brought in the Arke of the Lord, they set it in his place, in the middes of the tabernacle that Dauid had pitched for it: the Dauid offered burnt offrings, & peace offrings before the Lord.

1. Chro. 16, 2.

18 And as soon as Dauid had made an end of offering burnt offrings & peace offrings, he ^{*} blessed the people in the Name of the Lord of hostes,

19 And gaue among all the people, *euē* among the whole multitude of Israël, afeel to the women as men, to euerie one a cake of bread, and a piece of flesh, and a bottel of wine: so all the people departed euerie one to his house.

ⁱ That is, to pray for his house, as he had done for the people.

20 ¶ Then Dauid returned to ⁱ blesse his house, and Michál the daughter of Saúl came out to mete Dauid, and said, O how glorious was the King of Israël this day, which was vncovered to day in the eyes of the maidens of his seruants, as a foole vncovereth him selfe.

^k It was for no worldly affection, but onely for that zeale that I haue to Gods glorie.

21 Then Dauid said vnto Michál, ^k *It was* before the Lord, which chose me rather then thy father, and all his house, and commanded me to be ruler ouer all the people of the Lord, *euē* ouer Israël: and therefore wil I play before the Lord,

22 And wil yet be more vile then thus, and wil be lowe in mine owne sight, and of the very same maidseruants, which thou hast spoken of, shal I be had in honour.

23 Therefore Michál the daughter of Saúl had ^l no childe, vnto the day of her death.

^l Which was a punishment, because she mocked ^h seruant of God.

CHAP. VII.

2 *Dauid wolde buyld God an house, but is forbidden by the Prophet Nathán. & God putteth Dauid in minde of his benefites. 12. He promisseth continuance of his kingdome and posteritie.*

1. Chro. 17, 2.

1 **A**fterwarde ^{*} whē the King sate in his house and the Lord had giuen him rest round about from all his enemies,

2 The King said vnto Nathán the Prophet, Beholde, now I dwell in an house of cedar trees, and the Arke of God remaineth within the ^a curtaines.

^a Within the Tabernacle covered wth skin. 3. Mos, Exo. 26, 7.

3 Then Nathán said vnto the King, Go, and do all that is in thine heart: for the Lord is with thee.

4 ¶ And the same night the worde of the

Lord came vnto Nathán, saying,

5 Go, and tel my seruāt Dauid, Thus saith the Lord, ^b Shalt thou buyld me an house for my dwelling?

^b Meaning, he shalde not: yet Nathán speakeing accordig to māis iudgement, and not by the Spirit of prophecie, permitted him.

6 For I haue dwelt in no house since the time that I brought the children of Israël out of Egypt vnto this day, but haue walked in a tent and tabernacle.

7 In all the *places* wherein I haue walked with all the children of Israël, spake I one worde with anie of the tribes of ^c Israël when I commanded the *iudges* to fede my people Israël: or said I, Why buyld ye not me an house of cedar trees?

^c As concerning the buylding of an house: meaning that without Gods expresse worde nothing ought to be attempted.

8 Now therefore so say vnto my seruāt Dauid, Thus saith the Lord of hostes, ^{*} I toke thee from the shepecote following the shepe, that thou mightest be ruler ouer my people, ouer Israël.

1. Sam. 16, 12. Psal. 78, 70.

9 And I was with thee wherefoeuer thou hast walked, and haue destroyed all thine enemies out of thy sight, and haue made thee a ^d great name, lyke vnto the name of the great men that are in the earth.

^d I haue made thee famous through all ^h worlde.

10 (Also I wil appoint a place for my people Israël, and wil plant it, that they may dwell in a place of their owne, and moue ^e no more, nether shal wicked people trouble them anie more as before time,

^e He promisseth the quietnes, if they wil walke in his feare and obedience.

11 And since the time that I set iudges ouer my people of Israël) and I wil giue thee rest from all *thine* enemies: also the Lord telleth thee, ^h he wil make thee an house.

12 ^{*} And when thy dayes be fulfilled, thou shalt slepe with thy fathers, & I wil set vp thy seede after thee, which shal procede out of thy body, and wil stablisch his kingdome.

1. King. 2, 20.

13 ^{*} He shal buyld an house for my Name, and I wil stablisch the throne of his kingdome for euer.

1. King. 5, 5. 2. Sam. 7, 12. 1. Chro. 22, 10.

14 ^{*} I wil be his father, & he shal be my sonne: & ^{*} if he sinne, I wil chasten him with the ^f rod of men, and with the plagues of the children of men.

^f That is, gently, as fathers vse to chastise their childre.

15 But my mercy shal not depart away from him, as I toke it from Saúl whome I haue put away before thee.

16 And thine house shal be stablisch and thy kingdome for euer before thee, *euē* thy throne shal be ^g stablisch for euer.

^g This was begon in Salomon as a figure, but accomplished in Christ.

17 According to all these wordes, and according to all this vision, Nathán spake thus vnto Dauid.

18 Then King Dauid went in, and sate before the Lord, & said, Who am I, ^h Lord God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

19 And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, ^h Lord God, therefore thou hast spokē also of thy seruants house for a great while: but ^h doeth this appertaine to ^h mā, ^h Lord God?

^h Ebr. is this the lawe of mā? ^h Cometh not this rather of thy fire mercie, then of anie worthines that can be in mā?

20 And what can Dauid say more vnto thee? for thou, Lord God, knowest thy seruant.

21 For thy wordes sake, and according to thine owne heart hast thou done all these great things, to make them knownen vnto thy seruant.

22 Wherefore thou art great, o Lord God: for there is none like thee, nether is there anie god besides thee, according to all that we haue heard with our eares.

Deut. 4, 7.

23 * And what one people in y^e earth is like thy people, like Israël: whose God went & redeemed thé to him selfe, that they might be his people, & that he might make him a name, & do for y^eou great things, and terrible for thy ^klād, o Lord, ^{euen} for thy people, whome thou redemest to thee out of Egypt, from the ¹ nations, and their gods?

i O Israël.
& And inheritance, which is Israël.
i From the Egyptians and their idoles.
m He sheweth that Gods fre election is the onely cause, why the Israélites were chosen to be his people.

24 For thou hast ^m ordeined thy people Israël to be thy people for euer: and thou Lord art become their God.

25 Now therefore, o Lord God, confirme for euer the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy seruant and his house, and do as thou hast said.

26 And let thy Name be magnified for euer by them that shal say, The Lord of hostes is the God ouer Israël: and let the ⁿ house of thy seruant Dauid be stablished before thee.

a This prayer is more effectual, where we chiefly seek Gods glorie, and the accomplishment of his promises.
"Ebr. founde his heart dispeised."

27 For thou, o Lord of hostes, God of Israël, hast reueiled vnto thy seruant, saying, I wil buyld thee an house: therefore hathe thy seruant ⁿ bene bolde to pray this prayer vnto thee.

28 Therefore now, o Lord God, (for thou art God, and thy wordes be true, and thou hast tolde this goodnes vnto thy seruāt)

29 Therefore now let it please thee to blesse the house of thy seruant, that it may continue for euer before thee: for thou, o Lord God, hast ^o spoken it: and let the house of thy seruant be blessed for euer, with thy blessing.

a Therefore I firmly beleue it shal come to passe.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Dauid ouercommeth the Philistims, and other strange nations, and maketh them tributaries to Israël.

1. Chro. 18, 1.

1 **A**fter this now, Dauid smote the Philistims, and subdued them, & Dauid toke the bridle of bondage out of ^a the hand of the Philistims.

psal. 60, 2.
"Or, mitheg-ammah.
a So that they payed no more tribute.

2 And he smote Moab, and measured them with a corde, and cast them downe to the ground: he measured them with ^b two cordes to put them to death, & with one ful corde to kepe them aliuē: so became the Moabites Dauids seruants, and broght gifts.

b He slew two partes, as he pleased him and reserued the third.

3 Dauid smote also Hadadézer the sonne of Rehób King of Zobáh as he went to ⁿ recouer his border at y^e riuer "Euphrates.

"Or, enlarge.
"Ebr. Perath.

4 And Dauid toke a thousand and seuen

hundreth horsemen, and twétiē thousand fotemen, and ^o destroyed all the charets, but he reserued an hundreth charets of them.

"Or, hight the harset of the charet.

5 ¶ Then came the Aramites of ^p Dámések to succour Hadadézer King of Zobáh, but Dauid slewe of the Aramites two and twentie thousand men.

"Or, the Syrizer.
"Or, of Damas-
cus: that is, which dwelle nere Damascur.

6 And he put a garison in ^r Arám of Dámések: and the Aramites became seruants to Dauid, ^d and broght giftes. And the Lord sauéd Dauid wherefoeuer he went.

c In that part of Syria, where Damalcus was.
d They payed yerely tribute.

7 And Dauid toke the shields of golde that belonged to the seruants of Hadadézer, and broght them to ^e Ierusalém. And out of Bétah, and Berothái (cities of Hadadézer) Dauid broght exceeding muche brasse.

e For the vse of the temple.

8 ¶ Then Tóí King of ^f Hamáth heard how Dauid had smitten all the hoste of Hadadézer,

"Or, Antiochia

9 Therefore Tóí sent Iorám his sonne vnto King Dauid, to salute him, and to ^g reioyce with him because he had fought against Hadadézer, and beaten him (for Hadadézer had warre with Tóí) who broght with him vessels of siluer, and vessels of golde & vessels of brasse.

"Ebr. in?/ke
peace.
"Ebr. blasse him
f For seeing Dauid victorious, he was glad to intreat of peace.
"Ebr. in his bid

10 And King Dauid did dedicate them vnto the Lord with the siluer and golde that he had dedicate of all the nations, which he had subdued:

"Or, Syria, & Caldeya.

11 Of ^h Arám, & of Moáb, and of the children of Ammón, & of the Philistims, and of Amalék, and of the spoyle of Hadadézer the sonne of Rehób King of Zobáh.

12 So Dauid gate a name after that he returned, and had slaine of the Aramites in the ⁱ valley of salt eightene thousand men.

"Or, in Ger-milah.

13 And he put a garison in Edóm: throughout all Edóm put he soldiers, and all they of Edóm became Dauids seruants: and y^e Lord kept Dauid ^j whetherfoeuer he wēt.

"Or, in all his enterprises.

14 Thus Dauid reigned ouer all Israël, and executed ^k iudgement and iustice vnto all his people.

g He gaue indgement in con-
trouersies, and was merciful towards the people.
"Or, writer of Chronicles.

15 And Ioáb the sonne of Zeruiáh was ouer the hoste, and Ioshaphát the sonne of Ahilúid was ^l recorder.

16 And Zadók the sonne of Ahitúb, and Ahimélech the sonne of Abiathár were y^e Priests, and Seraiáh the scribe.

17 And Benaiahú the sonne of Ichoiadá ^m & the ⁿ Cherethites & the Pelethites, & Dauids sonnes were chief rulers.

"Or, was ouer the Cherethites.
h The Cherethites & Pelethites were as the Kings garde, and had charge of his persone.

CHAP. IX.

1 Dauid restoreth all the landes of Saúl to Miphibóseth the sonne of Ionathán. 10 He appointeth Zibá to se to the profit of his landes.

1 **A**nd Dauid said, Is there yet any man left of the house of Saúl, that I may shewe him mercy for ^a Ionathans sake?

a Because of mine othe and promises made to Ionathán, 1. Sam. 20, 15.

2 And there was of the housholde of Saúl M.iii.

Mephibósheth.

II. Samuél. Dauids men euil handled.

- a seruant whose name was Zibá, & when they had called him vnto Dauid, y King said vnto him, Art thou Zibá? And he said, I thy seruant *am he.*
- 3 Then the King said, Remaineth there yet none of the house of Saúl, on whome I may shewe the ^b mercy of God? Zibá then answered the King, Ionathán hath yet a sonne* lame of his feete.
- ^b Suche mer-
cie, as shal be
acceptable to
God.
c *Psalm. 4. 4.*
- 4 Then the King said vnto him, Where is he? And Zibá said vnto y King, Beholde, he is in the house of Machír the sonne of Ammiél of Lo-debár.
- 5 ¶ Then King Dauid sent, and toke him out of the house of Machír the sonne of Ammiél of Lo-debár.
- ^c Who was
also called E-
liám, y father
of Bath-sheba
Dauids wife.
- 6 Now when Mephibósheth the sonne of Ionathán, the sonne of Saúl was come vnto Dauid, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And Dauid said, Mephibósheth? And he answered, Beholde thy seruant.
- 7 Then Dauid said vnto him, Feare not: for I wil surely shewe thee kindenes for Ionathán thy fathers sake, and wil restore thee all the fields of Saúl thy father, and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.
- ^d Or, lands.
- 8 And he bowed himselfe, and said, What is thy seruāt, that thou shuldest loke vpon suche ^a a dead dog as I am?
- ^a Meaning, a
despised per-
son.
- 9 Then the King called Zibá Sauls seruāt, and said vnto him, I haue giuen vnto thy masters sonne all that pertained to Saúl, and to all his house.
- ^e Or, nephew.
- 10 Thou therefore and ^e thy sonnes, and thy seruants shal till the land for him, and bring in that thy masters sonne may haue fooode to eat. And Mephibósheth thy masters sonne shal eat bread alway at my table (now Zibá had fiftene sonnes, and twentie seruants).
- ^e Be ye pro-
minent over-
seers, and go-
uerners of his
lands that they
may be profit-
table.
- 11 Then said Zibá vnto the King, According to all y my lord the King hath commanded his seruant, so shal thy seruāt do, that Mephibósheth may eat at my table, as one of the Kings sonnes.
- ^f That Mephi-
bósheth may
haue all things
at commande-
ment as becom-
eth a Kings
sonne.
- 12 Mephibósheth also had a yōg sonne named Michá, & all that dwelled in y house of Zibá, were seruants vnto Mephibósheth.
- 13 And Mephibósheth dwelt in Ierusalém: for he did eat cōtinually at the Kings table, and was lame on bothe his feete.
- C H A P. X.**
- 1 The messengers of Dauid are villainously entreated of the King of Ammōn. 7 Ioáb is sent against the Ammonites.
- ^a c *bro. 19. 2.*
- 1 After this, the ^a King of the children of Ammōn dyed, & Hanún his sonne reigned in his stede.
- 2 Then said Dauid, I wil shewe kindenes vnto Hanún the sonne of Nabásh, as his father^a shewed kindenes vnto me. And Dauid sent his seruants to cōfort him for his father. So Dauids seruants came into the land of the children of Ammōn.
- 3 And the princes of the children of Ammōn said vnto Hanún their lord, Thinkest thou y Dauid doeth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters to thee? hath he not Dauid rather sent his seruants vnto thee, to searche the citie, and to spie it out, and to ouerthrowe it?
- ^b Their arro-
gant malice
wolde not suf-
fer them to see
the simplicitie
of Dauids be-
art: therefore
their counsell
turned to the
destruction of
their cōtry.
- ^c Ebr In thine
eyes death Da-
uid.
- 4 Wherefore Hanún toke Dauids seruants, and shaued of the halfe of their bearde, & cut of their garments in the middle, euen to their buttockes, and sent them away.
- 5 ¶ When it was tolde vnto Dauid, he sent to mete them (for the men were exceedingly ashamed) and the King said, Tarie at Ierichó, vntil your beardes be growen, then returne.
- 6 ¶ And when the children of Ammōn sawe that they ^c stanke in the sight of Dauid, the children of Ammōn sent and hired the Aramites of the house of Rehób, and the Aramites of Zobá, twentie thousand footemen, and of King Maacáh a thousand men, & of Ish-tób twelue thousand men.
- ^c That they
had deserued
Dauids displea-
sure, for y in-
iurie done to
his ambassa-
dours.
^d Or, Syrians.
- 7 And when Dauid heard of it, he sent Ioáb, and all the hoste of the strong men.
- 8 And the children of Ammōn came out, & put their armie in array at the entring in of the gate: & the Aramites of Zobá, and of Rehób, and of Ish-tób, and of Maacáh were by themselves in the field.
- ^d These were
diuers parts of
the cōtry of
Syria, where-
by appeareth
that the Syrians
serued, where
they might haue
intercōme-
ment, as now
the Sweitars
do.
- 9 When Ioáb sawe that the fronte of the battel was against him before and behinde, he chose of all the choise of Israël, and put them in array against the Aramites.
- 10 And the rest of the people he deliuered into the hand of Abishái his brother, that he might put them in array against the children of Ammōn.
- 11 And he said, If the Aramites be stronger then I, thou shalt helpe me, & if the children of Ammōn be to strong for thee, I wil come and succour thee.
- ^e Here is de-
clared where-
fore warre
ought to be un-
dertaken: for
the defence of
true religion
and Gods peo-
ple.
- 12 Be strong and let vs be valiant for our people, and for the cities of our God, and let the Lord do that which is good in his eyes.
- 13 Then Ioáb, & the people that was with him, joyned in battel with the Aramites, who fled before him.
- 14 And when the children of Ammōn sawe that the Aramites fled, they fled also before Abishái, and entred into the citie. so Ioáb returned from the children of Ammōn, and came to Ierusalém.
- 15 ¶ And when the Aramites sawe that they were smitten before Israël, they gathered them together.
- 16 And**

<sup>Or, Hadad-
zer.</sup>
^{Or, Ephraim.}

16 And Hadarézzer sent, and broght out the Aramites that were beyonde the Riuer: & they came to Helám, and Shobách ſ captain of the hoſte of Hadarézzer went before them.

<sup>f Meaning, the
greatest parte.</sup>

17 When it was ſhewed Dauid, then he gathered ſall Iſraél together, and paſſed ouer Iordén and came to Helám: and the Aramites ſet thé ſelues in array againſt Dauid, and fought with him:

<sup>g Which were
ſ chiefſt
& moſte principal:
for in all he deſtroyed
7000, as
1 Chro 19. 18:
or, the ſoldiers
which were in
700 charrets.</sup>

18 And the Aramites fled before Iſraél: & Dauid deſtroyed ſeuén hundreth charrets of the Aramites, & fourtie thouſand horſemen, and ſmote Shobách the captaine of his hoſte, who dyed there.

19 And when all the Kings, that were ſeruánts to Hadarézzer, ſawe that they fell before Iſraél, they made peace with Iſraél, and ſeruéd them. and the Aramites feared to helpe the children of Ammón anie more.

CHAP. XI.

^{1 The citie Rabbáh is beſieged. 4 Dauid committeth adulterie. 17 Vriáh is ſlaine. 27 Dauid marieth Bathſheba.}

<sup>a The yere fol-
lowing about
the ſpring ti-
me.</sup>
^{2 Chrono. 30. 1.}

AND when the yere was ^a expired in ſ time when Kings go forth to battel, Dauid ſent ^b Ioáb, and his ſeruants with him, & all Iſraél, who deſtroyed the children of Ammón, and beſieged Rabbáh: but Dauid remained in Ieruſalém.

<sup>b Whereupon
he ſled to reſt
at after none,
as was red of
Iſh-bôſeth,
Chap. 4. 7.</sup>

2 And when it was euening tide, Dauid aroſe out of his ^b bed, and walked vpon the rooſe of the Kings palace: and frô the rooſe he ſawe a woman waſhing her ſelfe: and the womán was very beautiful to loke vpon.

<sup>c Who was not
an Iſraelite
borne, but con-
uerſed to the
true religion.
Leui. 15. 19.
e 18. 19.</sup>

3 And Dauid ſent and inquired what woman it was: and ^c one ſaid, Is not this Bethſheba ſ daughter of Eliám, wife to Vriáh the ^c Hittite?

4 Then Dauid ſent meſſengers, and toke her away: and ſhe came vnto him and he lay with her: (now ſhe was ^d purified from her vncleannes) and ſhe returned vnto her houſe.

<sup>d Fearing leſt
ſhe ſhoulde be
ſtoned accord-
ing to the
Law.</sup>

5 And ſ womán cōceiued: therefore ſhe ſent & ^d tolde Dauid, & ſaid, I am with childe.

6 Then Dauid ſent to Ioáb, ſaying, Send me Vriáh the Hittite. And Ioáb ſent Vriáh to Dauid.

7 And when Vriáh came vnto him, Dauid demanded him how Ioáb did, & how the people fared, and how the warre proſpered.

<sup>e Dauid thought
that if Vriáh
lay with his
wife, his fault
might be clo-
ked.</sup>

8 Afterwarde Dauid ſaid to Vriáh, ^e Go downe to thine houſe, and waſh thy feete. So Vriáh departed out of the Kings palace, & the King ſent a preſent after him.

9 But Vriáh ſlept at the dore of the Kings palace with all the ſeruants of his lord, and went not downe to his houſe.

10 Then they tolde Dauid, ſaying, Vriáh went not downe to his houſe: and Dauid

ſaid vnto Vriáh, Comeſt thou not from thy journey? why didſt thou not go downe to thine houſe?

11 Thé Vriáh answered Dauid, ^f The Arke of Iſraél, and Iudáh dwell in tents: and my lord Ioáb and the ſeruants of my lord abide in the open fields: ſhal I then go in to mine houſe to eat and drinke, and lie with my wife? by thy life, & by the life of thy ſoule, I wil not do this thing.

<sup>f Hereby God
wolde touche
Dauids con-
ſcience, that
ſeing the ſide-
licke & religio
of his ſeruát,
he wolde de-
clare him ſel-
ſe ſo forgetful
of God and in-
iurious to his
ſeruant.</sup>

12 Then Dauid ſaid vnto Vriáh, Tarie yet this daye, and tomorowe I wil ſend thee awaie. So Vriáh abode in Ieruſalém that day, and the morowe.

13 Then Dauid called him, & he did eat and drinke before him, & he made him ^g dröke: & at euen he went out to lie on his couche with the ſeruants of his lord, but went not downe to his houſe.

<sup>g He made hi
drinke more li-
berally the he
was wonte to
do, thinking he-
reby he wolde
haue ſeen by
his wife.</sup>

14 And on the morowe Dauid wrote a letter to Ioáb, and ſent it by the hand of Vriáh.

15 And he wrote ^h thus in the letter, Put ye Vriáh in the foreſtöte of the ſtrength of the battel, & recule ye backe from him, that he may be ſmitten, and dye.

<sup>h Elr. ſaying.
h Except God
continually vp-
holde vs with
his mightie
ſpirit, ſ moſte
perfect fall
headlong into
all vice & ab-
omination.</sup>

16 So whē Ioáb beſieged ſ citie, he aſſigned Vriáh vnto a place, where he knewe that ſtrong men were.

17 And the men of the citie came out, and fought with Ioáb: & there fell of the people of the ſeruants of Dauid, & Vriáh the Hittite alſo dyed.

18 Then Ioáb ſent and tolde Dauid all the things concerning the warre,

19 And he charged the meſſenger, ſaying, When thou haſt made an end of telling the matters of the warre vnto the King,

20 And if the Kings angre ariſe, ſo that he ſay vnto thee, Wherefore approached ye vn to ſ citie to fight? knewe ye not that they wolde hurle from the wall?

<sup>Or, Then ſhalt
do this, if.</sup>

21 Who ſmote Abimélech ſonne of Ieru- béſeth? did not a woman caſt a piece of a milſtone vpon him from the wall, and he dyed in Thebéz? why went you nye the wall? Then ſay thou, Thy ſeruánt Vriáh the Hittite is alſo dead.

<sup>i Meaning, Gi-
deón, Iudg.
9. 53.</sup>

22 So the meſſenger went, and came and ſhewed Dauid all that Ioáb had ſent him for.

23 And the meſſenger ſaid vnto Dauid, Cerreinly the men preuailed againſt vs, and came out vnto vs into the field, but we purſued them vnto the entring of the gate.

<sup>Elr. were a-
gainſt them.</sup>

24 But ſ shooters ſhot frô the wall againſt thy ſeruants, and ſome of the Kings ſeruants be dead: and thy ſeruánt Vriáh the Hittite is alſo dead.

25 Then Dauid ſaid vnto the meſſenger, ^k Thus ſhalt thou ſay vnto Ioáb, Let not this thing trouble thee: for the ſworde de-

<sup>k He diſſem-
bled with the
meſſenger, to ſ
intent that ne-
ther his cruel
commādemēt,
nor Ioabs wic-
ked obedience
might be eſ-
ſped.</sup>

Nathán reprocueth Dauid. I I. Samuél.

Dauid repenteth.

¹ *Ebr. so and so.*

uoueth " one aswel as another : make thy battell more strong against the citie & destroy it, & encourage thou him.

26 ¶ And when the wife of Vriáh heard that her housband Vriáh was dead, she mourned for her housband.

27 So when the mourning was past, Dauid sent & toke her into his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a sonne : but the thing that Dauid had done, " displeased the Lord.

¹ *Ebr. was euil in the eyes of the Lord.*

CHAP. XII.

1 Dauid reprocueth Nathán confesseth his sinne. 18 The childe conceiued in adulterie dyeth. 24 Salomón is borne. 26 Rabbáh is taken. 31 The estrangers are grievously punished.

^a Because Dauid sayd nowe in sinne, the loosing mercie of God, which is fresh not his to perill, waken his conscience by this similitude, and bringeth him to repentance

Then the Lord^a sent Nathán vnto Dauid, who came to him, and said vnto him, There were two men in one citie, the one riche, and the other poore.

2 The riche man had exceeding many shepe and oxen:

3 But the poore had none at all, saue one litle shepe which he had bought, & nourished vp: and it grewe vp with him, and with his children also, and did eat of his owne morsels, & dranke of his owne cup, and slept in his bosome, and was vnto him as his daughter.

¹ *On wayfaring man.*

4 Now there came a¹ stranger vnto the riche mā, who¹ refused to take of his owne shepe, and of his owne oxen to dresse for the stranger that was come vnto him, but toke the poore man's shepe, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

¹ *Ebr. The anger of Dauid was kindled.*

5 Thē " Dauid was exceeding wrothe with the mā, and said to Nathán, As the Lord liueth, the man that hath done this thing, " shal surely dye,

¹ *Ebr. is the childe of death.*

6 And he shal restore the lābe^a foure folde, because he did this thing, and had no pittie the reof.

¹ *Sam. 16. 23.*

7 Then Nathán said to Dauid, Thou art the man. Thus sayth the Lord God of Israél, " I anointed thee King ouer Israél, and deliuered thee out of the hand of Saúl,

¹ *For Dauid succeeded Saúl in his kingdome.*

8 And gaue thee thy lords^b house, and thy lords^c wiues into thy bosome, and gaue thee the house of Israél, and of Iudáh, & wolde moreouer (if that had bene to litle)

^c The Iewes vnderstand this of Eglah and Michal, or of Rizpah and Mical.

haue giuen thee^d such and such things.

^d That is, greater things than these: for Gods loue and benedictions increafe toward him, if by their ingratitude they stay him not.

9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandement of the Lord, to doe euil in his sight: thou hast killed Vriáh the Hittite with the sworde, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slaine him with the sworde of the^e children of Ammón.

^e Thou hast moste cruelly giuen him into the hands of Gods enemies.

10 Now therefore the sworde shal neuer departe from thine house, because thou hast despised me, and taken the wife of Vriáh the Hittite to be thy wife.

11 Thus saith the Lord, Beholde, I wil raise

vp euil against thee out of thine owne house, and wil^a take thy wiues before thine eyes, & giue them vnto thy neighbour, and he shal lye with thy wiues in the sight of this^f sunne.

^f Meaning, openly, as at none dayes.

12 For thou didest it secretly: but I wil do this thing before all Israél, and before the sunne.

13 Then Dauid said vnto Nathán, " I haue sinned against^g the Lord. And Nathán said vnto Dauid, The Lord also hath^g put away thy sinne, thou shalt not dye.

^g For the Lord seetheth but^h the sinner wolde turne to him.

14 Howbeit because by this dede thou hast caused the enemies of the Lord to^h blaspheme, the childe that is borne vnto thee shal surely dye.

^h In saying, that the Lord hath appointed a wicked man to reigne ouer his people.

15 ¶ So Nathán departed vnto his house: and the Lord stroke the childe that Vriahs wife bare vnto Dauid, and it was sicke.

16 Dauid therefore besoght God for the childe, and fasted andⁱ went in, and laye all night vpon the earth.

ⁱ To wit, to his priuie chamber.

17 Then the Elders of his house arose to come vnto him, and to cause him to rise from the ground: but he wolde not, neither did he eat^k meate with them.

^k Thinking by his inward prayer that God wolde haue restored his childe, but God had otherwise determined.

18 So on the seuen^l day the childe dyed: & the seruants of Dauid feared to tel him that the childe was dead: for thei said, Beholde, while the childe was alieue, we spake vnto him, and he wolde not hearken vnto our voyce: how then shal we say vnto him, The childe is dead, " to vex^m him more?

^l *Ebr. & he will do him selfe euil.*

19 But when Dauid sawe that his seruants whispered, Dauid perceiued thatⁿ the childe was dead: therefore Dauid said vnto his seruants, Is the childe dead? And they said, He is dead.

20 Then Dauid^o arose from the earth, & washed and anointed him selfe, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the Lord, and worshiped, & afterward came to his owne house, and bade that thei shulde set bread before him, and he did eat.

^o Showing that our lamentations ought not to be excessive, but moderate: and y^e we must praise God in all his doings.

21 Then said^p his seruants vnto him, What thing is this, that thou hast done? thou didest fast and wepe for the childe, while it was alieue, but whē the childe was dead, thou didest rise vp, and eat meate.

^p As they considered not that God granteth manie things to the fobbes & teares of^q faithfull.

22 And he said, While the childe was yet alieue, I fasted, and wept: for I said, Who can tel whether God wil haue mercie on me, that the childe may liue?

23 But now being dead, wherefore shulde I now fast? Can I bring him againe anie more? I shal go to him, but he shal not returne to me.

^q By this consideration he appaied his sorrowe.

24 ¶ And Dauid comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in vnto her, and lay with her, and she bare a sonne, & he called his name Salomón: also^r the Lord loued him.

^r *Mat. 3. 17.* To wit, the Lord, 1. Chre. 22. 9.

25 ¶ Therefore

^p To call him Salomón.
^q Meaning, Dauid.
¹ *Chro. 22. 9.*
² *Or, the chief citie.*

25 For the Lord had sent by Nathán the Prophet: therefore ^q he called his name Iedidiáh, because the Lord *loued* him.

26 ¶ Then Ioáb fought against Rabbáh of the children of Ammón, and toke the citie of the kingdome.

^r That is, the chief citie, & where all the cōdūits are, is as good as taken.
² *Or, my name be called vpon it.*

27 Therefore Ioáb sent messengers to Dauid, saying I haue fought against Rabbáh, and haue taken the citie of ^r waters.

28 Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and besiege the citie, that thou maist take it, lest the victorie be attributed to me.

³ *Chro. 20. 2.*
^f That is, three score pounde after ^g weight of the cōmune tal. ut.

29 So Dauid gathered all the people together, and went against Rabbáh, and besieged it, and toke it.

30 ¶ And he toke their Kings crowne from his head, (which wayed a talent of golde, with precious stones) & it was set on Dauids head: and he brought away the spoile of the citie in exceeding great abundance.

¹ Signifying, y as they were malicious enemies of God, so he put them to cruel death.

31 And he caryed away the people that was therein, and put them vnder ^r sawes, and vnder yron harrowes, and vnder axes of yron, and cast them into the tyle kyln: euen thus did he with all the cities of the children of Ammón. Then Dauid and all the people returned vnto Ierusalém.

CHAP. XIII.

32 Amnón Dauids sonne defileth his sister Tamár.
 33 Tamár is comforted by her brother Absalom.
 34 Absalom therefore killeth Amnón.

NOW after this so it was, that Absalom the sonne of Dauid hauing a faire sister, whose name was ^a Tamár, Amnón the sonne of Dauid loued her.

^a Tamár was Absaloms sister both by father & mother, and Amnons onely by father.

^b And therefore kept in her fathers house, as virgins were accustomed.

35 And Amnón was so sore vexed, that he fel sicke for his sister Tamár: for she was ^a virgin, & it semed harde to Amnón to do any thing to her.

36 But Amnón had a friend called Ionadáb, the sonne of Shimeáh Dauids brother: and Ionadáb was a very subtile man.

37 Who said vnto him, Why art thou the Kings sonne so leane frō day to day? wilt thou not tel me? Then Amnón answered him, I loue Tamár my brother Absaloms sister.

^c Here we see that there is no enterprife so wicked, y can lacke counsell to further it.

38 And Ionadáb said vnto him, Lye downe on thy bed, and make thy selfe sicke: and when thy father shal come to se thee, say vnto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamár come, and giue me meat, and let her dresse meat in my sight, that I may se it, and eat it of her hand.

^d Meaning, some delicate & dentic meat.

39 ¶ So Amnón laye downe, & made himselfe sicke: and when the King came to se him, Amnón said vnto the King, I pray thee, let Tamár my sister come, & make me a couple of ^d cakes in my sight, that I may receiue meat at her hand.

40 Then Dauid sent home to Tamár, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnons house,

and dresse him meat.

41 ¶ So Tamár went to her brother Amnons house, and he laye downe: and she toke ^e floure, and knead it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes.

^e That is, she serued them on a dishe.

42 And she toke a panna, & ^e powred them out before him, but he wolde not eat. The Amnón said, Cause ye euery man to go out from ^f me: so euery man went out frō him.

^f For y wicked are ashamed to do that before me, which they are not afraid to commit in sight of God.

43 Then Amnón said vnto Tamár, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamár toke the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnón her brother.

44 And when she had set them before him to eat, he toke her, and said vnto her, Come, lye with me, my sister.

45 But she answered him, Naye, my brother, do not force me: for no such thing ought to be done in Israél: commit not this folie.

Leui. 18. 9.

^g *Or, How shal I put away my shame.*
^h As a lewde & wicked person.

46 And I, whether shal I cause my shame to go: and thou shalt be as one of the fooles in Israél: now therefore, I pray thee, speake to the King, for he wil not denye me vnto thee.

47 Howbeit he wolde not hearkē vnto her voyce, but being stronger then she, forced her, and lay with her.

48 Then Amnón hated her exceedingly, so that the hatred wherewith he hated her, was greater then the loue, wherewith he had loued her: and Amnón said vnto her, Vp, get thee hence.

49 And she answered him, There is no cause: this euil (to put me away) is greater then the other that thou didest vnto me: but he wolde not heare her.

Or, for this cause.

50 But called his ⁱ seruant that serued him, and said, Put this woman now out from me, and locke the dore after her.

Or, bye.

^h For y which was of diuers coulers or pieces in those dayes was had in greatest estimation, Gen. 37. 3. iudg. 5. 30.

51 (And she had a garment of ^h diuers coulers vpon her: for with suche garmēts were the Kings daughters that were virgins, appareled) Then his seruant brought her out, and locked the dore after her.

52 And Tamár put ashes on her head & rent the garment of diuers coulers which was on her, and layed her hand on her head, & went her way crying.

53 And Absalom her brother said vnto her, Hathe Amnón thy brother bene with thee? Now yet be styl, my sister: he is thy brother: let not this thing grieue thine heart. So Tamár remained desolate in her brother Absaloms house.

ⁱ For though he concerned soden vengeance in his heart, yet he dissimuled it til occasion serued, and comforted his sister.

54 ¶ But when King Dauid heard all these things, he was very wrothe.

55 And Absalom said vnto his brother Amnón nether good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnón, because he had forced his sister Tamár.

^{Or, in the plaine of Hazor.} ^{k To wit, to a banquet, thinking thereby to fulfil his wicked purpose.} 23 ¶ And after the time of two yeres, Abſalóm had ſhepheſherers in Baal-hazór, which is beſide Ephraím, and ^k Abſalóm called all the Kings ſonnes.

24 And Abſalóm came to the King & ſaid, Beholde now, thy ſeruant hathe ſhepheſherers: I pray thee, that the King with his ſeruants wolde go with thy ſeruant.

^{Or, bleſſed.} 25 But the King answered Abſalóm, Naye my ſonne, I pray thee, let vs not go all, leſt we be chargeable vnto thee. Yet Abſalóm laye ſore vpō him: howbeit he wolde not go, but ^{Or, bleſſed.} thanked him.

^{i Pretending to the King, y Amnón was moſte deare vnto him.} 26 The ſaid Abſalóm, But, I pray thee, ſhal not my brother ⁱ Amnón go with vs? And the King answered him, Why ſhulde he go with thee?

27 But Abſalóm was inſtant vpon him, and he ſent Amnón with him, & all the Kings children.

^{m Suche is the pride of the wicked maſters, that in all their wicked commandments they thinke to be obeyed.} 28 ¶ Now had Abſalóm commanded his ſeruants, ſaying, Marke now when Amnóns heart is merry with wine, and when I ſay vnto you, ſmite Amnón, kil him, feare not, for haue not ^m I commanded you? be bold therefore, and play the men.

29 And the ſeruants of Abſalóm did vnto Amnón, as Abſalóm had commanded: & all the Kings ſonnes aroſe, and euery man gate him vp vpon his mule, and fled.

30 ¶ And while thei were in the way, tidings came to Dauid, ſaying, Abſalóm hathe flayne all the Kings ſonnes, and there is not one of them left.

^{n Lamenting, as he that felt the wrath of God vpon his houſe, Chap. 22. 10.} 31 Then the King aroſe, and tare his garments, and lay on the ⁿ ground, and all his ſeruants ſtode by with their clothes rent.

^{Or, becauſe it was put in Abſaloms mouth.} 32 And Ionadáb the ſonne of Shimeáh Dauids brother answered and ſaid, Let not my lord ſuppoſe that thei haue flayne all the yong men the Kings ſonnes: for Amnón onely is dead, ^{Or, becauſe it was put in Abſaloms mouth.} because Abſalóm had reported ſo, ſince he forced his ſiſter Tamár.

^{Or, ſake is to beare.} ^{Or, but.} 33 Now therefore let not my lord ^{Or, ſake is to beare.} ^{Or, but.} take y thing ſo grieuouſly, to thinke that all the Kings ſonnes are dead: ^{Or, ſake is to beare.} ^{Or, but.} for Amnón onely is dead.

^{Or, one after another.} 34 ¶ Then Abſalóm fled: & the yong man that kept the watche, liſt vp his eyes, and looked, & beholde, there came muche people by the way of the hil ſide ^{Or, one after another.} behinde him.

35 And Ionadáb ſaid vnto the King, Beholde, the Kings ſonnes come: as thy ſeruant ſaid, ^{Or, one after another.} ſo it is.

^{p That onely Amnón is dead.} 36 And aſſone as he had leſt ſpeaking, beholde, the Kings ſonnes came, and liſt vp their voyces, and wept: and the King alſo and all his ſeruants wept exceedingly ſore.

^{p For Maachai, his mother was the daughter of this Talmái, Chap. 3. 3.} 37 But Abſalóm fled away, and went to Talmái the ſonne of Ammihúr King of

Geshúr: and Dauid mourned for his ſonne euery day.

38 So Abſalóm fled, and went to Geshúr, & was there three yeres.

^{Or, ceaſed.} 39 And King Dauid ^{Or, ceaſed.} deſired to go forth vnto Abſalóm, becauſe he was pacified concerning Amnón, ſeing he was dead.

CHAP. XIII.

^{2 Abſalóm is reconciled to his father by the ſubtiltie of Ioab. 24 Abſalóm may not ſee the Kings face. 25 The beautie of Abſalóm. 30 He cauſeth Ioabs corne to be burnt, and is brought to his fathers preſence.}

^{a That y King fauoured him.} 1 Then Ioáb the ſonne of Zeruiáh perceived, that the Kings ^a heart was toward Abſalóm,

^{Or, wife.} 2 And Ioáb ſent to Tekóah, and brought thence a ^{Or, wife.} ſubtile woman, & ſaid vnto her, I pray thee, ſaine thy ſelfe to mourne, and now put on mourning apparel, & ^{Or, wife.} anoint not thy ſelfe with oyle: but be as a woman that had now long time mourned for the dead.

^{b To token of mourning: for thei vſed, anointing to ſeeme cheareful.} 3 And come to the King, and ſpeake of this maner vnto him (for Ioáb ^b taught her whar ſhe ſhulde ſay)

^{Or, put words in her mouth.} 4 ¶ Then the woman of Tekóah ſpake vnto the King, and fel downe on her face to the ground, & did obeifance, and ſaid, Helpe, o King.

^{Or, ſaid.} 5 Then the King ſaid vnto her, What ayleth thee? And ſhe answered, I am in deede ^{Or, ſaid.} a widowe, and mine houſband is dead:

^{Or, a widowe woman.} 6 And thine hádmayd had two ^{Or, a widowe woman.} ſonnes, & they two ſtroue together in the field: (and there was none to parte them) ſo the one ſmote the other, and ſlew him.

^{c Under this parable ſhe deſcribeth the death of Amnón by Abſalóm.} 7 And beholde, the whole familie is riſen againſt thine handmayd, & thei ſaid, Deliuér him that ſmote his brother, that we may kil him for the ^c ſoule of his brother whome he ſlew: that we may deſtroy the heire alſo: ſo they ſhal quench my ſparkle which is left, and ſhal not leaue to mine houſbád nether name nor poſteritie vpon the earth.

^{d Becauſe he hathe flayne his brother, he ought to be flayne according to the Lawe, Gen 9. 6 exod 21. 12.} 8 And the King ſaid vnto the woman, Go to thine houſe, and I wil giue a charge for thee.

^{e Aſtounding the breach of y Lawe w puniſhe: h blood, let me beare the blame.} 9 Then the woman of Tekóah ſaid vnto the King, My lord, o King, this ^e treſpaſſe be on me, and on my fathers houſe, & the King and his throne be ^e giltyles.

^{Or, innocent.} 10 And y King ſaid, Bring him to me that ſpeaketh againſt thee, and he ſhal touche thee nomore.

^{f ſwear that thei ſhal not reuenge the blood, which are many in nor. ber.} 11 Then ſaid ſhe, I pray thee, let the King remember the Lord thy God, that thou woldeſt not ſuffer many reuengers of blood to deſtroy, leſt thei flaye my ſone. And he answered, As the Lord liyeth, there ſhal not one heere of thy ſonne fall to y earth.

12 Then the woman ſaid, I pray thee, let thine hádmayd ſpeake a worde to my lord the

the King. And he said, Say on.
 13 Then the woman said, Wherefore then halt thou? s thoughte suche a thing against the people of God? or why doeth y King, as one which is faurie, speake this thing, that he wil not bring againe his banished?

g Why doest thou giue contrary sentence in thy sonne Abfalom?

10r, accept.

h God hathe guided waies (as sanctuaries) to saue the oft times, whome man iudgeth worthy death.
 i For I thought they wolde kill this mine heir.

14 For we must nedes dye, & we are as water spilt on the ground, which can not be gathered vp againe: nether doeth God spare anie persone, yet doeth he appoint means, not to cast out from him him that is expelled.

15 Now therefore that I am come to speake of this thing vnto my lord the King, the cause is that the people haue made me afraide: therefore thine handmaid said, Now wil I speake vnto y King: it may be that the King wil performe the request of his handmaid.

16 For the King wil heare, to deliuer his handmaid out of the hand of the man that wolde destroye me, and also my sonne fro the inheritance of God.

17 Therefore thine handmaid said, The worde of my lord the King shal now be comfortable: for my lord the King is euen as an Angel of God in hearing of good & bad: therefore the Lord thy God be with thee.

18r, rest.

k Is of great wisdom to discern right from wrong.

18 Then the King answered, and said vnto the woman, Hide not fro me, I pray thee, the thing that I shal aske thee. And y woman said, Let my lord y King now speake.

l Hast not thou done this by y counsel of Ioab?

19 And the King said, Is not the hand of Ioab with thee in all this? Then the woman answered, & said, As thy soul liueth, my lord the King, I wil not turne to the right hand nor to the left from ought that my lord the King hathe spoken: for euen thy seruāt Ioab bade me, & he put all these wordes in y mouth of thine handmaid.

m By speaking rather in a parable the plainely.

10r, none can hide aght from the King.

20 For to the intent that I shulde change the forme of speache, thy seruāt Ioab hathe done this thing: but my lord is wise according to the wisdom of an Angel of God to vnderstand all things that are in the earth.

n I haue granted thy request.

21 ¶ And y King said vnto Ioab, Beholde now, I haue done this thing: go then, & bring the yong man Abfalom againe.

18r, blessed.

22 And Ioab fel to the ground on his face, and bowed him selfe, and thanked the King. Then Ioab said, This day thy seruāt knoweth, that I haue founde grace in thy sight, my lord the King, in that the King hathe fulfilled the request of his seruāt.

o Covering hereby his affection, and shewing some parte of iustice to please y people.

23 ¶ And Ioab arose, and went to Gesur, and brought Abfalom to Ierusalém.

24 And the King said, Let him turne to his owne house, and not se my face. So Abfalom turned to his owne house, and sawe not the Kings face.

25 Now in all Israél there was none to be so muche praised for beautie as Abfalom: from the sole of his foote euen to the top of his head there was no blemish in him.

26 And whē he polled his head, (for at euerie yeres end he polled it: because it was to heauy for him, therefore he polled it) he weighed the haire of his head at two hundreth p shekels by the Kings weight.

p Which weighed 6 l. 4. onces after halfe an once the shekel.

27 And Abfalom had thre sonnes, and one daughter named Tamár, which was a faire woman to loke vpon.

28 ¶ So Abfalom dwelt y space of two yeres in Ierusalém, & sawe not the Kings face.

29 Therefore Abfalom sent for Ioab to send him to the King, but he wolde not come to him: and when he sent againe, he wolde not come.

30 Therefore he said vnto his seruants, Beholde, Ioab hathe a field by my place, & hathe barley therein: go, & set it on fire: & Abfaloms seruants set the field on fire.

10r, passion. q The wicked are impacient in their affections, & spare no vnlawful meanes to expasse them.

31 Then Ioab arose, and came to Abfalom vnto his house, and said vnto him, Wherefore haue thy seruants burnt my field with fire?

32 And Abfalom answered Ioab, Beholde, I sent for thee, saying, Come thou hither, and I wil send thee to the King for to say, Wherefore am I come from Gesur? It had bene better for me to haue bene there still: now therefore let me se y Kings face: and if there be anie trespasse in me, let him kill me.

r If I haue offended by reuenging my sisters dishonour: thus the wicked iustifie them selues in their euil.

33 Then Ioab came to the King, and tolde him: and he called for Abfalom, who came to the King, and bowed him selfe to the ground on his face before the King, and the King killed Abfalom.

CHAP. XV.

1 The practises of Abfalom to aspire to the kingdom.

14 David and his flee. 31 Davids prayer. 34 Hushai is sent to Abfalom to discover his counsel.

1 After this, Abfalom prepared him charrets and horses, and fittie men to runne before him.

18r, made him.

2 And Abfalom rose vp early, and stode hard by the entring in of the gate: & euerie mā that had anie matter, & came to y King for iudgement, him did Abfalom call vnto him, and said, Of what citie art thou? And he answered, Thy seruāt is of one of the tribes of Israél.

a Which were as a garde to set forth his estate.

10r, contrage.

3 The Abfalom said vnto him, Se, thy matters are good & righteous, but there is no man depuēd of the King to heare thee.

b That is, nothing of what citie or place he was.

4 Abfalom said moreouer, Oh y I were made iudge in the land, that euerie man hathe anie matter or controuersie, might come to me, that I might do him iustice.

c Thus by slander, flatterie, and fauor promises the wicked seke preferment.

5 And when anie man came nere to him, and did him obeisance, he put forthe his hand, and toke him, and killed him.

6 And on this maner did Absalóm to all Israël, that came to the King for iudgement: so Absalóm ^d stole the heartes of the men of Israël.

^d By intifing them from his father to him selfe.

^e Counting from the time that the Israe- lites had af- ked a King of Samuél.

^f By offering a peace offering, w^{ch} was law- ful to do in a- nie place.

^g And byd to his feast in He- brón.

^h Ebr. went and increafed.

^h Whose heart he fawe that Satan had fo poffeffed, that he wolde lea- ue no mischief vnaccepted.

ⁱ Ebr. chofe.

ⁱ Ebr. at his feet.

^k Or, herfe.

ⁱ To wit, frō Ierufalém.

^k These were as the Kings garde, or as fo- me write, his counfellers.

^l Who, as, fo- me write, was the Kings fon- ne of Gath.

^m Meaning, them of his fa- milie.
ⁿ God requite thee thy frind- ship and fide- lity.

7 ¶ And after ^e fortie yerres, Absalóm faid vnto the King, I pray thee, let me go to Hebrón, and rendre my vowe which I ha- ue vowed vnto the Lord.

8 For thy feruant vowed a vowe when I re- mained in Geshúr, in Arám, faying, If the Lord fhall bring me againe in dede to Ierufalém, I wil ^f ferue the Lord.

9 And the King faid vnto him, Go in pea- ce. So he arofe, and went to Hebrón.

10 ¶ Then Absalóm sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israël, faying, When ye heare the founde of the trumpet, ye fhall fay, Absalóm reigneth in Hebrón.

11 ¶ And with Absalóm went two hundred men out of Ierufalém, that were ^g called: and they wēt in their fimplicitie, knowing nothing.

12 Also Absalóm sent for Ahithóphel the Gilonite Dauids counfeler, from his citie Gilóh, while he offered facrifices: and the treason was great: for the people ^h encrea- sed ftill with Absalóm.

13 ¶ Then came a messenger to Dauid, faying, The heartes of the men of Israël are turned after Absalóm.

14 Then Dauid faid vnto all his feruants that were with him at Ierufalém, Vp, and let vs flee: for we fhall not efcape frō ^h Ab- falóm: make fpede to departe, left he co- me fodenly and take vs, & bring euil vpō vs, and fmite the citie with the edge of the fword.

15 And the Kings feruants faid vnto him, Beholde, thy feruants ⁱ are ready to do accord- ing to all that my lord the King fhall appoint.

16 So the King departed and all his houl- holde ⁱ after him, and the King left ten concubines to kepe the houle.

17 And the King went forth, and all the people after him, and taryed in a ⁱ place farre of.

18 And all his feruants went about him, and all the ^k Cherethites and all the Pele- thites and all ^l Gittites, *euē* fixe húndreth men which were come after him frō Gath, went before the King.

19 Then faid the King to ^l Ittái the Git- tite, Wherefore comest thou also with vs? Returne and abide with the King, for thou art a ftranger: departe thou therefo- re to thy place.

20 Thou cameft yesterday, and fhulde I caufe thee to wander to day and go with vs? I wil go whither I can: therefore retur- ne thou, and cary againe thy ^m brethern: mercie and ⁿ truth be with thee.

21 And Ittái answered the King, and faid,

As the Lord liueth, & as my lord the King liueth, in what place my lord the King fhall be, whether in death or life, euē there fhall I be with thy feruant.

22 Then Dauid faid to Ittái, Come, & go forwarde. And Ittái the Gittite went, and all his men, and all the children that were with him.

23 And all the countrey wept with a loude voyce, and ^o all the people went forward, but the King paffed ouer the brooke Ki- drón: and all the people wēt ouer towarde the way of the wildernes.

24 ¶ And lo, Zadók also ^p was there, and all the Leuites with hym, ^q bearing the Arke of the couenant of God: & they fet downe ^r the Arke of God, and Abiathár wēt ^s vp vntil the people were all come out of the citie.

25 Then the King faid vnto Zadók, Carie the Arke of God againe into the citie: if I fhall finde fauour in the eyes of the Lord, he wil bring me againe, & fhewe me ^t bothe it, and the ^u Tabernacle thereof.

26 But if he thus fay, I haue no delite in thee, beholde, ^v here am I, let him do to me as femeth good in his eyes.

27 The King faid againe vnto Zadók the Priest, Art not thou a ^w Seer? returne into the citie in peace, & your two fonnnes with you: ^x to wit, Ahimáz thy fonne, and Iona- thán the fonne of Abiathár.

28 Beholde, I wil tarie in the fieldes of the wildernes, vntil there come some worde from you to be tolde me.

29 Zadók therefore and Abiathár caryed the Arke of God againe to Ierufalém, and they taryed there.

30 And Dauid went vp the mount of oliues and wept as he went vp, and had his head ^y couered, and wēt barefooted: and all the people that was with him, had euerie man his head couered, and as they went vp, they wept.

31 Then one tolde Dauid, faying, Ahithó- phel is one of them that haue confpired with Absalóm: and Dauid faid, ó Lord, I pray thee, turne the ^z counfel of Ahi- thóphel into foolifhnes.

32 ¶ Then Dauid came to the toppe of the mount where he worfhiped God: and be- holde, Hufháí the Archite came againft him with his coate to ne, & hauing carth vpon his head.

33 Vnto whome Dauid faid, If thou go with me, thou fhalt be a burthen vnto me.

34 But if thou returne to the citie, and fay vnto Absalóm, I wil be thy ^a feruant, ó King, (as I haue bene in time paff thy fa- thers feruant, fo wil I now be thy feruant) then thou maift bring me the counfel of Ahithóphel to noight.

35 And haft thou not there with thee Za- dók and Abiathár the Priests? therefore whatfoeuer

^o To wit, the fix hundred men.

^p Which was the charge of the Kohathi- tes, Nomb. 4.4.
^q To stand by the Arke.

^r Or, his taber- nacle.

^s The faith- ful in all their afflictions fle- we them: fol- ues obedient to Gods wil. 1. Sam. 9. 9.

^t With affhe- & dust in fig- ne of sorrowe

^u The counfel of the crafty worldlings doeth more harme the the open force of the enemie.

^v Though Hufháí difsem- bled here at the Kings re- quefte, yet may we notvie this ex- ample to ex- cufe our diffi- mulation.

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- whatsoever thou shalt heare out of the Kings house, thou shalt shewe to Zadók and Abiathár the Priests.
- 36 Beholde, there are with them their two sonnes: Ahimáaz Zadoks sonne, and Iona-thán Abiathars sonne: by them also shal ye send me euerie thing that ye can heare.
- 37 So Hushái Dauids friend went into the citie: and Absalóm came into Ierusalém.

CHAP. XVI.

- 1 The infidelitie of Zibá. 5 Shimei curseth Dauid. 16 Hushái cometh to Absalom. 21 The counsil of Ahithophel for the concubines.

1 **W**HEN Dauid was a litle past the toppe of the hill, beholde, Zibá the seruant of Mephibósseth met him with a couple of asses saddled, and vpon them two hundreth cakes of bread, and one hundreth bunshes of raisins, & an hundreth of dryed figges, and a bottel of wine.

2 And y King said vnto Zibá, What meanest thou by these? And Zibá said, They be asses for the Kings household to ride on, and bread and dryed figges for the yong men to eat, and wine, that the faint may drinke in the wilderness.

3 And the King said, But where is thy masters sonne? The Zibá answered the King, Beholde, he remaineth in Ierusalém: for he said, This day shal the house of Israël restore me the kingdome of my father.

4 Then said the King to Zibá, Beholde, thine are all that pertained vnto Mephibósseth. And Zibá said, I beseeche thee, let me finde grace in thy sight, my lord, o King.

5 ¶ And when King Dauid came to Bahurím, beholde, thence came out a man of the familie of the house of Saúl, named Shimei the sonne of Gerá: and he came out, and cursed.

6 And he cast stones at Dauid, and at all the seruants of King Dauid: and all the people, and all the men of warre were on his right hand, and on his left.

7 And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come forth, come forth thou murderer, and wicked man.

8 The Lord hath brought vpon thee all the blood of the house of Saúl, in whose stead thou hast reigned: and the Lord hath deliuered the kingdome into the hand of Absalóm thy sonne: and beholde, thou art taken in thy wickednes, because thou art a murderer.

9 Then said Abishái the sonne of Neraiáh vnto the King, Why doeth this dead dogge curse my lord the King? let me go, I pray thee, and take away his head.

10 ¶ But the King said, What haue I to do with you, ye sonnes of Neraiáh: for he curseth, euen because the Lord hath bidden him curse Dauid: who darre then

say, Wherefore hast thou done so?

11 And Dauid said to Abishái, & to all his seruants, Beholde, my sonne & came out of mine owne bowels, seeketh my life: then how much more now may this sonne of Iemini? Suffre him to curse: for the Lord hath bidden him.

12 It may be that the Lord wil loke on mine affliction, and sò me good for his cursing this day.

13 And as Dauid and his men went by the way, Shimei went by the side of the mountaine ouer against him, and cursed as he went, and threwe stones against him, and cast dust.

14 Then came y King & all the people that were with him weary, and refreshed them selues there.

15 ¶ And Absalóm, and all the people, the men of Israël came to Ierusalém, & Ahithophel with him.

16 And when Hushái the Archite Dauids friend was come vnto Absalóm, Hushái said vnto Absalóm, God saue the King, God saue the King.

17 Then Absalóm said to Hushái, Is this thy kindenes to thy friend? Why wentest thou not with thy friend?

18 Hushái then answered vnto Absalóm, Nay, but whome the Lord, & this people, and all the men of Israël chuse, his wil I be, and with him wil I dwell.

19 And moreouer vnto whome shal I do seruice? not to his sonne? as I serued before thy father, so wil I before thee.

20 ¶ Then spake Absalóm to Ahithophel, Giue counsil what we shal do.

21 And Ahithophel said vnto Absalóm, Go in to thy fathers concubines, which he hath left to kepe the house: and when all Israël shal heare, that thou art abhorred of thy father, the hands of all that are with thee, shal be strong.

22 So they spread Absalóm a tent vpon the top of the house, and Absalóm went in to his fathers concubines in the sight of all Israël.

23 And the counsil of Ahithophel which he counseled in those dayes, was like as one had asked counsil at the oracle of God: so was all the counsil of Ahithophel bothe with Dauid and with Absalóm.

CHAP. XVII.

- 7 Ahithophels counsil is ouerthrowen by Hushái. 14 The Lord had so ordained. 19 The Priests sonnes are bid in the well. 22 Dauid goeth ouer Iordén. 23 Ahithophel hangeth him selfe. 27 They bring vitails to Dauid.

1 **M**OREouer Ahithophel said to Absalóm, Let me chuse out now twelue thou and men, and I wil vp and follow after Dauid this night.

2 And I wil come vp ô him: for he is weary,

Oe, my reuer. g. Meaning, the Lord wil send cōfort to his when they are oppressed.

h To wit, at Bahurim.

i Ebr. Let the King line.

i Meaning, Dauid.

i Ebr. the secke time.

k Suspecting y change of the kingdome, and so his owne ouerthrowe, he giueth suche counsil as might more kinde his fathers reconciliation: and also declare to the people y Absalom was in hieft autori tie.

l It was so ordained for the successe thereof.

a The wicked are so greedy to execute their malice, that they leaue none occasion, that may further the same.

2 Which was the hill of oliues, Chap 15, 30.

30 fig cakes.

b Commonly there are no viler traitours than they, w vnder pretence of friendship accuse others.

c Ebr. I worship.

c Which was a citie in the tribe of Benjamin.

d That is, round about him.

e Ebr. man of blood. f Ebr. man of blood.

e Reproching him as though by his means 18. bōsheth & Abner were dauid.

f Sam. 24, 15. & chap. 3, 8.

f Dauid felt y this was the iudgement of God for his sinne, & therefore humbleth him selfe to his rod.

and weake handed: so I wil feare him, and all the people that are with him, shal flee, and I wil smite the King onely,

^b Meaning, David.

3 And I wil bring againe all the people vnto thee, and when all shal returne, (^b the man whome thou sekest being slaine) all the people shal be in peace.

^c Ebr. was right in the eyes of Absalom.

4 And the saying pleased Absalom wel, and all the Elders of Israel.

^d Ebr. what is in his mouth.

5 The said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let vs heare likewise what he sayeth.

^e Or, given such counsel.

6 So when Hushai came to Absalom, Absalom spake vnto him, saying, Ahithophel hath^e spoken thus: shal we do after his saying, or notel thou?

^f Hushai sheweth him selfe faithful to David, in that he reprobeth this wicked counsel and purpose. ^g Or, say all night.

7 Hushai then answered vnto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath giue, is not ^e good at this time.

^h Ebr. haue a breach, or mine. ⁱ Ebr. melt.

8 For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father, and his men, that they be strong me, and are chased in minde as a beare robbed of her whelpes in the field: also thy father is a valiant warrior, and wil not lodge with the people.

9 Beholde, he is hid now in some caue, or in some place: and though some of them be ouerthrowen at the first, yet the people shal heare, and say, The people that followe Absalom, be ouerthrowen.

10 Then he also that is valiant whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shal shrinke and faint: for all Israel knoweth, that thy father is valiant, and they which be with him, shalwte men.

^j Or, we wil catch him.

11 Therefore my counsel is, that all Israel be gathered vnto thee, from Dan euen to Beer-sheba as the sand of the sea in number, and that thou go to battel in thine owne persone.

12 So shal we come vpo him in some place, where we shal finde him, and we wil vpo him as the dewe falleth on the ground: and of all the men that are with him, we wil not leaue him one.

13 Moreover if he be gotten into a citie, then shal all the men of Israel bring ropes to that citie, and we wil drawe it into the riuer, vntil there be not one smale stone found there.

^k Or, commended.

^l That counsel which seemed good at the first to Absalom, ver. 4.

^m For by the counsel of Hushai he went to the battel where he was destroyed.

14 ¶ Then Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better, then the counsel of Ahithophel: for the Lord hadⁿ determined to destroy the^l good counsel of Ahithophel, that the Lord might^e bring euil vpon Absalom.

15 Then said Hushai vnto Zadok and to Abiathar the Priests, Of this and that manner did Ahithophel and the Elders of Israel counsel Absalom: and thus and thus haue I counseled.

16 Now therefore send quickly, and shewe

Dauid, saying, Tary not this night in the fieldes of the wildernes, but rather get thee ouer, least the King be deuoured & all the people that are with him.

^f That is, ouer Iordem.

17 ¶ Now Ionathan and Ahimaz abode by En-rogel: (for they might not be sene to come into the citie) and a maid went, and tolde them, and they went and shewed King Dauid.

^o Or, the well of Rogel.

^g Meaning, the message from their fathers.

18 Neuertheles a yong man sawe them, and tolde it to Absalom. therefore they bothe departed quickly, & came to a mas house in Bahurim, who had a well in his court, into the which they went downe.

19 And^h the wife toke and spred a couering ouer the welles mouthe, and spred grounde corne thereon, that the thing shulde not be knowne.

^h Thus God sendeth succour to his in their greatest dangers.

20 And when Absaloms seruants came to the wife into the house, they said, Where is Ahimaz and Ionathan? And the woman answered them, They be gone ouer the broke of water. And when they had sought them, and colde not findethem, they returned to Ierusalem.

ⁱ The Chaldee text readeth, now they haue passed the Iordem.

21 And allone as they were departed, the other came out of the well and went and tolde King Dauid, and said vnto him, Vp, and get you quickly ouer the water: for^k such counsel hath Ahithophel giuen against you.

^k To wit, to pursue thee with all haste.

22 Then Dauid arose, and all the people that were with him, and they went ouer Iorden^l vntil the dawning of the day, so that there lacked not one of them, that was not come ouer Iorden.

^l They traueled all night, & by morning had all their companie passed ouer.

23 ¶ Now when Ahithophel sawe that his counsel was not followed, he sadled his asse, and arose, and he went home vnto his citie, and put his housholde in ordre, and hanged him selfe, and dyed, and was buried in his fathers graue.

^m Gods iust vengeance enuie is powred on them, which are enemies, traitours, or persecuters of his Church.

24 ¶ Then Dauid came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed ouer Iorden, he, and all the men of Israel with him.

25 And Absalom made Amasa capitaine of the hoste in the stead of Ioab: which Amasa was a mans sonne named Ithra an Israelite, that wet in to Abigail the daughter ofⁿ Nahash, sister to Zeruiah Iobas mother.

ⁿ Who was also called Ithra Dauides father.

26 So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

27 ¶ And when Dauid was come to Mahanaim, Shobi the sonne of Nahash out of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the sonne of Ammiel out of Lodebar, and Barzelai the Gileadite out of Rogel

28 ^o Brought beds, and basens, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and floure, and parched corne, & beanes, and lentils, and parched corne.

^o God sheweth his selfe moste liberale to his, when they seme to be utterly destitute.

29 And

29 And they broght hony, and butter, and shepe, and cheefe of kine for Dauid and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said, The people is hungry, & weary, and thirsty in the wilderness.

CHAP. XVIII.

2 Dauid denideth his armie into thre partes. 9 Abfalóm is hanged flaine, and cast in a pit. 33 Dauid lamenteth the death of Abfalóm.

a For certein of the Rubinices, Gadites, & of the halie tribe, colde not beare the insolence of the sonne aginst his father, & therefore toynd with Dauid.

Then Dauid a nobred the people that were with him, & set ouer them captaynes of thousands and captaynes of hundredths.

And Dauid sent forth the third parte of the people vnder the hand of Ioáb, and the third parte vnder the hand of Abishái Ioabs brother the sonne of Zeruiáh: and the other third parte vnder the hád of Ittái the Gittite. & the King said vnto the people, I wil go with you my selfe also.

But the people answered, Thou shalt not go for the: for if we flee away, they wil not regarde vs, nether wil they passe for vs, thogh halfe of vs were flaine: but thou art now worthe té thousand of vs: therefore now it is better that thou succour vs out of the citie.

b Signifying, y a good gouernour ought to be so deare vnto his people, that they wil rather lose their liues, thén y ought shulde come vnto hi.

Then the King said vnto them, What semeth you best, that I wil do. So y King stode by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundredths and by thousands.

And the King commanded Ioáb and Abishái, and Ittái, saying, Entreate the yong man Abfalóm gently for my sake. and all the people hearde when the King gaue all the captaynes charge concerning Abfalóm.

So the people went out into the field to meete Israél, & the battel was in y wood of Ephraím:

c So called because y Ephraimites (as some say) fed their cattel beynde Iordén in this wood.

Where the people of Israél were flaine before the seruants of Dauid: so there was a great slaughter that day, *euén* of twentie thousand.

For the battel was skatred ouer all the country: and the wood deuoured muche more people that day, then did the sword.

Now Abfalóm met the seruants of Dauid, and Abfalóm rode vpon a mule, and the mule came vnder a great thicke oke: and his head caught holde of the oke, and he was taken vp betwens the heauen and the earth: & the mule that was vnder him went away.

d This is a terrible exanple of Gods vengeance againt them that are rebels or disobedient to their parents.

And one that sawe it, tolde Ioáb, saying, Beholde, I sawe Abfalóm hanged in an oke.

Then Ioáb said vnto the man that tolde him, And hast thou in dede sene why then didest not thou there smite him to the ground, and I wolde haue giuen thee ten shekel of siluer, and a girdle?

Gen. 23. 15.

Then the man said vnto Ioáb, Thogh I shulde receiue a thousand shekels of siluer in mine hád, yet wolde I not lay mine hád vpon the Kings sonne: for in our hearing the King charged thee, and Abishái, & Ittái, saying, Beware, lest anie touch the yong man Abfalóm.

e Ebr. weigh not mine hand.

If I had done it, it had bene the danger of my life: for nothing can be hid frö the King: yea, y thy selfe woldest haue bene againt me.

f Ebr. a lye as a dust my soule.

Then said Ioáb, I wil not thus tary with thee. And he toke thre darts in his hand, & thrust them through Abfalóm, while he was yet aliue in the middes of the oke.

g Ebr. in the heart of Abfalóm.

And ten seruants that bare Ioabs armour, compassed about and smore Abfalóm, and slewe him.

Then Ioáb blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israél: for Ioáb helde backe the people.

h For he had pitie of y people, which was seduced by Abshaloms flatterie.

And they toke Abfalóm, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and layed a mighty great heape of stones vpon him: and all Israél fled euerie one to his tent.

i Thus God turned his vaine glorie to shame.

Now Abfalóm in his life time had take and reared him vp a pillar, which is in the Kings dale: for he said, I haue no sonne to kepe my name in remembrance. & he called y pillar after his owne name, and it is called vnto this day, Abshaloms place.

Gen. 14. 17.

j It semeth y God had punished hi, in taking away his children, Chap. 14. 27.

Then said Ahimáz the sonne of Zadók, I pray thee, let me runne, and beare the King tidings that the Lord hathe deuoured him out of the hand of his enemies.

k Ebr. iudged.

And Ioáb said vnto him, Thou shalt not be y messenger to day, but thou shalt beare tidings another time, but to day thou shalt beare none: for the Kings sonne is dead.

l For Ioab bare a good affection to Ahimáz, & doubted how Dauid wold take the reporte of Abshaloms death.

Thé said Ioáb to Cushí, Go, tel the Kíng, what thou hast sene. And Cushí bowed him selfe vnto Ioáb, and ran.

Thé said Ahimáz the sonne of Zadók againe to Ioáb, What, I pray thee, if I also runne after Cushí? And Ioáb said, Wherefore now wilt thou runne, my sonne, seing that thou hast no tidings to bring?

Yet what if I runne? Then he said vnto him, Rúne. So Ahimáz ranne by the way of the plaine, and ouerwent Cushí.

Now Dauid sate betwene y two gates. And the watchman went to the toppes of the gate vpon the wall, & lift vp his eyes, and sawe, and beholde, a man came running alone.

m He sate in the gate of y citie of Mahanaim.

And the watchman cryed, & tolde the King. And the King said, If he be alone, he bringeth tidings. And he came apase, and drewe nere.

n Ebr. tidings are in his mouth.

26 And the watchman sawe an other man running, and the watchman called vnto the porter, and said, Beholde, another man runneth alone. And the King said, He also bringeth tidings.

"Ebr. I fe the watchman."

27 And the watchman said, "Me thinketh the running of the formost is like the running of Ahimáaz the sonne of Zadók. Then the King said, He is a good man, & commeth with good tidings.

I He had had experience of his fidelitie, Chap. 17. 25.

28 And Ahimáaz called, and said vnto the King, Peace be with thee: and he fel downe to the earth vpon his face before y King, and said, Blessed be the Lord thy God, who hathe shut vp the men that lift vp their hands against my lord the King.

"Or, deliuered."

29 And the King said, Is the yong man Absalóm safe? And Ahimáaz answered, Whe Ioab sent the Kings seruants, and me thy seruants, I sawe a great tumulte, but I knewe not what.

h To wit, Chusai, who was an Ethiopian.

30 And the King said vnto him, Turne aside, & stand here. so he turned aside and stode still.

31 And beholde, Cushí came, and Cushí said, "Tidings, my lord the King: for the Lord hathe deliuered thee this day out of the hand of all that rose against thee.

"Ebr. tidings is brought."

32 Then the King said vnto Cushí, Is the yong man Absalóm safe? And Cushí answered, The enemies of my lord y King, & all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that yong man is.

I Because he considered bothe the iudgement of God against his sinne, & coulde not otherwise hide his fatherly affection toward his soune.

33 And the King was moued, and went vp to the chamber ouer the gate, and wept: & as he went, thus he said, O my sonne Absalóm, my sonne, my sonne Absalóm: wolde God I had dyed for thee, & Absalóm, my sonne, my sonne.

CHAP. XIX.

7 Ioab encourageth the King: & Dauid is restored. 23 Shimei is pardoned. 24 Mephiboseth meeteth the King. 35 Barzilai departeth. 41 Israel striueth with Iudáh.

1 **A**ND it was tolde Ioab, Beholde, the King wepeth and mourneth for Absalóm.

"Ebr. saluatio, & deliuerance."

2 Therefore the victorie of that day was turned into mourning to all the people: for the people heard say that day, The King sorroweth for his sonne.

3 And the people wēt that day into the citie secretly, as people confounded hide them selues when they flee in battell.

"Or, by Realitie."

4 So the King hid his face, and the King cryed with a lowde voyce, My sonne Absalóm, Absalóm my sonne, my sonne.

a As they do that mourne.

5 Then Ioab came into the house to the King, & said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy seruants, which this day haue saued thy life, and the liues of thy sonnes and of thy daughters, and the liues of thy wiues, and the liues of thy concubines,

h At Mahanaim.

6 In that thou louest thine enemies, & hastest thy friendes: for thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest neither thy princes nor seruants: therefore this day I perceiue, that if Absalóm had liued, and we all had dyed this day, that the it wolde haue pleased thee wel.

"Or, captiues."

7 Now therefore vp, come out, and speake comfortably vnto thy seruants: for I swear by the Lord, except thou come out, there wil not tary one man with thee this night: and that wil be worse vnto thee, then all y euil that fel on thee from thy youthe hitherto.

"Ebr. bene stige in thine eyes."

"Ebr. to the heart of thy seruants."

8 Then the King arose, & sate in the gate: and they tolde vnto all the people, saying, Beholde, the King doeth sit in the gate: & all the people came before the King: for Israel had fled euerie man to his tent.

c Where the moste recourse of the people hanted.

9 ¶ Then all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The King saued vs out of the had of our enemies, & he deliuered vs out of the hand of the Philistims, and now he is fled out of the land for Absalóm.

d Euerie one blamed another & stroue who shulde first bring him home.

10 And Absalóm, whome we anoited ouer vs, is dead in battell: therefore why are ye so slowe to bring the King againe?

11 But King Dauid sent to Zadók and to Abiathár the Priests, saying, Speake vnto the Elders of Iudáh and say, Why are ye behind to bring y King againe to his house, (for the saying of all Israel is come vnto the King, *even* to his house)

e That they shulde reprove the negligence of y Elders, seeing the people were so forward.

12 Ye are my brethren: my bones and my flesh are ye: wherefore then are ye the last that bring the King againe?

13 Also say ye to Amasá, Art thou not my bone and my flesh? God do so to me and more also, if thou be not capitaine of the hoste to me for euer in y roume of Ioab.

f By this policie Dauid thought y by winning of the capitaine, he shulde haue y heartes of all the people.

14 So he bowed the heartes of all the men of Iudáh, as of one man: therefore they sent to the King, saying, Returne thou with all thy seruants.

15 ¶ So the King returned, & came to Iordén. And Iudáh came to Gilgál, for to go to meete the King, & to conduct him ouer Iordén.

16 ¶ And Shimei y sonne of Gerá, the sonne of Iemini, which was of Bahurím, halted & came downe with the men of Iudáh to meete King Dauid,

g Who had before reuiled him, Chap. 16. 13.

17 And a thousand men of Beniamín with him, and Zibá the seruant of the house of Saúl, and his fiftene sonnes and twentie seruants with him: and they wēt ouer Iordén before y King.

Chap. 16. 21

18 And there wēt ouer a bote to carie ouer the Kings housholde, and to do him pleasure. Then Shimei the sonne of Gerá fel before the King, when he came ouer Iordén,

19 And

Chap. 16. 15.

^h For in his aduersitie he was his moste cruel enemye, & now in his prosperitie seeketh by flatterie to crepe in to fauour.
ⁱ By Ioseph he meaneth Ephraim, Manassé, and Benjamin (whereof he was) because these three were vnder one standerd, Nomb 3. 12.

19 And said vnto ^ŷ King, Let not my lord impute * wickednes vnto me, nor remember the thing that thy seruant did ^h wickedly when my lord the King departed out of Ierusalém, that ^ŷ King shulde take it to his heart.

20 For thy seruāt doeth knowe, that I haue done amisse: therefore beholde, I am the first this day of all the house of ⁱ Ioséph, that am come to go downe to meete my lord the King.

21 But Abishái the sonne of Zeruiáh answered, and said, Shal not Shimeí dye for this, because he cursed the Lords anointed?

22 And Dauid said, What haue I to do with you, ye sonnes of Zeruiáh, that this day ye shulde be aduersaries vnto me? shal there anie man dye this day in Israël for do not I knowe, that I am this day King ouer Israël?

23 Therefore the King said vnto Shimeí, Thou shalt not dye, and the King sware vnto him.

24 ¶ And Mephibóseth the sonne of Saúl came downe to meete the King, and had nether washed his feete, nor dressed his bearde, nor washed his clothes from the time the King departed, vntil he returned in peace.

^h When Mephibóseth being at Ierusalém, had met the King.

25 And when ^k he was come to Ierusalém, & met the King, the King said vnto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibóseth?

26 And he answered, My lord the King, my seruāt disceiued me: for thy seruāt said, I wolde haue mine asse saddled to ride thereon for to go with the King, because thy seruāt is lame.

Chap. 16. 3.

^l Able for his wisdom to iudge in all matters.
^m Worthy to dye for Samuels crueltie towards thee.

27 And he hathe * accused thy seruāt vnto my lord the King: but my lord ^ŷ King is as an ⁱ Angel of God: do therefore thy pleasure.

28 For all my fathers house were ^m but dead men before my lord the King, yet didest thou set thy seruāt among them ^ŷ did eat at thine owne table: what right therefore haue I yet to crye anie more vnto the King?

29 And the King said vnto him, Why speakest thou anie more of thy matters? I haue said, Thou, and Zibá deuide the ⁿ lands.

ⁿ Dauid did euil in taking his lands from him before he knewe ^ŷ cause, but muche worse, that knowing the trueth, he did not restore them.

30 And Mephibóseth said vnto ^ŷ King, Yea, let him take all, seing my lord the King is come home in peace.

31 ¶ Then Barzillái the Gileadite came downe from Rogelim, and went ouer Iordén with the King, to conduct him ouer Iordén.

32 Now Barzillái was a very aged man, ^o enue fourscore yere olde, and he had prouided the King of sustenance, while he lay at Mahanaim: for he was a man of very great

substance.

33 And the Kíng said vnto Barzillái, Come ouer with me, & I wil feede thee with me in Ierusalém.

34 And Barzillái said vnto ^ŷ King, "How long haue I to lyue, that I shulde go vp with the King to Ierusalém?" ^o *Ebr. how many daies are the years of my life?*

35 I am this day fourescore yere olde: and cā I discerne betwene good or euil? Hathe thy seruāt anie taste in that I eat or in ^ŷ I drinke? Can I heare anie more the voice of singing men and women? wherefore then shulde thy seruāt be anie more a ^o burthen vnto my lord the King?

^o He thought he not meete to receiue benefites of him to whome he was not able to do seruice againe.

36 Thy seruāt wil go a litle way ouer Iordén with the King, and why wil the King recompence it me with suche a rewarde?

37 I pray thee, let thy seruāt turne backe againe, that I may dye in mine owne citie, and be buried in the graue of my father and of my mother: but beholde thy seruāt ^p Chimhám, let him go with my lord the King, & do to him what shal please thee.

^p My sonne.

38 And the King answered, Chimhám shal go with me, and I wil do to him that thou shalt be content with: & whatsoeuer thou shalt require of me, that wil I do for thee.

^q Or, chuse.

39 So all the people went ouer Iordén: and the King passed ouer: and the King kissed Barzillái, and blessed him, and he returned vnto his owne place.

^q Or, bade him fare wel.

40 ¶ Then the King went to ⁱ Gilgál, and Chimhám went with him, and all the people of Iudáh conducted the King, and also halfe the people of ⁱ Israël.

^q Where the tribe of Iudáh caryed to receiue him.

41 And beholde, all the men of Israël came to the King, & said vnto the King, Why haue our brethren the men of Iudáh stolen thee away, and haue brought the King and his housholde, and all Dauids men with him ouer ⁱ Iordén?

^r Which had taken parte w the King.

42 And all the men of Iudáh answered the men of Israël, Because the King is nere of kin to vs: and wherefore now be ye angry for this matter? haue we eate of the Kings cost, or haue we taken anie bribes?

^r Towarde Ierusalém.

43 And the men of Israël answered the mé of Iudáh, and said, We haue ten partes in the King, and haue also more right to Dauid then ye, Why then did ye despise vs, that our aduise shulde not be first had in restoring our King? And the wordes of the men of Iudáh were scarcer then the wordes of the men of Israël.

^r We haue not we first spoken to bring home the King: ver. 11.

CHAP. XX.

ⁱ Shéba raiseth Israël against Dauid. 10 Ioáb killeth Amasá traitorously. 22 The head of Shéba is deliuered to Ioáb. 23 Dauids chief officers.

THEN there was come ^a thither a wicked man (named Shéba the sonne of Bichri, a man of Iemini) and he blew the trumpet, and said, We haue no parte in

^a Where the ten tribes commended against Iudáh.

O.i.

^b As thei of Iudáh say.
^c He thoght by speaking conceitously of the King, to stirre ^f people rather to sedition.

^d Frō Gilgál, which was nere Iordén.

Chap. 16. 23.

^e Who was his chief captaine in Ioaabs roume, Chap. 19. 13.

^f Either them which had bene vnder Ioaab, or Dauids mé.
Chap. 3. 9.

^g Which was his coat, that he vsed to weare in the warres.

"Ebr. peace.

"Ebr. dybbled not his stroke.

^h He stode by Amasá at Ioaabs appointment.

ⁱ Vnto the citie Abél, which was naye to Bethmaacháh.

^b Daid, nether haue we inheritance in ^f sonne ^c of Ishái: euery man to his tents, ^d Israel.

So euery man of Israel went from Daid and followed Shéba the sonne of Bichrí: but the men of Iudáh claued fast vnto their King, from ^d Iordén euen to Ierusalém.

When Daid then came to his house to Ierusalém, the King toke the ten women ^{his} concubines, that he had left behinde him to kepe the house, & put them in warde, and fed them, but lay no more with them: but they were enclosed vnto ^f day of their death, liuing in widowhode.

^e Thē said the King to ^e Amasá, Assemble me the mé of Iudáh within thre daies, and be thou here present.

So Amasá wēt to assemble Iudáh, but he taried longer then the time which he had appointed him.

Then Daid said to Abishái, Now shal Shéba the sonne of Bichrí do vs more harme thē ^{did} Absalóm: take thou therefore thy ^f lordes seruants and followe after him, lest he ger him walled cities, & escape vs.

And there went out after him Ioaabs mé, and the ^e Cherethites and the Pelethites, and all the mightie men: & thei departed out of Ierusalém, to followe after Shéba the sonne of Bichrí.

Whē thei were at the great stone, which is in Gibeón, Amasá went before them, & Ioaabs ^g garment, that he had put on, was girded vnto him, & vpon it was a sworde girded, which hanged on his loines in the sheath, & as he went, it vsed to falle out.

And Ioaab said to Amasá, Art thou in "health, my brother? & Ioaab toke Amasá by the beard with ^f right hād to kisse him.

But Amasá toke no hede to the sworde that was in Ioaabs hand: for therewith he smote him in the fift ^{rib}, and shed out his bowels to the ground, & "smote him not the seconde time: so he dyed. then Ioaab & Abishái his brother followed after Shéba the sonne of Bichrí.

And one of Ioaabs men ^h stode by him, & said, He that fauoreth Ioaab, & he that is of Dauids parte, let him go after Ioaab.

And Amasá wallowed in blood in the middes of the way: & when the man sawe that all the people stode stil, he remoued Amasá out of the way into ^f field, & cast a cloth vpon him, because he sawe that euery one that came by him, stode stil.

When he was remoued out of the way, euery man went after Ioaab, to followe after Shéba the sonne of Bichrí.

And he went through all the tribes of Israel vnto Abél, and Bethmaacháh and all ^{places} of Berim: and thei gathered together, and went also after him.

So thei came, and besieged him in Abél,

nere to Bethmaacháh: and thei cast vp a mount against the citie, & the people thereof stode on the ramper, and all the people that was with Ioaab, ^k destroyed and cast downe the wall.

Then cryed a wife woman out of the citie, Heare, heare, I pray you, say vnto Ioaab, Come thou hither, that I may speake with thee.

And when he came nere vnto her, the womā said, Art thou Ioaab? And he answered, Yea. And she said to him, Heare the wordes of thine handmayd. And he answered, I do heare.

Then the spake thus, ^l Thei spake in the olde time, saying, Thei shulde aske of Abél, and so haue thei continued.

I am ^m one of them, that are peaceable & faithful in Israel: and thou goest about to destroye a citie, and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou deuoure the inheritance of the Lord?

And Ioaab answered, & said, God forbid, God forbid it me, that I shulde deuoure, or destroye it.

The ⁿ matter is not so, but a mā of mouit Ephraím (Shéba the sonne of Bichrí by name) hath lift vp his hand against the King, euen against Daid: deliuer vs him onely, & I wil departe from the citie. And the woman said vnto Ioaab, Beholde, his head shalbe throwen to thee ouer the wall.

Then the woman went vnto all the people with her wisdom, and thei cut of the head of Shéba the sonne of Bichrí, & cast it to Ioaab: then he blew the trumpet, and thei retired from the citie, euery man to his tent: and Ioaab returned to Ierusalém vnto the King.

Thē Ioaab was ouer all the hoste of Israel, and Banaiáh the sonne of Iehoiadá ouer the Cherethites & ouer ^f Pelethites,

And Adoram ouer the tribute, and Ioshaphát the sonne of Ahilúd the recorder, And Sheiá was scribe, and Zadók and Abiathár the Priests,

And also Irá the Iairite was ^o chief about Daid.

CHAP. XXI.

Three deare yeres. ⁹ The vengeance of the sinnes of Saúll lighteth on his seuē sonnes, which are hāged. ¹⁵ Foure great battels, which Daid had against the Philistims

Then there was a famine in the daies of Daid, thre yeres ^{together}: and Daid ^{asked} counsel of the Lord, & the Lord answered, It is for Saúl, and for ^{his} bloodie house, because he slewe the ^a Gibeonites.

Then the King called the Gibeonites, & said vnto thē (Now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but ^a remnant of the Amorites, vnto whome the children of Israel had sworne: but Saúl foght

^k That is, he went about to ouerthrowe it.

^l she sheweth that the olde custome was, not to destroye a citie, before peace was offered, Deut. 20. 11. ^m she speaketh in the name of ^f citie.

ⁿ Hearing his saute tolde hi, he gaue place to reason and required onely him that was autor of the treason.

"Ebr. thei were feared.

Chap. 3. 16.

^o Either in dignitie, or familiaritie.

"Ebr. yere after yere. ^p Ebr. fight the face of the Lord. ^a Thinking to gratifie ^f people, because these were not of the seede of Abraham. Iosh. 9. 33.

foight to slaye the for his zeale toward the children of Israël and Iudáh)

3 And Dauid said vnto the Gibeonites, ^b What shal I do for you, and wherewith shal I make the atonement, that ye may blesse the inheritance of the Lord?

^b Wherewith may your wrath be appeased, y you may pray to God to remove this plague from his people?

4 The Gibeonites then answered him, We wil haue no siluer nor gold of Saül nor of his house, nether for vs shalt thou kil anie man in Israël. And he said, What ye shal say, that wil I do for you.

^c Saue onely of Sauls rocke

5 Then they answered the King, The man that consumed vs and that imagined euil against vs, so that we are destroyed from remaining in anie coste of Israël,

^d Of Sauls kinfemen.

6 Let seuen men of his ^d sonnes be deliuered vnto vs, and we wil hang them vp vnto the Lord in Gibeáh of Saül, the Lords chosen. And the King said, I wil giue them.

^e To pacifie y Lord.

7 But the King had compassion on Mephibósheh the sone of Ionathán the sonne of Saül, because of the ^{*} Lords othe, that was betwene them, *euén* betwene Dauid and Ionathán the sonne of Saül.

2 Sam. 18, 3.

8 But the King toke the two sonnes of Rizpáh the daughter of Aiáh, whome she bare vnto Saül, *euén* Armoni & Mephibósheh and the fise sonnes of Michál, the daughter of Saül, whome she bare to Abriél the sonne of Barzillái the Meholahite.

^f Here Michál is named for Meráb Adriels wife as appeareth 1 Sam 18, 29. for Michál was the wife of Paltiel, 1 Sam 25, 44, & neuer had child, 2 Sam 6, 23. ^g Ebr. fil.

9 And he deliuered them vnto the hands of the Gibeonites, which háged them in the mountaine before the Lord: so they ^{*} dyed all seuen together, and they were slaine in the time of haruest: in the ^{*} first dayes, & in the beginning of barly haruest.

^g Which was in the month Abibor Nisan, which conteth parte of Marche and parte of April. ^h To make her a tét, wherein she prayed to God to turne away his wrath.

10 Then Rizpáh the daughter of Aiáh toke ^h sackcloth & háged it vp for her vpó the rocke, from the beginning of haruest, vntil ⁱ water dropped vpon them from the heauen, and suffred nether the birdes of the aire to light on them by day, nor beastes of the field by night.

ⁱ Because drought was y cause of this famine, God by sending of raine shewed y he was pacified. ¹⁰⁰ 10, 19, 10.

11 And it was tolde Dauid, what Rizpáh the daughter of Aiáh the concubine of Saül had done.

12 And Dauid went and toke the bones of Saül and the bones of Ionathán his sonne from the citizens of Iabésh Gileád, which had stollen them from the strete of Bethshán, where the Philistims had ^{*} handged them, when the Philistims had slaine Saül in Gilboa.

2 Sam. 31, 10.

13 So he broght thence the bones of Saül and the bones of Ionathán his sonne, and thei gathered the bones of them that were hanged.

14 And the bones of Saül and of Ionathán his sonne buried they in the countrei of Beniamín in Zeláh, in the graue of Kish his father: and when they had performed all that the King had commanded, God

was then ^k appeased with the land.

^k For where y magistrat sur- feth sautes unpunished, there the plague of God lyeth vpó the land.

15 ¶ Againe the Philistims had warre with Israël: and Dauid went downe, and his seruants with him, and they foight against the Philistims, and Dauid fainted.

16 Then Ishi-benób which was of the sonnes of ^l Harapháh (the head of whose speare wayed thre hundreth ^m shekels of brasse) *cué* he being girded with a newe sword, thought to haue slaine Dauid.

^l That is, of y race of Gyats. ^m Which amount to nine pounde thre quarters.

17 But Abishái the sonne of Zeruiáh succoured him, and smote the Philistim, and killed him. Then Dauids men sware vnto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with vs to battel, lest thou quenche the ⁿ light of Israël.

ⁿ For the glorie and weith of the countrey standeth in the preleruacion of the godly magistrat. ^o Called Gózer, and Zaph is called Zippai. Chro 20, 4.

18 ¶ And after this also there was a battel with the Philistims at ^o Gob, then Sibechái the Hushathite slewe Saph, which was one of the sonnes of Harapháh.

19 And there was yet another battel in Gob with the Philistims, where Elhanáh the sonne of Iaare-oregím, a Bethlehemite slewe ^p Goliáth the Gittite: the staffe of whose speare was like a weauers beame.

^p That is, Lahmi the brother of Goliáth, whome Dauid slewe, 1 Chro 20, 5.

20 Afterwarde there was also a battel in Gath, where was a man of a great stature, and had on euerie hand six fingers, and on euerie foote six toes, foure and twentie in number: who was also the sonne of Harapháh.

21 And when he reuiled Israël, Ionathán the sonne of ^{*} Shimá the brother of Dauid slewe him.

1 Sam. 18, 9.

22 These foure were borne to Harapháh in Gath, and dyed by the hand of Dauid and by the hands of his seruants.

CHAP. XXII.

2 David after his victories praiseth God. 3 The angre of God toward the wicked. 44 He prophesieth of the reuelation of the lawes, and vocation of the Gentiles.

1 And Dauid spake the wordes of this song vnto the Lord, what time the Lord had deliuered him out of the hands of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saül.

⁴ In token of the wonderful benefices, that he receiued of God.

2 And he said, ^{*} The Lord is my ^b rocke and my fortresse, and he that deliuereth me.

¹ 10, 12.

3 God is my strength, in him wil I trust: my shield, and the horne of my saluacion, my hie towre and my refuge: my sauiour, thou hast saued me from violence.

⁵ By the diuinitie of these comfortablenames, he sheweth how his faith was strengthened in all tentations. ⁶⁰ 10, rocke.

4 I wil call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shal I be safe from mine enemies.

^c As Dauid (who was the figure of Christ) was by Gods power deliuered fro all dangers: so Christ and his Church shal ouercome manie greuous dangers, tyrannie, and death.

5 For the ^c pangs of death haue compassed me: the floods of vngodlines haue made me afraide.

6 The sorowes of the graue compassed me about: the snares of death ouertoke me.

Dauids song. I I. Samuel.

- 7 *B*ut in my tribulation did I call vpon the Lord, and crye to my God, & he did heare my voice out of his temple, & my crye *did enter* into his eares.
- 8 Then the earth trembled and quaked: the fundacions of the heauens moued, and shoke, because he was angry.
- 9 *d* Smoke went out at his nostrils, and consuming *e* fire out of his mouth: coles were kindled thereat.
- 10 He *f* bowed the heauens also, and came downe, and darkenes was vnder his feete.
- 11 And he rode vpon *g* Cherub and did flye, and he was sene vpon the wings of the winde.
- 12 And he made darknes a tabernacle rounde about him, *even* the gathering of waters, and the cloudes of the aire.
- 13 At the brightness of his presence *h* the coles of fire were kindled.
- 14 The Lord thundred from heauen, & the moste hye gaue his voyce.
- 15 He shot arrowes also, and scatred them: to wit, lightning, and destroyed them.
- 16 The *i* chanelles also of the sea appeared, *even* the fundacions of the worlde were discovered by the rebuking of the Lord, and at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.
- 17 He sent from aboue, and toke me: he drew me out of manie waters.
- 18 He deliuered me from my strongemie, and from the that hated me: for they were to strong for me.
- 19 They *k* preuented me in the day of my calamitie, but the Lord was my stay,
- 20 And broght me forth into a large place: he deliuered me, because he fauored me.
- 21 The Lord rewarded me according to my righteoufnes: according to the purenes of mine hands he recompenced me.
- 22 For I kept the wayes of the Lord, and did not *m* wickedly against my God.
- 23 For all his lawes were before me, and his statutes: I did not departe therefrom.
- 24 I was vpright also towarde him, and haue kept me from my wickednes.
- 25 Therefore the Lord did rewarde me, according to my righteoufnes, according to my purenes before his eyes.
- 26 With *y* godlie thou wilt shewe thy selfe godlie: with the vpright man thou wilt shewe thy selfe vpright.
- 27 With the pure thou wilt shewe thy selfe pure, and with the *n* frowarde thou wilt shewe thy selfe frowarde.
- 28 Thus thou wilt saue the poore people: but thine eyes are vpon the hautie to humble them.
- 29 Surely thou art my light, *o* Lord: and the Lord wil lighten my darkenes.
- 30 For by thee haue I broken through an hoste, and by my God haue I leaped ouer a wall.
- 31 The way of God is *o* vncorrupt: the worde of the Lord is tryed in the fire: he is a shield to all that trust in him.
- 32 For who is God besides the Lord? and who is mighty, saue our God?
- 33 God is my strength in battel, and maketh my way vpright.
- 34 He maketh my feete like *p* hindes feete, and hath set me vpon mine hie places.
- 35 He teacheth mine hands to fight, so that a bowe of *q* brasie is broken with mine armes.
- 36 Thou hast also giuen me the shield of thy saluacion, and thy louing kindenes hath caused me to increase.
- 37 Thou hast enlarged my steppes vnder me, and mine heeles haue not slid.
- 38 I haue pursued mine enemies and destroyed them, and haue not turned againe vntil I had consumed them.
- 39 Yea, I haue consumed them and thrust them through, and they shal not arise, but shal fall vnder my feete.
- 40 For thou hast *r* girded me with power to battel, and them that arose against me, hast thou subdued vnder me.
- 41 And thou hast giuen me the neckes of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.
- 42 They looked about, but there was none to saue them, *even* vnto the *s* Lord, but he answered them not.
- 43 Then did I beate the as small as the dust of the earth: I did tread them flat as the clay of the streete, and did spread them abroad.
- 44 Thou hast also deliuered me from the conticions of my *t* people: thou hast preserved me to be the head ouer nations: the people which I knewe not, do serue me.
- 45 Strangers *u* shalbe in subiection to me: as sone as they heare, they shal obey me.
- 46 Strangers shal shrink away, and feare in their priuie chambers.
- 47 Let the Lord liue, *v* and blessed be *u* my strength: and God, *even* the force of my saluacion be exalted.
- 48 *It is* God that giueth me power to reuenge me, and subdue the people vnder me,
- 49 And rescueth me from mine enemies: (*y* also hast lift me vp from them that rose against me, thou hast deliuered me from the cruel man.
- 50 Therefore I wil praise thee, *o* Lord, among the **nations*, and wil sing vnto thy Name) *Rom. 11. 9.*
- 51 He is the towre of saluacio for his King, and sheweth mercy to his Anointed, *even* to Dauid, and to his seede **for euer.* *Chap. 7. 13.*

CHAP. XXIII.

The last wordes of Dauid. 6 The wicked shalbe plucke

o The manner
of God vnto
his, neuer fail-
eth.

p He vnto ex-
traordinarie
meanes to ma-
ke me winne
moste stron-
g holds.

Or, these.

q He acknow-
ledgeth that
God was the
author of his
victories, who
gaue him
strength.

r The wicked
in their neces-
sities are com-
pelled to flie
to God, but it
is to late.

s Meaning, of
the Iewes, who
conspired a-
gainst me.

t Not willing-
ly obeying me,
but dissem-
blingly.

u Let him
shewe his po-
wer, that he is
the gouernour
of all the
worlde.

d That is,
cloudes, and
vapours.
e Lightning
& thundering.
f So it seemeth
when the aire
is darke.
g To flie in a
moment
through the
worlde.

h By this de-
scription of a
tempest he de-
clareth the
power of God
against his
enemies.

i He alludeth
to the miracle
of the red
sea.

k I was so be-
set, that all
mines seemed
so faile.

l Toward Saül
and mine ene-
mies.

m I attempted
nothing with-
out his com-
mandement.

n Their wic-
kednes is cau-
se, that thou
seemest to for-
get thy won-
dered mercie.

pluckt vp as thornes. 8 The names and facts of his mighty men. 15 He desired water and wolde not drinke it.

^a Which he spake after y^e he had made the P^salmes.

THese also be the ^a last wordes of Dauid, Dauid the sonne of Ishaí saith, euen the man who was fet vp on hie, the Anointed of the God of Iakób, and the swete singer of Israél saith,

^a The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his worde was in my ^b tongue.

^b Meaning, he spake nothing but by the motion of Gods Spirit.

³ The God of Israél spake to me, y^e strength of Israél said, *Thou shalt beare rule ouer mé, being iust, and ruling in the feare of God.*

⁴ Euen as the morning light when y^e sunne riseth, the morning, I say, without clouds, *so shal mine house be, and not as the ^c grass of the earth is by the bright raine.*

^c Which groweth quickly and fadeth sone.

⁵ For so shal not mine house be with God: for he hathe made with me an euerlasting couenāt, perfite in all points, and sure: therefore all mine health and whole desire is, that he wil not make it. ^d growe so.

^d But that my kingdom may continue for euer accordig to his promes.

⁶ But the wicked *shal be euerie one as thornes thrust away, because they can not be taken with hands.*

⁷ But the man that shal touche them, must be defended with yron, or with the shaft of a speare: & they shal be burnt with fire in the same place.

⁸ ¶ These be the names of the mighty men whome Dauid had. He that fate in y^e seate of ^e wisdome being chief of the princes, was Adinó of Ezni, he slewe eight hundredth at one time.

^e As one of y^e kings counsell.

1. Chro. 11. 12.

⁹ And after him was ^{*} Eleazár the sonne of Dodó, the sonne of Ahohi, one of the thre worthies with Dauid, when thei^r defied y^e Philistims gathered there to battel, when the men of Israél were ^f gone vp.

^f Or, assailed with danger, of their liues.

¹⁰ He arose and smote the Philistims vntil his hand was weary, and his hand ^g claue vnto the sworde: and the Lord gaue great victorie the same day, and the people returned after him onely to spoile.

^g By a crape which came of wearines and straining.

1. Chro. 11. 27.

¹¹ After him was ^{*} Shammáh the sonne of Agé the Hararite: for y^e Philistims assembled at ^a towne, where was a piece of a field ful of lentils, and the people fled fro the Philistims.

^h Who hathe nether respect to manie nor fewe, when he wil shewe his power.

¹² But he stode in the middes of the field, and defended it, and slewe the Philistims: so the Lord gaue ^h great victorie.

¹³ ¶ Afterward thre of the thirty captaines went downe, and came to Dauid in the haruest time vnto the caue of Adullám, & the hoste of the Philistims pitched in the valley^r of Repháim.

ⁱ Or, Gyzatt.

¹⁴ And Dauid was then in an holde, and the garison of the Philistims was then in Beth-léhem.

ⁱ Being ouercome & wearied & thirst.

¹⁵ And Dauid ⁱ longed, and said, Oh, that one wolde giue me to drinke of the water of the well of Beth-léhem, which is by the

gate.

¹⁶ The thre migty brake into the hoste of the Philistims, and drewe water out of the well of Beth-léhem that was by the gate, and toke & broght it to Dauid, who wolde not drinke thereof, but ^k powred it for an offering vnto the Lord,

^k Bridelg his affection, and also desiring God not to be offended for y^e rash enterpri- se.

¹⁷ And said, O Lord, be it far from me, that I shulde do this. *Is not this y^e blood of the men that wét in ieopardy of their liues? therefore he wolde not drinke it. These things did these thre mighty men.*

¹⁸ ¶ And Abisháí the brother of Ioáb, the sonne of Zeruiáh, was chief among y^e thre, and he listed vp his speare against thre hundredth, and slewe them, and he had the name among the thre.

1. Chro. 11. 20.
2. Chr. 2. 18.

¹⁹ For he was moste excellent of the thre, and was their captaine. but he attained not vnto the first thre.

²⁰ And Benaiáh the sonne of Iehoiadá the sonne of ^a valiant man, which had done many actes, ^c was of Kabzeél, slewe two strong men of Moáb: he went downe also, and slewe a lion in the middes of a pit in the time of snowe.

1. Or, 1. Chr. 2. 18.

²¹ And he slewe an Egyptian a ^{mā} of great stature, and the Egyptian had a ¹ speare in his hand: but he went downe to him with a staffe, and plucked the speare out of the Egyptians hand, & slewe him with his owne speare.

1. Or, a comely man.
1. Which was bigge as a wea- uers beame.
1. Chro. 11. 24.

²² These things did Benaiáh the sonne of Iehoiadá, & had the name amog the thre worthies.

²³ He was honorable among ^m thirty, but he attained not to the first thre: and Dauid made him of his counsell.

m He was more valiant the 30 that fol- low, and no less valiant as the 6 before.

²⁴ ¶ Asahél the brother of Ioáb was one of the thirty: Elhanán the sonne of Dó of Beth-léhem:

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²⁵ Shammáh the Harodite: Eliká the Harodite:

²⁶ Hélez the ^{*} Paltite: Irá the sonne of Ik- késh the Tekoite:

1. Chro. 11. 27.
1. Or, P. teuite.

²⁷ Abiézer the Anethothite: ⁿ Mebunnái y^e Hufathite:

ⁿ Diuers of theie had two names, as appeareth. 1. Chro. 11. and also many more are there mentioned.

²⁸ Zalmón an Ahohite: Maharái the Netophathite:

²⁹ Héleb the sonne of Baanáh a Netophathite: Ittái the sonne of Ribái of Gibeáh of the children of Beniamin.

³⁰ Benaiáh the Pirathonite: Hiddái of the riuier of Gaásh:

³¹ Abi-álbon the Arbathite: Azmáueth the Barhumite:

³² Elihabá the Shaalbonite: of the sonnes of Iashén, Ionathán:

³³ Shammáh the Hararite: Ahiám the sonne of Sharár the Hararite:

³⁴ Eliphélet the sonne of Ahasbái the sonne of Maachathí: Eliám the sonne of Ahithóphel the Gilonite:

The people nombred.

II. Samuél.

Dauids repentance.

35 Hezrái the Carmelite: Paarái the Arbite:

36 Igál the sonne of Nathán of Zobáh: Bani the Gadite:

37 Zélek the Ammonite: Naharái the Beerothite, the armour bearer of Ioáb the sonne of Zeruiáh:

38 Irá the Ithrite: Garéb the Ithrite:

39 Vriáh the Hittite, ^a thirty and seuen in all.

CHAP. XXIII.

¹ Dauid causeth the people to be nombred. ¹⁰ He repenteth, and chuseth to fall into Gods hands. ¹⁵ Seuentie thousand perish with the pestilence.

^a Before they were plagued with famine, Chap. 21. 1.
^b The Lord permitted Sam. 1. 1. Chro. 21. 1.

AND the wrath of the Lord was ^a againe kindled against Israël, and ^b he moued Dauid against them, in that he said; Go, nombre Israël and Iudáh.

² For the King said to Ioáb the capitaine of the hoste, which was with him; Go speedily now, through all the tribes of Israël, from Dan euen to Beer-sheba and nombre ye the people, that I may knowe the number of the people.

^c Because he did this to try his power, and so to grieve the Lord, it offended God, els it was lawfull to number the people, Exod. 30. 12, Num. 1. 2.

And Ioáb said vnto the King, The Lord thy God increase the people an hundredfold more then they be; and that the eyes of my lord the King maye see it: but why doerth my lord, the King desire this thing?

⁴ Notwithstanding the Kings worde, preuailed against Ioáb & against the capitaines of the hoste: therefore Ioáb & the capitaines of the hoste went out from the presence of the King, to nombre the people of Israël.

^d Or, so the number had newly inhabited.

⁵ And they passed ouer Iordén, and pitched in Aroér at the right side of the citie that is in the middes of the valley of Gad and toward Iazer.

^e Or, 200.

⁶ Then they came to Gileád, and to Tah-tim hodshi, so they came to Dan Iaab, & so about to Zidón,

⁷ And came to the forteresse of Tyrus and to all the cities of the Hiuites and of the Canaanites, and went toward the South of Iudáh, euen to Beer-sheba.

⁸ So when they had gone about all the lād, they returned to Ierusalém: at the end of nine months and twentie dayes.

^f According to Ioaabs count: for in all there were eleuen hundred thousand, 1. Chro. 21. 5.

⁹ And Ioáb deliuered the number and summe of the people vnto the King: and there were in Israël ^d eight hundred thousand strong men that drew swordes, and the men of Iudáh were ^e five hundred thousand men.

^g Concluding vnder the Beniamites: for els they had but foure hundred and seuentie thousand, 1. Chro. 21. 5.

¹⁰ The Dauids heart smote him, after that he had nombred the people: and Dauid said vnto the Lord, I haue sinned exceedingly in that I haue done: therefore now, Lord, I beseeche thee, take away the trespass of thy seruants: for I haue done very foolishly.

¹¹ And when Dauid was vp in the mor-

ning, the worde of the Lord came vnto the Prophet Gad Dauids Seer, saying, ^f Go, and say vnto Dauid, Thus sayth the Lord, I offre thee three things, chuse thee which of them I shal do vnto thee.

^f Whome God had appointed for Dauid and his time.

¹³ So Gad came to Dauid, and shewed hi, and said vnto him, Wilt thou that s seuen yeres famine come vpon thee in thy land, or wilt thou flee three moneths before thine enemies, they following thee, or that there be three daies pestilence in thy land: now aduise thee, and se, what answer I shal giue to him that sent me.

^g For 7. yeres of famine were past for the Gibeonites: marter this was 4. yeres, to the which shulde haue bene added, rather, 3. yeres more, 1. Chro 21. 12.

¹⁴ And Dauid said vnto Gad, I am in a wonderful straite: let vs fall now into the hand of the Lord, (for his mercies are great) and let me not fall into the had of man.

¹⁵ So the Lord sent a pestilence in Israël, from the morning euen to the time appointed: and there dyed of the people fro Dan euen to Beer-sheba seuentie thousand men.

^h Fro the one side of the countrey to the other.

¹⁶ And when the Angel stretched out his hand vpon Ierusalém to destroy it, the Lord ⁱ repeted of the euil, and said to the Angel that destroyed the people, It is sufficient, holde now thine hand. And the Angel of the Lord was by the threshing place of Araunáh the Iebusite.

ⁱ Sam. 15. 11.

ⁱ The Lord spared this place, because he had chosen it to buyde his temple there.

¹⁷ And Dauid spake vnto the Lord (when he sawe the Angel that smote the people) & said, Beholde, I haue sinned, yea, I haue done wickedly: but these shepe, what haue they ^k done? let thine hand, I praye thee, be against me & against my fathers house.

^k Dauid sawe not the cause, why God plagued the people, & therefore he offered him selfe to Gods corrections, as the onely cause of this euil.

¹⁸ So Gad came the same day to Dauid, and said vnto him, Go vp, reare an altar vnto the Lord in the threshing floore of Araunáh the Iebusite.

¹⁹ And Dauid (according to the saying of Gad) went vp, as the Lord had commanded.

²⁰ And Araunáh looked, and sawe the King and his seruants comming towarde him, and Araunáh went out, and bowed him selfe before the King on his face to the grounde,

²¹ And Araunáh said, Wherefore is my lord the King come to his seruant? Then Dauid answered, To bye the threshing floore of thee, for to buyde an altar vnto the Lord; that the plague may cease from the people.

^l Called also Orán, 1. Chro, 21. 22.

²² Then Araunáh said vnto Dauid, Let my lord the King take and offer what semeth him good in his eyes: beholde the oxen for the burnt offering, and charrets, and the instruments of the oxen for wood.

²³ All these things did Araunáh ^m as a King giue vnto the King: & Araunáh said vnto the King, The Lord thy God be fauorable vnto thee.

^m That is, abundantly, for as some write, he was King of Ierusalém before Dauid came to towne.

24 Then

24 The King said vnto Araunáh, Not so, but I wil by it of thee at a price, & wil not offer burnt offering vnto the Lord my God of that which doeth cost me nothing. So Dauid bought the threshing floore, and

the oxen for^a fiftie shekels of siluer. And Dauid buylt there an altar vnto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, & the Lord was appeased toward the land, & the plague ceased from Israël.

ⁿ Some write, that euery tri- be gaue 50, & make 600, or y afterwarde he boghte as muche as came to 550 shekels, 1. Chro. 21, 25.

THE FIRST BOKE OF the Kings.

THE ARGUMENT.

BEcause the children of God shoulde loke for no continual rest and quietnes in this worlde, the holy Gost setteth before our eyes in this boke the varietie and change of things, which came to the people of Israël from the death of Dauid, Salomón and the rest of the Kings, vnto the death of Aháb, declaring how that flourishing kingdomes, except they be preserved by Gods protection, (who then fauoreth them when his worde is truly set forth, verue esteemed, vice punished and concorde mainteined) fall to decay and come to naught: as appeareth by the diuiding of the kingdome vnder Robohám, and Ierobohám, which before were but all one people, and now by the iuste punishment of God were made two, whereof Iudáh and Benjamin came to Robohám: and this was called the kingdome of Iudáh, and the othor ten tribes helde with Ierobohám, and this was called the kingdome of Israël. The King of Iudáh had his throne in Ierusalém, and the King of Israël in Samaria, after it was buylte by Amri Ahabs father. And because our Sauour Christ according to the flesh shoulde come of the stocke of Dauid, the genealogie of the Kings of Iudáh is here described, from Salomón to Ioram the sonne of Iosaphát, who reigned ouer Iudáh in Ierusalém, as Aháb did ouer Israël in Samaria.

CHAP. I.

3 Abishág kepeth Dauid in his extreme age. 5 Adoniah usurpeth the kingdome. 30 Salomón is appointed King. 50 Adoniah fleeth to the altar.

NOW when King Dauid was^a olde, and stricken in yeres, they coured him w clothes, but no^b heate came vnto him.

Wherefore his seruánts said vnto him, Let there be foght for my lord the King a yong virgin, and let her stand before the King, and cherish him: & let her lye in thy bosome, that my lord the King may get heate.

3 So they foght for a faire yong maid throughout all the coastes of Israël, and founde one Abishág^c a Shunammite, and brought her to the King.

4 And the maid was exceeding faire, & cherished the King, and ministred to him, but the King knewe her not.

5 ¶ Then Adoniah the sonne of Haggith exalted him selfe, saying, I wil be King. And he gate him charets and horsemen, &^d fifty men to runne before him.

6 And his father wolde not displease him fró his^e childehode, to say, Why hast thou done so? And he was a very goodly má, & his mother bare him next after Absalóm.

7 And^f he toke counfel of Ioáb the sonne of Zeruiáh, and of Abiathár the Priest: &

they^g helped forward Adoniah.

8 But Zadók the Priest, and Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiadá, and Nathán the Prophet, & Shimei, & Reí, & y men of might w were with Dauid, were not w Adoniah.

9 Then Adoniah sacrificed sleepe & oxen, and fat cattel by the stone of Zohéleth, which is by^h En-rogél, and called all his brethren the Kings sonnes, & all the men of Iudáh the Kings seruants,

10 But Nathán the Prophet, & Benaiah, and theⁱ mighty men, and Salomón his brother he called not.

11 Wherefore Nathán spake vnto Bath-sheba the mother of Salomón, saying, Hast thou not heard, that Adoniah the sonne^j of Haggith doeth reigne, and Dauid our lord knoweth it not?

12 Now therefore come, & I wil now giue thee counfel, how to saue thine owne^k life, and the life of thy sonne Salomón.

13 Go, and get thee in vnto King Dauid, & say vnto him, didest not thou, my lord, o King, sweare vnto thine hádmaid, sayig, Assuredly Salomón thy sonne shal reigne after me, and he shal sit vpon my throne? why is then Adoniah King?

14 Beholde, while^l y yet talkest there with the King, I also wil come in after thee, &^m confirme thy wordes.

15 ¶ So Bath-sheba went in vnto the King into y chāber, & the King was very olde, and Abishág the Shunammite ministred vnto the King.

O.iii.

^e They toke this part & fol- lowed him.

^o Or, the fountaine.

^f As the Cherethites & Pe- lethites.

² Sam. 3, 4.

^g For Adoniah wil destroy thee and thy sonne, if he reigne.

^h By declaring such things, as may further the same.

^a He was about 70 yere olde, 2 Sam. 5, 4.
^b For his natural heate was worne away with trauels.

^c Or, serue him.

^c Which cite was in the tribe of Issachár.

^d Read, 2 Sam. 15, 1.

^e Ebr. daicer.

^f Ebr. his wordes were with Ioab.